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DEWAN RA'AYAT (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)

Official Report

First Session of the First Dewan Ra'ayat

Friday, 11th September, 1959 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

The Honourable	the Prime Minister, Y.T.M. TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ, K.O.M. (Kuala Kedah).
••	the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, TUN ABDUL RAZAK BIN DATO' HUSSAIN, S.M.N. (Pekan).
	the Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Commerce and Industry, DATO' DR. ISMAIL BIN DATO' ABDUL RAHMAN, P.M.N. (Johore Timor).
	the Minister of Health, DATO' V. T. SAMBANTHAN, P.M.N. (Sungei Siput).
••	the Minister of the Interior, DATO' SULEIMAN BIN DATO' ABDUL RAHMAN, P.M.N. (Muar Selatan).
	the Minister of Works, Posts and Telecommunications, ENCHE' SARDON BIN HAJI JUBIR (Pontian Utara).
	the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, DATO' ONG YOKE LIN, P.M.N. (Ulu Selangor).
	the Minister of Finance, MR. TAN SIEW SIN, J.P. (Malacca Tengah).
	the Minister of Natural Resources, ENCHE' BAHAMAN BIN SAMSUDIN (Kuala Pilah).
	the Minister of Transport, ENCHE' ABDUL RAHMAN BIN HAJI TALIB (Kuantan).
••	Enche' Abdul Ghani bin Ishak (Malacca Utara).
,,	ENCHE' ABDUL HAMID KHAN BIN HAJI SAKHAWAT ALI KHAN, J.M.N., J.P. (Batang Padang).
.,	Tuan Haji Abdul Khalid bin Awang Osman (Kota Star Utara).
••	ENCHE' ABDUL RAUF BIN A. RAHMAN (Krian Laut).
	ENCHE' ABDUL SAMAD BIN OSMAN (Sungei Patani).
,,	TUAN HAJI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI ABDUL RAOF (Kuala Kangsar).
••	TUAN HAJI ABDULLAH BIN HAJI MOHD. SALLEH (Segamat Utara).
••	Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Abdullah (Kota Bharu Hilir).

The Honourable ENCHE' AHMAD BIN ARSHAD (Muar Utara).

- .. ENCHE' AHMAD BOESTAMAM (Setapak).
- ... ENCHE' AHMAD BIN MOHAMED SHAH (Johore Bahru Barat).
- " ENCHE' AHMAD BIN HAJI YUSOF (Krian Darat).
- .. TUAN HAJI AZAHARI BIN HAJI IBRAHIM (Kubang Pasu Barat).
- .. ENCHE' AZIZ BIN ISHAK (Muar Dalam).
- ,. Dr. Burhanuddin bin Mohd. Noor (Besut).
- " MR. CHAN CHONG WEN (Kluang Selatan).
- " MR. CHAN SIANG SUN (Bentong).
- .. MR. CHAN SWEE HO (Ulu Kinta).
- .. MR. CHEAH THEAM SWEE (Bukit Bintang).
- . MR. CHIN SEE YIN (Seremban Timor).
- .. MR. V. DAVID (Bungsar).
- .. DATIN FATIMAH BINTI HAJI HASHIM, P.M.N. (Jitra-Padang Terap).
- " MR. GEH CHONG KEAT (Penang Utara).
- .. ENCHE' HAMZAH BIN ALANG (Kapar).
- ,. ENCHE' HANAFI BIN MOHD. YUNUS (Kulim Utara).
- .. ENCHE' HARUN BIN ABDULLAH (Baling).
- .. ENCHE' HARUN BIN PILUS (Trengganu Tengah).
- .. TUAN HAJI HASAN ADLI BIN HAJI ARSHAD (Kuala Trengganu Utara).
- .. Tuan Haji Hassan bin Haji Ahmad (Tumpat).
- .. ENCHE' HASSAN BIN MANSOR (Malacca Selatan).
- .. ENCHE' HUSSEIN BIN TOH MUDA HASSAN (Raub).
- ... ENCHE' HUSSEIN BIN MOHD. NOORDIN (Parit).
- . Tuan Haji Hussin Rahimi bin Haji Saman (Kota Bharu Hulu).
- . ENCHE' IBRAHIM BIN ABDUL RAHMAN (Seberang Tengah).
- .. ENCHE' ISMAIL BIN IDRIS (Penang Selatan).
- ... MR. KANG KOK SENG (Batu Pahat).
- ". MR. K. KARAM SINGH (Damansara).
- .. Che' Khadijah binti Mohd. Sidik (Dungun).
- .. MR. KHONG KOK YAT (Batu Gajah).
- .. MR. LEE SAN CHOON (Kluang Utara).
- . MR. LEE SECK FUN (Tanjong Malim).
- . MR. LEE SIOK YEW (Sepang).
- " MR. LIM JOO KONG (Alor Star).

The Honourable DR. LIM SWEE AUN, J.P. (Larut Selatan).

- , MR. LIU YOONG PENG (Rawang).
- " MR. T. MAHIMA SINGH (Port Dickson).
- " MR. V. MANICKAVASAGAM, J.M.N., P.J.K. (Klang).
- " ENCHE' MOHAMED BIN UJANG (Jelebu-Jempol).
- ENCHE' MOHAMED ABBAS BIN AHMAD (Hilir Perak).
- ... ENCHE' MOHAMED ASRI BIN HAJI MUDA (Pasir Puteh).
- " ENCHE' MOHAMED DAHARI BIN HAJI MOHD. ALI (Kuala Selangor).
- " DATO' HAJI MOHAMED NOAH BIN OMAR, D.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P. (Johore Bahru Timor).
- , ENCHE' MOHAMED NOR BIN MOHD. DAHAN (Ulu Perak).
- , Dato' Mohamed Hanifah bin Haji Abdul Ghani (Pasir Mas Hulu).
- , Enche' Mohamed Ismail bin Mohd. Yusof (Jerai).
- ,, ENCHE' MOHAMED SULONG BIN MOHD. ALI, J.M.N. (Lipis).
- ,. ENCHE' MOHAMED YUSOF BIN MAHMUD, A.M.N. (Temerloh).
- " TUAN HAJI MOKHTAR BIN HAJI ISMAIL (Perlis Selatan).
- ., NIK MAN BIN NIK MOHAMED (Pasir Mas Hilir).
- .. Mr. NG ANN TECK (Batu).
- .. DATO' ONN BIN JAAFAR, D.K., D.P.M.J. (Kuala Trengganu Selatan).
- ... ENCHE' OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH (Tanah Merah).
- .. ENCHE' OTHMAN BIN ABDULLAH (Perlis Utara).
- .. MR. QUEK KAI DONG (Seremban Barat).
- ... TUAN HAJI REDZA BIN HAJI MOHD. SAID (Rembau-Tampin).
- ". MR. SEAH TENG NGIAB (Muar Pantai).
- " MR. D. R. SEENIVASAGAM (Ipoh).
- " MR. S. P. SEENIVASAGAM (Menglembu).
- ., TUAN SYED HASHIM BIN SYED AJAM (Sabak Bernam).
- ... ENCHE' TAJUDIN BIN ALI (Larut Utara).
- .. MR. TAN CHENG BEE, J.P. (Bagan).
- .. MR. TAN KEE GAK (Bandar Malaeca).
- .. MR. TAN PHOCK KIN (Tanjong).
- .. MR. TAN TYE CHEK (Kulim-Bandar Bahru).
- ... TENGKU INDRA PETRA BIN SULTAN IBRAHIM (Ulu Kelantan).
- .. DATO' TEOH CHZE CHONG, D.P.M.J., J.P. (Segamat Selatan).
- .. MR. V. VEERAPPEN (Seberang Selatan)

The Honourable WAN MUSTAPHA BIN HAJI ALI (Kelantan Hilir).

- ... WAN YAHYA BIN HAJI WAN MOHAMED (Kemaman).
- " MR. WOO SAIK HONG (Telok Anson).
- ... ENCHE' YAHYA BIN HAJI AHMAD (Bagan Datoh).
- .. MR. YEOH TAT BENG (Bruas).
- ... MR. YONG WOO MING (Sitiawan).
- " HAJAH ZAIN BINTI SULAIMAN (Pontian Selatan).
- .. TUAN HAJI ZAKARIA BIN HAJI MOHD. TAIB (Langat).
- " ENCHE' ZULKIFLEE BIN MUHAMMAD (Bachok).

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Education, ENCHE' ABDUL AZIZ BIN ISHAK (Kuala Langat).

OPENING OF PARLIA-MENT

The Dewan Ra'ayat met at 10 a.m. pursuant to the Proclamation of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. **The Clerk** read the Proclamation:

"PROCLAMATION

by

His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, By the Grace of God of the States and Territories of the Federation Supreme Head

Whereas it is provided by Clause (1) of Article 55 of the Constitution of the Federation that We shall from time to time summon Parliament:

therefore We, Now Tuanku Abdul Rahman ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Muhammad by the Grace of God of the States and territories of the Federation Yang di-Pertuan Agong in exercise of the powers conferred on Us as aforesaid Do Hereby summon Parliament and appoint the eleventh dav of September, 1959, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon as the date and time for the First Meeting of the First Session of the First Parliament of the Federation, to be held in the Tunku Abdul Rahman Hall in Our Federal capital in Kuala Lumpur.

Given at our Istana Negara in Our Federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, this 27th day of August, 1959".

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Prime Minister (Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj) stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk of the House (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down) said: I propose that Dato' Haji Mohamed Noah bin Omar do take the Chair as Speaker of this House. (*Applause*).

Dato' Teoh Chze Chong (Segamat Selatan): I have much pleasure to second the motion.

Whereupon the said Dato' Haji Mohamed Noah bin Omar was conducted to the Chair by the Prime Minister and Dato' Teoh Chze Chong.

Mr. Speaker sat down in the Chair.

The Prime Minister (Translated from Malay): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the House I would like to express my heartiest congratulations to you, Sir, on your election as Speaker of the House. On behalf of the House and Members of this Parliament, I would like to say that I am confident that with your knowledge of the procedure and all other matters pertaining to the Order of this House, you will be able to carry out your duty effectively: and it is my conviction that all Members of this House have the fullest confidence in you, Sir. I do not intend to be elaborate in my speech, but I would wish, on behalf of the House, to offer you once again my heartiest congratulations.

Dato' Onn (Kuala Trengganu Selatan) (Translated from Malay): Mr. Speaker, as I find that there is no letter to Members to say that there will be no speeches to congratulate you, it would be well if an opportunity is given to the parties on this side of the House to offer their congratulations as, in my view, the Honourable the Prime Minister should not rise to offer congratulations on behalf of the whole House. He can only do so on behalf of Members on the Government side, and not on behalf of the whole House unless the agreement of all sections of the House has first been obtained.

(Translated Mr. Speaker from Honourable Members, the Malav): Standing Rules and Orders of the House have not been approved yet, but to accord with normal practice, it is proposed that Members be given an opportunity to make speeches to congratulate the Speaker, although this is not mentioned in the letters addressed to Members. Any Member who wishes so to speak may do so now.

The Minister of Interior (Dato' Suleiman) (*Translated from Malay*): Mr. Speaker, I suggest that Members wishing to congratulate the Speaker should confine themselves to speeches of congratulations.

Dr. Burhanuddin (Besut) (*Translated* from Malay): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues I would like to congratulate you, Sir, on being elected as Speaker of this House. We hope that under your guidance the House will henceforward function in an orderly manner, bringing about the welfare and prosperity of the country, which is the aim in having this Assembly constituted.

Mr. D. R. Seenivasagam (Ipoh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to offer to you, on behalf of the representatives of the Peoples Progressive Party of Malaya and of the representative of the Malayan Party sitting here, our sincere congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, from the Opposition point of view sitting here, the prerequisite for the proper function of parliamentary democracy is, in the first place, the election of a Speaker who will discharge his duties with dignity and absolute impartiality. I am sure that in you, Mr. Speaker, we have these essential qualities.

On behalf of the Members of my Party and the Member of the Malayan Party, I once again join in offering to you our sincere congratulations.

Dato' Onn (*Translated from Malay*): Mr. Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the speeches of congratulations made by the Prime Minister, the Pan Malayan Islamic Party, the P.P.P. and the Malayan Party. I was surprised to hear just now a Minister of the Government suggesting that the speeches should be confined only to congratulations. I have no doubt that you, Sir, are familiar with the rule of procedure that a member making a speech of congratulation may also be permitted to express his views, briefly, if we desire the House to be conducted on the principles of democracy.

I wrote to the Clerk of the House asking whether members would be permitted to make speeches of congratulations. And his reply was that there would be no such speeches to avoid possibility of a controversy. We see that your election has been unanimous. I merely wish to express views you, Sir, and my to to Honourable Members because the composition of this House is not quite the same as that of the former Legislative Council in that here we have an opposition on this side, comprising about one third of the total number of members of the whole House. I would like to say that although members of the opposition are only about a third of the whole, I hope in any debate in this House it should be remembered that this one third represents 46 per cent of the total electorate at the recent Federal Election.

This House is not quite the same as the previous Legislature as we now have an opposition which, I believe

will make healthy debates. for Speaking for myself I can give you an assurance. This is because I have heard of the apprehension expressed in some quarters that the opposition will merely oppose. As a matter of fact it is not going to be so. The aim of the opposition is to offer constructive criticisms. That is what I have in mind. However, although I have given this assurance, it should not be thought that I will always be at one with everything that is desired by the Government.

have You. Sir. the necessary experience and you were a member of the Legislative Council of the Persekutuan Tanah Melayu and of the Johore Council of State, a fact which prompts me to support your election as Speaker. But, Sir, I would like to give my views this matter for your guidance on because in my opinion—I too had the honour to sit in Councils such as this an essential quality that a Speaker of an assembly such as this should have, especially now when we have various parties here---the Government and the opposition---is first tolerance-more than tolerance-when called upon to consider any point raised in the House. Likewise a Chairman or Speaker is expected to give an impartial ruling regardless of whether the matter is raised by a member on the Government side or by the opposition. I have no doubt that you, Sir, are conversant with this aspect of the matter and will be fair to every section of the House.

Mr. Chin See Yin (Seremban Timor): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to speak not only for myself but for my two Independent colleagues in this House. We wish to congratulate you on your election as Speaker of this House, and we are confident that you will surely discharge your duties fairly and justly in the interests of the people of the country.

Mr. Speaker (*Translated from Malay*): Honourable Members, I would like first and foremost to thank the Honourable the Prime Minister, the Honourable Member for Besut, Dr. Burhanuddin, the Honourable Member for Ipoh, Mr. D. R. Seenivasagam, the Honourable Member for Kuala Trengganu, Dato' Onn, and the other Honourable Member for their speeches congratulating me on my election and welcoming me as the first Speaker of the first Parliament of the Federation of Malaya.

I regard my election as a great honour, and in that light I accept it with pleasure, intending thereby to place my services at the disposal of our community, state and religion. I fully appreciate the high responsibility of this office, but the unanimous vote of this House is a clear manifestation of the confidence Honourable Members have in me. I shall uphold that confidence.

I am confident Honourable Members of this House will give me their constant support, help and co-operation in the discharge of my onerous duty as Speaker. For my part, I shall always endeavour to the best of my ability to uphold the dignity of this high office and do my best to ensure good order in the House and to safeguard its honour and good name.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Mr. Speaker (*Translated from Malay*): Honourable Members, pursuant to Article 59 of the Federal Constitution, Members will take their Oaths as prescribed by law. The names of Members will be called in turn, and as each name is called, the Member concerned will come forward to the Table to take the Oath and sign in the Oath Book provided for the purpose.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker, first alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:

- Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj. к.о.м., for Kuala Kedah.
- Tun Abdul Razak bin Dato' Hussain, s.m.n., for Pekan.
- Dato' Dr. Ismail bin Dato' Abdul Rahman, P.M.N., for Johore Timor.
- Dato' V. T. Sambanthan, P.M.N., for Sungei Siput.

- Dato' Suleiman bin Dato' Abdul Rahman, P.M.N., for Muar Selatan.
- Enche' Sardon bin Haji Jubir for Pontian Utara.
- Dato' Ong Yoke Lin, P.M.N., for Ulu Selangor.
- Mr. Tan Siew Sin, J.P., for Malacca Tengah.
- Enche' Bahaman bin Samsudin for Kuala Pilah.
- Enche' Abdul Rahman bin Haji Talib for Kuantan.
- Tuan Syed Ja'afar bin Hasan Albar, J.M.N., for Johore Tengara.

Enche' Ahmad bin Arshad for Muar Utara.

- Enche' Aziz bin Ishak for Muar Dalam.
- Tuan Haji Abdullah bin Haji Mohd. Salleh for Segamat.
- Mr. Chan Chong Wen for Kluang Selatan.
- Mr. Lee San Choon for Kluang Utara.
- Mr. Kang Kok Seng for Batu Pahat.
- Enche' Ismail bin Idris for Penang Selatan.
- Mr. Geh Chong Keat for Penang Utara.
- Enche' Abdul Rauf bin A. Rahman for Krian Laut.
- Enche' Ahmad bin Haji Yusof for Krian Darat.
- Enche' Tajudin bin Ali for Larut Utara.
- Mr. Lee Seck Fun for Tanjong Malim.
- Dr. Lim Swee Aun for Larut Selatan.
- Enche' Mohamed Nor bin Mohd. Dahan for Ulu Perak.
- Tuan Haji Abdullah bin Haji Abdul Raof for Kuala Kangsar.
- Mr. V. Manickavasagam, J.M.N., P.J.K., for Klang.
- Mr. Cheah Theam Swee for Bukit Bintang.
- Enche' Mohamed Ismail bin Mohd. Yusof for Jerai.
- Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Saaid for Seberang Utara.
- Mr. Tan Cheng Bee, J.P., for Bagan.
- Enche' Hussein bin Toh Muda Hassan for Raub.
- Enche' Mohamed Yusof bin Mahmud, A.M.N., for Temerloh.
- Mr. Chan Siang Sun for Bentong.
- Mr. Tan Tye Chek for Kulim Bandar Bahru.
- Enche' Hanafi bin Mohd. Yunus for Kulim Utara.
- Enche' Harun bin Abdullah for Baling.
- Enche' Abdul Samad bin Osman for Sungei Patani.
- Enche' Ibrahim bin Abdul Rahman for Seberang Tengah.
- Enche' Fatimah binti Haji Hashim for Jitra-Padang Terap.
- Tuan Haji Azahari bin Haji Ibrahim for Kubang Pasu Barat.

- Wan Sulaiman bin Wan Tam for Kota Star Selatan.
- Mr. Lim Joo Kong for Alor Star.
- Enche' Hamzah bin Alang for Kapar.
- Wan Yahaya bin Haji Wan Mohamed for Kemaman.
- Mr. Lee Siok Yew for Sepang.
- Tuan Haji Zakaria bin Haji Mohd. Taib for Langat.
- Enche' Mohamed Dahari bin Haji Mohd. Ali for Kuala Selangor.
- Dr. Burhanuddin bin Mohd. Noor for Besut.
- Tuan Haji Hasan Adli bin Haji Arshad for Kuala Trengganu Utara.
- Enche' Othman bin Abdullah for Tanah Merah.
- Enche' Zulkistee bin Muhammad for Bachok.
- Enche' Mohamed Asri bin Haji Muda for Pasir Puteh.
- Nik Man bin Nik Mohamed for Pasir Mas Hilir.
- Tuan Haji Hassan bin Haji Ahmad for Tumpat.
- Wan Mustapha bin Haji Ali for Kelantan Hilir.
- Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Abdullah for Kota Bharu Hilir.
- Tuan Haji Hussin Rahimi bin Haji Saman for Kota Bharu Hulu.
- Enche' Harun bin Pilus for Trengganu Tengah.
- Dato' Mohamed Hanifah bin Haji Abdul Ghani for Pasir Mas Hulu.
- Che' Khadijah binti Mohd. Sidik for Dungun.
- Dato' Onn bin Jaafar for Kuala Trengganu Selatan.
- Tuan Syed Esa bin Alwee, S.M.J., P.I.S., for Batu Pahat Dalam.
- Tuan Haji Abdul Khalid bin Awang Osman for Kota Star Utara.
- Tengku Indra Petra bin Sultan Ibrahim for Ulu Kelantan.
- Enche' Mohamed Sulong bin Mohd. Ali, J.M.N., for Lipis.
- Enche' Abdul Hamid Khan bin Haji Sakhawat Ali Khan for Batang Padang.
- Enche' Ahmad bin Mohamed Shah for Johore Bahru Barat.
- Dato' Teoh Chze Chong for Segamat Selatan.
- Hajah Zain binti Sulaiman for Pontian Selatan.
- Enche' Abdul Ghani bin Ishak for Malacca Utara.
- Enche' Hassan bin Mansor for Malacca Selatan.
- Enche' Mohamed bin Ujang for Jelebu-Jempol.

- Tuan Haji Redza bin Haji Mohd. Said for Rembau-Tampin.
- Mr. T. Mahima Singh for Port Dickson.
- Enche' Othman bin Abdullah for Perlis Utara.
- Tuan Haji Mokhtar bin Haji Ismail for Perlis Selatan.
- Enche' Hussein bin Mohd. Noordin for Parit.
- Enche' Mohamed Abbas bin Ahmad for Hilir Perak.
- Enche' Yahaya bin Haji Ahmad for Bagan Datoh.
- Mr. Woo Siak Hong for Telok Anson.
- Mr. Yong Woo Ming for Sitiawan.
- Mr. Leong Kee Nyean for Kampar.
- Mr. Seah Teng Ngiab for Muar Pantai.
- Tuan Syed Hashim bin Syed Ajam for Sabak Bernam.
- Mr. D. R. Seenivasagam for Ipoh.
- Mr. S. P. Seenivasagam for Menglembu.
- Mr. Chan Swee Ho for Ulu Kinta.
- Mr. Khong Kok Yat for Batu Gajah.
- Mr. Tan Kee Gak for Bandar Malacca.
- Mr. Quek Kai Dong for Seremban Barat.

Mr. Chin See Yin for Seremban Timor.

- Mr. Yeoh Tat Beng for Bruas.
- Enche' Ahmad Boestamam for Setapak.
- Mr. Lim Kean Siew for Dato' Kramat.
- Mr. Tan Phock Kin for Tanjong.

- Mr. V. Veerappen for Seberang Selatan.
- Mr. Ng Ann Teck for Batu.
- Mr. V. David for Bungsar.
- Mr. Liu Yoong Peng for Rawang.
- Mr. Kaher Karam Singh for Damansara.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY Mr. SPEAKER

(Translated Mr. Speaker from *Malay*): Honourable Members, it is His Majesty's pleasure that after Members of both Houses of Parliament have taken and subscribed their Oaths, the causes of summoning Parliament will be declared. Accordingly, all Members are commanded to repair to this Hall to-morrow at 10 o'clock, to hear His Majesty declare the causes of summoning Parliament by means of a Gracious Address. After an interval of forty-five minutes next following the conclusion of His Majesty's Speech, this House will hold a meeting to transact certain business.

The House will now adjourn, till tomorrow.

Adjourned accordingly at 11.55 a.m.