SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

Second Session

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

Parl. 4 of 1986

Presented to Parliament: 19th August, 1986

COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

Mr. Speaker (Dr Yeoh Ghim Seng, B.B.M., J.P.) (Chairman).

- Mr E.W. Barker, Minister for Law.
- Mr Chiam See Tong, M.P.
- Encik Othman bin Haron Eusofe, M.P.
- Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Minister for Education.
- Mr Tang See Chim, M.P. (in the place of Mr. S. Dhanabalan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Leader of the House).
- Mr Eugene Yap Giau Cheng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Labour and the Minister for the Environment.
- Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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The Committee of Privileges appointed under the provisions of Standing Order 95 (7) have agreed to the following SpecialReport: -

1. The Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the complaints made on Wednesday, 19th March 1986, and on Wednesday, 30th July 1986, by Mr S. Dhanabalan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Leader of the House, against Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam, Member for Anson, for allegations of Executive interference in the Judiciary, have come to the following Resolutions, which they have agreed to report to Parliament:-

- (1) That the Committee desire the assistance of a Law Officer of the Legal Service in the examination of witnesses.
- (2) That Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam have leave to be heard by himself as counsel or by counsel if he thinks fit.
- (3)That the Committee have leave to hear counsel to such extent as they think fit on behalf of any other persons.

Appendix

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

5th Meeting

MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1986

3.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr Speaker *(in the Chair)* Mr E.W. Barker, Minister for Law Mr Chiam See Tong Encik Othman bin Haron Eusofe Mr Tang See Chim Mr Eugene Yap Giau Cheng Mr Yeo Cheow Tong

ABSENT:

Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (on leave of absence).

1. The Committee deliberated.

Special Report

2. The Chairman's draft report brought up and read the first time.3. Resolved, "That the Chairman's report be read a second time paragraph by paragraph.".

Paragraph 1 read and agreed to.

4.Resolved, "That this report be the Special Report of the Committeeto Parliament.".

5. Agreed that the Chairman do present the Special Report to Parliament when an office copy of the Report is available for the inspection of Members in the Parliament Library.

Adjourned sine die.