What is happening on the 19th and 20th in Parliament? Let's find out

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Although there was one previous experience of electing a president by parliament in Sri Lanka, this time is special. In 1993, given the demise of the former President Ranasinghe Premadasa, D.B. Wijetunga was elected for the remainder of the term of President unanimously, without a poll as the succeeding President. But this time, it has already been said that several candidates will come forward, so if that happens, a poll will have to be held. Accordingly, it will be marked as a new experience in the parliamentary history of this country.

If the office of the President becomes vacant before the end of his term in office, the procedure for electing a new president by Parliament is provided in the Constitution and the Presidential Elections (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2 of 1981). Thus, all the procedures mentioned below are mentioned step by step in that Act.

Procedure of Electing a President by Parliament