



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 20.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, February 17, 2025 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker

Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Honourable Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing

Hon. K.D. Lal Kantha, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. (Prof.) Anil Jayantha, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development

Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney at Law, Minister of Justice and National Integration

Hon. (Dr.) Dammika Patabendi, Minister of Environment

Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage, Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Saroja Savithri Paulraj, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Ananda Wijepala, Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. K.V. Samantha Viddyaratna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

Hon. (Dr.) Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Namal Karunaratne, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

Hon. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku, Deputy Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

Hon. Rathna Gamage, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs

Hon. Anton Jayakody, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. R.M. Jayawardhana, Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe, Deputy Minister of Labour

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera, Deputy Minister of Defence

Hon. Gamagedara Dissanayake, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Muneer Mulaffer, Deputy Minister of National Integration

Hon. (Prof.) Ruwan Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Tourism

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law, Deputy Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni, Deputy Minister of Health and Mass Media

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy

Hon. Upali Samarasingha, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development

Hon. T. B. Sarath, Deputy Minister of Housing

Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Hon. (Dr.) Harshana Suriyapperuma, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning
Hon. P. Ruwan Senarath, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education
Hon. Arun Hemachandra, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment
Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana
Hon. Ajith Agalakada
Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa
Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana
Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama
Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna
Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam
Hon. Heshan Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi
Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi
Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne
Hon. B. Ariyawansa
Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
Hon. Arkam Ilyas
Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe
Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga
Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi
Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. Upul Kithsiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara
Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage
Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage
Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage
Hon. Chathura Galappaththi
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Ajith Gihan
Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Gunawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha
Hon. Ashoka Gunasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. Kosala Nuwan Jayaweera
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
Hon. T.K. Jayasundara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran
Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
Hon. M.A.M. Thahir
Hon. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake
Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake
Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Mohamed Sali Naleem
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu
Hon. Amila Prasad
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake
Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga

Hon. Jagath Manuwarna

Hon. S.M. Marikkar

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC

Hon. Ismail Muththu Mohamed

Hon. Danushka Ranganath

Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasingha

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake

Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka

Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe

Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran

Hon. Mujibur Rahman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law

Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam

Hon. Waruna Liyanage

Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage

Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. R.G. Wijerathna

Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera

Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Dinindu Saman
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Srinath
Hon. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Aravinda Senarath
Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the —

- (i) Budget, Economic and Fiscal Position Report 2025;
- (ii) Major Public Investment Projects 2025-2027;
- (iii) Citizens Budget 2025;
- (iv) Medium-term Debt Management Strategy Report; and
- (v) Annual Borrowing Plan.

and moved that those reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Draft Budget Estimates of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Fiscal Year 2025 (Volume I, II and III).

Ordered that the said Paper do lie upon the **Table**.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees: The Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Bill; and
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Distance Learning Centre for the years 2020 and 2021

which were referred to the Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

3. Sitzings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Appropriation Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Suspension of Sittings

At 1.14 p.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 2.00 p.m.

At 2.00 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

5. Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.48 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.53 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.40 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

(At 6.48 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 187; Noes: 0.

The following One Hundred and Eighty Two (182) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. K.V. Samantha Viddyaratna	Yes
G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 011. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna	Yes
G 012. Chrishantha Abeysena	Yes
G 013. Anil Jayantha	Yes
G 014. Harshana Nanayakkara	Yes

G 015. Dammika Patabendi	Yes
G 016. Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Yes
G 017. Ananda Wijepala	Yes
G 018. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi	Yes
G 019. Sunil Kumara Gamage	Yes
G 020. Kumara Jayakody	Yes
G 021. Rizvie Salih	Yes
G 022. Anura Karunathilaka	Yes
G 023. Upali Pannilage	Yes
G 024. Nihal Galappaththi	Yes
G 025. Nihal Abeysinghe	Yes
G 026. Namal Karunaratne	Yes
G 027. Wasantha Piyathissa	Yes
G 028. Gamagedara Dissanayake	Yes
G 029. R.M. Jayawardhana	Yes
G 030. Sunil Watagala	Yes
G 031. Rathna Gamage	Yes
G 032. Mahinda Jayasinghe	Yes
G 033. Chathuranga Abeysinghe	Yes
G 034. Eranga Gunasekara	Yes
G 035. Upali Samarasingha	Yes
G 036. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 037. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 039. Anton Jayakody	Yes
G 040. Sundaralingam Pradeep	Yes
G 041. Hemali Weerasekara	Yes
G 042. Ruwan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 043. Muneer Mulaffer	Yes
G 044. Susil Ranasinghe	Yes
G 045. Hansaka Wijemuni	Yes
G 046. Eranga Weeraratne	Yes
G 047. Namal Sudarshana	Yes
G 048. P. Ruwan Senarath	Yes
G 049. Madhura Senevirathna	Yes
G 050. Arun Hemachandra	Yes
G 051. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku	Yes

G 052. Aruna Jayasekera	Yes
G 054. Harshana Suriyapperuma	Yes
G 055. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 056. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 057. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 058. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 060. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 061. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 062. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 063. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 064. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 065. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 066. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 068. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 069. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 070. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 071. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 072. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 073. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 074. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 075. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 076. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 077. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 078. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 079. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 080. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 081. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 082. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 083. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
G 084. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 085. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 086. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
G 087. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 088. Kosala Nuwan Jayaweera	Yes
G 089. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes

G 090. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 091. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 092. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 093. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 094. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 095. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 096. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 099. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 100. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 101. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 102. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 103. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
G 104. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 105. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 106. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 107. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 108. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 109. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 110. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 111. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 112. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 113. Sudath Balagalla	Yes
G 114. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
G 116. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
O 006. R.M.Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 007. Gayantha Karunathilleka	Yes
O 009. Ravi Karunanayake	Yes
O 011. Namal Rajapaksha	Yes
O 015. G.G. Ponnambalam	Yes
O 016. Ramanathan Archchuna	Yes
O 017. M.A.M. Thahir	Yes
O 018. Dilith Jayaweera	Yes
O 019. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Yes
O 021. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes

O 022. Harsha de Silva	Yes
O 034. Imran Maharroof	Yes
O 037. Faizer Musthafa	Yes
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	Yes
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srinshan	Yes
O 044. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 045. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 046. W.H.M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 048. B. Ariyawansa	Yes
O 049. Chamindranee Kiriella	Yes
O 050. Chathura Galappaththi	Yes
O 051. Chithral Fernando	Yes
O 052. Amila Prasad	Yes
O 054. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
O 055. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
O 056. Chanaka Madugoda	Yes
O 059. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathan	Yes
O 060. Thuraiasa Ravikaran	Yes
O 063. Ismail Muththu Mohamed	Yes
O 065. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 066. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 067. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 068. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 069. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 070. Nanadana Millagala	Yes
O 071. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 072. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	Yes
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	Yes
O 081. Sanjeewa Ranasingha	Yes
O 082. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 083. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 084. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 085. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 086. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 087. Hasara Liyanage	Yes

O 088. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 089. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 090. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 091. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 092. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 093. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 094. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
O 095. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 096. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 097. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 098. Dinindu Saman	Yes
O 099. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 100. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 101. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 102. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 103. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 104. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
O 105. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 106. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 107. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 108. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 109. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 110. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 111. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 112. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 113. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
O 114. Najith Indika	Yes
O 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes

The following Five (05) Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

V.S. Radhakrishnan	Yes
M. Nizam Kariapper	Yes
Ramalingam Chandrasekar	Yes

Wasantha Samarasinghe Yes

M.S. Uthumalebbe Yes

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 158; Noes: 0.

The following One Hundred and Fifty Six (156) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. K.V. Samantha Viddyarthna	Yes
G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 009. Ramalingam Chandrasekarn	Yes
G 010. Wasantha Samarasinghe	Yes
G 011. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna	Yes
G 012. Chrishantha Abeysena	Yes
G 013. Anil Jayantha	Yes
G 014. Harshana Nanayakkara	Yes
G 015. Dammika Patabendi	Yes
G 016. Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Yes

G 017. Ananda Wijepala	Yes
G 018. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi	Yes
G 019. Sunil Kumara Gamage	Yes
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G 025. Nihal Abeysinghe	Yes
G 026. Namal Karunaratne	Yes
G 027. Wasantha Piyathissa	Yes
G 028. Gamagedara Dissanayake	Yes
G 029. R.M. Jayawardhana	Yes
G 030. Sunil Watagala	Yes
G 031. Rathna Gamage	Yes
G 032. Mahinda Jayasinghe	Yes
G 033. Chathuranga Abeysinghe	Yes
G 034. Eranga Gunasekara	Yes
G 035. Upali Samarasingha	Yes
G 036. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 037. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 039. Anton Jayakody	Yes
G 040. Sundaralingam Pradeep	Yes
G 041. Hemali Weerasekara	Yes
G 042. Ruwan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 043. Muneer Mulafter	Yes
G 044. Susil Ranasinghe	Yes
G 045. Hansaka Wijemuni	Yes
G 046. Eranga Weeraratne	Yes
G 047. Namal Sudarshana	Yes
G 048. P. Ruwan Senarath	Yes
G 049. Madhura Senevirathna	Yes
G 050. Arun Hemachandra	Yes
G 051. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 052. Aruna Jayasekera	Yes
G 054. Harshana Suriyapperuma	Yes

G 055. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 056. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 057. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 058. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 060. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 061. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 062. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 063. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 064. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 065. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 066. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 068. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 069. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 070. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 071. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 072. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 073. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 074. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 075. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 076. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 077. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 078. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 079. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 080. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 081. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 082. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 083. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
G 084. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 085. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 086. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
G 087. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 088. Kosala Nuwan Jayaweera	Yes
G 089. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
G 090. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 091. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes

G 092. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 093. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 094. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 095. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 096. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 099. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 100. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 101. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 102. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 103. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
G 104. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 105. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 106. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 107. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 108. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 109. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 110. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 111. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 112. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 114. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
G 116. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
O 009. Ravi Karunanayake	Yes
O 016. Ramanathan Archchuna	Yes
O 059. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathan	Yes
O 063. Ismail Muththu Mohamed	Yes
O 065. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 066. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 067. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 068. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 069. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 070. Nanadana Millagala	Yes
O 071. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 072. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 081. Sanjeewa Ranasingha	Yes

O 082. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 083. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 084. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 085. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 086. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 087. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 088. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 089. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 090. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 091. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 092. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 093. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 094. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
O 095. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 096. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 097. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 098. Dinindu Saman	Yes
O 099. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 100. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 101. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 102. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 103. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 104. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
O 105. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 106. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 107. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 108. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 109. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 110. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 111. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 112. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 113. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
O 114. Najith Indika	Yes
O 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes

The following Two (02) Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

M. Nizam Kariapper

Yes

M.S. Uthumalebbe

Yes

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Adjournment: And it being past 7.00 p.m. Parliament was at 7.25 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 06th February, 2025.