



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 68.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9.30 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

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. (Prof.) 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. (Dr.) 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 Vidyaratna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

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

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

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism

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. (Dr.) Prasanna Gunasena, Deputy Minister of Transport and Highways

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 Mullafer, 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. 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

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Hon. Ajith Agalakada
Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa
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Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law
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Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam
Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
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Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi
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Hon. Arkam Ilyas
Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe
Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga
Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
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Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara
Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law
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Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage
Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage, Attorney at Law
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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. Nishantha 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. Jeevan Thondaman
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. 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. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
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 Maharroof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Ismail Muththu Mohamed
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
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. 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. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana

Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
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. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake
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 Speaker tabled the Report of the Committee of Inquiry to investigate and report on the grounds for the removal of the current Inspector General of Police appointed under the provisions of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002 only in English language with the special leave of the House as follows:—

“Today, I wish to bring to the attention of this august Assembly a matter of profound constitutional and institutional significance.

As you are aware, under the provisions of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, No. 5 of 2002, a Committee of Inquiry was appointed to investigate and report on the grounds for the removal of the current Inspector General of Police (IGP).

I have now received the formal findings of the Committee, duly constituted in accordance with the Act. In this connection, I wish to place on record our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the distinguished Members of the Committee for their diligence, integrity, and commitment to the rule of law:

- Hon. Justice Padman Surasena, Judge of the Supreme Court – Chairman
- Hon. Justice Neil Iddawala, Judge of the Court of Appeal – Member
- Mr. Lalith Ekanayake, Chairman, National Police Commission – Member

This Committee, having conducted its inquiries has unanimously found the officer in question guilty of the allegations brought against him, in accordance with Section 8(2) of the Act.

This marks a historic moment in our constitutional journey – the first time in the history of the Republic of Sri Lanka that such a committee has submitted its findings recommending the removal of an Inspector General of Police under the provisions of the law enacted by Parliament.

As mandated under Section 17 of the Removal of Officers (Procedure) Act, I am obliged – and hereby undertake – to place the finding of guilt in the form of a resolution in the Order Paper of Parliament for the consideration and vote of this House.

Further, for the information of Honourable Members and in the interest of transparency and public accountability, I have directed the Secretary General of Parliament, to table the Committee’s Report as a Parliamentary Paper, and arrangements will be made for Members to receive copies in all three official languages in due course. I also intend to authorize its release to the general public, mindful of the public interest and the fundamental importance of upholding the trust reposed in institutions.

This Parliament, representing the sovereign will of the people, now bears the solemn responsibility of considering the resolution to give effect to the Committee’s findings. The House shall be notified in due course of the scheduled date for debate and vote.

Let me reiterate that in executing this duty, we uphold the values of constitutional governance, institutional accountability, and the supremacy of the law – principles that are foundational to a functioning democracy.

I urge Honourable Members to approach the forthcoming proceedings with the dignity, objectivity, and responsibility they demand.

Accordingly, I table the report of the said committee of inquiry only in English language with the special leave of the House and the soft copy of the Report in English language will be uploaded to the Parliament website for easy reference.”

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed in all three languages after having obtained the Sinhala and Tamil translations.

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Installment – Part LXII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part LXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021;
- (iii) Third Installment – Part XIX and Ninth Installment – Part XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2023; and
- (iv) Second Installment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2024

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the Reports do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(3) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2023;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority for the year 2023; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Regulations made by the President under Section 35 read with Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the Recommendation of the Public Debt Coordination Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2443/14 of 30th June 2025 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency for the year 2023 and moved that this Report and Accounts be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Sathosa Ltd for the year 2022;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2022;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Co-operative Employees Commission for the year 2024; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd for the year 2023/2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Energy presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2022;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2023;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Lanka Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd for the year 2023; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Energy for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Prisons for the year 2024 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 61 read with Section 45(1A) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2440/27 of 13th June 2025 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice and National Integration.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Hector Appuhamy, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability presented the Report of the Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill which was referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill (A Bill to amend the National Minimum Wage of workers Act, No. 3 of 2016);
- (ii) Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill (A Bill to amend the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act, No. 4 of 2016);
- (iii) Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill (A Bill to amend the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act, No. 36 of 2005);
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2022; and
- (v) Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for the year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) Hon. S.M. Marikkar, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development presented the Report of the Committee on Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill which was referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 17.03.2025 from Mr. D.H.M.M.B. Gunarathna of No. 17/4/A, Samagi Mawatha, Jaliyagoda, Piliyandala;
 - (ii) A petition dated 22.03.2025 from Mr. Priyantha Ilangakoon of No. 131/11, Sampupakara Mawatha, Honnaththara North, Piliyandala; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 15.02.2025 from Mr. R. Dharmarathna of No. 3/A, Duwawatta Road, Thumbowila, Piliyandala.
- (2) Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 24.03.2025 from Mr. D.M.M.B. Disanayaka of No. 88, Nandasena Mawatha, Negambo Road, Kurunegla; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 29.01.2025 from Mr. M. G. Sumanadasa of No. 121/2, Regland Watta, Wanduragala, Wilbawa Road, Kurunegala.
- (3) Hon. Lal Premanath presented a petition dated 24.02.2025 from Mr. A. P. Somapala of No. 51, 2nd Stage, Kiriwelkele, Pitabeddara.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Sittings of the Parliament: The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Leave to introduce Bill: Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464).”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation.

6. Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—That Hon. Aravinda Senarath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.03 p.m. Hon. Aravinda Senarath took the Chair.)

(At 4.45 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 182; Noes: 0.

The following One Hundred and Seventy Nine (179) 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 004. Vijitha Herath	Yes
G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes

G 009. Ramalingam Chandrasekar	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
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 038. Prasanna Gunasena	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. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 055. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 056. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 057. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 058. K. Ilankumaran	Yes
G 059. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 060. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 062. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 063. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 064. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 065. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 066. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 068. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 069. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 070. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 071. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 072. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 073. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 074. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 075. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 076. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 077. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 078. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 079. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 080. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 081. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 082. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes

G 083. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 084. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 085. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
G 086. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 088. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 089. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 090. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 091. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 092. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 093. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 094. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 095. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 096. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 099. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 100. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 101. Najith Indika	Yes
G 102. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 103. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 104. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 105. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 106. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 107. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 108. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 109. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 110. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 111. Sudath Balagalla	Yes
G 112. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
G 113. E. M. Basnayaka	Yes
G 114. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
G 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 116. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. R.M.Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 007. Gayantha Karunathilleka	Yes

O 021. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 027. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 029. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 032. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
O 036. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	Yes
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srineshan	Yes
O 043. Waruna Liyanage	Yes
O 044. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 045. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 046. W.H.M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 048. B. Ariyawansha	Yes
O 049. Chamindranee Kiriella	Yes
O 050. Chathura Galappaththi	Yes
O 056. Chanaka Madugoda	Yes
O 057. M.S. Uthumalebbe	Yes
O 058. Abthul Wazeeth	Yes
O 060. Thurai rasa Ravikaran	Yes
O 064. Nissam Kariyappar	Yes
O 065. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 066. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 067. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 068. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 069. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 070. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 071. Sanjeewa Ranasingha	Yes
O 072. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	Yes
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	Yes
O 081. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 082. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 083. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 084. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 085. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 086. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 087. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes

O 088. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 089. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 090. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
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O 092. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
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O 094. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 095. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
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O 103. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
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O 107. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 108. Geetha Herath	Yes
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O 110. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 111. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 112. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 113. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 114. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes
O 115. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes

The following Three (03) 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
Gayan Janaka	Yes
Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
Bill accordingly read a second time.	

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development 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 3 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.

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That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 181;
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The following One Hundred and Eighty (180) Members of Parliament voted by
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G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
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G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 009. Ramalingam Chandrasekar	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

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 038. Prasanna Gunasena	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. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 055. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 056. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes

G 057. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 058. K. Ilankumaran	Yes
G 059. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 060. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 061. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 062. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 063. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 064. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 065. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 066. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 068. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 069. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 070. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 071. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 072. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 073. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 074. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 075. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 076. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 077. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 078. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 079. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 080. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 081. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 082. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
G 083. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 084. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 085. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
G 086. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 087. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
G 088. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 089. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 090. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 091. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 092. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes

G 093. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 094. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 095. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 096. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 099. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 100. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 101. Najith Indika	Yes
G 102. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 103. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 104. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 105. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 106. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 107. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 108. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 109. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 110. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 112. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
G 113. E. M. Basnayaka	Yes
G 114. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
G 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 116. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. R.M.Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 007. Gayantha Karunathilleka	Yes
O 021. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 027. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 029. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 032. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
O 036. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	Yes
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srineshan	Yes
O 043. Waruna Liyanage	Yes
O 044. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 045. Rohana Bandara	Yes

O 046. W.H.M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 048. B. Ariyawansha	Yes
O 049. Chamindranee Kiriella	Yes
O 050. Chathura Galappaththi	Yes
O 056. Chanaka Madugoda	Yes
O 057. M.S. Uthumalebbe	Yes
O 058. Abthul Wazeeth	Yes
O 060. Thurairasa Ravikaran	Yes
O 064. Nissam Kariyappar	Yes
O 065. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 066. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 067. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 068. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 069. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 070. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 071. Sanjeewa Ranasingha	Yes
O 072. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	Yes
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	Yes
O 081. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 082. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 083. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 084. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 085. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 086. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 087. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 088. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 089. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 090. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 091. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 092. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
O 093. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 094. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 095. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 096. Dinindu Saman	Yes
O 097. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes

O 098. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 099. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 100. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 101. G.D. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 102. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
O 103. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 104. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 105. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 106. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 107. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 108. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 109. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 110. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 111. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 112. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 113. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 114. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes
O 115. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes

The following One (01) Member 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
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Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 180; Noes: 0.

The following One Hundred and Seventy Nine (179) 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 Viddyarathna	Yes
G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
G 004. Vijitha Herath	Yes

G 005. Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 009. Ramalingam Chandrasekar	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
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
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G 036. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 037. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 038. Prasanna Gunasena	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. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 055. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 056. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 057. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 058. K. Ilankumaran	Yes
G 059. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 060. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 061. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 062. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 063. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 064. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 065. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 066. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 067. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 068. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 069. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 070. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 071. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 072. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 073. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 074. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 075. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
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G 077. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 078. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes

G 079. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
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G 081. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 082. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
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G 088. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 089. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 090. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 091. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 092. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
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G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
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G 100. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
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G 105. Stepni Fernando	Yes
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G 112. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
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O 058. Abthul Wazeeth	Yes
O 060. Thurairosa Ravikaran	Yes
O 064. Nissam Kariyappar	Yes
O 065. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
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O 109. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 110. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 111. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
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V.S. Radhakrishnan	Yes
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Bill accordingly read a second time.

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The Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

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

Bill reported without Amendments.

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G 011. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna	Yes
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G 013. Anil Jayantha	Yes
G 014. Harshana Nanayakkara	Yes

G 015. Dammika Patabendi	Yes
G 016. Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Yes
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G 115. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 116. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. R.M.Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 007. Gayantha Karunathilleka	Yes
O 021. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 027. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 029. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 032. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes

O 036. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	Yes
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srineshan	Yes
O 043. Waruna Liyanage	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 056. Chanaka Madugoda	Yes
O 057. M.S. Uthumalebbe	Yes
O 058. Abthul Wazeeth	Yes
O 060. Thurairasa Ravikaran	Yes
O 064. Nissam Kariyappar	Yes
O 065. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 066. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 067. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 068. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 070. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 071. Sanjeeva Ranasingha	Yes
O 072. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	Yes
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	Yes
O 081. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 082. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 083. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 084. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 085. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 086. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 087. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 088. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 089. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 090. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 091. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 092. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes

O 093. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 094. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 095. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 096. Dinindu Saman	Yes
O 097. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 098. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 099. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 100. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 101. G.D. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 102. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
O 103. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 104. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 105. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 106. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 107. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 108. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 109. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 110. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 111. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 112. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 113. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 114. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes
O 115. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes

The following One (01) Member 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
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Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. National Minimum Wage of Workers (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development 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.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after clause 2 (1) in page 1:—

“2(2) However, with regard to the wages of plantation workers, the minimum wage mentioned in the above amendment should be one thousand and seven hundred rupees per day or an equivalent monthly salary.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and negatived.

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

Clauses 3 and 4 were agreed to.

New Clauses

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 12 in page 2:—

“Prohibition on
reduction of wages and
allowances

4. An employer shall not reduce the monthly wage of any worker in any industry or service, including any allowances payable under the National Minimum Wage of Workers Act, No. 3 of 2016, the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act, No. 36 of 2005, or the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act, No. 4 of 2016, in a manner that would negate the increase made to the national minimum wage by the amendments to the National Minimum Wage of Workers Act, No. 3 of 2016 under this Act.”

Implementation of
increase in national
minimum wage

5. The Commissioner-General shall issue directives to any employer, including the final employer who obtains the services of any worker in any industry or service through an intermediary or contractor to take all necessary measures to ensure that the increase made to the national minimum wage by the amendments to the National Minimum Wage of Workers Act, No. 3 of 2016 under this Act is duly implemented.”.

Question that the Clauses be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Question that the Clauses be added to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development moved,—
That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Adjournment (Safeguarding Local Sugar Industry): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development moved,—That Hon. Aravinda Senarath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.56 p.m. Hon. Aravinda Senarath took the Chair.)

And it being past 6.00 p.m. Parliament was at 6.55 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025.