



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 116.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, December 05, 2025 at 9.00 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. (Prof.) Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

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 Finance and
Planning

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. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe, Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development 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. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne, Deputy Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Arkam Ilyas, Deputy Minister of Power

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 Urban Development

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. Nishantha Jayaweera, Deputy Minister of Economic Development

Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe, Deputy Minister of Labour

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

Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports

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 Religious and Cultural Affairs

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

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

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

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy

Hon. Upali Samarasingha, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development

Hon. T. B. Sarath, Deputy Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Aravinda Senarath, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation

Hon. P. Ruwan Senarath, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education

Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs

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. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama

Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna

Hon. M.K.M. Aslam

Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi

Hon. B. Ariyawansa

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika

Hon. K. Ilankumaran

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.) Chamindrane Kiriella, Attorney at Law
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, 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. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dilith 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. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law
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. 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. Thahir Marrikkar

Hon. S.M. Marikkar

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama

Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala

Hon. Danushka Ranganath

Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasingha

Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe

Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake

Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka

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

Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan

Hon. Waruna Liyanage

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth

Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya

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. 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. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new Members: Hon. Naina Thambi Marrikkar Mohamed Thahir, Member of Parliament, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Member's Roll at the Table.

2. Presentation of Papers: The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the Appropriation Bill for the Financial Year 2026 in terms of the Standing Order 121 (5) (ii) of Parliament (on the estimates including whether the allocation of money is in compliance with the policies of the Government) only in English language with special leave of the House.

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

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the —

- (i) Report on the Deviation of Headline Inflation from the Inflation Target set out in the Monetary Policy Framework Agreement. (Quarter 4 of 2024 and Quarter 1 of 2025);
- (ii) Report on the Deviation of Headline Inflation from the Inflation Target set out in the Monetary Policy Framework Agreement. (Quarter 1 and 2 of 2025); and
- (iii) Presentation made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on ‘The Functions of Central Bank of Sri Lanka’ as provided for in Section 80(2) (a) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No.16 of 2023 – Quarter 2 of the year 2025

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the —

- (i) Supplementary Estimate No. 5 of 2025, Head 249 – Programme – 01 for the financial year commencing on 1st January 2025 and ending on 31st December 2025 under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development; and
- (ii) Regulations under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(4) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the —

- (i) Regulations under Section 71 of the value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, regarding the Management of the Value Added Tax Refund Fund; and
- (ii) Supplementary Estimate No. 6 of 2025, Head 240 – Programme 02 - Programme for the financial year commencing on 1st January 2025 and ending on 31st December 2025 under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(5) Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake, the Chair of the Committee on Public Petitions presented the Second Report of the Committee on Public Petitions for the First Session of the Tenth Parliament.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Dewananda Suraweera presented a petition dated 18.06.2025 from Mr. H.M.S.K. Herath of No.1330, 10th Lane, Bogahawatta Road, Pannipitiya.
- (2) Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 13.10.2025 from Mr. D.M. Saman Kumara of Kekulawala, Kurunegala, Thambagalla;
 - (ii) A petition dated 28.07.2025 from Mr. H.R.K. Subhasinghe of Udagedara, Horembawa;
 - (iii) A petition dated 05.08.2025 from Mr. M.A. Berty Gunawardhana of No 262, 'Sunil Villa', Mahadeniya, Getaheththa; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 30.09.2025 from Mr. V.W.T. Lakshman of Village No 02, Halmillakulama, Nochchiyagama.
- (3) Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 14.06.2025 from Mr. A.M.I.D.M. Premasinghe of Wanduressa, Balalla, Mahawa; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 22.06.2025 from Mr. E.M. Muthubanda of Dewata Road, Wathupalagama, Mahawa.

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

5. Colombo Port City Economic Commission (Amendment): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented,— Bill to amend the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, January 06, 2026, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

6. Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka: The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka which shall be responsible for the maintenance of professional standards and discipline of members of the institute; for the protection and promotion of the interest of the public in relation to the profession of real estate; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, January 06, 2026, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development.

7. Business of the Parliament (No. 1): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 25 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 13th November 2025.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Business of the Parliament (No. 2): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 20 and 21 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Orders 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 06th, 2026.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Leave to introduce Bill: Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama, seconded by Hon. M.K.M. Aslam moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.”

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 for report.

11. Appropriation Bill—(Twentieth Allotted Day): Considered in the Committee. Adjourned Debate on Question (03rd December 2025) Motion made and Question Proposed,—

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 116

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

(At 10.40 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.37 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. Upul Kithsiri took the Chair.)

(At 3.18 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 4.16 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasingha took the Chair.)

(At 5.16 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 12 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 2,250,000,000 ”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 500,000,000 for Head 116, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,000,000 for Head 116, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 700,000,000 1,600,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 295

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 326,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 30,000,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 297

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 125,000,000 for Head 297, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 298

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 245,000,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,000,000 for Head 299, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 300

The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 103,000,000 457,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 301

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 95,000,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 102,000,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 302

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 26,000,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,000,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 31 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent	13,350,000,000
Capital	11,700,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 135

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,668,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 176,000,000 for Head 135, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 31 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 11,210,000,000 10,678,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 293

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 472,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 846,000,000 for Head 293, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 337

The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20 in page 31.

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“Recurrent	330,584,000,000
Capital	227,948,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 102

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 242,642,000,000 for 102, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 606,200,000 for Head 102, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 12,000,000 9,807,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 237

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

"Programme 01 Operational Activities 204,000,000 4,974,000,000"

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 238

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 126,000,000 for 238, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,500,000 for Head 238, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 239

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 363,000,000 for 239, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 740,000,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 240

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 294,000,000 for 240, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 377,000,000 for Head 240, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 43,847,300,000 37,664,700,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 241

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 01 Operational Activities 162,000,000 85,513,000,000”

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

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 242

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 173,000,000 for 242, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,000,000 for Head 242, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 243

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,093,000,000 for 243, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,000,000 for Head 243, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 45,419,000,000 for Head 243, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 244

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 137,000,000 for 244, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,524,000,000 for Head 244, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 245

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 140,000,000 for 245, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 407,000,000 for Head 245, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 246

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,035,000,000 for 246, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,932,000,000 for Head 246, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 247

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,950,000,000 for 247, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,500,000,000 for Head 247, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 248

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,242,000,000 for 248, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 453,000,000 for Head 248, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 249

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,104,500,000 for 249, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,617,000,000 for Head 249, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 250

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 158,000,000 for 250, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 342,600,000 for Head 250, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 251

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,227,000,000 for 251, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 119,000,000 for Head 251, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 252

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,582,000,000 for 252, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,543,000,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 280

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 115,000,000 for 280, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 24,000,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 296

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 195,000,000 for 296, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 323

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 27,000,000 for 323, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000 for Head 323, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 324

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 81,000,000 for 324, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,000,000 for Head 324, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 329

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 374,000,000 for 329, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 149,000,000 for Head 329, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 333**Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 64,200,000 for 333, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,000,000 for Head 333, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 338**Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)**

Question that the sum of Rs. 236,000,000 for 338, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 177,000,000 for Head 338, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

First Schedule

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,—That the First Schedule as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

Second Schedule

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,—That the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

Third Schedule

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1, 2 and 3 in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“29	Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development	11701	Advances to Public Officers	72,000,000	39,000,000	305,000,000	”
-----	--	-------	-----------------------------	------------	------------	-------------	---

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 8, 9 and 10 in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“32	Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply	12301	Advances to Public Officers	36,000,000	20,000,000	158,000,000	-
							”

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 11, 12 and 13 in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“33	Minister of Rural Develop- ment, Social Security and Community Empowerment	12401	Advances to Public Officers	48,000,000	30,000,000	195,000,000	-
							”

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 10 in page 45:—

“41	Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation	17601	Advances to Public Officers	11,000,000	6,000,000	48,000,000	-
							”

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 13 and 14 in page 45 and substitute the following:—

“43	Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs	18901	Advances to Public Officers	198,000,000	99,000,000	2,708,000,000	-
							”

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

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Schedule.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,—That the Third Schedule as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause 2

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (Cabinet Approval having being signified) proposed, an amendment as follows:—

“The Sub section (1) (b) of Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2026 be amended by deleting the words “rupees three thousand eight hundred billion (in line 10 and 11 of page 2) and substituting the words” rupees three thousand seven hundred forty billion” therefore.”

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

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

Question that the postponed Clauses 3 to 10 stand part of 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 158; Noes: 01; Abstain: 02.

The following One hundred Sixty One (161) 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. Susil Ranasinghe	Yes
G 025. Nihal Galappaththi	Yes
G 026. Nihal Abeysinghe	Yes
G 027. Namal Karunaratne	Yes
G 028. Wasantha Piyathissa	Yes
G 029. Gamagedara Dissanayake	Yes
G 030. R.M. Jayawardhana	Yes
G 031. Sunil Watagala	Yes
G 032. Rathna Gamage	Yes
G 033. Mahinda Jayasinghe	Yes
G 034. Chathuranga Abeysinghe	Yes
G 035. Eranga Gunasekara	Yes
G 037. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 038. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 039. Prasanna Gunasena	Yes
G 040. Anton Jayakody	Yes
G 041. Hemali Weerasekara	Yes
G 042. Sundaralingam Pradeep	Yes
G 043. Ruwan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 044. Muneer Mulaffer	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 053. Sugath Thilakaratne	Yes

G 054. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 055. Arkam Ilyas	Yes
G 056. Aravinda Senarath	Yes
G 057. Dinindu Saman	Yes
G 058. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes
G 059. Ashoka Ranwala	Yes
G 060. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 061. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 062. Najith Indika	Yes
G 063. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 064. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 065. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 066. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 067. K. Ilankumaran	Yes
G 068. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 069. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 070. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 071. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 072. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 073. L.M. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 074. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 075. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 076. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 077. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 078. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 079. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 080. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 081. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 082. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 083. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 084. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
G 085. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 086. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 087. Ajantha Gammeddage	Yes
G 088. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 089. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 090. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes

G 091. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 092. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
G 093. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 094. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran	Yes
G 095. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 096. Sellaththamby Thilaganathan	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 099. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 100. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 101. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 102. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 103. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 104. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 105. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 106. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 107. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 108. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 109. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 110. Kanthasamy Prabu	Yes
G 111. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 112. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 113. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 114. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 115. Sudath Balagalla	Yes
G 116. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
O 012. Jeevan Thondaman	Yes
O 013. K. Kader Masthan	Yes
O 015. G.G. Ponnambalam	No
O 019. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Abstain
O 060. Thurairasa Ravikaran	Abstain
O 065. E. M. Basnayaka	Yes
O 066. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
O 067. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 068. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes
O 069. Jagath Manuwarna	Yes
O 070. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes

O 071. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 072. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 081. Danushka Ranganath	Yes
O 082. Sanjeeva Ranasingha	Yes
O 083. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 084. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 085. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 086. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 087. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 088. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 089. Deepthi Wasalage	Yes
O 090. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 091. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 092. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 093. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 094. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 095. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes
O 096. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 097. Athula Welandagoda	Yes
O 099. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 100. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 101. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 102. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 103. G.D. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 104. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 105. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 106. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 107. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 108. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 109. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 110. Bhagya Sri Herath	Yes
O 111. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 112. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 113. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 114. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 115. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes

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

12. Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 6, in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“of subsections (1) and (2) of section 2 , shall come into”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 9 to 12 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“(3) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of section 2 shall be deemed to have come into operation on February 18, 2025 and July 1, 2025 respectively.”; and”

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

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

Clause 2

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 16 to 19 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“25. Financial services of any person who carries on the business of providing financial services in Sri Lanka and liable to Value Added Tax under Chapter IIIA of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 on the supply of such financial services at the rate of twenty and one half *per centum*.”.

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

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

Clause 3 was 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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.

13. Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 19, in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“to January 1, 2026 at the rate of fifteen per”; and

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 2, in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“after January 1, 2026 at the rate of”

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

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

Clause 3 was 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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.

14. Strategic Development Projects (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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 Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and 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 7 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 Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

15. Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959 and Law, No. 6 of 1978 of the National State Assembly and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 28th November, 2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/29 of 28th November 2025 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 03.12.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2454/62 of 20th September 2025, which were presented on 22.10.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Regulation under the Finance Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2430/14 of 01st April 2025, which was presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Regulation under the Value Added Tax Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 6 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, as amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 2019 relating to the value of goods imported and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/43 of 07th November 2025, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/44 of 07th November 2025, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Regulations under the Value Added Tax Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 71 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, regarding the Management of the Value Added Tax Refund Fund and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2460/44 of 31st October 2025, which were presented on 03.12.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Rules under the Excise Ordinance: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on 04th October 2025 under Section 32 read with Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise License Fees, which were presented on 08.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2458/43 of 15th October 2025, which were presented on 13.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2459/46 of 24th October 2025, which were presented on 21.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2457/05 of 09th October 2025, which was presented on 26.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 1): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 26.11.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2457/06 of 09th October 2025).

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 2): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 27.11.2025, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2461/40 of 07th November 2025).

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Supplementary Sum,— Head 243— Programme 01: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Thirty-one thousand five hundred million (Rs. 31,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 243	-	Department of Development Finance	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	<u>Rs. 31,500,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	<u>Rs. 31,500,000,000</u>

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 4 of 2025 presented on 18th November, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 3 Rs. 51,394,600,000

Question put, and agreed to.

29. Supplementary Sum,— Head 249— Programme 01—: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Eighteen thousand five hundred million (Rs. 18,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 249	-	Department of Treasury Operations	
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities	
		Capital Expenditure	<u>Rs. 18,500,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	<u>Rs. 18,500,000,000</u>

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 5 of 2025 presented on 18th November, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 4 Rs. 82,894,600,000

Question put, and agreed to.

30. Supplementary Sum,— Head 240— Programme 02: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— † That this Parliament resolves that an additional sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty thousand million (Rs. 50,000,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or finances possessed by the Government, or any loan obtained by the Government at the discretion of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the services of the financial year commencing on 01st January, 2025, and ending on 31st December, 2025, and that the said sum may be expended in the manner specified in the schedule hereto:-

SCHEDULE

Head 240	-	Department of National Budget	
Programme 02	-	Development Activities	
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs. 20,000,000,000
		Capital Expenditure	<u>Rs. 30,000,000,000</u>
		Total Expenditure	<u>Rs. 50,000,000,000</u>

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 6 of 2025 presented on 03rd December, 2025

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 to 5 Rs. 101,394,600,000

Question put, and agreed to.

31. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Health and Mass Media moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Mass Media under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2452/39 of 04th September 2025, which were presented on 28.11.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

32. Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (2023): The Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Cooperative Development 2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2023 and presented on 09.05.2025 under Section 29 of Part VI of the National Institute of Cooperative Development (Incorporation) Act, No. 1 of 2001, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

33. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2019): The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

34. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2020): The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 07.01.2025 under Section 23 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

35. Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2022/2023): The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd 2022/2023 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2023 and presented on 20.02.2025 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

36. Adjournment: And it being past 6.00 p.m. Parliament was at 8.15 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 06, 2025 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.