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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, February 05, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker

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. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

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

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 Viddyarthna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

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

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

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. 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. Namal Karunaratne, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

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

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Urban Development

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 Mulafter, Deputy Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs

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. (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. Roshan Akmeemana

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa
Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana
Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama
Hon. (Dr.) Nihal Abeysinghe
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam
Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi
Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi
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Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
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Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. Upul Kithsiri
Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
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Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara
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. Chathura Galappaththi
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Ajith Gihan
Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Gunawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha

Hon. Ashoka Gunasena
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
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. M.A.M. Thahir
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Susantha Dodawatta, Attorney at Law
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. Nishantha Perera
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Stepni Fernando
Hon. Amila Prasad
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah

Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
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. Thurairosa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
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. 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. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill titled ‘Universities (Amendment)’ on 03rd of February 2026 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”.

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received a copy of a petition filed at the Supreme Court in terms of the Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled ‘Rent (Repeal)’.

III

“A matter concerning the privileges of Parliament has been brought to my attention, arising from a news report published in “Irida Lankadeepa” on 11.01.2026 containing a defamatory statement, titled “Strict action against employees using ‘ice and cigarettes’ in Parliament – Order from the Speaker”, reflecting on the character of Parliament as per Part A, Item 7 of the Schedule to the Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act No. 21 of 1953.

I wish to inform this House that this constitutes a breach of parliamentary privilege, and in exercise of my authority under Standing Order 146 of Parliament, I hereby refer this matter to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges for inquiry and report.”

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

(i) Annual Report of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka for the year 2024; and

(ii) Annual Report of the Employees’ Trust Fund Board for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2(3) of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/14 of 25th November 2025;

(ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2465/16 of 04th December 2025;

(iii) 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 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2469/12 of 31st December 2025; and

(iv) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2464/15 of 25th November 2025)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Agrarian Development for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Tea Shakthi Fund for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Janatha Estates Development Board for the year 2019; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2023.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Reports on the observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government and the Eastern Provincial Council in the reports of the Committee on Public Accounts which were presented to Parliament and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented that the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Energy presented the Report on the observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Energy in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Justice and National Integration presented the—

- (i) Annual Reports of the Office on Missing Persons for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the 'Office for Reparations – Sri Lanka' for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs presented the Annual Report of the Bureau of Rehabilitation for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (10) The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the—
- (i) Annual Report of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation for the year 2023; and
 - (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Hindu Cultural Fund 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.

3. 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 the —

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Livestock Development Board for the years 2018 and 2020;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Land Survey Council for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for the years 2022 and 2023;
- (iv) Performance Reports of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the years 2023 and 2024;
- (v) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of Agriculture for the years 2023 and 2024;
- (vi) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of Export Agriculture for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Agriculture, Livestock Divisions and former Plantation Industries Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation for the year 2024; and
- (viii) Annual Performance Report of the Agriculture Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries for the year 2023

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. S.M. Marikkar, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development on Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka Bill which was 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 Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development on—

- (i) Licensing of Container Depot Operators Bill; and
- (ii) Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented a petition dated 21.07.2025 from Mrs. J.P. Sarasi Tharanga Jayasinghe of No 367/1, Medalandu, Dompe.
- (2) Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi presented a petition dated 19.03.2025 from Mr. A. K. Mahendran of No. 64, Ariyagama, Hatton.
- (3) Hon. Sudath Balagalla presented a petition dated 14.08.2025 from Mr. M.D. Chandrapala of No 61/154, 2nd Lane, Gamunu Mawatha, Hanthana Road, Kandy.
- (4) Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 30.06.2025 from Mr. R.A.D.E. Ranathunga of No 40, Makkanigoda, Pasyala; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.07.2025 from Mr. W.A. Kamalsiri of No 104, Maligathanna, Veyangoda.

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

5. Institute of Real Estate Professionals, Sri Lanka Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 12.13 p.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.16 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Labour moved,—That Hon. Upul Kithsiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.40 p.m. Hon. Upul Kithsiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete line 29 and substitute the following in page 3:—

“profession, by facilitating the enrollment and registration of Real Estate Professionals upon obtaining the membership of the Institute;”.

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 4

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 8 in page 5:—

“(b) to enroll and register the members of the Institute;”.

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.

Clauses 5 was agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete lines 24 and 25 substitute the following in page 7:—

“and subject to the approval of the Council, be enrolled and registered as a member of the Institute.”

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.

Clauses 7 was agreed to.

Clause 8

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete line 24 and substitute the following in page 8:—

“(2) The Council shall have the power to disenroll and cancel the registration of any”;

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

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed another amendment to delete line 28 and substitute the following in page 8:—

“disenrollment and cancellation of registration, suspend such person from membership for”;

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

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed another amendment to delete lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive) and substitute the following in page 9:—

“Provided further, disenrollment and cancelation of registration shall not prevent the Council from subsequently re- enrolling and re-registering such person, if satisfied that he is eligible to be re-enrolled and re-registered.

(3) No member of the Institute shall be disenrolled and subjected to cancelation of his registration”;

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

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed another amendment to delete line 11 and substitute the following in page 9:—

“(4) Any person who has been disenrolled and whose registration has been cancelled or suspended”.

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 9 was agreed to

Clause 10

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete line 5 and substitute the following in page 11:—

“experience of persons enrolled and registered in that grade.”.

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 11 was agreed to.

Clause 12

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete line 24 and substitute the following in page 12:—

“(d) upon such member being disenrolled and registration being cancelled or being”

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 13

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to delete line 6 and substitute the following in page 14:—

“(7) A member of the Institute shall not be disenrolled and subjected to cancellation of registration”.

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.

Clauses 14 to 31 were agreed to.

Schedule

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed an amendment to

delete the words “Corporate member enrolled under” and substitute the words “Corporate member enrolled and registered under”.

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

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

Enacting Clause

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

Long Title

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development proposed the following amendment to Long Title in page 1:—

delete the words “DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE;” and substitute the words "DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE;".

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

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

Title

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

Bill Reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban 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.

6. Licensing of Container Depot Operators Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 19 were agreed to.

Clause 20

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation proposed an amendment to delete line 5 and substitute the following in page 11:—

“freight station operation in Sri Lanka, other than a container terminal within a specified port, as specified in and declared under section 2 of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Act, No. 51 of 1979.”

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 21 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 Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation 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.

7. Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non -Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 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 Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.01 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, February 06, 2026.