



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 141.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, April 07, 2026 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

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. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

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 Viddyaratna, Minister of Plantation and Community
Infrastructure

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

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

Hon. 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. 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. 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. 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. (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. (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. Ajith Agalakada

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. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

Hon. M.K.M. Aslam

Hon. Hessa Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi

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. Upul Kithsiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathan

Hon. Wasantha Pushpa 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. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Ajantha Gammeddage
Hon. Chathura Galappaththi
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Ajith Gihan
Hon. (Mrs.) Samanmali Gunasingha
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
Hon. T.K. Jayasundara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
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. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake
Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna
Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara
Hon. Aruna Panagoda
Hon. Nimal Palihena
Hon. Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law

Hon. Stepni Fernando

Hon. Kanthasamy Prabu

Hon. Amila Prasad

Hon. Lal Premanath

Hon. Rohana Bandara

Hon. Nanda Bandara

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Ravindra Bandara

Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah

Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake

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. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda

Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama

Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasingha

Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake

Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran

Hon. Mujibur Rahman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha

Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth

Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
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. (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. 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.

Messages from the President: The Speaker read the following messages received from the President:—

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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/7/IX/3/01

March 28, 2026

Hon. I.W.M. Jagath Wickramaratne
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

I have declared by Proclamation dated 28th March, 2026 under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) that the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance shall come into operation throughout Sri Lanka from 28th March, 2026.

The Parliament is hereby duly informed in terms of Article 155 (4) of the Constitution that the purpose of the above Proclamation is to the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, considering the post disaster situation caused by the cyclone Ditwah.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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March 27, 2026

Hon. I.W.M. Jagath Wickramaratne
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

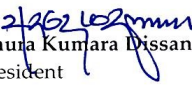
Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,


Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President

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2. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received copies of five petitions filed at the Supreme Court in terms of the Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled ‘Inland Revenue (Amendment)’”.

3. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the Ninth Installment – Parts XXXI and XXXII 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 said Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(2) The Speaker presented the the Special Audit Report on the Coal Purchase Process by Lanka Coal Company for the Lakvijaya Power Plant and the Coal Procurement for the Season of 2025/2026 in the Tenth Installment of the Report of the Auditor – General in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka .

Ordered that the said Report 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 Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Limited for the year 2024; and

(ii) Annual Report of the National Lotteries 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.

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

(i) Annual Report of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the year 2024;

(ii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2024;

(iii) Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2024;

(iv) Annual Report of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the year 2024; and

(v) Annual Report of the Open University 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.

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

- (i) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2481/30 of 28th March 2026 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;
- (ii) Report on the details pertaining to “Transfers of Allocations through Virement Procedure” from 03 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, in terms of the Section 24(4) of the Public Financial Management Act, No. 44 of 2024, and the Section 5 of the Appropriation Act, No. 3 of 2025;
- (iii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Development Activities Programme appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 02.02.2026 to 27.02.2026 in terms of Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2025; and
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Departments of the Faculty of Arts and Culture of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2465/11 of 03rd December 2025.

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

(6) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for the year 2023 and moved that the report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under paragraphs (h) and (j) of Section 44 read with Sections 18, 24, 28 and 30 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/68 of 17th January 2026 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport, Highways and Urban Development

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2470/14 of 05th January 2026 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Report on the observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure presented the the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2024 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability .

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning presented Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2024 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage, The Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports presented the Report of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 with regard to the 2026 Prohibited List and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/51 of 16th January 2026 which was referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney-at-Law, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on the—

- (i) Regulation under Section 4F read with Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2474/66 of 08th February 2026);
- (ii) Rules under Section 105 read with Section 7(1) (c) and Part VI of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2473/30 of 30th January 2026); and
- (iii) Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) 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 Committee on 'Damage caused to state institutions and infrastructure due to the recent Cyclone Ditwah and the remedies to be taken therefor'.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 30.10.2025 from Mr. R.M.P.R. Rathnayake of 'Sathuta', Mahanaga Mawatha, Unawatuna, Buttala; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 07.08.2025 from Mr. S.B. Rathnayake of No. 29/4, Wariyapola Sri Sumangala Mawatha, Asgiriya, Kandy.
- (2) Hon. T.K. Jayasundara presented a petition dated 17.12.2025 from Mr. G.P Mahathun of No 95/B, Gallanda, Panangala, Galle.
- (3) Hon. Sujeewa Dissanayake presented a petition dated 16.07.2025 from Mr. M. Jayathissa of Kolamba Gedara, Awulegama - Awulegama.

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

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1): 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 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.43 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.58 a.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports moved,— That Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj took the Chair.)

The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment moved,— That Hon. Upul Kithsiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.06 p.m. Hon. Upul Kithsiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on be half 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on be half of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to delete line 12 and substitute the following in page 1:—

“January 1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2026,”;”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on be half of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to delete line 16 and substitute the following in page 1:—

“July 1, 2026, not later than fifteen days”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on be half of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed another amendment to delete lines 1 to 11 (both inclusive).

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

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on be half of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to delete line 22 and substitute the following in page 2:—

“1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2026,”and of the”;

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 delete line 28 and substitute the following in page 2:—

“July 1, 2026, the aggregate turnover”;

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 Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development proposed an amendment to delete line 5 and substitute the following in page 3:—

“and figures “on the importation prior to May 1,”;

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 delete line 16 and substitute the following in page 3:—

“7. Any motor vehicle effective from May”.

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.

Close 5 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and the 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.

8. Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 with regard to the 2026 Prohibited List and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/51 of 16th January 2026, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulation under the Strategic Development Projects 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 4F read with Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to the eligibility criteria and the exemptions or concessions and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2474/66 of 08th February 2026, which was presented on 19.03.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Rules under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka 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 Rules made by the Chairperson of the Governing Board and Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under Section 105 read with Section 7(1) (c) and Part VI of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 with regard to Repatriation of Export Proceeds into Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2473/30 of 30th January 2026, which were presented on 17.03.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament: The The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the following recommendations of the Committee on Standing Orders relating to the amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament made in the report which was presented to Parliament on 20 February 2026, be agreed to:— Following new paragraph be inserted immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament: —

If the Committee on Public Accounts, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

Following new paragraph be inserted immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament: —

If the Committee on Public Enterprises, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

Question proposed.

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That the Parliament do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

The Leader of the House of Parliament proposed an amendment to insert the Following new paragraph immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament:—

If the Committee on Public Accounts, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

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

Question that the new Standing Order be added to the Standing Orders of Parliament, put and agreed to.

The Leader of the House of Parliament proposed an amendment to insert the Following new paragraph immediately after the first paragraph of the existing Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament:—

If the Committee on Public Enterprises, in examining the reports presented to the Committee by the Auditor - General, comes to the conclusion that serious financial frauds, acts of bribery or corruption have occurred, the Committee may refer such matters directly to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption or to the Inspector-General of Police, at a time determined by Parliament after the report thereon has been tabled in Parliament, for taking necessary action regarding such matters.

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

Question that the new Standing Order be added to the Standing Orders of Parliament, put and agreed to.

Parliament Resumed.

It was reported that the new paragraphs of the Standing Order of the Parliament were considered in the Committee and passed.

12. Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation (2018): The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources moved,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation (2018),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation 2018, together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 14.02.2025 under Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.06 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, April 08th, 2026.