



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 145.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 05, 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

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. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and Minister of Energy

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. (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 Vidyarthna**, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
- Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe**, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development
- 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
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- Hon. Chaturanga Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development
- 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. 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
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- Hon. Roshan Akmeemana**
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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. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi
Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi
Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi
Hon. B. Ariyawansa
Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika
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Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka
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Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC
Hon. Upul Kithsiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
Hon. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Chaminda Lalith Kumara
Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law
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Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Lasith Bhashana Gamage
Hon. Thilanka U. Gamage
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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. Kumara Jayakody
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
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. Amila Prasad
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sri Bavanandarajah
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake

Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
Hon. Thahir Marrikkar
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoo
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka
Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
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. 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. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. 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

April 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 April, 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 April, 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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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி
President of Sri Lanka

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

April 24, 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 announcements:—

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“I wish to inform that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Inland Revenue (Amendment)’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court under Article 121 (1) of the Constitution.

Subsequent to the decision taken by the Government to delete Clauses 4, 9 and 28 of the Bill at the Committee Stage of the Bill, the Court allowed the applications for withdrawal of petitions of the petitioners in S.C.S.D. No. 13/2026, S.C.S.D. No. 14/2026, and S.C.S.D. No. 15/2026 and dismissed them.

The Petitioners in S.C.S.D. No. 12/2026 and S.C.S.D. No. 16/2026 intimated their intention to proceed with their petitions assailing the constitutionality of Clauses 31(4) and 34 of the Bill.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court has determined that the Bill could be passed by a simple majority of Parliament except Clause 31(4) of the Bill. The Supreme Court has further stated that the Clause 31(4) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and may only be passed by the special majority required under Article 84 (2) of the Constitution. The Supreme Court has further determined that the inconsistency would cease if the Clause 31(4) is amended as proposed by the Court and Clause 34 is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

I order that the full determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the official report of today's proceedings.”

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that, I have received copies of three petitions on 22nd of April 2026 and a copy of one petition on 24th April 2026 in respect of the Bill titled ‘Financial Transactions Reporting (Amendment)’ and copies of two petitions on 22nd of April 2026 and a copy of one petition on 24th April 2026 in respect of the Bill titled ‘Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment)’ filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution.”

III

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have appointed the following Members of Parliament under the Chairmanship of the Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, to serve on the ‘Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections (excluding laws dealing with Provincial Council Elections) and report to Parliament and submit its proposals and recommendations in that regard’:—

Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage

Hon. Muneer Mulaffer

Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
 Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
 Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
 Hon. Kathiravelu Shanmugam Kugathanan
 Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
 Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
 Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran
 Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi”

3. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Third Installment – Part XXIII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2019;
- (ii) Third Installment – Part XXVII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (iii) Second Installment – Part LXX and Ninth Installment – Part XLVII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2022;
- (iv) Second Installment – Part LV and Ninth Installment – Part XXX of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2023; and
- (v) Second Installment – Parts XLVII and XLVIII and Ninth Installment – Parts XXXIII, XXXIV and XXXV 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 Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Speaker presented the First Installment – Part XLII Fourth Installment – Part XXV 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 to be printed.

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

- (i) 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. 2481/02 of 23rd March 2026;
- (ii) 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. 2482/08 of 31st March 2026;

- (iii) 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. 2482/12 of 02nd April 2026; and
- (iv) Annual Economic Review of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2025

and moved that those Regulations and the Economic Review be referred to the Sectoral Committee on Public Finance .

(4) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Delimitation Commission in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Plantation and Community Infrastructure presented the Annual Report of the Kithul Development Board for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Reports of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies for the years 2020 and 2021 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Science, Technology and Digital Transformation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning presented the Annual Report of the Employees' Provident Fund for the year 2023 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs presented Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs under Section 52 read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) on 23rd April 2026 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2023 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply 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 Construction Industry Development Authority in the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the—

- (i) Regulations under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2475/28 of 13th February 2026);
- (ii) Orders under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 (Published in the Gazettes Extraordinary No. 2471/52, No. 2471/53, No. 2471/54 and No. 2471/55 of 16th January 2026);
- (iii) Regulations under Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2470/14 of 05th January 2026); and
- (iv) Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal) Bill

which were referred to the Committee.

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

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

- (i) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2023;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2024;
- (iv) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of Educational Publications for the years 2023 and 2024; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Education for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, The Chair Of The Sectoral Oversight Committee On Education, Manpower And Human Capital presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Moratuwa for the years 2022 and 2023;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024;
- (iii) Annual Reports and Annual Financial Statements of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement, University of Colombo for the years 2022 and 2023;
- (iv) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Post Graduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo for the years 2023 and 2024; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the years 2022 and 2023

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(4) Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, the Chair of the Committee presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection on Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal) Bill which was referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih presented a petition dated 20.01.2026 from Mr. Hilmi Imamdeen of No 139/2, Rabbadallowatta, Bandawa, Polgahawela.
- (2) Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe presented a petition dated 21.10.2025 from Mr. Siripalage Samantha Dissanayake of No 29, Diganhalmillawewa, Kahatagasdigiliya, Anuradhapura.
- (3) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 21.01.2026 from Mr. Vajira Perera of No 6 A, Abhaya Mawatha, Borupana Road, Ratmalana.
- (4) Hon. Ashoka Gunasena presented a petition dated 09.12.2025 from Mr. K.P. Manju Mahesh Karunanayake of Ihala Kalalpitiya, Maharachchimulla.

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

6. Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment): The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented,—Bill to amend the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, No. 5 of 2006.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance .

7. Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission 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 Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/52 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation moved,— That Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.49 p.m. Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasinghe took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission 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 Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/53 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 3): 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 having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/54 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No. 4): 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 having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/55 of 16th January 2026, which was presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. 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 in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission 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. 2475/28 of 13th February 2026, which were presented on 09.04.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to

12. Adjournment in terms of S.O. 19(2)(C) (Failure to Report to Parliament the Diversion of Foreign Debt Repayment): The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and Minister of Energy moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation moved,— That Hon. Chanaka Madugoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.04 p.m. Hon. Chanaka Madugoda took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.22 p.m. adjourned by the presiding member until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 06th, 2026.