



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 149.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 19, 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. (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 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.) 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. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

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. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Chaturanga 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law
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. (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
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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
Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran
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. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Kumara Jayakody
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mayilvaganam Jegatheeswaran

Hon. M.A.M. Thahir
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Sugath Wasantha 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. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G.G. Ponnambalam
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. 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. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. Sanjeewa Ranasingha
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
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Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan
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Hon. Kanchana Welipitiya
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. R.G. Wijerathna
Hon. Priyantha Wijerathna , Attorney at Law
Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
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. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law

Hon. Dinesh Hemantha

Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law

Hon. Muhammad Faizal

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 Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment)’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court under Article 121 (1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that the Bill or any provision thereof is not inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution.

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

II

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

The Supreme Court has determined that the Bill could be passed by the simple majority of Parliament, except Clause 22 and Clause 39, which Clauses shall be passed by the special majority of Parliament. However, if Clause 22 and Clause 39 are amended as proposed by the Court, the said Clauses too could be passed by the simple majority of Parliament.

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

III

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

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the Second Installment – Parts LII and LIII and Ninth Installment – Parts XXXVII and XXXVIII 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 —

- (i) Fourth Installment – Part XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2021;
- (ii) Fourth Installment – Part XXVI and Sixth Installment – Part XXX of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2023;
- (iii) Fourth Installment – Part XXVI and Sixth Installment – Part XXVI of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2024; and
- (iv) First Installment – Part I (1) of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2025

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 be printed.

(3) The Speaker presented the Special Audit Report on Taxes in Arrears, Penalties and Interest to be recovered to the Inland Revenue Department from Registered Taxpayers as at 30th June 2024 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.

(4) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the—

- (i) Report on the Deviation of Headline Inflation from the Inflation Target set out in the Monetary Policy Framework Agreement of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for Third and Fourth Quarters of the year 2025;
- (ii) Financial Statements and Operations of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2025;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2477/22 of 24th February 2026;

- (iv) 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. 2478/05 of 03rd March 2026;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/06 of 3rd March 2026; and
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/07 of 3rd March 2026

and moved that the Report, the Financial Statements and Operations and Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development 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 Colombo Municipal Council 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.

(6) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development 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 Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament 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.

(7) The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation 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 Land Reform Commission 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.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration for the year 2024 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection .

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and Minister of Energy presented the Report on the submission of 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 Ports Authority 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 Justice and National Integration presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice and National Integration under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 in respect of the Treaty between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Maldives signed in July, 2025 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2470/04 of 05th January 2026 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice and National Integration .

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Environment presented Annual Report of the Marine Environment Protection Authority for the year 2023 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment presented Annual Report of the National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders 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.

3. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament : (1) The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Land Development (Amendment)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026.

(2) The Minister of Buddhasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Kodhagoda Gunarathana Nahimi Foundation (Incorporation)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law, The pro-tem Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the —

- (i) Annual Economic Review of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2025; and
- (ii) Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill

which was referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Eranga Gunasekara presented a petition dated 28.03.2025 from Mrs. K. Dullewa Dissanayake of No 160/47, Lake Road, Battaramulla.
- (2) Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake presented a petition dated 25.07.2025 from Mr. W.M. Piyasena of No 2/74, Old Mahiyangana Road, Karamatiya, Baduluoya.
- (3) Hon. Chathura Galappaththi presented a petition dated 21.07.2025 from Mr. Siridasa Pathinayake of Amukoratuwa, Pasal Mawatha, Dampahala, Matara.
- (4) Hon. Nanda Bandara presented a petition dated 25.11.2025 from Mr. P.D. Manoj Upashantha of No 555/73, High Life, Lional Jayasinghe Mawatha, Meegoda.
- (5) Hon. Muhammad Faizal presented a petition dated 04.06.2025 from Mrs. M.M.M. Faizala of No 104, Main Road, Koththanthiwu, Mundalama.

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

6. Value Added Tax (Amendment): The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning on behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development presented,—“Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, June 09th, 2026, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

7. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 12.03 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.02 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice and National Integration moved,— That Hon. Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.32 p.m. Hon. Sena Nanayakkara 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 behalf of Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development Minister 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.

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 delete line 22 in page 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 26 in page 1.

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 2 and 3 were 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 lines 7 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 4.

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 to 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

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 lines 1 to 31 (both inclusive) in page 8.

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 lines 1 to 32 (both inclusive) in page 9.

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 10 was agreed to.

Clause 11

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 15 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“if the individual holds an Investor Category”;

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 12 to 27 were agreed to.

Clause 28

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 lines 14 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 26.

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 lines 1 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 27.

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 lines 1 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 28.

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 29 and 30 were agreed to

Clause 31

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 in page 31 and substitute the following:—

“of the defaulter is situated:

Provided that no such certificate shall be submitted where a taxpayer has requested for an administrative review of the tax payable pursuant to section 139 or appealed to the Tax Appeals Commission pursuant to subsection (1) of section 140 and such application is pending.”;

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 lines 20 to 22 (both inclusive) and substitute the following:—

“days.”;

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 32 and 33 were agreed to.

Clause 34

The Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law, proposed an amendment to delete line 24 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Act, within ninety days of serving the notice.”

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

The Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law, proposed another amendment to delete lines 25 and 26 in page 36 and substitute the following:—

“Any person who fraudulently fails to comply with the notice.”

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

The Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law, proposed another amendment to insert new sub section after line 7 as follows :—

“(3) The Commissioner General shall not act under Section 185(A)(2) unless such person has previously been liable for a penalty under chapter XVII of this act with in the last three years.”

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

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

Clauses 35 to 44 were agreed to.

Clause 45

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 11 in page 47 and substitute the following in page 2:—

“year of assessment ending on March 31,2025;”.

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 46 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. Adjournment (Sustainable Solution For Human-Elephant Conflict): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.58 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, May 20th, 2026.