



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 153.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 09, 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. (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. (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 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. 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. 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. Gamagedara Dissanayake**, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa**, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment
- Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep**, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
- Hon. Muneer Mulaffer**, Deputy Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Hon. 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. P. Ruwan Senarath**, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna**, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education
- Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake**, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs
- Hon. Arun Hemachandra**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment

Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana

Hon. Ajith Agalakada

Hon. 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. (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. M.S. Uthumalebbe

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga

Hon. Gayantha Karunathilleka

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. (Ms.) Krishnan Kalaichelvi

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC

Hon. Upul Kithsiri

Hon. (Mrs.) 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

Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani

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. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Gayan Janaka
Hon. Kumara Jayakody
Hon. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Dilith Jayaweera
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law
Hon. T.K. Jayasundara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
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. Amila Prasad
Hon. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nanda Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
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 Maharroof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasingha
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
Hon. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe
Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Mujibur Rahman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Manoj Rajapaksha
Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V.S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law

Hon. M.S. Abthul Wazeeth
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. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana
Hon. Jagath Vithana
Hon. Athula Welandagoda
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
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. 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. 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

May 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 May, 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 May, 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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President of Sri Lanka

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

May 27, 2026

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

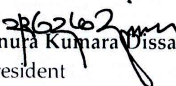
Hon. Speaker,

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 announcements:—

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

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

The Supreme Court has determined that the Bill may be passed by the simple majority of Parliament, except Clause 14 [proposed Section 12A(b)] and Clause 18 [proposed Sections 17A, 17B and 17C] which Clauses shall be passed by the special majority of Parliament. The Supreme Court has further determined that the said Clauses too can be passed by the simple majority of Parliament if they are amended as proposed by the Court.

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

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

- (i) Ninth Installment – Part XLIX of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2021;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part LVII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2023; and
- (iii) Second Installment – Parts LIV and LV and Ninth Installment – Parts XXXIX and XL 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 be printed.

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

- (i) Supplementary Estimate No. 02 of 2026;
- (ii) 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. 2482/09 of 31st March 2026;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2487/02 of 04th May 2026; and

- (iv) 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. 2487/29 of 07th May 2026

and moved that those Supplementary Estimate, Orders and Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) 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 Sri Lanka Railways in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament;
- (ii) 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 Public Service Commission in the Reports of the Committee on Public Accounts which were presented to Parliament;
- (iii) 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 Cabinet of Ministers in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament;
- (iv) 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 Finance Commission in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament;
- (v) 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 Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament; and
- (vi) 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 National Police Commission in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2490/07 of 28th May 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) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended by the Act No. 83 of 1988, relating to further extend the validity period of the Surcharge of 50% imposed on the applicable Customs Import Duty on general or preferential basis on the imported goods and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2473/31 of 31st January 2026;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 10A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended by the Act No. 83 of 1988 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2479/55 of 12th March 2026; and
- (iv) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Development Activities Programme appearing under the Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 02.04.2026 to 29.04.2026 in terms of Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 23 of 2025.

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

(5) The Minister of Health and Mass Media 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 Chief Government Whip 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.

(6) The Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development presented the National Mineral Policy - 2026.

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

(7) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources for the year 2025 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability .

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government 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 District Secretariat – Anuradhapura 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.

(9) The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and Minister of Energy presented the Order made by the then Minister of Energy under Section 1(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/41 of 05th March 2026 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment presented the Annual Report of the National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees: 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) Finance (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) Bill;
- (iii) Order under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2477/22 of 24th February 2026);
- (iv) Order under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/05 of 03rd March 2026);
- (v) Order under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/06 of 03rd March 2026); and
- (vi) Order under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/07 of 03rd March 2026)

which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa presented a petition dated 21.10.2025 from Mr. R.D. Asanka Wishwanath Ariyapala of No. 782, Gemunupura, Ampara.
- (2) Hon. Nandana Pathmakumara presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 30.04.2025 from Mr. A.K.D.G. Wickramasinghe and two others of No. 72/4, Suhada Mawatha, Walawwaththa, Wekada, Panadura;
 - (ii) A petition dated 15.09.2025 from Mr. G.D. Anura Wickrama of 188/8, Koswatta, Kothalawala, Bandaragama;

- (iii) A petition dated 16.07.2025 from Mr. H.D.U. Jayasekara and nine others of No. 39, Peiris Mawatha, Kaluthara North; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 23.07.2025 from Mr. S.D.S.R. Siriwardhana of No. 69/C, Dediawala, Waskaduwa, Kalutara North.
- (3) Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga presented—
- (i) A petition dated 01.10.2025 from Mrs. G.M. Inoka Thushari and two others of No. 296 A, Suhada Mawatha, Kirillewala, Webada; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 12.01.2026 from Mr. W.A.D.C.R. Kumara of No. A/193/3, South Malwana, Yatapana, Kegalle.

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

6. Business of the Parliament: The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 6 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament: The Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment on behalf of 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.

8. Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 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, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

(At 12.13 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.57 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/05 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/06 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Value Added Tax Act: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2478/07 of 03rd March 2026, which was presented on 19.05.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Decision under the Standing Orders of Parliament: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament determines under the provisions of Standing Order 119(4) of Parliament, that the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts, published as Parliamentary Series No. 243 and tabled in Parliament on July 25, 2025 which contains facts regarding the investigations conducted by the Committee on Public Accounts on 10.03.2025 and 21.03.2025 concerning the Department of Motor Traffic shall be referred to the Attorney-General for observations and necessary action.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance: The Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and the Minister of Energy on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959 and Law, No. 6 of 1978 of the National State Assembly and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 28th May, 2026, be approved.

The Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs moved,— That Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.14 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Ranasinghe took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.23 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 5.09 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 135; Noes: 07.

The following One Hundred and Forty Two (142) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. K.V. Samantha Viddyarathna	Yes
G 002. Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
G 003. K.D. Lal Kantha	Yes
G 005. Nalinda Jayatissa	Yes
G 006. Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
G 007. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
G 011. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna	Yes
G 012. Chrishantha Abeysena	Yes
G 014. Harshana Nanayakkara	Yes
G 015. Dammika Patabendi	Yes
G 016. Saroja Savithri Paulraj	Yes
G 017. Ananda Wijepala	Yes
G 018. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi	Yes
G 019. Sunil Kumara Gamage	Yes
G 020. Susil Ranasinghe	Yes
G 022. Anura Karunathilaka	Yes
G 023. Upali Pannilage	Yes
G 024. Kumara Jayakody	Yes
G 025. Nihal Galappaththi	Yes
G 026. Nihal Abeysinghe	Yes
G 027. Namal Karunaratne	Yes
G 028. Wasantha Piyathissa	Yes
G 029. Gamagedara Dissanayake	Yes
G 030. R.M. Jayawardhana	Yes
G 031. Sunil Watagala	Yes
G 032. Rathna Gamage	Yes
G 034. Chathuranga Abeysinghe	Yes
G 035. Eranga Gunasekara	Yes
G 036. Upali Samarasingha	Yes
G 037. T.B. Sarath	Yes
G 038. Nalin Hewage	Yes
G 039. Prasanna Gunasena	Yes

G 040. Anton Jayakody	Yes
G 041. Hemali Weerasekara	Yes
G 042. Sundaralingam Pradeep	Yes
G 044. Muneer Mulaffer	Yes
G 045. Hansaka Wijemuni	Yes
G 047. Namal Sudarshana	Yes
G 048. P. Ruwan Senarath	Yes
G 049. Madhura Senevirathna	Yes
G 050. Arun Hemachandra	Yes
G 052. Aruna Jayasekera	Yes
G 054. Kaushalya Ariyaratne	Yes
G 057. Dinindu Saman	Yes
G 058. Nishantha Jayaweera	Yes
G 059. Asoka Ranwala	Yes
G 060. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi	Yes
G 061. Gayan Janaka	Yes
G 062. Najith Indika	Yes
G 063. Lakmali Hemachandra	Yes
G 064. Samanmali Gunasingha	Yes
G 065. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake	Yes
G 066. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi	Yes
G 068. Shantha Pathma Kumara Subasingha	Yes
G 069. Ajith Agalakada	Yes
G 070. Sagarika Athauda	Yes
G 071. Roshan Akmeemana	Yes
G 072. U. P. Abeywickrama	Yes
G 074. M.K.M. Aslam	Yes
G 075. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana	Yes
G 076. Oshani Umanga	Yes
G 077. Krishnan Kalaichelvi	Yes
G 078. Upul Kithsiri	Yes
G 079. Wasantha Pushpa Kumara	Yes
G 080. Chaminda Lalith Kumara	Yes
G 081. Sarath Kumara	Yes
G 082. Nilanthi Kottahachchi	Yes
G 083. M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani	Yes
G 084. Darmapriya Wijesinghe	Yes

G 085. Thilanka U. Gamage	Yes
G 086. Nilusha Lakmali Gamage	Yes
G 088. Ajith Gihan	Yes
G 089. Jagath Gunawardana	Yes
G 090. Aboobucker Athambawa	Yes
G 091. Ruwanthilaka Jayakody	Yes
G 092. Thushari Jayasingha	Yes
G 093. T.K. Jayasundara	Yes
G 095. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy	Yes
G 097. Sugath Wasantha de Silva	Yes
G 098. Anushka Thilakarathne	Yes
G 099. Chandana Thennakoon	Yes
G 100. Thanura Dissanayake	Yes
G 101. Dharmapriya Dissanayake	Yes
G 102. Sujeewa Dissanayake	Yes
G 104. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna	Yes
G 105. Sena Nanayakkara	Yes
G 106. Aruna Panagoda	Yes
G 107. Nimal Palihena	Yes
G 108. Nishantha Perera	Yes
G 109. Stepni Fernando	Yes
G 110. Susantha Dodawatta	Yes
G 111. Lal Premanath	Yes
G 112. Nanda Bandara	Yes
G 113. Padmasiri Bandara	Yes
G 114. Ravindra Bandara	Yes
G 115. Sudath Balagalla	Yes
G 116. Sri Bavanandarajah	Yes
O 015. G.G. Ponnambalam	No
O 019. Sivagnanam Shritharan	No
O 039. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran	No
O 040. Gnanamuththu Srineshan	No
O 060. Thurai rasa Ravikaran	No
O 065. E. M. Basnayaka	Yes
O 066. Wijesiri Basnayake	Yes
O 067. S. Sandaruwan Madarasinghe	Yes
O 068. Prageeth Madhuranga	Yes

O 070. Ruwan Mapalagama	Yes
O 071. Nandana Millagala	Yes
O 072. Riyas Farook	Yes
O 079. Elayathamby Srinath	No
O 080. Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam	No
O 082. Sanjeeva Ranasingha	Yes
O 083. Sunil Rathnasiri	Yes
O 084. Manjula Sugath Rathnayaka	Yes
O 085. A.M.M.M. Rathwaththe	Yes
O 086. Manoj Rajapaksha	Yes
O 087. Sunil Rajapaksha	Yes
O 088. Hasara Liyanage	Yes
O 090. Kanchana Welipitiya	Yes
O 091. R. G. Wijerathna	Yes
O 092. Nishantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 093. Priyantha Wijerathna	Yes
O 094. Ruwan Wijeweera	Yes
O 095. Lasith Bhashana Gamage	Yes
O 096. Hiruni Wijesinghe	Yes
O 098. Fasmin Sharif	Yes
O 099. Thilina Samarakoon	Yes
O 100. Ambika Samivel	Yes
O 101. Dewananda Suraweera	Yes
O 102. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi	Yes
O 103. G.D. Sooriyabandara	Yes
O 104. Kitnan Selvaraj	Yes
O 105. Janaka Senarathna	Yes
O 106. Chandima Hettiaratchi	Yes
O 107. Champika Hettiarachchi	Yes
O 108. Dinesh Hemantha	Yes
O 109. Geetha Herath	Yes
O 111. Muhammad Faizal	Yes
O 112. Ashoka Gunasena	Yes
O 113. Nandana Pathmakumara	Yes
O 114. Sunil Biyanwila	Yes
O 115. Samantha Ranasingha	Yes

14. Presentation of papers with the special leave of the House notwithstanding the Provision of Standing Order 22(4) of Parliament: Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Rules made by the Chairman of the Governing Board and Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, under Section 105 read with Sections 7(1) (c) and Part VI of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2492/10 of 09th June 2026, and moved that the Rules be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. 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 5.56 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026.