



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 157.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 23, 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.) 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.) 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 Viddyaratna, 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

Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne, Deputy Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Arkam Ilyas, Deputy Minister of Power

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. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Gamagedara Dissanayake, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Muneer 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. (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. Aboobucker Athambawa

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

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Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

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Hon. M.K.M. Aslam

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law

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

Hon. Upul Kithsiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindrane 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. (Mrs.) Nilusha Lakmali Gamage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chathura 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. 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. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
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. Lal Premanath
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Padmasiri Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
Hon. Thahir Marrikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Chanaka Madugoda
Hon. Ruwan Mapalagama
Hon. (Dr.) Nandana Millagala
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, PC
Hon. Danushka Ranganath
Hon. R.M. Samantha Ranasinghe
Hon. Sunil Rathnasiri
Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake
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. (Mrs.) Hasara Liyanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Mrs.) Deepthi Wasalage
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. 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. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
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. 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. (Mrs.) Geetha Herath, Attorney at Law

Hon. Bhagya Sri 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.

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

I

“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill titled ‘Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal)’ on 17th of June 2026 in terms of the Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

II

“A motion may be moved to refer the Question of Privilege raised by the Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam, M.P., in Parliament on 21st May 2026 to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

III

“I wish to inform that the Hon. M.A.M. Thahir, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve on the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 112 of Parliament and as per the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19 March 2025.”

IV

“I wish to inform that the Hon. M. A. M. Thahir, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve on the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health and Mass Media, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 112 of Parliament and as per the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19 March 2025.”

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

- (i) Second Installment – Part LXVI of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2021;
- (ii) Second Installment – Parts LVI and LVII and Ninth Installment – Parts XLI and XLII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2024; and
- (iii) Second Installment – Part I 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.

(2) The Speaker presented the Special Audit Report prepared in relation to the revisions of water tariffs implemented from September 2022 to August 2024 by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board 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 Reports do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

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

- (i) 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 Department of Census and Statistics in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament;
- (ii) 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 Judges of the Superior Courts in the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament; and
- (iii) 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 Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka 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) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 17 read with Section 11 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, No. 28 of 2005 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2468/06 of 23rd December 2025;
- (ii) 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 the fourth Quarter of the year 2025 and the first Quarter of the year 2026; and
- (iii) Final Budget Position Report – 2025 in terms of Section 51 of the Public Financial Management Act, No. 44 of 2024

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under Sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2480/22 of 19th March 2026 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport, Highways and Urban Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Health and Mass Media moved that the Annual Report of the Salacine Television Institute for the year 2023, presented by the Hon. Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 07th of January 2026, which was referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital at that time, be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment, with the leave of the House due to the change in scope.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation presented the Annual Report of the Land Reform Commission 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.

(8) The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Anti - Doping Agency 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.

(9) The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports presented the Report on the observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Department of Sports Development 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.

(10) Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment moved that —

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Social Development for the years 2023 and 2024, submitted on the 30th of June 2025 and the 20th of March 2026 respectively;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Social Services for the year 2024, presented on the 30th of June 2025;
- (iii) Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the year 2024, presented on the 20th of March 2026;

- (iv) Annual Report of the National Councils and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2024, presented on the 07th of May 2026; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the National Councils for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders for the years 2023 and 2022, presented on the 19th of May 2026 and the 09th of June 2026 respectively

which were referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Infrastructure and Strategic Development at that time, be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital, with the leave of the House according to the relevant scopes.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, the Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the —

- (i) Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Order under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2482/09 of 31st March 2026);
- (iii) Order under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2487/02 of 04th May 2026);
- (iv) Regulations 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 (Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2487/29 of 07th May 2026); and
- (v) Annual Work Programme of the National Audit Office for the Year 2026

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe presented a petition dated 25.01.2025 from Mr. U. Nanayakkara of No.34/13, 1st Cross Street, Pagoda Road, Nugegoda.
- (2) Hon. (Prof.) Ruwan Ranasinghe presented a petition dated 20.07.2025 from Mr. K.A.P.P. Karuna Arachchi of 'Risila', Obada Ella, Bandarawela.
- (3) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 25.09.2025 from Mr. Upali Gunasinghe of Pelawatta Road, Meegahathenna.
- (4) Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi presented a petition dated 08.12.2025 from Mr. R.P. Ajith Pathmasiri of No. 411/05, Pitiyamulla Road, Kongodamulla, Katana.

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

5. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

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

Suspension of Sittings

At 11.37 a.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 11.47 a.m.

At 12.08 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

(At 12.12 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.51 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.19 p.m. the Hon. Imran Maharoof took the Chair.)

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. the Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law 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 the Minister of Finance and Planning 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 to 4 were agreed to.

Clause 5

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 17 to 28 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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 26 (both inclusive) in page 3.

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 6 was agreed to.

Clause 7

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 21 to 30 (both inclusive) in page 4.

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 16 (both inclusive) in page 5.

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 8 was 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 line 27 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“has exceeded sixty million rupees”;

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 5 in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“fifteen million rupees or its equivalent”;

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 23 in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“service provider shall maintain accounts for the tax”;

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 to 19 were 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.

6. Order under the Special Commodity Levy 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 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, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2): 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 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, which was presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act: 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 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, which were presented on 09.06.2026, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Online Safety (Repeal) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Presiding Member to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of Parliament.

10. Adjournment (Challenges for Fishing Industry): 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 5.43 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, June 24th, 2026.