



**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
OF
PARLIAMENT**

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the serious breaches of the Constitution and Appropriation Acts, of No.39 of 2005 and No.47 of 2006 and other Financial Regulations,—

Whereas the Hon. Leader of the Opposition in the course of his statement made in the House on 19th September, 2007 has disclosed serious breaches of the Constitution and Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and other Financial Regulations, and

Whereas monies appear to have been advanced to various persons and institutions in total disregard of the Constitution and Laws and Regulations the governing utilization of public funds, and

Whereas it appears senior officers of the Government are guilty of these breaches of the Law,

1. This House hereby resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed:
 - (i) To look into and report on the truth of these allegations,
 - (ii) To investigate and report on how a clause that is clearly violative of the Constitution was introduced into the Appropriation Act,
 - (iii) To recommend steps necessary to be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future, and
 - (iv) To recommend the action necessary to be taken against those who are implicated in these misdemeanours,

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.
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