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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Establishment of a Standing Committee of Parliament to consider the Appropriation Bill,—

Whereas the Standing Orders restricts the Committee Stage consideration of the Appropriation Bill (Budget) to 22 days – to consider the budgetary provisions for and the performance of approximately 50 Cabinet Ministers and 30 Non Cabinet Ministers;

And whereas that is quarter of a day to discuss each Ministry;

And whereas considering that only about 8 hours are reserved each day this would mean that very many of the Ministries would be discussed for approximately 2 hours;

And whereas that is hardly sufficient to discuss the year's performance and the following year's programme of each Ministry comprehensively;

This Parliament resolves that a Standing Committee of Parliament be established to consider the Appropriation Bill.

2. That this Committee would ideally be a large committee consisting of members from both sides of the Parliament.

3. The Committee shall have power to:

- (a) sit continuously from the date the estimates are presented to the Parliament;
 - (b) continuously review progress vis-a-vis the Budgetary allocation to each Ministry and make their recommendations to the Parliament regarding the budget; and
 - (c) to summon the relevant Ministry officials together with officials from the Treasury to be present during their deliberations.
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