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No. 9.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies
and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

The Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass
Media and the Chief Government Whip

The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

The Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and
Cultural Affairs

The Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

The Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

The Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

The Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

The Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

The Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Southern Development

The Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

The Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of
Buddhasasana

The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

The Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and
International Trade

The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

The Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

The Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous
Medicine

The Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Affairs

The Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

The Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

The Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

The Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply

The Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

The Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

The Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

The Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

The Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

The Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

The Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

The Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

The Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

The Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

The Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

The Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice

The Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

The Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

The Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

The Hon. Velu Kumar

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

The Hon. Siripala Gamalath

The Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

The Hon. Edward Gunasekara

The Hon. Sisira Jayakody

The Hon. Malith Jayathilake

The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

The Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez

The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

The Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

The Hon. Kanaka Herath

The Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement,—

“I wish to express my decision on the Point of Order raised by Hon. Anura Kumara Disanayaka when the Order, to vary the orders on 32,33,34,35 and 36 and the limits of the advance account under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 listed as item Nos. 1 to 6 of the Orders of the day of the Order Paper of Parliament of 23rd September 2015, was about to be presented to Parliament for approval.

Hon. Anura Kumara Disanayaka, expressing his views pointed out the facts that the relevant changes could be effected by the Minister in charge of the subject only before the 31st of May 2015 in terms of the Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 and that it can be approved by Parliament only before that date.

I studied this fact in detail and sustained necessary legal advice.

Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 36 of 2013 is as follows.

“8 (1) The Minister with the approval of the Government may, on or before May 31, 2015, by Order vary or alter –

- (a) any of the maximum limits specified in Column II, Column IV and Column V;
 - (b) the minimum limits specified in Column III’
- of the third Schedule to this Act.

(2) No Order made under subsection (1) shall have effect, unless it has been approved by Parliament by Resolution.

(3) Any Order made under subsection (1) shall, if so expressed therein, be deemed to have had effect from such date prior to the date of making such Order, as may be specified therein.”

Accordingly, in terms of the provisions of section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, the Minister in charge of the subject is vested with powers to vary or alter the minimum limits and the maximum limits of the Third Schedule thereof before 31 May 2015 with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Accordingly, the Hon. Minister of Finance has obtained Cabinet approval on; 9 October 2014 to vary the limits of,—

- Item Number 30602 Railway Stores Advance Account –Department of Railways,

On 18 March 2015 to amend the limits of the Advance Accounts,—

- Item Number 24702 Expenses in connection with Seized and Forfeited Goods Advance Account
- Item Number 21302 Printing of Books, Publicity and Sale of Publications Advance Account
- Item Number 31002 Stores Advance Account
- Item Number 31003 Work Done Advance Account

And; on 01 April 2015 to vary the limits related to,—

- Public Officers' Advance Account.

Subsequent to obtaining Cabinet approval in that manner, the resolutions seeking the approval of Parliament for the said variations had been submitted to Parliament by the Hon. Minister of Finance on 21 April 2015. However, I have had the fact confirmed that these resolutions had not been passed by Parliament up to the date on which the Seventh Parliament was dissolved.

Steps had been taken by the Hon. Minister of Finance to obtain Cabinet approval on 09 September 2015 to submit all the said resolutions to Parliament again and to submit them to Parliament seeking approval on 23 September 2015.

It is affirmed that the Minister of Finance has taken action to obtain Cabinet approval before 31 May 2015 for varying or altering the ceiling of the Advance Accounts as per Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013.

Although obtaining approval of Parliament is essential for such an order to be effective in terms of Sub Section (2), Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013, the said Act does not specify a stipulated time period.

Therefore, I wish to inform the House that the Minister of Finance has acted in adherence to the provisions contained in Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.36 of 2013 and that Cabinet approval as specified has been obtained within the stipulated period of time, accordingly the debate which commenced on motions under the Appropriation Act listed as items 1 to 6 of the Business for the Day on the Order Paper of 23 September 2015 can be continued, and the said six (6) motions can be passed in the House.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented the Reports on the Presidential Commissions of Inquiry of “Udalagama” and “Paranagama” and the Report of the United Nations’ Human Rights Commission.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) Protocol to Convention 29 adopted at the International Labour Organization at its 103rd Session in the year 2014; and
- (ii) Recommendation Adopted at the International Labour Organization at its 103rd Session in the year 2014.

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

(3) The Minister of Science, Technology and Research presented the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(4) The Minister of Finance presented,—

- (i) the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise Licenses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015; and
- (ii) the Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy - The General Treasury for the year 2014.

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

(5) The Minister of Finance presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(6) The Minister of Industry and Commerce presented,—

- (i) the Annual Report of the Consumer Affairs Authority for the year 2012; and

- (ii) the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2012 and moved that these reports be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Reports accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd. for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 2013.

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

(9) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management for the year 2014.

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

(10) The Minister of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs presented the Programmes and Performance Report of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year 2014.

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

(11) The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade presented,—the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1918/22 of 11th June 2015.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That for the purpose of the proceedings of the current session, Standing Order No. 30 of Parliament shall operate with substitution of the words “one hour” for the words “half an hour”.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa seconded by the Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Kashih Bunda Sri Lanka Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament to the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

The Minister of Housing and Construction moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.25 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.55 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

5. Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance : The Minister of Finance moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rs. 400,000,000,000 may, in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka, of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance be granted all requisite under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

Question put, and agreed to.

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

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 3 and insert,—

“resident in Sri Lanka and who is sixty years or more or reaching sixty”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 3 and insert,—

“deposits from the general public or any registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative Societies Law, No. 5 of 1972;”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 6 in page 4 and insert,—

“individual who is Sri Lankan, living or”;

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 6 were agreed to.

Clause 7

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 6 and insert,—

“by Act, No. 8 of 2014 is hereby further amended as follows:-”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 6 in page 7 and insert,—

“(A) prior to April 1, 2015 at the”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 12 in page 7 and insert,—

“(B) on or after April 1, 2015 at”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 and 14 in page 10 and insert,—

“machinery, fixture, fitting, utensils, articles or equipment,
including computer”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 21 in page 12 and insert,—

“and any Nation Building Tax on Financial”;

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 9

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 29 in page 13 and insert,—

“which he is not entitled to deduct under section 25.”;

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 10 to 12 were agreed to.

Clause 13

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 1 in page 18 and insert,—

“13. Section 40C of the principal enactment is hereby”;

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 14 to 15 were agreed to.

Clause 16

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines from 12 to 25 (both inclusive) in page 20 and insert,—

“Lanka Law, No. 4 of 1978 which provides tax holiday under section 16D or section 17A of this Act, if the approval of the Board of Investment was granted prior to October 31, 2014 and the company which invested in such undertaking is unable to complete the required investment prior to April 1, 2015 and to commence commercial operations prior to April 1, 2016 due to any practical reasons depending on the nature of the business, such period shall be extended up to April 1, 2018, if the Commissioner-General is satisfied that the nature of the activities engaged in by such new undertaking are only activities qualified under section 16D or section 17A and the Board”;

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 17 to 19 were agreed to.

Clause 20

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines from 12 to 37 (both inclusive) in page 24 and insert,—

“(ii) if such relevant profits exceeds twenty five million rupees, then the tax payable,

- on such portion of the relevant part of the taxable income as is equal to twenty five million rupees shall be at twelve *per centum*;
- on such portion of the balance as does not exceed ten million rupees shall be at the rate of fourteen *per centum*; and
- on any balance relevant part of the taxable income shall be computed according to such of the rates above twelve *per centum*, as are applicable thereto under the First Schedule to this Act subject to the following:”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines from 1 to 4 (both inclusive) in page 25.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines from 19 to 35 (both inclusive) in page 26 and insert,—

“(ii) if the relevant profits exceeds twenty five million rupees, then the tax payable,

- on the excess portion of twenty five million rupees over the amount by which the relevant profits exceeds relevant part of the taxable income shall be at twelve *per centum*;
- on the portion up to ten million rupees of the balance relevant part of the taxable income shall be at fourteen *per centum*; and”;

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 21

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 27 and insert,—

“a business of manufacture of products (other than liquor or tobacco), on expansion of the”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 28 in page 28 and insert,—

“as being payable by any local entrepreneurs”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 34 in page 28 and insert,—

““local entrepreneur” means, a person”;

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 22 to 24 were agreed to.

Clause 25

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines from 13 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 31 and insert,—

“(1) in paragraph (b) of that subsection by the substitution for the words “out of income arising in Sri Lanka,”, of the following:-

“out of income arising in Sri Lanka; or

(c) fees for technical services referred to in section 94,”;

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 26

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20 in page 32 and insert,—

“76(3), 104(2), 104A(2), 111, 112, 118, 122, 125(1), 130, 133, 162, 163,”;

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 27 was agreed to.

Clause 28

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines from 26 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 33 and insert,—

“(ii) an accountant who is a fellow member of the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka incorporated under the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, in relation to any person other than a company, or any partnership where the turnover of the business of such person or partnership for the year does not exceed five hundred million rupees.”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines from 1 to 3 (both inclusive) in page 34.

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 to 30 were agreed to.

Clause 31

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 5 in page 36 and insert,—

“(4) Any balance amount of national tax credit entitled”;

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 32 was agreed to.

Clause 33

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 32 and 33 in page 37 and insert,—

“33. Section 150 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution”;

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 34 to 35 were agreed to.

Clause 36

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 in page 40 and insert,—

“administered by the Commissioner-General”.

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 37 to 40 were agreed to.

New Clause 38

The Minister of Finance proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 15 of page 41,—

“Amendment
of the Fourth
Schedule to
the principal
enactment.

38. The Fourth Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :-

- (1) in the heading of that Schedule, by the substitution for the words “Royalty or Annuity”, of the words “Royalty, Annuity or Fees for Technical Services”; and
- (2) in that Schedule, by the substitution for the words “royalty or annuity”, of the words “royalty, annuity or fees for technical services”.

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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.

7. Finance Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 17 in page 1 and insert,—

“(3) The levy shall be paid on or before November, 15, 2015.”.

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 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 26 in page 2 and insert,—

“Commissioner General with effect from December, 31, 2015.”.

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 5 was agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 3 and insert,—

“engaged in the business of a casino, as at January 29, 2015,”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 11 in page 3 and insert,—

“(3) The levy shall be paid on or before November, 15, 2015.”.

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 7 to 9 were agreed to.

Clause 10

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 to 8 (both inclusive) in page 6 and insert,—

“to income tax determined in accordance with such agreement, after the expiration of its period of tax exemption set out in such agreement, means the profit before income tax of such company, as per the”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 15 and 16 in page 6 and insert,—

“tax under this Part, shall pay the tax in three equal installments on or before the thirty first day of October, thirtieth day of November and thirty first day of December of 2015,”.

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 11 was agreed to.

Clause 12

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 8 and insert,—

“indirectly, other than a holding company incorporated outside Sri Lanka and not registered under Chapter XVIII of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007;”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 10 in page 8 and insert,—

“indirectly, other than a subsidiary incorporated outside Sri Lanka and not registered under Chapter XVIII of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007, of a holding company incorporated outside Sri Lanka and not registered under Chapter XVIII of the Companies Act.”.

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 13

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 8 and insert,—

“(2) The levy shall be paid on or before November 15, 2015.”.

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 14 to 16 were agreed to.

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 26 and 27 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 17

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 28 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 9.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 7 (both inclusive) in page 10.

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 18

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 to 13 (both inclusive) in page 10.

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 19

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 14 to 32 (both inclusive) in page 10.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 3 (both inclusive) in page 11.

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 20

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 4 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 11.

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 21

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 24 in page 11 and insert,—

“(2) The levy shall be paid on or before November 15, 2015.”.

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 22 was agreed to.

Clause 23

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 21 in page 12 and insert,—

“remitted to the Commission to be credited to the”.

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 24 was agreed to.

Clause 25

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 and 11 in page 13 and insert,—

“in this Part referred to as “the levy”) of rupees one thousand million.”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 12 in page 13 and insert,—

“(2) The levy shall be paid on or before November 15, 2015.”.

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 26 to 27 were agreed to.

Clause 28

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 10 in page 14 and insert,—

“telecasting time is allocated for telecasting”.

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 29

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 in page 14 and insert,—

“constructed on or after April 1, 2000, a tax to be called”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 21 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 14 and insert,—

“(2) The tax shall be paid in four equal installments, respectively as follows:-”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 4 and 5 in page 15 and insert,—

“(2) The tax shall be collected by the Commissioner General and shall be remitted to the Consolidated Fund”.

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 30

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 17 (both inclusive) in page 15 and insert,—

“Default in payment of the tax. 30.(1) Where an owner of a mansion who is liable to pay the tax under this Part fails to pay such tax, as provided for in this Part, he shall be deemed to be a defaulter of tax under this Act.

(2) The provisions of Chapter XII, Chapter XXII, Chapter XXIII, Chapter XXIV, Chapter XXV, Chapter XXVI, Chapter XXVII, Chapter XXX and Chapter XXXI of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to any such defaulter.”.

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 31

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 15.

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 32

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 2 in page 16,—

“ Commissioner General” means the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue appointed or deemed to be appointed under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006;”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 19 to 26 (both inclusive) in page 16.

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 33

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 17 and insert,—

“33. (1) There shall be levied, with effect from November 1,”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 9 to 15 (both inclusive) in page 17 and insert,—

“(2) The tax shall be collected by the Commissioner General and shall be remitted to the Consolidated Fund within fifteen days from the date of collection.”.

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 34

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lined 21 to 23 in page 17 and insert,—

“ “ Commissioner General” means the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue appointed or deemed to be appointed under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006;”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 27 and 28 in page 17.

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 35

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 32 in page 17 and insert,—

“on or after January 1, 2016, from every importer of motor”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 22 to 27 (both inclusive) in page 18 and insert,—

“(3) The fee shall be paid, for every year commencing on or after January 1, 2016, on or before the thirty first day of December of the year preceding the relevant year.”.

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 36 to 37 were agreed to.

Clause 38

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 23 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 19.

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 39 to 42 were agreed to.

Schedule

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

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 11 in page 1 and insert,—

“operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order”.

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 2

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 28 to 35 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 5 (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 3

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 2 to 4 (both inclusive) in page 4 and insert,—

“the substitution for the words “for the purpose of this Act” the words “the substitution for the words “for the purposes of this Act, including any business in which any director of a Company or partner of a partnership is a director or”.

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 4

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 10 in page 4 and insert,—

“(a) prior to October 25, 2014, where any goods”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 23 in page 4 and insert,—

“(b) on or after October 25, 2014, where any goods”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 27 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 4 and insert,—

“consideration, such consideration shall be treated as a lease rental obtained under such lease agreement.”.

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 5 was agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 20 in page 5 and insert,—

“(b) locally produced fresh milk and with effect from November 1, 2015 locally grown fruits and vegetables or locally produced rice; and”.

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 7

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 7 and insert,—

“ending on or before December 31, 2013”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 19 in page 7 and insert,—

“2014 but ending on or before December 31,”;

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 22 and 23 in page 7 and insert,—

“three months commencing on or after January 1, 2015.”.

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 8 to 11 were agreed to.

Clause 12

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 29 and 30 in page 9 and insert,—

“read with the guidelines issued and published in the *Gazette* Notification by the Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue”

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 13

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert immediately after line 32 in page 9 the following:—

“(1) in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution for the words and figures “the provisions of Chapters I, II, III and item (xi) of the First Schedule to this Act” of the words and figures “the provisions of Chapters I, II, III and item (x) of paragraph (b) of PART II of the First Schedule to this Act”;

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 14 to 24 were agreed to.

Clause 25

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 7 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 14 and insert,—

“(2) in paragraph (a) of that PART-

(a) by the repeal of item (viii) and the substitution therefor of the following :-

“(viii) agricultural tractors or road tractors for semi-trailers (with effect from the date on which this Act comes into operation);”

(b) by the addition immediately after item (xxv) of the following new item:-”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 22 and 23 in page 15 and insert,—

“entered into on or after October 25, 2014, not being an agreement”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 25 and 26 in page 15 and insert,—

“entered into prior to October 25, 2014”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 17 and insert,—

“parts imported by Sri Lanka Ports”.

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 18 and insert,—

“the repossession of the same by the lessor on which input tax had been claimed”.

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 26 was agreed to.

Clause 27

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 24 and 25 in page 19 and insert,—

“against all actions civil or criminal, in respect of such collection.”

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 28 was agreed to.

New Clause

The Minister of Finance proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 26 in page 16:—

“(i) by the addition immediately after item (L) of paragraph (b), of the following new item:—

(LI) Locally manufactured coconut milk (with effect from November 1, 2015).”.

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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.

9. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 3 and insert,—

“vehicles in the stock remain unsold as at October”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 26 in page 3 and insert,—

“(12) cigarettes identified under”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 18 in page 4 and insert,—

“2014 in the stock remain unsold as at October 25”

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 3 to 4 were agreed to.

Clause 5

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 6 and insert,—

“improvement thereon; and”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 2 and 3 in page 8 and insert,—

“unsold in the stock which would have been otherwise liable to the same Duty if the same is manufactured after October 25, 2014;”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 15 in page 8 and insert,—

“manufactured cigarettes in stock”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 22 to 39 (both inclusive) in page 8 and insert,—

“(L) liquor identified under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Numbers for Custom purposes and liable to Custom Duty under the Revenue Protection Act, No. 19 of 1962 and Cess under Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 on the importation, or Excise Duty under the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) on the manufacturer as the case may be, including such manufactured liquor in the stock remain unsold as at October 25, 2014, which would have been otherwise liable to the same Duty, if manufactured after 25, 2014.”.”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 28 in page 9 and insert,—

“the brokerage receivable by such”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 21 in page 10 and insert,—

“(xxxvii) of the following new item :—”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 25 to 32 (both inclusive) in page 10 and insert,—

“residential accommodation in so far as the value of the construction project relating to the supply of such residential accommodation is less than ten million United States dollars or its equivalent in any other currency”.”

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 7 to 9 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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.

10. Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 2 and insert,—

“an Assessor”, of the words “furnish in writing or by electronic means”.

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.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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.

11. Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

SCHEDULE

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out item 1 of Part I of the Schedule in page 6 and insert,—

“1. For every year commencing on or after April 1, 1988, but prior to April 1, 2001.;	One hundred thousand rupees”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out items 7(i) and (ii) of Part I of the Schedule in page 7 and insert,—

“(i) through Agents.	Four million rupees
(ii) by the use of live telecast facilities in carrying on the business.;	six hundred thousand rupees”

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

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out item 1 of Part II of the Schedule in page 8 and insert,—

“1. For every year commencing on or after April 1, 1988, but prior to April 1, 2001.;	One million rupees”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out item 5 of Part II of the Schedule in page 8 and insert,—

“5. For carrying on the business of gaming including playing rudjino for every year commencing on or after April 1, 2013, but prior to April 1, 2015.;	One Hundred million rupees”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out item 6 of Part II of the Schedule in page 8 and insert,—

“6. For carrying on the business of gaming including playing rudjino for every year commencing on or after April 1, 2015.;	Two Hundred million rupees”
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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 10 to 11 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance 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.

12. Adjournment (Empowerment of Poor Families) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.42 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

And it being 7.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.