



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 41.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

The Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official
Languages

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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages,
Infrastructure and Community Development

The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

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 Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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 Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

The Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

The Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

The Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

The Hon. Niroschan 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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media

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The Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping 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

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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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
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. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
The Hon. Edward Gunasekara
The Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
The Hon. D. V. Chanaka
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. Thuraiatretnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Piya Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana 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. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
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. Johnston Fernando
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. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

The Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh

The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

The Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

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. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“In terms of Standing Order No. 50(2)(a) of the Parliament, I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received three copies of petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled “Penal Code (Amendment)”. ”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented,— Second Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2010; First Instalment – Parts XI and XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012 under 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 to be printed.

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

- (i) the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa for the year 2014; and
- (ii) the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat, Kurunegala for the year 2014.

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

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Supplementary Allocations from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingency Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget - 2015 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014.

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

(4) The Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2012.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 02.10.2015 from Mr. Anthony Don Joseph of Delgamuwa, Warakapola;
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.09.2015 from Mr. G. R. Nimal Rupasinghe of H 283, Mahanthegama Road, Mawela, Hingula; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 19.10.2015 from Mrs. N. P. D. A. K. Muthunayaka of Dharma Trade Centre, Matiyagane, Beligala.
- (2) Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.10.2015 from Mr. S. A. Ravindra Pemanath of 2nd Mile Post, Ampara Road, Siyabalanduwa; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 28.10.2015 from Mr. S. R. Sunil, No. 43/3/A, Mangala Road, Medda Watta, Matara.
- (3) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 12.11.2015 from Mrs. J. H. Padmini Jayamaha Menike of Karadawa, Kuratihena; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mr. W. Sarath Kumarasinghe of Molaelipitiya, Thisogama.
- (4) Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne presented a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mr. S. A. M. Ranjith Suriyahetti of No. 62, Pagoda Road, Nugegoda.
- (5) Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena presented a petition dated 30.09.2015 from Mr. G. A. H. L. M. Wijayawansa of Government Livestock Farm, Department of Livestock and Health, Kekanadura.
- (6) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.10.2015 from Mr. A. I. B Tennakoon of Temple Road, Hettipola;
 - (ii) a petition dated 03.02.2015 from Mr. L. M. Upatissa of No. 50/5, 1st Lane, Gettuwana Road, Kurunegala; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 17.10.2015 from Mr. W. M. K. A. Weerasekara of “Kalani”, Karagasthenna, Rathmalgoda, Polgahawela.

(7) Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva presented —

- (i) a petition dated 23.10.2015 from Mr. E. Rupasinghe of Munugoda, Seenigama, Hikkaduwa;
- (ii) a petition dated 12.09.2015 from Mr. K. Boman Cyril De Silva of No. 327, “Sewana”, Race Course Road, Bussa;
- (iii) a petition dated 10.09.2015 from Mr. L. K. Ariyaratne of “Deepani”, No. 10/2, Sri Wijayarama Road, Kaluwadumulla, Ambalangoda; and
- (iv) a petition dated 07.10.2015 from Mr. T. Piyadasa of “Sisira”, Sripathi Mawatha, Wathugedara.

(8) Hon. Kanaka Herath presented a petition dated 10.10.2015 from Mr. B. G. Nimal Jayasinghe Bandara of No. 50, Makehelwala, Mawanella.

(9) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 02.12.2015 from Mr. J. D. Karunasiri of No. 246, Hanwella.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 21 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 28.11.2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament resolves that during the operation of the Sectorial Oversight Committees, Standing Order Nos. 104 to 120 of the Parliament (both inclusive) shall be suspended.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the Parliament shall sit on January 09th Saturday, 2016, and the hours of sitting of Parliament on that day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the Parliament shall sit on January 26th Tuesday, 27th Wednesday, 28th Thursday, 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 09th January 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva seconded by Hon. Namal Rajapaksa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Chandrakumar Community Development 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.

10. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Twenty Fourth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 104

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.40 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.46 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 3.20 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 4.05 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 362,150,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,700,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,593,720,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,348,400,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 237

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 86,310,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,100,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 239

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 262,780,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,533,430,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 252

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 838,300,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,105,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 280

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 86,025,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,330,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 195

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 216,030,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,650,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 270,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 250,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 296

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,025,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,850,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 102

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 550,950,000 for Head 102, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,321,050,000 for Head 102, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,485,000 for Head 102, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 238

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 74,750,000 for Head 238, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,600,000 for Head 238, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 240

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,978,600,000 for Head 240, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,504,700,000 for Head 240, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed,— That the Head 240, Programme 02 - Recurrent Expenditure be amended by increasing Rs. 8,294,800,000.

“Programme 02- Development Activities be amended by increasing the Recurrent Expenditure to Rs. 44,443,800,000.

Recurrent Expenditure be reduced in respect of Project 2 - Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities

(a) Object Code 1702 - Contingency Services

Item	Project Description	Allocation (Rs.)
02	Other miscellaneous requirement provision of Rs. 19,840,000,000 be reduced by	85,200,000

Recurrent Expenditure be increased in respect of Project 2 - Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities

(b) Object Code 1702 - Contingency Services

Item	Project Description	Allocation (Rs.)
27	Adjustment of salaries of the Sri Lanka Police Service by provision of	3,000,000,000
28	Strengthening the Missions by increasing the government contribution for secondary school education of children of the staff of the mission by provision of	150,000,000
29	Lump sum payment for July strikers by provision of	500,000,000
30	Granting price subsidy to domestic milk powder Manufacturers by provision of	1,000,000,000

31	Granting price subsidy on canned fish for Lak Sathosa Ltd. by provision of	300,000,000
32	Granting allowances for short term practical training for trainees in the field of building and construction under the PPP mode by provision of	500,000,000
33	Facilitation to conduct 3 months training courses in the field of hospitality industry with collaboration of the private sector by providing course fee by provision of	100,000,000
34	Granting interest subsidy for fixed deposits of senior citizens through Licensed Finance Companies by provision of	1,500,000,000
35	Formulating a programme to undergo continuous teacher training through National Institute of Education by provision of	1,000,000,000
36	Granting interest subsidy to provide laptops for university students by provision of	300,000,000
37	Reimbursement of training cost of the trainees those engage in SME sector, to the registered audit firm by provision of	30,000,000

Question put, and agreed to.

Question that the increased sum of Rs. 44,443,800,000 for Head 240, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed,— That the Head 240, Programme 02 - Capital Expenditure be amended by increasing Rs. 557,201,780,000.

“Programme 02 - Development Activities be amended by increasing the Capital Expenditure to Rs. 579,201,780,000.

Capital Expenditure be increased in respect of Project 2 - Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities

(a) Object Code 2503 - Contingency Services

Item	Project Description	Allocation (Rs.)
05	Other contingency payment provisions of Rs. 20,000,000,000 be increased by	109,266,780,000
08	Construction of mini Industrial Parks (Monaragala, Puttalam, Jaffna, Vanni and Ampara) by provision of	150,000,000
09	Improve agricultural productivity under the PPP mode by provision of	1,000,000,000

10	Establishment of three warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Rathnapura (Embilipitiya) and balance works in Mannar Districts by provision of	1,000,000,000
11	Establishment of cold rooms for vegetables and fruits nearby economic centers in Nuwara Eliya, Dambulla, Embilipitiya, Keppetipola and Thambuthegama by provision of	2,000,000,000
12	Development and upgrading of fishery harbours in Chilaw, Mirissa, Kalmune, Valvettithurai, Karai Nagar and Puranawella by provision of	750,000,000
13	Establishment of agro livestock and fish processing park connecting to Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi districts by provision of	100,000,000
14	Enhancing fish breeding capacity through National Aquaculture Development Authority by provision of	100,000,000
15	Setting up an Aquaculture park in Batticaloa District by provision of	100,000,000
16	Implementation of Master Plan for Rubber Development by provision of	100,000,000
17	Implementation of Coconut Cultivation and Rehabilitation Programme by provision of	250,000,000
18	Strengthening Tea, Rubber and Coconut Research Institutes by provision of	200,000,000
19	Strengthening of Sugarcane and Palmyra Research Institutes by provision of	100,000,000
20	Branding of Sri Lanka spices globally by provision of	150,000,000
21	Strengthening the Cinnamon Research Unit by provision of	50,000,000
22	Setting up a Cinnamon Development Authority by provision of	50,000,000
23	Expansion of Cinnamon Training School by provision of	50,000,000
24	Providing facilities for research works on cinnamon and cinnamon related activities through National Science Foundation by provision of	50,000,000
25	Implementation of Rural Reawakening Programme to develop 2,500 cluster villages as complete rural economic units and increasing the Decentralized Budget by provision of	21,000,000,000
26	Establishment of new Economic Zone in Vavuniya by provision of	200,000,000
27	Rehabilitation of small tanks and canals by provision of	2,000,000,000
28	Implementation of National Environmental Conservation, child protection, drug prevention programme and agriculture programme by provision of	2,000,000,000

29	Implementation of Programme on protecting wild life and addressing human elephant conflict by provision of	3,000,000,000
30	Establishment of Specialized Agriculture and Fishery Export Zones by provision of	2,000,000,000
31	Implementation of Advance Digitalization of Economy Programme by provision of	10,000,000,000
32	Contribution for Government EXIM Bank as seed capital by provision of	50,000,000
33	Establishment of a land bank by provision of	500,000,000
34	Assistance for constructing 1,000 rural houses in each electorate by provision of	4,500,000,000
35	Establishment of infrastructure facilities to create MICE activities by provision of	3,000,000,000
36	Improvement of tourist attraction places by provision of	500,000,000
37	Providing initial capital for Financial Institution Restructuring Agency by provision of	10,000,000
38	Establishment of trading platform under the supervision of Central Bank by provision of	500,000,000
39	Strengthening and developing Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board by provision of	100,000,000
40	Providing facilities of teacher quarters, rest rooms etc. for rural and regional schools by provision of	2,000,000,000
41	Providing sanitary and water facilities for all schools by provision	4,000,000,000
42	Providing electricity facilities (national grid or solar) for the schools by provision of	2,000,000,000
43	Upgrading facilities of primary schools by provision of	10,000,000,000
44	Upgrading facilities of secondary schools (Activity rooms, Laboratories, Multimedia Facility rooms) by provision of	15,000,000,000
45	Improvement of facilities of the schools which have not been assisted during recent past by provision of	30,000,000,000
46	Upgrading 25 secondary level schools in plantation sector by provision of	250,000,000
47	Improving science education in schools by provision of	450,000,000
48	Providing dental health facilities for schools by provision of	250,000,000

49	Establishment of Mahapola University at Malabe by provision of	3,000,000,000
50	Construction of new building for Post Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies by provision of	500,000,000
51	Improvement of degree programmes and providing other facilities for the university academic staff by provision of	6,000,000,000
52	Improvement of vocational training and technical education (introduce new degree courses in the field of technology and marine by University of Vocational Technology and Ocean University, training of master trainers in the field of English and soft skills, conduct training programmes with PPP modes, increase the student enrolment by 200 in Ceylon German Technical Training Institute within 2 year period) by provision of	3,000,000,000
53	Providing youth training through National Youth Corp by provision of	3,000,000,000
54	Establishment of 1,000 Kidney Dialysis Centers in Chronic Kidney Disease prevalent areas by provision of	6,500,000,000
55	Construction of a hospital specialized in kidney disease management in Minneriya by provision of	2,000,000,000
56	Construction of 3 cancer hospitals in Nallur, Kandy and Matara by provision of	3,000,000,000
57	Upgrading the Anuradhapura, Kurunagala and Jaffna hospitals by provision of	3,000,000,000
58	Development of mobile hospitals by provision of	200,000,000
59	Providing facilities and improvement to reduce non-communicable diseases by provision of	250,000,000
60	Construction of well-equipped 10 district based stroke centers and strengthening the accident and emergency care services in the hospitals by provision of	5,000,000,000
61	Providing facilities to conduct research activities in Dengue, CKDU, Diabetes and Cancer through National Science Foundation by provision of	250, 000,000
62	Refurbishing and expanding Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital by provision of	1,500,000,000
63	Improvement of Nursing School affiliated to Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital by provision of	2,500,000,000
64	Government contribution as seed capital for Innovation Accelerator Fund by provision of	100,000,000
65	Upgrading selected "Nanasala Centers" by provision of	100,000,000
66	Facilitating to accession of Madrid system through National Intellectual Property Office by provision of	100,000,000
67	Formulating a National Policy for elders through National Council for Elders by provision of	10,000,000

68	Strengthening of National Child Protection Authority by provision of	100,000,000
69	Formulating accredited child care giver training with the collaboration of Sri Lanka Vocational Training Authority and National Child Protection Authority by provision of	50,000,000
70	Increasing the No. of police stations to 600 by provision	1,000,000,000
71	Strengthening the National Police Training Academy to conduct continuous training in core policing sectors including traffic management by provision of	100,000,000
72	Development of network communication system by provision of	250,000,000
73	Increasing the distribution network and debt restructuring of the "Lak Sathosa Ltd." by provision of	1, 000,000,000
74	Construction of new building complex for Inland Revenue, Excise and Postal Departments and National Lotteries Board by provision of	2,000,000,000
75	Establishment of institute to provide professional qualification to the public sector accountants by provision of	50,000,000
76	Improvement of court administration and automated court administration system by provision of	500,000,000
77	Conducting legal reform programme by provision of	500,000,000
78	Strengthening the capacity of Judicial Training Institute, capacity building of Attorney General, Legal Draftsman and Government Analyst Departments by provision of	500,000,000
79	Implementation of IT benchmarking and promotional activities by provision of	100,000,000
80	Providing assistance to three wheel owners to convert their vehicles from fuel to electricity by provision of	50,000,000
81	Introducing mechanism to manage the traffic and improve the security by provision of	500,000,000
82	Improvement of Kelani Valley Railway Line by provision of	1,500,000,000
83	Improvement of railways and bus transport by providing "Park & Ride" facilities in selected towns including Ja-Ela, Avissawella, Panadura, Kadawata and Piliyandala, by provision of	1,000,000,000
84	Improvement of Jaffna Railway line from Maho to Vavuniya by provision of	200,000,000
85	Improvement of water transport by provision of	250,000,000

86	Strengthening the activities of Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation by provision of	50,000,000
87	Rehabilitation and improvement of facilities of Industrial Estates and establishment of Industrial Development Zones in Hambantota, Raigama, Mahaoya and Trincomalee including information and agricultural technology zones by provision of	500,000,000
88	Expansion of road network including Ruwanpura Expressway, Marine Drive up to Panadura, Pamankada – Ratmalana Road, new bridge construction over the Kelani River, reconstruction of 25 bridges and 3 flyovers, by provision of	15,000,000,000
89	Government contribution to construct elevated road from Cotta Road to Kaduwela on BOT basis by provision of	10,000,000,000
90	Construction of new access road from Kelani Bridge to Colombo Fort by provision of	4,000,000,000
91	Government Contribution as seed capital to Infrastructure Development Authority by provision of	1,000,000,000
92	Expediting the activities of Yaan Oya Irrigation project by provision of	1,000,000,000
93	Implementation of Megapolis project including township development and urban solid waste management by provision of	10,000,000,000
94	Improvement of access to clean water and facilities of sewerage and urban development by provision of	2,500,000,000
95	Providing facilities for Southern Development including development of seaport and airport, logistics support, agro based industries, agricultural support services, urban facility improvement and rural sanitation facilities by provision of	1,000,000,000
96	Providing facilities for North Western Province including implementation of drinking water projects, improvement of irrigation facilities and fisheries development by provision of	2,500,000,000
97	Implementation of "Pubudamu Polonnaruwa" program by provision of	10,000,000,000
98	Implementation of resettlement program for Internally Displaced People (IDP) by providing housing facilities, clean water & electricity and improvement of Delft Jetty, renovation road from Velanai to Kayts, establishment of waste management system and livelihood development program by provision of	14,000,000,000

99	Implementation of housing program and amenities for plantation communities by provision of	1,000,000,000
100	Contribution to the Local Government Authorities to upgrade infrastructure facilities by provision of	1,500,000,000
101	Government contribution to set up a Contributory Pension Scheme for Artists through Association of Artists by provision of	15,000,000
102	Implementation of Sports Development Program including identification of talented sportsmen and sportswomen, development of walking tracks and obtaining facilities from the foreign coaches etc., by provision of	1,000,000,000
103	Improvement of laboratory facilities of Sri Lanka Standard Institute, Industrial Technological Institute, Pharmaceutical Research Laboratory by provision of	200,000,000
104	Implementation of Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme providing insurance premium by provision of	300,000,000
105	Enhancing policy formulation and policy analysis mechanism of the country by provision of	200,000,000
106	Strengthening of the Commission to Investigate Allegation of Bribery or Corruption by provision of	500,000,000
107	Strengthening Parliamentary system including Oversight Committee by provision of	250,000,000
108	Government contribution to J. R. Jayawardana Center to improve capacity development of Hon. Members of Parliament by provision of	50,000,000
109	Issuance of bonds for balance sheet restructuring for State Owned Enterprises by provision of	120,000,000,000
110	Adjustment for book/ cash value of government securities by provision of	80,000,000,000
111	Government contribution to Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs by provision of	500,000,000
112	Development of Industrial Zones by provision of	700,000,000
113	Expediting the activities of Moragahakanda Irrigation project by provision of	1,000,000,000”

Question put, and agreed to.

Question that the increased sum of Rs. 579,201,780,000 for Head 240, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 241

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 68,850,000 for Head 241, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,300,000 for Head 241, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 242

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 44,400,000 for Head 242, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,250,000 for Head 242, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 243

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,835,510,000 for Head 243, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,700,000 for Head 243, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 229,000,000 for Head 243, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 244

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 46,825,000 for Head 244, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,500,000 for Head 244, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 245

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,625,000 for Head 245, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,350,000 for Head 245, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 246

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,423,400,000 for Head 246, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,103,350,000 for Head 246, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 247

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,956,000,000 for Head 247, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 79,500,000 for Head 247, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 248

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 665,350,000 for Head 248, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 265,800,000 for Head 248, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 249

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,722,900,000 for Head 249, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,651,640,000 for Head 249, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,565,570,000 for Head 249, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 250

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,900,000 for Head 250, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,700,000 for Head 250, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 251

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 378,650,000 for Head 251, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,500,000 for Head 251, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 323

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,050,000 for Head 323, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 600,000 for Head 323, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 324

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 34,500,000 for Head 324, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,300,000 for Head 324, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 329

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,730,000 for Head 329, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,350,000 for Head 329, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance moved,—That the First Schedule as amended stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Second Schedule

The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Third Schedule

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed an amendment to leave out line 01 in page 40 of the Third Schedule, and insert the following:-

“11	Office of the Finance Commission	01101	Advance to Public Officers	3,000,000	700,000	12,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out line 11 in page 41 of the Third Schedule, and insert the following:-

“29	Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation	11401	Advance to Public Officers	11,000,000	4,700,000	45,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out lines 12 and 13 in page 41 of the Third Schedule, and insert the following:-

“30	Minister of Higher Education and Highways	11701	Advance to Public Officers	18000,000	10,000,000	70,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out lines 13, 14 and 15 in page 42, and insert the following:-

“43	Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs	14501	Advance to Public Officers	6,000,000	4,000,000	37,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to insert immediately after line 3, in page 44, the following:-

“57	Minister of Special Assignment	16701	Advance to Public Officers	2,500,000	200,000	10,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out lines 4 and 5, in page 44.

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

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out lines 12 and 13 in page 44, and insert the following:-

“62	Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development	19201	Advance to Public Officers	210,000,000	90,300,000	400,000,000	-”
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Third Schedule as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Postponed Clause 2

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed an amendment to leave out the words “rupees one thousand nine hundred forty one billion four hundred fifty million four hundred thirty eight thousand” (in lines 8 to 10 of page 1 and lines 12 to 14 of page 2) of the sub section (1) and (2) of Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2016 and insert the words “rupees two thousand five hundred seven billion ninety seven million eighteen thousand” therefor.

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

The Minister of Finance (Cabinet approval having been signified) proposed another amendment to leave out the words “rupees one thousand three hundred forty nine billion one hundred twenty three million four hundred twenty thousand” (in lines 5 to 7 of page 2) of the subsection (1) (b) of Clause 2 of the Appropriation Bill for 2016 and insert the words “rupees one thousand six hundred ninety nine billion” therefor.

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

The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Question that the postponed clauses 3 to 10 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. Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes:160; Noes: 51; Absent: 13.

AYES

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Daya Gamage
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Navin Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma
Bandara
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka	Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga	Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka	Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody	Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama	Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera	Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe	Hon. Dunes Gankanda
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne	Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne	Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa	Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan	Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Rauff Hakeem	Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. Abdul Haleem	Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Kabir Hashim	Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. P. Harrison	Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala	Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare	Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake	Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero	Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne	Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Dilan Perera	Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Niroshan Perera	Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. A. D. Premadasa	Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara	Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran	Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan	Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene	Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi	Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera	Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
	Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri	Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. Velu Kumar	Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne	Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran	Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Chandima Gamage	Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Edward Gunasekara	Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Malith Jayathilake	Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne	Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana	Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana	Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah	Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam	Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma	Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman	Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Sirinal de Mel	Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake	Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Douglas Devananda	Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Mohamed Navavi	Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan	Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana	Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa	Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha	Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra	Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda	Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor	Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. S. M. Marikkar	Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. K. Kader Masthan	Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Imran Maharoof	Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff	Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma	Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez
	Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

NOES

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Dilum Amunugama	Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma	Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera	Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila	Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi	Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana	Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana	Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera	Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena	Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. D. V. Chanaka	Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Sisira Jayakody	Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa	Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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Hon. Anura Dissanayaka	Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake	Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake	Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana	Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera	Hon. Kanaka Herath
	Hon. Vijitha Herath

Bill as amended accordingly read the third time and passed.

11. Order under the Finance Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1915/2 of 18th May 2015, which was presented on 03.11.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/40 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Notification under the Excise Ordinance : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/41 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 975, 976 and 977)

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 regarding Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1933/14 of 21st September 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Regulations under the Insurance Industry Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 read with Sections 13 (1) (d) and Section 16 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/17 of 25th March 2015, which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income entered on 03rd April, 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015 be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Sectoral Oversight Committees : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That this Parliament resolves that—

There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Sectoral Oversight Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, Resolutions, Treaties, Reports and Other Matters relating to subjects within their jurisdiction;

- (b) The Committee of Selection shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institutions assigned to Ministries under Articles 43(1) and 43(2) of the Constitution to the appropriate Sectoral Oversight Committee, which shall be as follows:—
1. Economic Development
 2. International Relations
 3. National Security
 4. Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources
 5. Women and Gender
 6. Education and Human Resources Development
 7. Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment
 8. Transport and Communication
 9. Agriculture and Lands
 10. Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media
 11. Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage
 12. Business and Commerce
 13. Energy
 14. Manufacturing and Services
 15. Internal Administration and Public Management
 16. Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction
- (c) All Bills, Resolutions, Treaties, Reports and Other Matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being considered by the Parliament.
2. (a) The several Sectoral Oversight Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph 1.(c) in order to assist Parliament in:—
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of—
 - (a) the application, administration, execution and effectiveness of legislation passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a Committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall review and study on a continuing basis—
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislative projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislative projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

- (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a Bill or a Resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliamentary Business. In developing its plan each Committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible—
 - (i) consult with other Committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislative projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among Committees when conducting reviews of such legislative projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statutes and court decisions which need further consideration, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislative projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) to ensure that all significant legislative projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to periodic review.
 - (e) not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Speaker shall report to Parliament the oversight plans submitted by Committees together with any recommendations that it may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) Parliament may refer any item to any Sectoral Oversight Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
4. (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, Regulation, Resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under a Sectoral Oversight Committee named under paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
- (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each Committee that has jurisdiction under paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.

- (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:—
 - (i) shall designate a Committee exercising primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional Committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the Committee exercising primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee which has primary jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it is to be taken into account in the Committee which has primary jurisdiction.
5. (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or Regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
- (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be moved by the Chairman of the Committee or any other member designated by the Committee during the Committee stage of such Bill under Standing Order No. 56 of the Parliament as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee.
6. (a) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall prepare a calendar of its meetings.
- (b) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Sectoral Oversight Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable or as decided by the Chairman.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Sectoral Oversight Committee shall be summoned either by the Chairman or at the request of half the members of the Committee.
7. Every Sectoral Oversight Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Sectoral Oversight Committees:—
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition

- (vii) Government and Opposition Whips
 - (viii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 43(2) of the Constitution
 - (ix) Ministers appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 44(5).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of not more than three Sectoral Oversight Committees. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Sectoral Oversight Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
 - (c) The places in each Sectoral Oversight Committee will be allocated by the Committee of Selection to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
 - (d) The Leaders of the political parties or of the independent groups represented in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Sectoral Oversight Committee to the Committee of Selection. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
 - (e) The Leader of any political party or independent group represented in Parliament may in writing request the Committee of Selection to remove any such Member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Committee of Selection shall on receiving such request discharge such Member from such Committee and inform Parliament.
 - (f) Each Sectoral Oversight Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman from among the Members of the Sectoral Oversight Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings without leave of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Sectoral Oversight Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
 10. Matters referred to a Sectoral Oversight Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 6 weeks has lapsed from the reference unless the Parliament has directed otherwise and provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
 11. Every Sectoral Oversight Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons.

12. (a) Every Sectoral Oversight Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the Minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Sectoral Oversight Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
13. (a) Whenever the Report of a Sectoral Oversight Committee recommends the enactment of legislation, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 6 weeks of such Report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Sectoral Oversight Committee is a non-legislative report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 6 weeks of the Report being tabled in Parliament.
14. Paragraph 8(a) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

And;

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed the following amendments,—

(1) Amend paragraph 1(b) of the Motion by inserting immediately after the words “The Committee of Selection shall” the words “determine the number of Members, not being less than fifteen (15), who shall constitute each Sectoral Oversight Committee and”;

(2) By deleting “43(2)” in paragraph 1(b) and substituting therefor “44(2)”; and

(3) In paragraph 8(b) by deleting the Roman numeral “(viii)” and substituting therefor the Roman numeral “(ix)”.

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

Accordingly, question that the motion as amended be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

18. Committee on Public Finance : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That this Parliament resolves that—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be elected by the Members of the Committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149 (1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriation Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;

- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
 - (g) public debt and debt service;
 - (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003.
3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
 4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
 5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.
- (2) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament, 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.

And;

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed the following amendments,—

(1) Amend :

Paragraph (1)2(b) by deleting the words “under Article 149(1) of the Constitution”; and

paragraph (1)2(c) by deleting the words “under Article 149(1) of the Constitution”; and

Paragraph (1)2(d) by deleting the words “under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution”.

(2) By deleting paragraph (2) entirely; and

(3) By renumbering paragraph (3) as “(2)” and paragraph (4) as “(3)”.

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

Accordingly, question that the motion as amended be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“Hon. Members, As Item No. 10 to Item No. 21 have to be passed by a vote of two-thirds majority of the Members of Parliament including those absent, leave of Parliament is sought to hold the vote to all the said items together after the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs or Hon. Leader of the House has moved the items separately.”

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Qatar for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd May 2012, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided under Standing Order No. 43 of the Parliament as follows : Ayes:157; Noes: Nil.

20. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 03rd January 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

21. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 10th June 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

22. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.4) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 11th March 1996, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

23. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.5) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

24. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.6) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

25. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.7) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 13th March 1986, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

26. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.8) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Malaysia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 16th April 1982, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

27. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.9) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th January 2000, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

28. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.10) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 25th July 2000, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

29. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.11) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to;

30. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.12) : The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of India for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd January 1997, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 01.12.2015 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

Question put, and agreed to.

Accordingly, the Motion Nos. 11 to 21 were agreed to; the Parliament having divided under Standing Order No. 43 of the Parliament as follows : Ayes:156; Noes: Nil.

31. Adjournment : And it being past 5.00 p. m. the Parliament was at 7.00 p. m. adjourned by the Speaker without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, January 09, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.