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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, May 03, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

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

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

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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

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

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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

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

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
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Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
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Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcement by the Speaker : Speaker made the following announcements:

I

“In terms of Standing Order No. 46 A (3)(a) of Parliament, I wish to announce that a communication has been received from the Northern Provincial Council seeking to consult Parliament on the “Statute of Northern Provincial Tourist Authority.

This Communication be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.”

II

“I wish to inform that the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill entitled “**Foreign Exchange**” which had been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that the provisions of the Bill are not inconsistent with the Constitution subject to the corrections stated in the determination.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings”.

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

- The First Instalment – Parts XIV and XV, Fourth Instalment – Part XII and Sixth Instalment – Parts XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV and XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013;
- The First Instalment – Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII, Fourth Instalment – Parts XI and XII and Fifth Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014; and
- The First Instalment – Parts V and VI, Second Instalment – Parts VIII, IX, X and XI Fourth Instalment – Part VI and Fifth Instalment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare under Section 42 of the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013, amended by the Act No. 2 of 2017 and under section 42 to be read with Sections 25(2) and 29(2) of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/8 of 07th March 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the—

- Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year of 2014; and
- Performance Report of the Department of Motor Traffic for the year of 2016

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Reports of the Road Development Authority for the years of 2013 and 2014 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Board for the year of 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Tilak Marapana, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on “Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) (Amendment) Bill”, “Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Report of the Chilaw Plantation Ltd for the year 2014”, “Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Savings Bank for the year 2013”, “Annual Report of the Regional Development Bank for the year 2014”, “Annual Reports of the Bank of Ceylon for the years 2014 and 2015”, “Annual Reports of the People’s Bank for the years 2014 and 2015” ”, “Annual Reports of the National Savings Bank for the years 2014 and 2015” and “Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd for the year 2014” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Vijitha Herath, The Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands on “Annual Report of the Coconut Cultivation Board for the year 2013, “Annual Reports of the Coconut Development Authority for the years 2013 & 2014”, “Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2014, “Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2014”, “Annual Report of the Coconut Research Board for the year 2013”, “Annual Report of the Sugarcane Research Institute for the year 2013”, “Annual Performance Report of Ministry of the Plantation Industries for the year 2015”, “Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, Talawakelle for the year 2014”, “Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2014”, “Annual Reports of the Rubber Research Board for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2014” and “Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited for the year 2013/2014” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Vadivel Suresh, The Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on “Annual Report of the Ministry of Higher Education for the year 2014”, “Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways for the year 2015”, “Annual Reports of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology of the University of Colombo for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Reports of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Reports of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Report of the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka for the year 2013”, “Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement of University of Colombo Sri Lanka for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Reports of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka for the years 2013 and 2014”, “Annual Report of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences – University of Colombo for the year 2013” and “Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro – Technology and Rural Sciences for the year 2013” which were referred to the said committee.

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

4. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera presented —

- (i) a petition dated 11.07.2016 from Mr. Dayarathna Nehinna of "Sevana", Ovitigala, Mathugama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 25.01.2017 from Mr. W. M. P. B. Wanninayaka of No. 47, Isuru Place, Alakoladeniya Road, Malkaduwwa, Kurunegala.

(2) Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe presented —

- (i) a petition dated 26.01.2017 from Mr. A. G. S. Silva Served in Ragama Hospital, Ragama;

- (ii) a petition dated 22.03.2017 from Mr. Chanaka Illupperuma of No. 146/2, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Kandy;
 - (iii) a petition dated 10.03.2017 from Mrs. Kamala (Ranaweera) Wadugodapitiya of No. 03, Mareena Avenue, Barnes Place, Colombo 07;
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.03.2017 from Mr. N. C. Korale of No. 595, Nawala Road, Rajagiriya; and
 - (v) a petition dated 21.03.2017 from Mr. T. W. M. Sanjeeva Dissanayaka of No. 118/4, Nisala Place, Naampamunuwa, Piliyandala.
- (3) Hon. Vasantha Senanayake presented a petition dated 17.02.2017 from Mr. H. G. Somachandra of No. 520, Pelatiyawa, Polonnaruwa.
- (4) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
- (i) a petition dated 20.03.2017 from Mrs. Chandra Malani Suriyaarchchi of No. 192, Kalawellawa Road, Kekulandala, Agalawatta;
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.03.2017 from Mr. H. G. P. Gunasekara of No. 253/B, Millewa, Horana;
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.03.2017 from Mr. Hemasiri Mapalagamage of No. 47, 5th Lane, Nagoda, Kalutara;
 - (iv) a petition dated 26.02.2017 from Mr. M. H. Rasin of No. 180, Nimthera Asapuwa, Etavila Road, Kalutara South;
 - (v) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mr. Mohomad Nauf of No. 27/D, Ebrahim Road, Thotawatta, Keselwatta, Panadura;
 - (vi) a petition dated 11.02.2017 from Mrs. U. D. D. Wimalawathie of No. 37/2, Watte Handiya, Melagama, Wadduwa; and
 - (vii) a petition dated 20.03.2017 from Mr. W. G. Piyadasa of Milgasudulla, Halkandavila.
- (5) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 22.10.2016 from Mr. L.N. Verks of “Shanthi“, Panapagewatta, Baddegama.
- (6) Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena presented a petition dated 19.12.2016 from Mr. K. Kadiravepulle of Second Division, Karthiv - 32250.
- (7) Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage presented a petition dated 13.01.2017 from Mr. D. M. Piyadasa of “Deshani“, Gonkatuthennaa, Thaldena.
- (8) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 18.03.2017 from Mr. E.M. Thilakarathna of No. 174, Pallegama, Weuda.

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

5. Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana presented,— Bill to make special provisions to exempt internally displaced persons from certain requirements of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 23 May, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Edward Gunasekara seconded by Hon. Lucky Jayawardena moved,— that leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Cancer Care Trust.”

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 Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine for report.

7. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1994/20 of 21st November 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(At 2.47 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Primary Industries moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.37 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.55 p.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/50 of 09th December 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/5 of 20th December 2016 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/85 of 06th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2002/29 of 18th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2003/43 of 27th January 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/41 of 16th February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8) : The Minister of Finance, moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/38 of 23rd February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9) : The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/44 of 26th February 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10) : The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/05 of 07th March 2017 which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1995/37 of 02nd December 2016)

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/86 of 06th January 2017)

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1) : 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. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/29 of 10th November 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2): 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. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3): 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. 2003/22 of 25th January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act: The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister Finance under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/51 of 11th November 2016 which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 and substitute the following:—

“ of motor vehicles,”;

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 7 were agreed to.

New Clause 4

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 11 in page 5—

“Amendment of section 13 of the principal enactment. 4. Section 13 of the principal enactment as last amended by Act, No. 13 of 2015 is hereby further amended in the definition of the expression “person”, by the repeal of paragraph (g) and the substitution therefor of the following:—

“(g) the Central Bank of Sri Lanka prior to March 31, 2017; and”.

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

Question that the new Clause 4 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.

24. Adjournment (Preventing Pollution of Kelani River) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of City Planning and Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.33 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.04 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, May 04, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 06 April, 2017.