



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 29.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence and Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

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

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication, Digital
Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Deputy Minister of National Integration,
Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

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

“I wish to inform that the Speaker has endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled ‘Apartment Ownership (Special Provisions)’ and ‘Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment)’ on 15th August 2018 and on the Bill entitled ‘Value Added Tax (Amendment)’ on 16th August 2018 under the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Second Instalment – Part XXV 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 Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 117(2) (i) read with Sections 11(1)(b), 17(2) and 31 (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 relating to Civil Aviation Safety Management Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/38 of 05th April 2018 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(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. 2065/42 of 06th April 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Performance Report of the Department of Ayurveda for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Reports of the Urban Development Authority for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Performance Reports of the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources for the years 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Higher Education & Highways for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development and Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the —

- (i) Annual Report & Accounts of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (ii) Orders made by the President under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, read with Article 44 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in consultation with the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of Postgraduate Institute of Management and Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 381/5 of 24th December 1985;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Education and Higher Education under Section 24B read with Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 as last amended by Universities (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 1995 in consultation with the University Grants Commission recognizing of Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute as an institute for Higher Learning in Ayurveda Medicine affiliated to the University of Kelaniya and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 859/12 of 23rd February 1995;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Education and Higher Education under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of the Postgraduate Institute of Science and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 906/1 of 16th January 1996;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Education and Higher Education under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1050/14 of 22nd October 1998;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Education and Higher Education under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with

the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1121/18 of 03rd March 2000;

(vii) Orders made by the Minister of Tertiary Education and Training under Section 24A(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of the University of Colombo School of Computing and the Order under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with the University Grants Commission, revoking of the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/3 of 14th September 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1250/17 of 21st August 2002; and

(viii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education under Section 24A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 in consultation with the University Grants Commission with regard to the Establishment of University of Colombo, Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences affiliated to the University of Colombo and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1570/34 of 10th October 2008.

and moved that this Report and Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Ministry of Education in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2081/10 of 24th July 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Botanical Gardens Trust Fund for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Amaradeva Aesthetic and Research Centre Bill;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd for the year 2012;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council for the year 2014;
- (v) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Information for the year 2017;
- (vi) Annual Reports of the Selacine Television Institute for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2014; and
- (viii) Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd for the year 2015.

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Orders under Excise (Special Provisions) Act;
- (iii) Resolution under Value Added Tax Act; and
- (iv) Note on the Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities provision made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented a petition dated 31.05.2018 from Mr. K. P. Sarath Karunarathne of "Sathuta", Pubudujaya Mawatha, Kohunugamuwa, Weligama.
- (2) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented a petition dated 01.06.2018 from Mr. R. A. Senevirathne of No. 68/02, Kimbulhena Estate, Nittambuwa.
- (3) Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri presented a petition dated 25.06.2018 from Mr. R. M. Jinadasa of Idame gedara, Kurukude Gama, Pattigedara.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30 (10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Leave to withdraw a Bill : Hon. Ranjith De Zoysa moved,— That leave be granted to withdraw the following Bill appears as Item No. 66 of today's Order Paper of Parliament:-

“Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill”

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Determination under the Constitution: The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the

President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Motion by leave of the House withdrawn.

7. Excise (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 12.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Education moved,—That Hon. Bimal Ratnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.35 p.m. Hon. Bimal Ratnayake took the Chair.)

Hon. K.K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff moved,—That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.22 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. Ishak Rahuman seconded by Hon. K.K. Piyadasa moved,—That Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.21 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,—That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.02 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Social Empowerment moved,—That Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.34 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

(At 5.31 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Amaradeva Aesthetic and Research Centre Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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 and Mass Media 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.

Clauses 1 to 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“take all measures to secure, archive, administer and”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 19 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“of officers and servants of the Centre and exercise disciplinary control over them and to pay them such salaries, allowances and gratuities in terms of the written laws.”;

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 10 was agreed to.

Clause 11

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Centre”.

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

Question that the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 21 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2066/40 of 12th April 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2): The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2068/9 of 24th April 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3): The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2071/16 of 15th May 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Adjournment (Stalling of Japanese Scholarships Programme) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Social Empowerment moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.48 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.31 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018.