



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 57.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 07, 2019 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government

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

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development

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

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution

Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, State Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife & Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Faizal Cassim, State Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

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

Hon. Nirosan Perera, State Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been appointed by me with the Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker as the Chair to serve in the Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure National Evaluation Capacity in Sri Lanka, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Orders 101 and 103 of the Parliament and the Resolution adopted by Parliament on the 29th of March 2019:—

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Malith Jayathilake”

II

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 (1) of the Parliament the following Members have been nominated to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media, by the Committee of Selection as per the Resolution adopted by Parliament on the 02nd of April 2019:—

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Ishak Rahuman”

III

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the Resolutions adopted by Parliament on the 24th of January and 05th of February 2019, the following Members have also been nominated to serve in the respective Ministerial Consultative Committees, by the Committee of Selection as per the Resolution adopted by Parliament on the 02nd of April 2019:—

i. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda

ii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mahaweli Development & Environment

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan

iii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, and Youth Affairs

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

iv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. S. Shritharan

- v. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development
 - Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
 - Hon. Seeniththamby Yohewaran
- vi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance
 - Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
 - Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
- vii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
 - Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
 - Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
- viii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - Hon. John Amaratunga
 - Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
- ix. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
 - Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
 - Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
- x. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power, Energy and Business Development
 - Hon. S. Shritharan
 - Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
- xi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government
 - Hon. Vijitha Herath
 - Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
- xii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development
 - Hon. S. Shritharan
 - Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
- xiii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Megapolis & Western Development
 - Hon. Edward Gunasekara
 - Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
- xiv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries
 - Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
 - Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

- xv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs,
Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
- xvi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways & Road Development and
Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
- xvii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration & Disaster
Management
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Hesha Withanage
- xviii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
- xix. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport & Civil Aviation
Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Faizal Cassim
- xx. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice & Prison Reforms
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
- xxi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
- xxii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports & Shipping and Southern
Development
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
- xxiii. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Telecommunication, Foreign Employment
and Sports
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
- xxiv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Development Strategies and International
Trade
Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

xxv. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Trade Union Relations

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

xxvi. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Special Areas Development

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for the years 2012, 2013 and 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Order made by the President under Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2120/4 of 22nd April 2019; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the President under Section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2120/5 of 22nd April 2019.

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

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Ministry of Buddhasasana and Wayamba Development and Department of Buddhist Affairs in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period from 06.06.2017 to 08.12.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 21.02.2019 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2019 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 06 of 2019 and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply and Higher Education for the year 2018 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.

(6) The Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education presented the —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the amendment of the schedule to the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1518/15 of October 09, 2007 and the establishment of a Faculty of Hindu Studies of University of Jaffna and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/5 of 18th March 2019; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the Aquinas College of Higher Studies as Bachelor of Education Honours in English Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/11 of 26th March 2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Ministry of Power, Energy and Business Development in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period from 06.06.2017 to 08.12.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 21.02.2019 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Department of Prisons in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period from 06.06.2017 to 08.12.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 21.02.2019 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Examination for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Council for Elders 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.

3. Presentation of Reports from the Committees : Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Vijitha Herath, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands, presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Coconut Development (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 24.01.2019 from Mr. K. Siripala of No. 20/2, Hokandara East, Horahena; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.01.2019 from Mr. S. Nimal Perera of No. 298 B, Main Street, Aththidiya.
- (2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 26.02.2019 from Mr. H.G. Gnanasiri of No. 84/4, Malwatta Road, Hokandara South;
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.03.2019 from Mr. H.G. Pemadasa of Vihara Mawatha, Malana, Kamburupitiya;
 - (iii) a petition dated 09.02.2019 from Mr. Kolitha Balapatabedi of Dorape, Angulugaha, Galle; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 26.12.2018 from Mrs. Shantha Kumari Thilakaratne of No. 171/5, Mati Piripahaduwa Road, Werahera, Boralessgamuwa.
- (3) Hon. Chandima Gamage presented a petition dated 15.10.2018 from Mr. K.D. Deepal Priyadarshana of No. 370/F/1, Gangoda Road, Embilmeegama, Pilimathalawa.
- (4) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented a petition dated 15.08.2018 from Mr. G.A. Gunathunga Ganepola of No. 41, Embaraluwa North, Weliweriya.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Companies (Amendment) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development presented a Bill,— Bill to amend the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (Amendment) :

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development presented a Bill,—Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation Act, No. 15 of 1968.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

7. Motor Traffic (Amendment) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation presented a Bill,—Bill to amend the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

8. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Coconut Development (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Clause 3

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena proposed an amendment in Sinhala text :—

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

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

Clause 4 was 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 Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

10. Adjournment (Current situation of the country after the unexpected terrorist attack on Sunday, the 21st of April 2019) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.05 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 5.40 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, May 08, 2019.

And it being 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, May 08, 2019.