



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 10.30 a.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

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

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs

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 and Livestock Development

- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs
- Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution
- 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. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
- Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, State Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs
- Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, State Minister of Primary Industries & Social Empowerment
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
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. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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 Wijesekara
Hon. Hesha Withanage
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. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. D. B. Herath

Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Forest Conservation for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) 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 the performance of the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy for the year 2017 in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament on 21.06.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Determination under the Office for Reparations Act” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 23.07.2019 from Mr. R. Mahinda of Perupalla, Maliboda, Deraniyagala.

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

4. People’s Bank (Amendment) Bill : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (22nd August 2019).

Question again proposed, and debate resumed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 12, in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“the national economy, where he deems it”;

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

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena proposed an amendment: to leave out lines 18 to 20 (both inclusive), in page 1 in Sinhala text and substitute the following:—

“ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 12 වැනි වගන්තිය ඉවත් කිරීමේදී 12.(2)(ආ) උපවගන්තියේ අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් සාදනු ලබන සෑම නියමයක්ම යන වචනයෙන් පසු ‘දින 60ක් ගත වීමට පෙර අනිවාර්යෙන්ම අනුමතිය ලබා ගත යුතුය. පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත දින 30ක් ඇතුළත ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතුය’.”

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

Accordingly, the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment in Sinhala text :—

“අමාත්‍යවරයා විසින් සාදනු ලබන සෑම නියමයක්ම ගැසට් පත්‍රයේ පළ කළ දින සිට දින අනුවක් තුළ පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ අනුමතය ලබා ගත යුතු ය.”

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

Clause 3

The Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 21 to 26 (both inclusive), in page 1 and to leave out lines 1 to 3 (both inclusive), in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“ “ The Bank to raise money by the issue of debentures for granting medium term and long term loans.

20. (1) The Bank may, in addition to the sums lent by the Government to the Bank under section 15(1)(b) for the purpose of granting long term or medium term loans, raise with the approval of the Minister any sums by the issue of debentures.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) “Minister” means the Minister assigned the subject of Finance.”.”

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

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena proposed an amendment: to leave out lines 1 & 2 (both inclusive), in page 2 in Sinhala text and substitute the following:—

“ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 20 වැනි වගන්තිය ඉවත් කිරීම යන සංශෝධන සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම ඉවත් කළ යුතුය.”

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

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha proposed an amendment: to leave out lines 3 to 11 (both inclusive), in page 2 in Sinhala text and substitute the following:—

“20(1) (අ) “දීර්ඝකාලීන සහ මධ්‍යකාලීන ණය ප්‍රදානය කිරීමේ කාර්යය සඳහා 15 (1)(ආ) වගන්තිය යටතේ බැංකුව වෙත රජය විසින් ණයට දෙනු ලබන මුදල්වලට අතිරේකව, අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ සහ ශ්‍රී ලංකා මහ බැංකුවේ මුදල් මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමතිය ඇතිව බැංකුව විසින් සෘණපත්‍ර නිකුත් කිරීම මගින් මුදල් රැස්කරනු ලැබිය හැකිය.”

20(1)(අ) ඉහත (අ) යටතේ නිකුත් කරනු ලබන සෘණ පත්‍ර කිසිදු අයුරකින් බැංකුවේ කොටස් බවට පරිවර්තනය කළ නොහැක්කේය.

20(2) ඉහත (1) වැනි උපවගන්තියේ කාර්යය සඳහා “අමාත්‍යවරයා” යන්නෙන් මුදල් විෂයය පවරා ඇති අමාත්‍යවරයා අදහස් වේ.”

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

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

2 වැනි පිටුවේ, 6 වැනි පේළියේ “මුදල්වලට අතිරේකව” යන වචනවලට ඉක්බිතිවම, “මුදල් මණ්ඩලයේ අනුමැතිය ඇතිව” ඇතුළත් කිරීමට

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake proposed another amendment: to insert the following immediately after line 11, in page 2 in Sinhala text:—

“මෙම සෘණපත්‍ර, කොටස් බවට හෝ වෙනත් හුවමාරු කළ හැකි මූල්‍ය උපකරණ බවට පත් කළ නොකළ යුතුය”

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

Question that the amendments be agreed to, put, and negatived; the Parliament having divided as follows — Ayes: 37; Noes: 72.

One hundred and eight (108) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

O 002.	Sumedha G. Jayasena	Yes
O 005.	Dinesh Gunawardana	Yes
O 006.	Nimal Siripala de Silva	Yes
O 007.	Chamal Rajapaksa	Yes
O 009.	Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
O 012.	Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 015.	A.D. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
O 022.	Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
O 023.	Mahinda Samarasinghe	Yes
O 028.	Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Yes
O 031.	Kumara Welgama	Yes
O 043.	Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
O 048.	Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
O 051.	Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila	Yes
O 052.	Susantha Punchinilame	Yes
O 053.	Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
O 055.	Thilanga Sumathipala	Yes
O 057.	K. Thurairatnasingam	No
O 059.	Sunil Handunnetti	Yes
O 060.	Bimal Rathnayake	Yes
O 061.	Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Yes
O 067.	S.C. Mutukumarana	Yes
O 073.	Nimal Lanza	Yes

O 076.	K. Kader Masthan	Yes
O 080.	Nalinda Jayathissa	Yes
O 081.	Angajan Ramanathan	Yes
O 082.	Ananda Aluthgamage	Yes
O 086.	Jayantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 089.	Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
O 103.	Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
O 104.	Kanaka Herath	Yes
O 105.	D.V. Chanaka	Yes
O 108.	Sanath Nishantha Perera	Yes
O 112.	Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
O 114.	Kanchana Wijesekara	Yes
O 115.	Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 001.	Rauff Hakeem	No
G 002.	Mangala Samaraweera	No
G 004.	John Amaratunga	No
G 005.	Gayantha Karunatileka	No
G 006.	Lakshman Kiriella	No
G 007.	Ranil Wickremesinghe	No
G 009.	Tilak Marapana	No
G 011.	Ravi Karunanayake	No
G 012.	Rajitha Senaratne	No
G 014.	Patali Champika Ranawaka	No
G 015.	Kabir Hashim	No
G 016.	Sajith Premadasa	No
G 018.	Malik Samarawickrama	No
G 020.	Navin Dissanayake	No
G 023.	R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
G 025.	Palany Thigambaram	No
G 026.	Chandrani Bandara	No
G 027.	Thalatha Atukorale	No
G 028.	Abdul Haleem	No
G 029.	Sagala Ratnayake	No
G 032.	Ravindra Samaraweera	No
G 033.	Sujeewa Senasinghe	No
G 039.	Lucky Jayawardana	No
G 041.	Dilip Wedaarachchi	No
G 042.	Niroshan Perera	No
G 044.	Wasantha Aluwihare	No
G 045.	Vijayakala Maheswaran	No
G 046.	Eran Wickramaratne	No
G 047.	Ranjith Aluvihare	No
G 048.	J.C. Alawathuwala	No
G 049.	Vadivel Suresh	No

G 052.	Ashok Abeysinghe	No
G 053.	Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana	No
G 054.	Ajith Mannapperuma	No
G 055.	Buddhika Pathirana	No
G 057.	Edward Gunasekara	No
G 058.	Karunarathna Paranawithana	No
G 060.	Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	No
G 062.	A.H.M. Fowzie	No
G 064.	Lakshman Senewiratne	No
G 065.	Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa	No
G 067.	Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka	No
G 068.	Indika Bandaranayake	No
G 069.	Palitha Range Bandara	No
G 070.	H.M.M. Harees	No
G 071.	M.S. Thowfeek	No
G 075.	K.K. Piyadasa	No
G 076.	Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne	No
G 081.	A. Aravindh Kumar	No
G 083.	Nalaka Prasad Colonne	No
G 084.	Chandima Gamage	No
G 085.	Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana	No
G 088.	Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
G 089.	Hirunika Premachandra	No
G 090.	Bandula Lal Bandarigoda	No
G 091.	M. Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor	No
G 092.	S.M. Marikkar	No
G 093.	Imran Maharroof	No
G 094.	Ishak Rahuman	No
G 095.	Mujibur Rahuman	No
G 096.	Harshana Rajakaruna	No
G 097.	Thusitha Wijemanna	No
G 098.	Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
G 099.	Chaminda Wijesiri	No
G 100.	Hesha Withanage	No
G 101.	Sandith Samarasinghe	No
G 103.	Wijepala Hettiarachchi	No
G 104.	Ashu Marasinghe	No
G 105.	Jayampathy Wickramaratne	No
G 106.	Mohamadu Nazeer	No
G 115.	D.B. Herath	Yes
G 116.	Manoj Hewagampalage	Yes

The following Hon. Member of Parliament cast his vote having being asked the name by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

G 003. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera No

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

Clause 4 was agreed to.

Clause 5

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena proposed an amendment: to insert the following, immediately after Clause 5 in page 2 in Sinhala text:—

“(අ) නිකුත් කරනු ලබන කිසියම් සාමාන්‍යයක් හෝ ණයකරයක් මාරු කිරීමට (convertible) නොහැකිය.”

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

Clause 5 was agreed to.

Clause 6 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 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.

5. Determination under the Constitution : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs moved,— Whereas in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne has been appointed as the Auditor-General with effect from 26.04.2019 by the President, with the approval of the Constitutional Council;

And whereas salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament in terms of Article 153 (2) and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas as per the Cabinet Decision taken on 19th July 2019 based on Cabinet Memorandum dated 24th June 2019 submitted by the President on the recommendation of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission, approval has been granted to place Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne on the salary step 7 of the salary scale SL-4 of Public Administration Circular 03/2016 & pay the salary with effect from 26.04.2019 and to pay him other allowances entitled to the post in terms of the Public Administration Circulars and to pay annual increments as per the same salary scale;

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickramaratne to be charged to the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Determination under the Office for Reparations Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Whereas payment of salaries of five members, including the Chairperson of the Office for Reparations, appointed on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council in terms of the provisions of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018, shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the said Act;

And whereas this Office, established by the Government, is mandated to deal with Transitional Justice initiatives aimed at reconciliation, formulate policies and recommend to the Cabinet of Ministers with regard to the grant of individual and collective reparations to aggrieved persons affected by conflict, receive recommendations with regard to reparations to be made to aggrieved persons from the Office on Missing Persons, implement such policies on reparations as may be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, provide restitution, rehabilitation, administration and other assistance and welfare services to aggrieved persons not causing any discrimination;

And whereas it has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on 04th June 2019 in terms of the Cabinet Memorandum dated 16th May 2019 submitted by the Prime Minister as the Minister in charge of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs to pay salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations with effect from 01st April, 2019, as follows:—

- (a) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 135,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and granting of an official vehicle with a quota of 225 liters of fuel per month to the Chairperson of this Office; and
- (b) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 90,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- to the other members up to a limit of 350 km or a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for a distance over and above 350 km depending on the distance from the residence to the Office.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the aforementioned salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations be paid with effect from 01st April, 2019 which shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Salary Anomalies of University Non – Academic Staff) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That “this Parliament do now adjourn.”

Question proposed and debated.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.18 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019.