



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 102.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 07, 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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology

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

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

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshu Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. D. B. Herath

Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 I have endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled ‘Excise (Amendment)’, ‘Value Added Tax (Amendment)’, ‘Nation Building Tax (Amendment)’ and ‘Finance’ on the 31st of October 2019 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

II

“I wish to inform that I have nominated the following co-opted Members to serve on the Legislative Standing Committee for the consideration of the Bill entitled ‘Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanya (Incorporation)’ in terms of the Standing Order 113(2) of the Parliament:—

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Hesha Withanage.”

III

“I wish to inform that, the Draft Annual Work Programme of the National Audit Office for the year 2020 which was submitted to me by the Auditor-General in terms of the Section 35(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 and the same is hereby referred to the Committee on Public Finance for review in terms of the Section 35(2) of the said Act.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Auditor General for the year 2018, 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 Speaker presented the —

- (i) Sixth Instalment – Part XXIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;
- (ii) First Instalment – Part XXVIII, Fourth Instalment – Parts VII and VIII and Sixth Instalment – Parts XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017;
- (iii) First Instalment – Parts II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, Second Instalment – Parts III and IV, Fifth Instalment – Part II, Sixth Instalment – Part I and Eighth Instalment – Part III of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018; and
- (iv) Eighth Instalment – Part I and Tenth Instalment – Part XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019

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.

(3) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2019 - 30.06.2019) of 2019 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2019 - 30.06.2019) of 2019 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2019 - 30.06.2019) of 2019 in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) Progress Report of the Public Service Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2019 - 30.06.2019) of 2019 in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 55(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Procurement Guidelines - 2019, formulated by the National Procurement Commission in terms of Article 156(C)(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2144/68 of 12th October 2019 and moved that those Procurement Guidelines be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) 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 Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs 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;
- (ii) 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 Audit Service Commission 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
- (iii) 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 Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) 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 those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Botanical Gardens Trust Fund for the year 2017 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.

(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 the performance of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Department of National Zoological Gardens and Department of National Botanic Gardens 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.

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

- (i) 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. 2131/29 of 10th July 2019;

- (ii) 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. 2135/55 of 09th August 2019;
- (iii) 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. 2135/68 of 10th August 2019;
- (iv) 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. 2134/44 of 01st August 2019;
- (v) 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. 2135/54 of 08th August 2019;
- (vi) 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. 2135/67 of 10th August 2019;
- (vii) 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. 2139/74 of 07th September 2019;
- (viii) 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. 2140/20 of 10th September 2019;
- (ix) 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. 2143/3 of 30th September 2019;
- (x) 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. 2143/21 of 02nd October 2019;
- (xi) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 relating to Classes of Capital Transactions in Foreign Exchange Carried on by Authorized dealers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/49 of 17th October 2019;
- (xii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2140/19 of 10th September 2019); and
- (xiii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/87 of 27th September 2019)

and moved that those Orders, Regulations and Resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

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 the Ministry of Finance in the Second Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period From 23.02.2018 to 12.10.2018 which was presented to Parliament on 04.04.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine of University of Colombo for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2018;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Emeritus Prof. Kandasamy Kathirgamanathan as the Competent Authority in lieu of Vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna with effect from 07.05.2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2122/5 of 07th May 2019;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Major General (retired) Herath Mudiyanse Udaya Bandara Herath as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute with effect from 01.05.2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2122/26 of 08th May 2019; and
- (v) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Major General (retired) Shantha Kumar Thirunavukarasu as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa with effect from 15.05.2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/33 of 14th May 2019

and moved that those Reports and Orders 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 Reports and Accounts of the Local Loans and Development Fund for the years 2015 & 2016 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Reports 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 Home Affairs, District Secretariats - Colombo, Ratnapura, Puttalam, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Badulla, Matara, Monaragala, Kalutara, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Jaffna, Galle, Kandy, Matale, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Mannar 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 those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on State Pharmaceuticals Corporation and State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation in the First Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 24.01.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board of Ceylon for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Reports 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 Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Department of Commerce 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 those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(16) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Development Authority for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Annual Report of the Institute of Post Harvest Technology for the year 2017;
and

(ii) Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd for the year 2017

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(18) 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 Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development 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.

(19) The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation under Section 117 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the aforesaid Act relating to Licensing of Personnel and Training Institutions and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/22 of 03rd July 2018 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(20) 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 Education 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.

(21) The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Sri Lanka Telecom PLC in the First Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 24.01.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(23) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/36 of 03rd October 2019 amended the printing errors by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/23 of 22nd October 2019 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(24) The Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology presented the —

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Population Register on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Births and Deaths has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1864/44 of 29th May 2014;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Population Register on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Births and Deaths has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/27 of 14th March 2019; and
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Registration of Persons on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Persons has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/42 of 21st March 2019

and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(25) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Information for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament :

(1) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Companies (Amendment)” of the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, December 03, 2019.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Abolition of Death Penalty” of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, December 03, 2019.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Report of the said Committee on the State Universities and Higher Education Institutions that Operating parallel to them, which were subjected to Examinations from 17.03.2017 to 04.04.2018 as the Fourth Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament.

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

(2) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Orders under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469)” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports Bill” and “Regulations under the Sports Act, No. 25 of 1973” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(4) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Crafts Council for the year 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2014/2015;
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2013;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel for the year 2015;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board for the year 2013;
- (viii) Annual Reports of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(5) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Reports of the University of Vocational Technology for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2016;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of University of Peradeniya for the year 2016;
- (v) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for the year 2016;
- (vi) Annual Report of the University of Jaffna for the year 2016;
- (vii) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2017;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (ix) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya for the year 2017;
- (x) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science of University of Peradeniya for the year 2017;
- (xi) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2017;
- (xii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of University of Peradeniya for the year of 2017;
- (xiii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (xiv) Annual Report of the of the Postgraduate Institute of Archeology – University of Kelaniya for the year 2017;
- (xv) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Technology – University of Moratuwa for the year 2017;
- (xvi) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (xvii) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Human Resources Advancement – University of Colombo for the year 2017;
- (xviii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences – University of Colombo for the year 2017;
- (xix) Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna for the year 2017;
- (xx) Annual Report of the Institute of Biochemical, Molecular Biology and biotechnology – University of Colombo for the year 2017;
- (xxi) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of English – The Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;

- (xxii) Annual Report of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (xxiii) Annual Report of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (xxiv) Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine – University of Colombo for the year 2017;
- (xxv) Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro – Technology and Rural Sciences for the year 2017;
- (xxvi) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2017;
- (xxvii) Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2017;
- (xxviii) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2017;
- (xxix) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017; and
- (xxx) Annual Report of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of Eastern University for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(6) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the said Committee on the draft Statute entitled, “Tourism Development Bureau of Uva Provincial Council” together with the Minutes of the proceedings.

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

5. Report of the Legislative Standing Committee on the draft Statute entitled, “Tourism Development Bureau of Uva Provincial Council” : Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee moved,—That the Report of the Legislative Standing Committee on the draft Statute entitled, “Tourism Development Bureau of Uva Provincial Council” which was presented today be accepted.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Secretary General of Parliament was directed to forward the views of the Parliament on the draft Statute to the Uva Provincial Council under Standing Order 51(3)(b) of the Parliament.

6. Presentation of Public Petitions : Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented a petition dated 19.08.2019 from Mr. A. M. D. S. C. Alahakoon and 11 others of No. 182, Navodaya Mawatha, Marawila Road, Naththandiya.

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

7. Powers of Attorney (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government presented,—“Bill to amend the Powers of Attorney Ordinance (Chapter 122).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, December 03, 2019, be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 1.30 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. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03rd December, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) : Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 8 of 1999.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine for report.

11. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran seconded by Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government for report.

12. Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 1) : The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/8 of 18th June 2019, which were presented on 08.10.2019, be approved.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 2) : The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/85 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 3) : The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/86 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Chamber of Construction Industry of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill : Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation 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.

16. United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Deputy Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

(At 2.06 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

17. Adjournment (Legislation for Communal and Religious Harmony) : The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.01 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 03, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.