



*(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)*

No. 5.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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

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**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**, Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations and Leader of the House of Parliament

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**, Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development

**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms

**Hon. Douglas Devananda**, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

**Hon. Johnston Fernando**, Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping and Chief Government Whip

**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**, Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**, Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence

**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services

**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**, State Minister of Energy

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development

**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**, State Minister of Transport Services Management

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Public Management and Accounting

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**, State Minister of Power  
**Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Services  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Industries  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Human Rights and Law Reforms  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**, State Minister of Wildlife Resources  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**, State Minister of Water Supply Facilities  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, State Minister of Small & Medium Enterprise Development  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**, State Minister of Fisheries and Inland Fisheries Industry  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Social Security  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Women & Child Affairs  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, State Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Welfare  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Highways Development  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**, State Minister of Investment Promotions  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**, State Minister of Community Development  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**, State Minister of Urban Development  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Export Agriculture  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**, State Minister of Agriculture  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**, State Minister of Tea Industry Development  
**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, State Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs  
**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, State Minister of Education Services  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, State Minister of Economy and Policy Development  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**, State Minister of Development Banking and Loan Schemes  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**, State Minister of Housing  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**, State Minister of Ports Development Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**  
**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**  
**Hon. John Amaratunga**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**  
**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**  
**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Faizal Cassim**  
**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Mano Ganesan**  
**Hon. Dunes Gankanda**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Daya Gamage**  
**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**  
**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekera**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**  
**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
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**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
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**Hon. Ajith P. Perera**  
**Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**  
**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**  
**Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Indika Bandaranayake**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**  
**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Tilak Marapana**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**

**Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**  
**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Kabir Hashim**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform my decision to Parliament after having considered the repeated requests made by many Members of Parliament in an out of the House on January 03, 2020 and at the meeting with the party leaders and the representatives of political parties in Parliament on January 13, 2020, to table the Forensic Audit Report, which was prepared on the issuing of treasury bonds, as per the recommendation of the Special Presidential Commission appointed to investigate and make recommendations on the issuing of Treasury bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka 2015, which is received by the Committee on Public Enterprises at present, in Parliament for their information.

The investigation conducted in 2016 by the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), on the issue in question of Treasury Bonds issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015, has given recommendations emphasizing the need to conduct an in-depth study of the Treasury bond issue and the need to find out the exact loss incurred to the government.

Subsequently, as per the recommendation of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry, which conducted inquiries on the said Treasury Bond Issue, arrangements were made to conduct a ‘Forensic Audit’ on the Treasury Bond Issue on the directive of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

It was revealed that the senior officers of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had made detailed submissions before the Committee on Public Enterprises on conducting this forensic audit, matters connected to it, its procedures and the cost to be incurred on that, when the Committee considered the observations on the Annual Report of the Auditor General on the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and accounts therein.

The final report in relation to the Forensic Audit which was conducted by international parties with qualifications and competency in conducting such an audit had been received by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka referred it to the Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises to be given only for the Members of Parliament who are members of the said Committee in a manner that will not be prejudicial to Judicial procedures currently in progress and to be instituted in future on the Treasury Bond Issue, in response to the written request made by the Chair of the said Committee and on the advice of the Attorney General.

Thereafter, a meeting of the Committee on Public Enterprises was scheduled to convene to discuss the future course of action regarding the report, but the Committee on Public Enterprises lapsed according to the Standing Orders of the Parliament with the prorogation of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament on 02 December 2019.

As it is likely to take a considerable time to reconstituted establish the Committee on Public Enterprises for the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament and take action on the report, I have considered the powers and responsibilities assigned to me as the Custodian of such Committees during when the Committee is not in operation.

Accordingly, I have acted considering the Constitutional provisions granting full power to the Parliament over the control of public finances, in particular powers vested with the Committee on Public Enterprises, as well as the powers vested upon the Speaker in terms of Standing Order 136 of the Parliament and the historical decision made by my predecessor, former Speaker, Hon. Anura Bandaranaike, and emphasizing the right to make independent decisions, and have made the decision without the interference of any outside party in the proceedings of Parliament.

Similarly, as a huge cost has been incurred on obtaining the assistance of international and national level experts in preparing this forensic report, I believe that it would be more appropriate to provide a copy of this report to each Member of Parliament rather than providing it only to the Members of Parliament who are members of the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Further, I would like to state that I have also paid attention to the fundamental right of access to information as provided in Article 14A of the Constitution.

Accordingly, I determine that it is appropriate to table the 'Forensic Audit Report' on the Treasury Bond Issue by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, today.

Moreover, I believe that there would be no space that this determination will have any impact on or impede conducting under formal and legal conditions, the legal proceedings that have already been instituted and that will be instituted in future with regard to the aforesaid issuing of treasury bonds."

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Urban Development Authority for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka for the year 2017

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping 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 the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.03.2018 to 26.10.2018 which was presented to Parliament on 23.10.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) 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 01.11.2019 to 30.11.2019 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 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. 2131/29 of 10<sup>th</sup> July 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. 2135/55 of 09<sup>th</sup> August 2019;
- (iv) 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019;
- (v) 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. 2145/12 of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019; and
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/60 of 01<sup>st</sup> December 2019

and moved that the Note on Supplementary Allocations and Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.



(4) The Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence presented the the Annual Report of the National Livestock Development Board for the year 2016 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) 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 August 1, 2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/96 of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Emeritus Professor Weerakoon Mudiyanse Abeyrathna Bandara as the Competent Authority in lieu of Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts with effect from December 13, 2019 and rescinding the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/25 of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/19 of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019; and
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of Senior Professor Janitha Abeywickrama Liyanage as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute with effect from December 13, 2019 and rescinding the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2148/34 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/20 of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

**4. Business of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 25 and 29 to 46 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Committee of Selection (No. 1) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 114 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair and seventeen (17) Members which shall include the leaders of the political parties or their nominees to be nominated by Parliament to serve in the current Session.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Committee of Selection (No. 2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament this day the undermentioned seventeen (17) Members do serve in the Committee of Selection during the current Session:—

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa  
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva  
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena  
Hon. Johnston Fernando  
Hon. Douglas Devananda  
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe  
Hon. Gamini Lokuge  
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena  
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana  
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella  
Hon. John Amaratunga  
Hon. Vijitha Herath  
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen  
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka  
Hon. Mano Ganesan  
Hon. Niroshan Perera  
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero seconded by Hon. Sisira Jayakody moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to repeal the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act, No. 44 of 1952.”

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 Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government for report.

**8. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 1) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Sections 61(1)(sc) and 61(1)(sd) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources within Sri Lanka Waters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/30 of 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(At 2.51 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.21 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.56 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,—That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.54 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 28 of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Use of Spears in Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/31 of 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 3) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 29 and 61(1)(u) of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Catching Fish Species Thambuwa and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2014/4 of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**11. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 4) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 61(1)(u) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Fish and Fishery Products, Import and Re-export Management and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/51 of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**12. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 5) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(b) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 64(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Beach Seine Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/33 of 05<sup>th</sup> April 2018, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**13. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 6) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economy under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Minimum Standards for the citizens of Sri Lanka engaged in fishing operations in foreign flagged fishing boats and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/50 of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**14. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 7) :** The Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforesaid Act relating to Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/8 of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**15. Adjournment (Proper Mechanism for School Admission) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.00 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.18 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.