



*(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)*

No. 9.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, February 05, 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 Rajapaksa**, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities

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

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**, Minister of Education and Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana**, Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation

**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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**, Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture

**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. Wimal Weerawansa**, Minister of Small & Medium Business and Enterprise Development and Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Information and Communication Technology
- 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. Piyankara 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. S. B. Dissanayake**, State Minister of Lands and Land Development
- 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. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Tourism Promotion Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, State Minister of International Co-operation
- Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Social Security
- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, State Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Welfare
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development
- Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**, State Minister of Railway Services
- 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. Jayantha Samaraweera**, State Minister of Environment
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, State Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs
- Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, State Minister of Technology and Innovations

**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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale**

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**

**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**Hon. John Amaratunga**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amaraseena**

**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**

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

**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**

**Hon. Faizal Cassim**

**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**

**Hon. Kaveendaran Kodeeswaran**

**Hon. Mano Ganesan**

**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**

**Hon. Chandima Gamage**

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekera**

**Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**

**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**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. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**  
**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
**Hon. Ajith P. Perera**  
**Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. A. D. Premadasa**  
**Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**  
**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**

**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Tilak Marapana**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Saman Rathnapriya**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**  
**Hon. Waruna Liyanage**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**  
**Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**  
**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. D. B. Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha 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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new Members :** Hon. Weligodage Saman Rathnapriya Silva, Member of Parliament elected under Article 99A of the Constitution; made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the Table.

**2. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Presidential Commission appointed to investigate and make recommendations on the issuance of treasury bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015, the forensic audit report prepared on the issuance of relevant bonds was tabled in Parliament on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 for information of all Hon. Members of Parliament. However, since the annexures and presentations relating to this report have not been given, I requested the Governor of the Central to make those annexures and presentations available. Accordingly, the compact discs containing the annexures and presentations of this forensic report consisting of 56 bound volumes (running into over 10000 pages) have been placed in the Library of Parliament. I also wish to announce that 3 printed copies of the same have been placed in the Library of Parliament for the perusal of the Hon. Members of Parliament.

As the forensic audit report submitted earlier and the annexures and presentations submitted later, contain personal and confidential information of certain individuals, the Hon. Members of Parliament are requested to peruse them with care and responsibility.”

## II

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 119(1) of the Parliament:—

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi  
Hon. Douglas Devananda  
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara  
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake  
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana  
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna  
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe  
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody  
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila  
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara  
Hon. Niroshan Perera  
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana  
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana  
Hon. S. Shritharan  
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa  
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi”

## III

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 120(1) of the Parliament:—

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa  
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha  
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage  
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara  
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera  
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva  
Hon. Rauff Hakeem  
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe  
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva  
Hon. Ajith P. Perera  
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama  
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe  
 Hon. Sunil Handunnetti  
 Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah  
 Hon. D. V. Chanaka”

## IV

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated to serve in the Committee on Public Finance with the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran as the Chair by the Committee of Selection, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020:—

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana  
 Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella  
 Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya  
 Hon. Susantha Punchinilame  
 Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya  
 Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera  
 Hon. Dilan Perera  
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake  
 Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake  
 Hon. Mujibur Rahuman  
 Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe  
 Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail”

## V

“I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Orders 111(21) and (22)(a) of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Waruna Liyanage on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti – corruption) and Media.”

**3. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping 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 01.12.2019 to 31.12.2019 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2019 and moved that the Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) 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 Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services presented the—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 3(k) of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Clinical Trials and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/2 of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/3 of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation 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 Science, Technology and Research 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.

(7) The Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation presented the—

- (i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year 2018;

- (iii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the year 2018;
- (iv) Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement of University of Colombo for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Report of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018.
- (vi) Annual Report of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences of University of Colombo for the year 2018;
- (vii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro - Technology and Rural Sciences for the year 2018;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2018;
- (ix) Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna for the year 2018;
- (x) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2018;
- (xi) 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 Mr. B. Asoka Keerthi De Silva as the Competent Authority in lieu of Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts with effect from September 24, 2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/25 of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019; and
- (xii) 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 Dr. Nawaratnage Sunil Jayantha Nawaratna as the Competent Authority in lieu of Director of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa with effect from January 01, 2020 and rescinding the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2148/36 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2156/28 of 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

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

(8) The Minister of Small & Medium Business and Enterprise Development and Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management presented the Annual Reports of the B C C Lanka Limited for the years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/17 of 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 and moved that the Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) 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) Orders under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978;
- (ii) Orders under Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978;
- (iii) Orders under Section 25 A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978; and
- (iv) Rules under Section 137 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203);
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2016; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(At 2.48 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

**5. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) :** The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities presented,— “Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

**6. Economic Service Charge (Amendment) :** The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities presented,— “Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

**7. Legislative Standing Committee :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 113 of the Parliament, the Legislative Standing Committee shall consist of the Deputy Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and fourteen (14) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) :** Hon. S. M. Marikkar seconded by Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Society of Physiotherapy.”

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 Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services for report.

**9. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) :** Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna seconded by Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464).”

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 Lands & Land Development for report.

**10. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act :** The Minister of Transport Service Management and Minister of Power & Energy moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 164 of the aforesaid Act relating to Signs, Signals, Symbols and Road Markings and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/9 of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, which were presented on 20.09.2019, be approved.

The State Minister of Railway Services moved,—That Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Small & Medium Enterprise Development moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.05 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Transport Services Management moved,—That Hon. D. V. Chanaka do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.40 p.m. Hon. D. V. Chanaka took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**11. Adjournment (Government Intervention in Plantation Industry) :** The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.48 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, February 06, 2020.