



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 7.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Lands

Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon, Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Minister of Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of Education

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice

- Hon. Dilum Amunugama**, State Minister of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola**, State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection
- Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal**, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms
- Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness
- Hon. D. V. Chanaka**, State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development
- Hon. Sisira Jayakody**, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health
- Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
- Hon. Jeevan Thondaman**, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure
- Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
- Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Production and Supply of Fertilizer and Regulation of Chemical Fertilizer and Insecticide Use
- Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake**, State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development
- Hon. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development
- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of Prison Reforms & Prisoners' Rehabilitation
- Hon. Susil Premajayantha**, State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion
- Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**, State Minister of Regional Co-operation
- Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Bhikkhu Education, Piriven and Buddhist Universities
- Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Lohan Rathwaththe**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries

- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Paddy and Grains, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture
- Hon. Nimal Lanza**, State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure
- Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka**, State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion
- Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**, State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement
- Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Postal Services and Professional Development of Journalists
- Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
- Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**, State Minister of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boats and Shipping Industry Development
- Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**, State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development
- Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**, State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Material Industries
- Hon. Kanaka Herath**, State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Related Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Promotion
- Hon. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
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Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Jagath Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake

Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Sujith Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C. V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament
Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament
Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General
Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

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

I

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the House Committee, with the Speaker as the Chair, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 117(1) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 28th August 2020:—

Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Jagath Kumara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage”

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“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 118(1) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 28th August 2020:—

Hon. M. U. M. Ali Sabry
 Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
 Hon. Kanaka Herath
 Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
 Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
 Hon. Kabir Hashim
 Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
 Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
 Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
 Hon. Velu Kumar
 Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
 Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
 Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
 Hon. C. V. Wigneswaran
 Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
 Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the Fourth quarter (01.10.2019 - 31.12.2019) of 2019 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Election Commission for the Third quarter (01.07.2019 - 30.09.2019) of 2019 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Presidential Secretariat for the year 2019;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Prime Minister’s Office for the year 2019;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the National Procurement Commission for the year 2019;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Administrative Appeals Tribunals for the year 2019;
- (v) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2019; and
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2019.

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

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Examination for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Educational Publications Department for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 2019; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovations for the year 2019.

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

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Department for the year 2018.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Public Administration and Disaster Management for the year 2019.

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

(6) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Mass Media for the year 2019; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Printing for the year 2019.

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

(7) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Power and Energy for the year 2019.

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

(8) The Minister of Minister of Environment presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for the year 2019.

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

(9) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Land & Parliamentary Reforms for the year 2019;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Survey Department for the year 2019;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Land Title Settlement Department for the year 2019; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Land Commissioner General's Department for the year 2019.

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

(10) The Minister of Agriculture presented the Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the year 2017.

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

(11) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Petroleum Resources Development Section of the Ministry of Power & Energy for the year 2019.

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

(12) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Manpower and Employment for the year 2018.

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

(13) The Minister of Justice presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Authority for Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the year 2017;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Government Analyst's Department for the year 2018;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Attorney-General's Department for the year 2018; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2019.

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

3. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),—"Order made by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2100/3 of 03rd December 2018, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved."

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

The Minister of Foreign moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.17 a.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Industries moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.31 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

(At 3.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Education moved,—That Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.27 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

(At 5.59 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2105/48 of 11th January 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 4) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 5) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “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, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 6) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “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 14th October 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 7) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance and Economic 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 01st December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 8) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic 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. 2165/60 of 06th March 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 9) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic 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. 2178/15 of 02nd June 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4, 13 and 17 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/77 of 27th September 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 05/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/75 of 01st November 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 06/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 3) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/11 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 07/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 4) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/12 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 08/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 5) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/13 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 09/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 6) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 22(1)(a) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/19 of 27th December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 10/2019)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 7) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2164/72 of 01st March 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 01/2020)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 8) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2173/11 of 30th April 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 02/2020)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 9) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2178/4 of 01st June 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 03/2020)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No. 10) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th September, 2020),— “Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2179/9 of 09th June 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved. (Excise Notification No. 04/2020)”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/32 of 05th December 2019, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2164/15 of 25th February 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/6 of 16th April 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2172/10 of 22nd April 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 5) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2176/10 of 19th May 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act (No. 6) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2177/4 of 26th May 2020, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 1) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2165/72 of 07th March 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

29. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 2) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2170/6 of 09th April 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

30. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 3) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2171/4 of 16th April 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

31. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 4) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2172/7 of 22nd April 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

32. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 5) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2180/31 of 18th June 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

33. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 6) : The Minister of Foreign on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.09.2020, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2183/27 of 08th July 2020)

Question put, and agreed to.

34. Adjournment (Sri Lankan Migrant Workers Rendered Helpless in Foreign Countries) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Foreign moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.18 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m., Parliament was at 7.23 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.