



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 75.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 10.00 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. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Power

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. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Lands

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

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. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Health

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Industries

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera, Minister of Public Security

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

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. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Canals and Common Infrastructure Development in Settlements in Mahaweli Zones

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification

Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana, State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals

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. Duminda Dissanayake, State Minister of Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development

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 and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification

- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control
- 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, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
- Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries and State Minister of Prison Management & Prisoners' Rehabilitation
- 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. 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 Wijesekera**, 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 Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandary & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation
- 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 and Business 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 and Rubber Estates Related Crops Cultivation and Factories Modernization and Tea and Rubber Export Promotion
- Hon. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala

Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Tiran Alles
Hon. Naseer Ahamed
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
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. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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. Ajith Mannapperuma
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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak 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. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

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 Parliament that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Colombo Port City Economic Commission’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The determination of the Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of the Bill entitled ‘Colombo Port City Economic Commission’ is as follows:-

The provisions of Clauses 3(6), 30(3) second proviso, 55(2) and 58(1) of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clauses 3(5) proviso, 3(7), 6(1)(b), 30(3) first proviso, 71(1) and 74 [interpretation ‘Regulatory Authority’] of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clauses 3(4), 6(1)(u), 68(1)(f) and 68(3)(a) are inconsistent with Article 76 read with Articles 3 and 4 of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution and approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of the provisions of Article 83.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clause 52(3) read with Clauses 52(5) and 71(2)(p) of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 148 of the Constitution read with Articles 3, 4 and 76 of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution and approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of the provisions of Article 83.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clauses 30(1), 33(1), 40(2) and 71(2)(l) of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 14(1)(h) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clause 53(2)(b) read with Clause 53(3)(b) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 76 of the Constitution read with Articles 3 and 4 of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution and approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of the provisions of Article 83.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clauses 60(c) and Clause 60(f) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 148 of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

However, the said inconsistencies will cease if the Clauses are amended as mentioned in the determination of the Supreme Court.

The provisions of Clause 37 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) and 14(1)(g) of the Constitution and could be validly passed only with the special majority provided for in Article 84(2) of the Constitution.

However, the said inconsistency will cease if a new sub-clause is added to Clause 37 of the Bill restraining such authorized person making use of any exemptions or incentives granted under this Bill when conducting business outside the Area of Authority of the Colombo Port City to the detriment of similar businesses conducted outside such Area of Authority but within the territory of Sri Lanka.

The Supreme Court has determined that the rest of the Clauses of the Bill are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings."

II

"I wish to inform that I have under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled 'Value Added Tax (Amendment)' and 'Inland Revenue (Amendment)' on 13th May, 2021."

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

- (i) Third Instalment – Part XIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) Third Instalment – Part XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;
- (iii) Second Instalment – Part XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017; and
- (iv) Second Instalment – Part XXXIII, Ninth Instalment – Parts XXIII and XXIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Tenth Instalment – Part II of the Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on the Operation of the Agrahara Insurance Trust Fund; and
- (ii) Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Public Representation Received to the National Audit Office During the Period from 01st August 2018 to 31st July 2019 and Its Current Situation

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report & Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/31 of 06th April 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Tamil Studies of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2220/19 of 22nd March 2021; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 22 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Departments of Finance and Accountancy, English Language Teaching, Project Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Business Economics and Management Entrepreneurship of the Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2220/20 of 22nd March 2021.

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

(7) The Minister of Plantation presented the Annual Report of the Tea Shakthi Fund for the year 2013 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Tourism presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Orders under the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008;
- (ii) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007;
- (iii) Order under the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006; and
- (iv) Regulations under Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.03.2021 from Mr. B. V. V. J. Bandarawatta of No. 276/12, Dewalayagawa, Rathnapura;
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.02.2021 from Mr. D. H. Jayalath Gunawardhane of No. 108/20, School Lane, Rukmale, Pannipitiya;
 - (iii) a petition dated 20.02.2021 from Mr. K. H. Dhammika of No. 85/8, Sri Gnanendra Road, Rathmalana;
 - (iv) a petition dated 16.02.2021 from Mr. R. P. R. Kandappah of No. 11, Jayawardhana Mawatha, Dehiwala;
 - (v) a petition dated 10.03.2021 from Mr. S. M. Prasanna Kumara of No.1/A/F8/U/9, Mihindusenpura, Dematagoda, Colombo 09; and
 - (vi) a petition dated 08.03.2021 from Mr. W. C. Jayarathne of No. 101/2, Galmullawatta, Kamburugoda, Bandaragama.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana presented a petition dated 06.02.2021 from Mr. U. S. Chandrasiri of No. 180/5, Malagala, Padukka.
- (3) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 12.12.2020 from Mr. Upali Dayananda Aponso of No. 98/D, Wathumulla, Walapane; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 26.01.2021 from Mr. Yalarawe Mudiyanseelage Gunathilake of No. 23/01, Middle Class Houses, Getakulawa, Rikillagaskada.
- (4) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 02.02.2021 from Mr. H. A. V. A. Nawarathne of Pussella, Parakaduwa.
- (5) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented—
 - (i) a petition dated 30.12.2020 from Mr. A. Dharma Sri Ranatunga of Palugaswela, Kanaththewewa; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 30.12.2020 from Mr. W. M. Wijesinghe of No. 102, Mahakeliya, Mahakeliya.
- (6) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 30.12.2020 from Mr. M. C. Ranjith Paris of No. 119, Chilaw Road, Kattuwa, Negombo.
- (7) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 27.02.2021 from Mr. A. P. S. Amarasinghe of No. 39, Chakindarama Road, Rathmalana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 18.02.2021 from Mr. G. Jayatissa of No. 69, Thotamunaperuwa, Pelawatta; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 01.03.2021 from Mr. U. K. D. Sanjaya Duminda of No. 163/1, Thewatta, Gamagoda, Kaluthara South.

- (8) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —
- (i) a petition dated 02.03.2021 from Mrs. H. B. Thakshila Sajeewani of No. 411/1, Galle Road, Mt. Lavinia;
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.12.2020 from Mr. P. Abeyrathne Pathirana of Haputhale Road (2nd Mile Post), Dambavinna, Welimada;
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.02.2021 from Mr. S. H. Thilak Saman of “Piyumi”, No. 49/1, Samaya Mawatha, Pallemalala, Weligatta, Hambanthota; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.12.2020 from Mr. T. M. Dharmadasa of No. 26, Middle Class Housing Scheme, First Lane, Badulla Road, Hali Ela.
- (9) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 05.03.2021 from Mrs. W. G. Dayawathie of “Wijayagiri”, Meda Uyangoda, Yatiyana, Matara; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 16.03.2021 from Mr. W. Premasiri of “Aluth Gedara”, Kandevihara Road, Puhulwella.
- (10) Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya presented a petition dated 30.01.2021 from Mr. W. M. Uditha Laksiri Weerasinghe of No. 59, Nuwara Eliya Road, Welimada.
- (11) Hon. Nalin Fernando presented a petition dated 08.03.2021 from Mr. A. G. S. Silva of No. 82/22, Thalagolla, Ragama.
- (12) Hon. Rohana Bandara presented a petition dated 18.03.2021 from Mr. G. Dharmasiri of Kelepuliyankulama,, Kebithigollewa.
- (13) Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara presented a petition dated 17.09.2020 from Mrs. K. M. Lokumenike of No. 52B, Kapuliyadda.
- (14) Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara presented a petition dated 03.03.2021 from Mr. B. R. T. B. Basnayake, of Salon Savindri, Pahalagama, Siyambalangamuwa, Maspotha.
- (15) Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka presented a petition dated 09.03.2021 from Mr. N. D. Senarathne of No. 208, New Houses, Diwurumgama, Nugathalawa.
- (16) Hon. Samanpriya Herath presented a petition dated 15.03.2021 from Mr. H. L. Samantha Kumara of No. 270/8/A, “Nethmini Uyana”, Bodhimulla, Anukkane, Kuliypitiya.

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

5. Regulations under the Finance Act : The Minister of Highways 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 Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2208/59 of 01st January 2021, which were presented on 23.04.2021, be approved.

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

Hon. Vijitha Herath seconded by Hon. Eran Wickramaratne moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.19 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Security moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Finance Act : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/23 of 05th January 2021, which was presented on 23.04.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Finance Act : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 6(2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2214/25 of 09th February 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 3(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. 2209/17 of 05th January 2021, which was presented on 23.04.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2202/4 of 17th November 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2202/44 of 21st November 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2206/3 of 14th December 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/10 of 16th December 2020, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2210/16 of 13th January 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2211/8 of 18th January 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 7) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2214/58 of 11th February 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 8) : The Minister of Highways 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 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. 2217/23 of 03rd March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, relating to Ceylon Tyre Manufacturing Company (Pvt) Ltd and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2217/40 of 05th March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Highways 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 under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, relating to Colombo International Financial Centre and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2220/30 of 23rd March 2021, which was presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act : The Minister of Highways 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 Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/37 of 07th April 2021, which were presented on 04.05.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Adjournment (Strengthening of the Co-Operative Movement) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.