



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 93.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 07, 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 Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, 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 Education 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, Foreign Minister

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

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development

Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Power

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

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

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 and State Minister of Community Police Services

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, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness

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. 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 Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands Development

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. (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. 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. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy and Grains, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promoting, 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 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

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Hon. Hector Appuhamy
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Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
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. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
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. Anura Dissanayaka
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. 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. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
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. 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. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
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. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
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
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Chief of Staff and Deputy 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 that, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 6th August 2021, the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, during the First Session of the Ninth Parliament:—

Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne”

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that the following Members of Parliament under the Chair of the Prime Minister to serve on the Select Committee of Parliament to consider the government business presented to Parliament by the public institutions that do not come under the purview of the existing Ministries by the Committee of Selection:—

Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament for the year 2020.

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

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Regulations made by the State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development under Section 22A, read with Section 71 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2241/41 of 19th August 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife & Forest Conservation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Gem and Jewellery Related Industries for the year 2020.

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

(4) 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2238/45 of 31st July 2021 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development for the year 2020.

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

(6) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 2020.

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

(7) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Tourism for the year 2020.

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

(8) The Minister of Justice presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board for the year 2019.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 19.05.2021 from Mrs. M. V. W. Kumari of No. 92/1C, 7th Lane, Aluthgamawatta, Yakkala.
- (2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 10.05.2021 from Mr. A. L. Ariyawansha of No. 7D, Welegoda Road, Rahula Junction, Matara;
 - (ii) a petition dated 11.05.2021 from Mrs. I. G. Kamani of No. 139/B, Araliya Place, Malimbada, Palatuwa;
 - (iii) a petition dated 06.04.2021 from Mr. M. P. M. Nihal of No. 135, Old Galle Road, Walliwala, Weligama; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 02.07.2021 from Mr. Sudath Kodithuwakku Arachchi of No. 170/01, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala.
- (3) Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon presented a petition dated 09.01.2021 from Mr. M. M. Palitha Dhanapala of No. 19/A, Moragoda, Gampaha.

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

4. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 3 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. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

The Minister of Plantation moved,—That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.42 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

(At 4.19 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 3 to 12 (both inclusive), in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“short title 1. This Act may be cited as the Securities
and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act,
No.of 2021.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 17 to 25 (both inclusive), in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“(2) The Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette*
remove a member of the Commission from continuing as a
member if his continuation in the office is detrimental to the
interests of the Commission. ”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 17 were agreed to.

Clause 18

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 32, in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“any officer of the Attorney-General’s Department to appear on
behalf of the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 19

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 3 to 13 (both inclusive), in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“ Subsection (1), from office if his continuation in the office is detrimental to the interests of the Commission:”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 20

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 9, in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“or abroad for a period not exceeding three years on an;”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 30 were agreed to.

Clause 31

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 8, in page 26 and substitute the following:—

“of the Commission and the Ministry of Finance.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 32 to 42 were agreed to.

Clause 43

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 22, in page 38 and substitute the following:—

“43. (1) Notwithstanding only of an inconsistency with the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 44 to 52 were agreed to.

Clause 53

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 7, in page 45 and substitute the following:—

“Defences in criminal or civil liability 53. (1) It shall be a defence to a person in any civil or criminal proceedings to prove that in discharging his duties by virtue of delegation of powers under the default rules of a licensed clearing house in connection with any default proceeding in respect of anything done or omitted to be done that he exercised reasonable care and acted in good faith in the course of or in connection with the discharge or purported discharge of that duty”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 54 to 66 were agreed to.

Clause 67

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 23 to 25 (both inclusive), in page 56 and substitute the following:—

“67. (1) Where the Commission is satisfied”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 68

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20, in page 59 and substitute the following:—

“(iii) during a period of three years immediately preceding such appointment has been subject to any administrative sanction by the Commission under this Act;”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 24 and 29 (both inclusive), in page 59.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 and 23 (both inclusive), in page 60.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 69 and 70 were agreed to.

Clause 71

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 25 and 26, in page 61 and substitute the following:—

“course of or in connection with the discharge of its obligations under this Act, regulations,”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 72 and 73 were agreed to.

Clause 74

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive), in page 64.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 75 to 79 were agreed to.

Clause 80

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 15 to 28 (both inclusive), in page 66 and substitute the following:—

“Public officer of securities	80. A listed public company or any public company which has applied to obtain a listing in an exchange shall not make a public offer of securities either directly or through a third party by way of a prospectus or a similar document or otherwise for the purposes of solicitation of funds from the public unless approved by the Commission or a person authorised by the Commission:
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Provided however, the Commission having taken into consideration the volume of securities, class of securities, the number and type of investors, the nature of the issuer or the nature of the securities market may by rules made under this Act require that the approval of the Commission be obtained prior to certain types of public offers of unlisted companies.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 13 (both inclusive), in page 67.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 81

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 14 to 21 (both inclusive), in page 67 and substitute the following:—

“Approval of the Commission for issue of securities 81. (a) A listed public company shall obtain the approval of the Commission or any person authorized by the Commission to grant approval in respect of -”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 3 (both inclusive), in page 68.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 82 to 84 were agreed to.

Clause 85

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 20, in page 71:—

“(b) there exist circumstances that the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 23, in page 71:—

“(c) there exist circumstances that the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 28, in page 71:—

“(d) there exist circumstances that the”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 86 to 96 were agreed to.

Clause 97

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 20 (both inclusive), in page 80 and substitute the following:—

“Requirement to register with the Commission 97. (1) The Commission may specify by way of rules that a person who deals with clients for and on behalf of a market intermediary to register with the Commission and for that purpose such person shall be known as a registered person.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 98 to 111 were agreed to.

Clause 112

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 to 17 (both inclusive), in page 90 and substitute the following:—

“Duty in making recommendations 112. (1) A market intermediary or a registered person shall not make a recommendation with respect to any securities to a client where such client may reasonably be expected to rely on the recommendation, if the market intermediary or registered person does not have a reasonable basis for making the recommendation to the client.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 35 (both inclusive), in page 91.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 113 to 117 were agreed to.

Clause 118

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 17, in page 95 and substitute the following:—

“registration under section 117 having regard to the criteria”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 119 to 124 were agreed to.

Clause 125

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 4 to 7 (both inclusive), in page 99 and substitute the following:—

“Application of the provisions of the Act to unlisted securities 125. The rules relating to unlisted securities applicable to”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 126 was agreed to.

Clause 127

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 25 to 28, in page 99 and substitute the following:—

“ in relation to securities of any listed public company or any unlisted company that has made a public offer of securities in accordance with section 80 which is established”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 2 to 3, in page 100 and substitute the following:—

“ in relation to securities of any listed public company or any unlisted company that has made a public offer of securities in accordance with section 80 which is established or is carrying on business within Sri Lanka;”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 12, in page 100 and substitute the following:—

“Commission; or
(iv) to acts or omissions occurring in relation to securities traded on a platform operated by a recognized market operator; and”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 128

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 26, in page 100 and substitute the following:—

“ Commission or a platform operated by a recognized market operator; or”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 4, in page 102 and substitute the following:—

“ exchange or a platform operated by a recognized market operator; or”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 7, in page 102 and substitute the following:—

“on an exchange or a platform operated by a recognized market operator.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 129

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 29, in page 102 and substitute the following:—

“an exchange licensed by the Commission or a platform operated by a recognized market operator, for the purpose of”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 3, in page 103 and substitute the following:—

“by the Commission or a platform operated by a recognised market operator includes-”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 130

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 14, in page 103 and substitute the following:—

“Commission or a platform operated by a recognised market operator,-”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 131

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 22, in page 103 and substitute the following:—

“ licensed by the Commission or a platform operated by a recognised market operator,-”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 132

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 12, in page 104 and substitute the following:—

“on an exchange licensed by the Commission or a platform operated by a recognized market operator,-”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 133 to 136 were agreed to.

Clause 137

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 27, in page 106 and substitute the following:—

“securities market of an exchange or a platform operated by a recognized market operator, the insider shall not directly ”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 138 to 151 were agreed to.

Clause 152

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 34, in page 116 and substitute the following:—

“by the Commission”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 153 to 166 were agreed to.

Clause 167

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 30, in page 126 and substitute the following:—

“person or any part thereof which is related to the matter under inquiry or investigation; or”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 168 to 177 were agreed to.

Clause 178

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 25 to 34 (both inclusive), in page 136 and substitute the following:—

“(i) to (iv), the Commission may impose a moratorium on or prohibit any trading of or any dealing in, the listed public company’s securities or in any other securities which the Commission thinks fit, by the promoter or director or any person connected with the promoter or director.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive), in page 137.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 32, in page 137:—

“(6) (a) Any person aggrieved by a decision made under paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) may within fourteen days of receipt of such decision prefer an appeal to the Minister

(b) Notwithstanding the preferring of an appeal to the Minister under paragraph (a), any administrative sanction imposed by the Commission shall continue to have effect until the Minister makes his decision.

(c) The Minister may, on an appeal made under paragraph (a), after hearing the Commission and the person who preferred the appeal under paragraph (a), within a period of one month after receipt of such appeal,—

(i) allow the appeal and mitigate the penalty;

(ii) disallow the appeal.

(d) The Commission shall give effect to the decision of the Minister.”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 179 was agreed to.

Clause 180

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 20 to 21, in page 141.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 181 was agreed to.

Clause 182

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 10, in page 144.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 183 to 186 were agreed to.

Clause 187

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 to 22 (both inclusive), in page 158 and substitute the following:—

“ derivatives broker, derivatives dealer, investment manager,
managing company, margin provider, market maker, stock
broker, stock dealer”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 14 (both inclusive), in page 160.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 8 to 14 (both inclusive), in page 161.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 188 was agreed to.

New Clause

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 5 in page 147:—

“Recourse 186. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Commission
against may invoke the Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal
decisions of the conferred under Article 140 of the Constitution.”.
Commission

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister Finance moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. **Finance Bill** : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 134; Noes: 44.

The following Hundred and Seventy Eight (178) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Maithreepala Sirisena	Yes
G 002. G.L. Peiris	Yes
G 003. Nimal Siripala de Silva	Yes
G 005. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 006. Dinesh Gunawardana	Yes
G 007. Mahinda Rajapaksa	Yes
G 009. Basil Rajapaksa	Yes
G 010. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 011. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 012. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 014. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 016. Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes
G 019. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 020. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
G 021. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 022. S.M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 023. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 024. Udaya Gammanpila	Yes
G 025. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 027. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes

G 028. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	Yes
G 029. Ali Sabry	Yes
G 030. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 031. Susil Premajayanth	Yes
G 032. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
G 033. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
G 034. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
G 035. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 036. Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Yes
G 038. Nimal Lanza	Yes
G 039. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 040. Jayantha Samaraweera	Yes
G 041. Angajan Ramamathan	Yes
G 042. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 043. Mohan Priyadarshana	Yes
G 044. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 045. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 047. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 048. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 049. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 050. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 051. Sanath Nishantha	Yes
G 053. Kanchana Wijesekara	Yes
G 054. Indika Anuruddha	Yes
G 055. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 056. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 057. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 058. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 060. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 061. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 062. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 063. D.B. Herath	Yes
G 064. Nalaka Godahewa	Yes
G 065. Channa Jayasumana	Yes
G 067. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 068. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 069. Ajith Nivard Cabraal	Yes

G 070. Mahinda Samarasinghe	Yes
G 072. W.D.J. Senewiratne	Yes
G 073. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
G 074. A.L.M.Athaullah	Yes
G 075. Tissa Vitharana	Yes
G 076. Dilan Perera	Yes
G 077. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 078. Jayarathna Herath	Yes
G 080. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
G 081. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 082. Premalal Jayasekera	Yes
G 083. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 084. Sarathie Dusmantha	Yes
G 085. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 087. Mohamed Musammil	Yes
G 089. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 090. Amarakeerthi Athukorala	Yes
G 091. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 092. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 093. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 094. U.K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 095. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 096. Sanjeewa Edirimanna	Yes
G 097. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 098. Lalith Ellawala	Yes
G 099. Udayana Chaminda Kiringoda	Yes
G 100. Jagath Kumara	Yes
G 101. Geetha Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 102. K.P.S. Kumarasiri	Yes
G 103. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 104. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	Yes
G 105. Upul Galappaththi	Yes
G 106. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 107. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 108. S. Chadrakanthan	Yes
G 109. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 110. Kulasinghsm Thileepan	Yes

G 111. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 114. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 115. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 116. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senaratne	No
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	No
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	No
O 012. Mano Ganesan	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayake	No
O 018. A.A.S.M. Raheem	Yes
O 021. Kabir Hashim	No
O 025. Sarath Fonseka	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 028. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
O 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No
O 032. J.C. Alawathuwala	No
O 035. Vijitha Herath	No
O 036. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 037. Selwarasa Gajenthiran	No
O 040. M.A. Sumanthiran	No
O 041. Vadivel Suresh	No
O 042. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 043. Ajith Mannapperuma	No
O 044. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 046. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	No
O 047. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 048. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	No
O 049. Velu Kumar	No
O 050. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana	No
O 051. Mayantha Dissanayake	No
O 052. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
O 053. S.M. Marikkar	No

O 054. Imran Maharroof	No
O 055. Mujibur Rahuman	No
O 056. Harshana Rajakaruna	No
O 059. S. R. Rasamanikkam	No
O 060. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan	No
O 061. Rohini Kumari Wijerathne	No
O 062. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 063. Hesha Withanage	No
O 065. M. Udayakumar	No
O 066. W.H.M. Dharmasena	No
O 067. Kins Nelson	No
O 068. Rohana Bandara	No
O 075. Faizal Cassim	Yes
O 076. H.M.M. Harees	Yes
O 077. M.S. Thowfeek	Yes
O 078. Ishak Rahuman	Yes
O 079. Naseer Ahamed	Yes
O 080. Muszhaaraff Muthunabeen	Yes
O 081. Premanath C. Dolawaththa	Yes
O 082. H.Nandasena	Yes
O 083. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
O 085. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
O 087. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
O 089. Nalin Fernando	Yes
O 090. Sudath Manjula	Yes
O 091. Chinthaka Mayadunna	Yes
O 092. Wasantha Yapa Bandara	Yes
O 093. Nipuna Ranawaka	Yes
O 094. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara	Yes
O 095. Kumarasiri Ratnayaka	Yes
O 096. Ajith Rajapaksa	Yes
O 097. Gunathilaka Rajapaksa	Yes
O 098. Thilak Rajapaksa	Yes
O 099. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksa	Yes
O 101. Gamini Waleboda	Yes
O 102. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
O 103. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes

O 104. Madura Withanage	Yes
O 106. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	Yes
O 107. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
O 109. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
O 110. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
O 111. Ranjith Bandara	Yes
O 112. Surendra Raghavan	Yes
O 113. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
O 114. Charitha Herath	Yes
O 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 3, in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“specified in Schedule II is pending, in relation to”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12, in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“amount available in cash whether in Sri Lankan rupees or in foreign currency, he shall deposit such”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 17, in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“provisions of subsection (2) shall not apply to a person to”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 6, in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“ to the Commissioner-General prior to making the declaration under section 5 subject to”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 5

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 4, in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“ Form specified in Part I or Part II of Schedule V hereto along with the documents to prove the ownership, date of acquisition and cost or market value of the asset, subject”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways proposed another amendment to leave out lines 7 to 24 (both inclusive), in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“(2) For the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act, the Commissioner-General may issue necessary guidelines specifying the manner of payment and filing the declaration within one week of the date of coming into operation of this Act.

(3)(a) Upon receipt of a declaration made under subsection(1), the Commissioner-General shall verify whether such declaration is in accordance with this Act.

(b) Where the declaration is in accordance with this Act, the Commissioner– General shall accept the declaration in writing and inform of such acceptance to the declarant within thirty days of the date of receipt of the declaration.

(c) If the declaration is not in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Commissioner-General shall reject the declaration and inform the declarant in writing the reasons for his rejection within thirty days of the date of receipt of such declaration.

(d) If the Commissioner-General fails to inform the declarant as specified in paragraph (b) and (c) within thirty days the declaration shall be deemed to have been accepted.

(4) Any declarant whose declaration is rejected in terms of subsection (3), shall be entitled to submit a fresh declaration remedying any defects specified in the Commissioner-General's decision under subsection (3) within thirty days of the receipt of the Commissioner-General's decision.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 25, in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“(5) Any declarant who provides false or”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 28, in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“under section 6, notwithstanding the acceptance of”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 2, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“accepted by the Commissioner-General under”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 8 to 11 (both inclusive), in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“(a) under the provisions of any law specified in Schedule I hereto, other than the Value Added Tax, No. 14 of 2002, in relation to any year of assessment ending on or prior to March 31, 2020 in relation to the income or asset disclosed in the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out lines 14 and 15, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ No. 14 of 2002 in relation to any year of any period ending on or prior to March 31, 2020, in relation to the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 7

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out the marginal note, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“Secrecy”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 25, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“preserving official secrecy in respect of the identity of a”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 were agreed to.

Clause 12

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 19, in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“with the income from final withholding payments, gains and profits exempted from income”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 13

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 6, in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“the taxpayer pays the full amount of the tax outstanding,”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 14

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 15 to 17 (both inclusive), in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“arrears referred to in section 11 or 12, in respect of which a decision is pending before or has been made by the Tax Appeals Commission or any court of law, before the commencement of this Act, under the provisions of any”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 20, in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“written off under the provisions of section 11 and 12, as the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 were agreed to.

Clause 17

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 29 to 33 (both inclusive), in page 10.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 were agreed to.

Clause 20

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 24, in page 11:—

““Final withholding payments” shall have the same meaning assigned to such payment as provided in section 88 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed another amendment to leave out line 14, in page 12 and substitute the following:—

““return” means a return of income or Value Added Tax return that a person is”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Schedules I to V were agreed to.

General Amendment

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed a general amendment as follows:—

“This Bill is amended by the substitution for the word and figures
“December 31, 2021”, wherever those word and figures occur in
the Bill, of the word and figures “ March 31, 2022”.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the amendment, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act : The Minister of Finance on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2243/4 of 30th August 2021 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 06.09.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2222/3 of 05th April 2021, which was presented on 03.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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. 2231/16 of 11th June 2021, which were presented on 17.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2231/17 of 11th June 2021, which were presented on 17.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance (No.3) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2231/18 of 11th June 2021, which were presented on 17.08.2021, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Adjournment (Accelerated Mechanism for Production of Organic Fertilizer) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.56 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.