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No. 14.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 09, 2022 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. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Trade

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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Tourism

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Irrigation, State Minister of Defence and State Minister of Home Affairs

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 Energy

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

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. 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. Jeevan Thondaman, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure

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. 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. 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. 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 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. 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
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- Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah**
- Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala**
- Hon. Kapila 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. Thisakutti Arachchi**
- Hon. M. Udayakumar**
- Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**
- Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**
- Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**

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Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
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. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
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Hon. Asanka Navarathna
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. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
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. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
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Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
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Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
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Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

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. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital & Postgraduate Medical Training Center for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Technology presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Personal Data Protection Bill;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution for the year 2016; and
- (v) Annual Report of the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka for the year 2015

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 12.01.2022 from Mr. H. D. Udayakumara of Peramadulla, Udamulla, Mawanella;
 - (ii) a petition dated 11.01.2022 from Mr. R. W. S. K. Ranawaka of No. 09, Salgadu Mawatha, Wekada, Panadura; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 27.01.2022 from Mr. W. A. Anura Weerasooriya of Kahabiliyawala, Alawwa.

- (2) Hon. Duminda Dissanayake presented a petition dated 05.12.2021 from Mr. Asela Bandara Hippola of No. 2354, 3rd Step, Kashayapa Mawatha, Anuradhapura.
- (3) Hon. Abdul Haleem presented a petition dated 29.11.2021 from Mrs. V. S. Udawela of No. 39, Weliketiya, Ankumbura.
- (4) Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal presented a petition dated 20.12.2021 from Mr. L. P. Karunasena of “Harshani Miran Sewana”, Periyakulama, Anamaduwa.

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

4. Personal Data Protection Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development 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 the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.41 a.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Justice moved,— That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.36 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.18 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

(At 4.15 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 3 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“(3) All other provisions of this Act except the provisions of Part IV and Part V, shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*, which shall not be a date earlier than eighteen months and not later than thirty six months from the date of the certificate of the speaker referred to in subsection (2).”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 4 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“(4) The date of operation of the provisions”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 7 in page 2:—

“(5) The date of operation of the provisions of Part V shall be a date appointed by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette* which shall be a date not later than the date appointed by the Minister under subsection (3).”;

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 2

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 18 in page 2.

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 1 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(2) For the purposes of paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 9 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(a) any personal data processed purely for personal,”;

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 3 to 18 were agreed to.

Clause 19

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“(a) decision of the controller not to refrain from”;

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 20 and 21 were agreed to.

Clause 22

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 4 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“on the written instructions of the controller;”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 8 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“obligations on confidentiality and secrecy through the implementation of the appropriate technical and organizational measures;”

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 9 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“(c) facilitate the controller to carry out compliance audits, including inspections upon the written request of the controller, taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor.”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 18 and 19 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“of the provisions of services relating to processing.”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 20 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 16.

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 23 to 25 were agreed to.

Clause 26

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 1 in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“controller or processor as the case may be, ensures compliance with the respective”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 10 in page 21:—

“(5) In the absence of any adequacy decision pursuant to subsection (2) or appropriate safeguards pursuant to subsection (4), a controller or processor other than a public authority may process personal data outside Sri Lanka if—

- (a) the data subject has explicitly consented to the proposed processing of personal data outside Sri Lanka, after having been informed of the possible risks of such processing for the data subject due to the absence of adequate decision and appropriate safeguards; or
- (b) the transfer is necessary for the performance of a contract between the data subject and the controller or the implementation of any pre contractual measures taken by the controller at the request of the data subject; or
- (c) the transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims relating to the data subject; or
- (d) the transfer is necessary for reasons of public interest as defined in item (g) of Schedule I of this Act; or
- (e) the transfer is necessary to respond to an emergency that threatens the life, health, or safety of the data subject or another person and where the data subject or his legal guardian is physically or legally incapable of giving consent; or
- (f) such processing is permitted under any other conditions as may be prescribed under this Act.”;

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 27

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 and 13 in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“USE OF PERSONAL DATA TO DISSEMINATE
SOLICITED MESSAGES”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out the marginal note to Clause 27 in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“Solicited messages to data subjects by controllers”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 15 in page 22 and substitute the following:—

“intervention, other than any internet based advertisements to which a data subject has consented to obtain a service, free of charge from the controller.”;

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 28

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 28 (both inclusive) in page 22 and substitute the following:—

“Establishment of the Data Protection Authority	28. (1) There shall be established an authority which shall be called the Data Protection Authority of Sri Lanka (in this Act referred to as the “Authority”) for the purposes of this Act.
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(2) The Authority shall, by the name assigned to it by subsection (1), be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in such name.

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 23 and substitute the following:—

“Constitution of the Board of Directors	29. (1) The administration, management and control of the affairs of the Authority shall be vested in a Board of Directors (in this Act referred to as the “Board”).
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(2) The Board shall, for the purpose of administering the affairs of the Authority, exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred on, assigned to or imposed on, the Authority by this Act.

(3) The Board shall consist of not less than five members and not more than seven members appointed by the President from among persons who have reached eminence and proven professional expertise in the field of engineering, medicine, banking and finance, telecommunications, Law; and persons who have experience in different sectors such as public utilities, business process outsourcing (BPO), logistics, Insurance, banking, and financial sectors of whom at least two members shall have prior experience in the public sector entities.

(4) The persons appointed to the Board shall also have experience and knowledge in regulatory matters, privacy and data protection, information security, data science, data analytics, economics, finance, information technology or related fields.

(5) The provisions of Schedule VI to this Act, shall have effect in relation to the disqualifications and grounds for removal, resignation, leave or absence, and term of office of members of the Board, and meetings, and seal of the Authority.

Chairperson of
the Board

30. (1) The President shall appoint one of the members who has demonstrated effective leadership qualities in public or private sector entities to be the Chairperson of the Board.

(2) The Chairperson may resign from his office by letter addressed to the President and such resignation shall be effective from the date on which it is accepted by the President.

(3) The President may for reasons assigned therefor remove the Chairperson from the office of the Chairperson.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), the term of office of the Chairperson shall be the period of his membership of the Board.

(5) Where the Chairperson is temporarily unable to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office due to ill health, other infirmity, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause, the President may appoint any other member to act as the Chairperson

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 29 was agreed to.

Clause 30

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 17 (both inclusive) in page 24.

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 32 in page 24:—

- “(e) to conduct inquiries, receive complaints, require any person to appear before it, make directives and impose fines in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (f) to examine a person under oath or affirmation and require such person where necessary to produce any information relating to the processing of functions of a controller or processor in the manner prescribed, for the purpose of discharging the functions of this Act;”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 10 in page 25:—

- “(i) to appoint advisory committees consisting of members whose qualifications, experience and powers and duties shall be as prescribed;”;

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 31

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 23 in page 28:—

- “(o) appoint advisory committees to formulate sectoral guidelines, rules and to identify criteria and define categories of processing by controllers or processors requiring a license for the purpose of regulating identity management and related services provided to data subjects under any written law;”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 33 in page 28:—

“Authority
may issue
licences

34.(1) The Authority may, issue licenses to controllers or processors requiring a license based on the recommendations of the advisory committee for the purpose of regulating identity management and related services provided to data subjects under any written law.

(2) The recommendations of the advisory committee shall include identify criteria and define categories of processing by controllers and processors requiring a license.

(3) The categories, criteria, terms and conditions, form and duration, procedure for application, renewal, suspension, cancellation, relating to such licenses, appeal against the refusal, suspension or cancellation of license and fees to be charged may be prescribed.

(4) The Authority may, review and monitor the compliance of such controllers or processors with applicable terms and conditions of such licences.”;

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 32

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 29 and substitute the following:—

“controller or processor to be heard at any inquiry under subsection (1),”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 21 in page 29 and substitute the following:—

“processing; or”

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 23 in page 29:—

“(c) to make a payment of such sum of money as compensation as determined by the Authority to an aggrieved person who has suffered harm, loss or damage as a result of any contravention by a controller or processor under subsection (1).”; and

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 29 in page 29 and substitute the following:—

“be binding on such controller or processor, who shall comply with such directive from the date of such communication.

PART VI

DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE STAFF OF THE AUTHORITY

Appointment
of the Director
General

36. (1) The Board shall appoint a Director-General of the Authority who have achieved eminence and the proven professional expertise in providing leadership to public sector or private sector.

(2) The Director-General shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and the conditions of employment including remuneration of the Director-General shall be determined by the Board by way of rules.

(3) The Board shall not appoint any person as the Director-General of the Authority, if such person-

- (a) has been previously found guilty of serious misconduct by a court or tribunal or has been subject to a disciplinary action by a regulatory body;
- (b) has been previously dismissed from office; or
- (c) has committed a breach of the provisions of this Act, regulations, rules or directives made thereunder.

(4) The Director-General shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Board, be charged with the direction of the affairs and transactions of the Authority, the exercise, discharge and performance of its powers, duties and functions, and the administration and control of the officers

(5) The Board may remove the Director-General appointed under subsection (1), from office having regard to any one of the following reasons:-

- (a) the likelihood of any conflict of interests in carrying out his duties or functions for the Authority;
- (b) that person becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties or functions;
- (c) that person is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties or functions; or
- (d) that person is involved in any activity which may interfere with his independence in discharging his duties or functions or not complied with the general directions of the Board:

Provided, that the Board shall grant an opportunity to the Director-General of being heard, prior to such removal.

Staff of the
Authority

37. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, the Authority may create cadre positions and employ officers and employees as it considers necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions and may fix their salaries and wages or other remuneration, benefits and pensions of such employees and officers for the purposes of carrying out its functions and duties under the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall promote and sponsor the training of technical personnel on the subjects of information security, data science, data analytics, information technology, finance, law, and other subjects and for this purpose, the Authority shall be authorised to defray the costs of study, in Sri Lanka or abroad of the officers and employees of the Authority who are of proven merit as determined by the Authority.

(3) The Authority shall prepare a code of conduct which shall be applicable to the officers and employees of the Authority.

(4) The Authority may revise such code of conduct by modifying, rescinding or amending from time to time.

(5) The Authority shall not appoint any person to the staff of the Authority where such person-

- (a) has been previously found guilty of serious misconduct by a court or tribunal or has been subject to a disciplinary action by a regulatory body;
- (b) has been previously dismissed from office; or
- (c) has committed a breach of the provisions of this Act, regulations, rules or directives made thereunder.

(6) At the request of the Authority any officer in the public service may, with the consent of the officer and the Public Service Commission established by the Constitution be temporarily appointed to the Authority for such period as may be determined by the Authority or with like consent, be permanently appointed to such staff.

(7) Where any officer in the public service is temporarily appointed to the staff of the Authority, the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991, shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such officer.

(8) Where any officer in the public service is permanently appointed to the staff of the Authority, the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 of the National Transport Commission Act, No. 37 of 1991, shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such officer.

(9) Where the Authority employs any person who has agreed to serve the Government for a specified period, any period of service to the Authority by that person shall be regarded as service to the Government for the purpose of discharging the obligations of such agreement.

(10) The Authority may with the consent of such officer or servant propose secondment of its officers or servants to other state institutions or regulatory authorities in Sri Lanka or abroad for a period determined by the Board on an assignment agreed upon between such institution and the Authority. The period of secondment shall be deemed to be considered as service to the Authority.”

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 33

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“penalty or a compensation or both as the case may be, which shall not exceed a sum of rupees ten million”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 21 in page 30 and substitute the following:—

“collected shall be credited to the Consolidated Fund after deducting such sum of money collected as compensation payable to the aggrieved person affected by a reason of the non-compliance of the provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 32”; and

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to insert the following, immediately after line 29 in page 31:—

“(8) Until rules are made under Article 136 of the Constitution pertaining to appeals under this section, the rules made under that Article pertaining to an application by way of revision to the Court of Appeal, shall apply in respect of every appeal made under subsection (7) of this section.”;

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 34 was agreed to.

Clause 35

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 7 to 12 (both inclusive) in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“40. Any exemption, restriction or derogation to the provisions of this Act shall not be allowed except where such exemption, restriction or derogation is provided for in any law and respects the essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms and constitute a necessary and proportionate measure in a democratic society for -”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 23 and 24 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“ PART VIII

FUND OF THE AUTHORITY

Fund of the
Authority

41. (1) The Authority shall have its own fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”).

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund -

- (a) all such sums of money as may be voted by Parliament for the use of Authority; and
- (b) all such sums of money as may be received by the Authority in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act; and
- (c) all sums of money as may be paid as fees under the provisions of this Act; and
- (d) all such sums of money as may be received by the Authority by way of donations, gifts or grants from the Consolidated Fund, the Government or a foreign Government, State Agencies and from multilateral and bilateral agencies whether within or outside Sri Lanka.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund all such sums as are required to defray expenditure incurred by the Authority in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act or under any other written law and all such sums as are required to be paid out of the Fund.

(4) Monies belonging to the Fund of the Authority may be invested by the Authority in such manner as may be determined by the Board.”

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 36

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 29 in page 33:—

“PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS”

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 37 was agreed to.

Clause 38

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 13 to 18 (both inclusive) in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Delegation of powers, duties and functions of the Authority

44. (1) The Board may, subject to such conditions as may be specified in writing, delegate to the Director-General or any officer of the Authority, any of its powers, duties and functions under this Act and the Director-General or such officer shall exercise, perform and discharge such power, duty or function subject to any special or general directions issued by the Board.

(2) Notwithstanding any delegation made under subsection (1), the Board may exercise, perform and discharge any such power, duty or function so delegated.

Delegation of powers, duties and functions by the Director-General

45. (1) The Director-General may delegate any of his powers, duties or functions under this Act, to any officer of the Authority.

(2) An officer to whom any power, duty or function is delegated under subsection (1), shall exercise, perform and discharge such power, duty and function subject to such directions as may be given by the Director-General.

(3) The Director-General shall, notwithstanding any delegation made under subsection (1), have the right to exercise, perform and any power, duty or function so delegated.

Expenses to be paid out of the Fund of the Authority

46. (1) All expenses incurred by the Authority in any suit or prosecution brought by or against it before any court, shall be paid out of the Fund of the Authority and only costs paid to or recovered by the Authority in any such suit or prosecution, shall be credited to the Fund of the Authority.

(2) Any expense incurred by a member, Director-General or any officer or other employees of the Authority, in any suit or prosecution brought by or against such person before any court in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by such person under this Act, shall if the court holds that the act was done in good faith, be paid out of the Fund of the Authority, unless such expenses are recovered by him in such suit or prosecution.

Review of the
performance of
the Authority

47. The Minister shall from time to time review the performance of the Authority, and require the Authority to submit such reports relating to its affairs and activities as may be required by the Minister.

Annual Report

48. (1) The Authority shall within six months of the end of each financial year, submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities carried out by the Authority during that financial year, with such supporting documents as the Minister may require from time to time for the evaluation of the performance of the Authority .

(2) The Minister shall, lay copies of the report and documents submitted under subsection (1) before Parliament within six months from the date of receipt of such report and the documents.”

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 39 to 41 were agreed to.

Clause 42

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 35.

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 43

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 20 (both inclusive) in page 35 and substitute the following:—

“(a) the schemes of recruitments, terms of appointments, employment and dismissal of various officers and their powers, functions including the powers and functions of the Director-General and the payment 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 44

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 20 in page 37:—

- “(d) specifying the categories and criteria of licences to be issued under this Act;
- (e) providing for terms, conditions, form and duration, procedure for application, renewal, suspension, cancellation of such licences and appeal against the refusal, suspension or cancellation of licences;
- (f) charging of fees for the issue of licences;”;

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 45 and 46 were agreed to.

Clause 47

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out line 23 in page 39 and substitute the following:—

“age of sixteen years; ”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 30 in page 39 and substitute the following:—

“public authority, public corporation, non-governmental; ”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 32 in page 41 and substitute the following:—

“identification number, financial data, location data or”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 32 in page 43 and substitute the following:—

“authority, statutory body”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“by a Provincial Council.”;

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

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed another amendment to leave out line 22 in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“beliefs, the processing 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 48 was agreed to.

Schedule I was agreed to.

Schedule II

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out item (f) of Schedule II in page 48 and substitute the following:—

“(f) processing is necessary for, any purpose as provided for in any written law or public interest as determined under item (g) of Schedule I, which shall be necessary and proportionate to the aim pursued whilst providing suitable and specific measures to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject; or”;

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

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

Schedule III to V were agreed to.

Schedule VI

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after Schedule V of the following Schedule in page 52 and substitute the following:—

“

(section 29(5))

Schedule VI

“Term of office
of members

1. Every member of the Board other than the Chairperson shall, unless he vacates office earlier by death, resignation or removal, hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment and unless he has been removed from office, be eligible for reappointment:

Provided that, a member appointed in place of a member who had vacated office, by death, resignation or removal, shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

Resignation of
members of the
Authority

2.(1) Any member of the Board may at any time resign his office by letter Authority addressed to the President and such resignation shall take effect upon it being accepted by the President.

(2) In the event of vacation of office of any member by reason of death, resignation, removal or the operation of provisions of subsection (3) or (4) of section 29, the President may appoint another person having regard to the provisions of subsection (3) and (4) of section 29 to hold office for the unexpired period of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

(3) If any member other than the Chairperson is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months due to ill health or absence from Sri Lanka or for any other cause, the President may appoint some other person to act in his place during such period having regard to the provisions of subsection(3) and (4) of section 29.

(4) A member of the Board who, without leave of the first being obtained, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Authority shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

Disqualifications
and grounds for
removal of a
member of the
Board

3.(1) A person shall be disqualified from being appointed or from continuing as a member of the Board if he -

- (a) is or becomes a member of Parliament, or a member of any Provincial Council or any local authority;
- (b) is or becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties;
- (c) is or has become an undischarged bankrupt;
- (d) is or has been convicted of an offence which involves moral turpitude;
- (e) has been previously removed from office.

(2) The President shall remove a member of the Board from continuing as a member if he -

- (a) is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties;
- (b) abuses his position so as to render his continuation in office detrimental to the interest of the Authority;
- (c) is disqualified under paragraph (1) of item 3; or
- (d) contravenes the provisions of this Act.

Members to
disclose any
interest

4. A member who is directly or indirectly interested in any decision that is to be taken on any matter by the Board shall disclose the nature of such interest at the meeting of the Board where such decision is being taken, and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Board and such member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board with regard to that matter, and shall withdraw from such meeting while such deliberation is in progress or such decision is being made.

Remuneration of
members

5. The members of the Board, may be remunerated in such manner in consultation with the Minister assigned the subject of Finance and shall carry out their functions subject to such terms and conditions as may from time to time be determined by the President.

Quorum and the
Meetings of the
Board

6. (1) The *quorum* for any meeting of the Board shall be one-third of the members including the Chairperson.

(2) The Director-General shall summon all meetings of the Board.

(3) A meeting of the Board may be held either -

- (a) by the number of members who constitute a *quorum* being assembled at the place, date and time appointed for the meeting; or
- (b) by means of audio-visual communication by which all members participating and constituting a *quorum* can simultaneously see and hear each participating member for the duration of the meeting.

(4) All questions for decision at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by the vote of the majority of members present and voting at such meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall, in addition to his vote, have a casting vote.

(5) The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Board. In the absence of the Chairperson from any meeting of the Authority, any member elected by the members present shall preside at such meeting of the Board.

(6) The meetings of the Board shall be conducted in conformity with the rules made and procedure established, by it from time to time.

Proceedings,
acts or decisions
not invalidated
by reason of a
vacancy

7. No proceeding, act or decision of the Authority shall be invalidated by reason only of the existence of a vacancy among its members or of any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

Seal of the
Authority

8. (1) The seal of the Authority shall be in the custody of the Board.

(2) The seal of the Authority may be altered in such manner as may be determined by the Board.

(3) The seal of the Authority shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except in the presence of one member of the Board and the Director-General of the Authority or in the absence of the Director-General, in the presence of any two members of the Board, who shall sign the instrument or document in token of their presence.

(4) The Board shall maintain a register of the instruments and documents to which the seal of the Authority has been affixed.”

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

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

Long Title

The Minister of Justice 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 proposed an amendment to leave out the word “DESIGNATION” in Long Title and substitute the following:—

“ESTABLISHMENT”.

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

Question that the Long Title as amended, 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 Justice 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.

5. Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Highways on behalf of the Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

6. Adjournment (Maintaining Functions of Kalmunai North Divisional Secretariat Without Impediment) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Irrigation, State Minister of Defence and State Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.22 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.03 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022.