



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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

Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sanath Nishantha
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
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Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
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Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
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Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. D. B. 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 Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Twenty First Amendment to the Constitution’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has made the following Determination:—

- (i) Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 36 of the Bill contain provisions inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Article 4 (b) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83;
- (ii) Clauses 2, 3 and 4 of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Article 4(e) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83;
- (iii) Clause 14 of the Bill as it presently stands is inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Article 4(b) and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83.

However, the necessity for a Referendum will cease if the proposed Article 41A(1) provides for the President to appoint one person as a member of the Council as his nominee and if the proposed Article 41A (6) is suitably amended to remove the deeming provision set out therein;

- (iv) Clause 19 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Article 4 (b) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83;
- (v) Clause 30(a) of the Bill seeks to limit the judicial power of the people, and therefore is inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Articles 4(c) and 4(e) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83;
- (vi) Clause 39 of the Bill in so far as it seeks to repeal Article 129(1) of the Constitution is inconsistent with Article 3 read together with Article 4(c) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83;
- (vii) Clause 43 of the Bill is inconsistent with Articles 2 and 3 read together with Article 4(b) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83; and
- (viii) Clause 51 of the Bill seeks *inter alia* to introduce Chapter XIX-C titled National Security Council of which the Prime Minister is to be the Chairperson. Proposed Articles 156J (1) and 156J (2) are inconsistent with Articles 1, 2 and 3 read together with Article 4(b) of the Constitution and as such may be enacted only by the special majority required by Article 84(2) and upon being approved by the People at a Referendum by virtue of Article 83:

However, such inconsistency would cease if the proposed Articles 156J (1) and 156J (2) are amended to change the composition of the proposed National Security Council and make the President, the Chairperson of the proposed Council.

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

II

"I wish to inform that in term of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled 'Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment)' on 15th June 2022."

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Tenth Instalment – Part III of the Special Report of the Auditor-General on Procedures taken to avoid the Shortage of Pharmaceuticals in Government Hospitals by 13 May 2022 in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2021;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2021; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the year 2021

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

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Orders made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/59 of 10th March 2022;
- (ii) Order made by the President under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/32 of 18th May 2022;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/48 of 03rd March 2022;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/56 of 03rd March 2022;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/19 of 09th March 2022;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/01 of 28th March 2022;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2275/02 of 13th April 2022;

- (viii) Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/31 of 18th May 2022; and
- (ix) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/20 of 09th March 2022)

and moved that those Orders and the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament for the year 2021.

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

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/22 of 03rd July 2018 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/05 of 06th June 2022 prepared by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 for correcting the typographical errors in the said first Gazette and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Museums for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2021.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Code of Criminal Procedure Act No. 15 of 1979 (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2020; and
- (v) Annual Report of the Office on Missing Persons for the year 2018

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Report of the said Committee on Industrial Disputes (Special Provisions) Bill, which was referred to the Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the Use of Glyphosate on Plantation Crops in Sri Lanka which was referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.12.2021 from Mr. G. K. N. M. Wijesingha of No. 11/1/1, Sri Wajiragnana Mawatha, Colombo 10;
- (ii) a petition dated 28.02.2022 from Mr. L. P. R. S. Wijethunga of Ambagala Road, Samagi Place, Warakapola;
- (iii) a petition dated 06.02.2022 from Mr. M. Wilmet Perera of Kotuwegedara, Wee-Oya, Yatiyantota; and
- (iv) a petition dated 07.03.2022 from Mrs. M. S. Ummu Suhaira of No. 169/1, Napawala, Avissawella.

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

5. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, July 04, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

6. Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms 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 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 10 in page 2:—

“Transitional
Provisions

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 2 of this Act, and the provisions of the Evidence Ordinance, in any case or appeal pending on the date of coming into operation of this Act -

- (a) (i) if the opposing party does not object or has not objected to it being received as evidence on the deed or document being tendered in evidence; or
- (ii) if the opposing party has objected to it being received as evidence on the deed or document being tendered in evidence but not objected at the close of a case when such document is read in evidence,

the court shall admit such deed or document as evidence without requiring further proof;

- (b) if the opposing party objects or has objected to it being received as evidence the court may decide whether it is necessary or it was necessary as the case may be, to adduce formal proof of the execution or genuineness of any such deed or document considering the merits of the objections taken with regard to the execution or genuineness of such deed or document.”.

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 was 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, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms 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. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms 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.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Industrial Disputes (Special Provisions) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 12.22 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa seconded by Hon. Jayarathna Herath moved,—That Hon. Shantha Bandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.58 p.m. Hon. Shantha Bandara took the Chair.)

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene seconded by Hon. Asanka Navarathna moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.15 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

(At 3.25 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 to 11 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“2. (1) Every labour tribunal established under section 31A of the Industrial Disputes Act (Chapter 131) shall, in addition to the powers and duties conferred by written law, exercise the powers conferred upon a Magistrate”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed another amendment to leave out line 17 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“Commissioner or implementation of the provisions incidental hitherto of the ”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed another amendment to leave out lines 20 and 21 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“(2) For the purposes of this Act, the jurisdiction of a labour tribunal as mentioned above shall, subject to the provisions”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed another amendment to leave out line 1 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“(3) The jurisdiction of a labour tribunal”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed another amendment to leave out line 7 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“ the Magistrate’s Court shall continue to exercise such other powers other than the powers under subsection (1) 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 3

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“3. (1) The President of a labour tribunal specified in Column I of Schedule II shall have the power”;

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

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 21 in page 2:—

“(2) There shall be a duly appointed Registrar and an incidental staff for the purpose implementing the functions specified under subsection (1) of section 2 of 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 4 was agreed to.

Schedule I

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed an amendment to leave out item 49 of the Schedule I in page 5.

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 II was agreed to.

Enacting Clause

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 and 2, in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—”

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

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

Long Title

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment proposed an amendment to leave out the long title and substitute the following:—

“AN ACT TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO EMPOWER THE LABOUR TRIBUNALS TO HEAR, TRY, DETERMINE AND DISPOSE OF ALL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS AND PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIFIED ENACTMENTS AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.”.

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

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment 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.

9. Adjournment (Removal of Obstacles to Education during Crisis Situation) :

The Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.38 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.05 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.