



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 32.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister

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

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Naseer Ahamed
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
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. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake

Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sanath Nishantha
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
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. Rishad Bathiudeen

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. Sudath Manjula

Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharroof

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. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem

Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya

Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. John Seneviratne

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Jayarathna Herath

Hon. D. B. 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. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/14

May 07, 2022

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

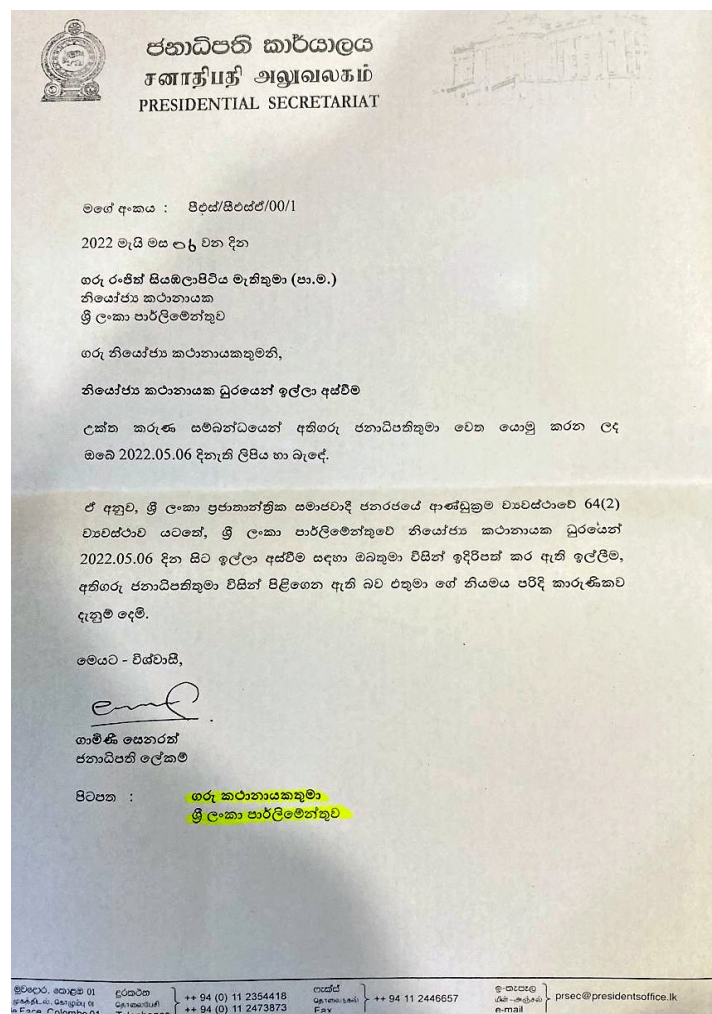
I have declared by Proclamation dated 06.05.2022, under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) that the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance shall come into operation throughout Sri Lanka from 06th May, 2022.

The Parliament is hereby duly informed in terms of Article 155 (4) of the Constitution that the purpose of the above Proclamation is to the protection of Public Order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



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“I wish to inform that the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, M.P., as the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, M.P., as the Chief Government Whip have been appointed with effect from the 14th of May 2022 for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.”

3. Election of Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees : Hon. Sajith Premadasa proposed the name of Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. Lakshman Kiriella.

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris proposed the name of Hon. Ajith Rajapakse for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. Samanpriya Herath.

In pursuance of Standing Order 6 of the Parliament read with Standing Order 4(c) of the Parliament, House proceeded to elect a Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees by ballot.

After having counted the ballot papers, the Speaker announced the results of the ballot as follows :—

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse	109 Votes
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	78 Votes
Ballots rejected	23 Votes

The Speaker declared that Hon. Ajith Rajapakse has been duly elected as the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees.

4. Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) : The Minister of Power and Energy presented,—“Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, June 07, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy.

5. Business of the Parliament : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran seconded by Hon. Lakshman Kiriella moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and negatived; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 68; Noes: 119.

The following Hundred and eighty (180) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 002. G.L. Peiris	No
G 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	No
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	No
G 006. Dinesh Gunawardena	No
G 007. Ranil Wickremesinghe	No
G 009. M.U.M. Ali Sabry	No
G 010. Ramesh Pathirana	No
G 011. Dilum Amunugama	No
G 012. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	No
G 013. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	No
G 014. Janaka Wakkumbura	No
G 015. Vidura Wickramanayaka	No
G 016. Shehan Semasinghe	No
G 017. Kanaka Herath	No
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	No
G 019. Naseer Ahamed	No
G 020. Thenuka Vidanagamage	No
G 021. Nalaka Godahewa	No
G 022. Channa Jayasumana	No
G 023. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon	No
G 024. Johnston Fernando	No
G 025. S. B. Dissanayake	No
G 026. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	No
G 027. Gamini Lokuge	No
G 028. Bandula Gunawardana	No
G 029. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon	No
G 030. C. B. Rathnayake	No
G 031. Keheliya Rambukwella	No
G 033. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa	No
G 034. S. M. Chandrasena	No
G 035. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	No
G 036. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana	No
G 038. Sarath Weerasekera	No
G 039. Rohana Dissanayaka	No
G 040. Arundika Fernando	No
G 041. Vijitha Berugoda	No
G 042. Lohan Ratwaththe	No
G 043. Sanath Nishantha	No
G 044. Tharaka Balasuriya	No
G 045. Indika Anuruddha Herath	No

G 046. Siripala Gamalath	No
G 047. Anuradha Jayaratne	No
G 048. S. Viyalanderan	No
G 049. D. V. Chanaka	No
G 050. Sisira Jayakody	No
G 051. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	No
G 052. Prasanna Ranaweera	No
G 053. D. B. Herath	No
G 054. Seetha Arambepola	No
G 055. Shantha Bandara	No
G 056. K. Kader Masthan	No
G 057. Ashoka Priyantha	No
G 058. A. Aravindh Kumar	No
G 059. Kapila Athukorala	No
G 060. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	No
G 061. Gayashan Nawananda	No
G 062. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	No
G 063. Suren Raghavan	No
G 064. Diana Gamage	No
G 065. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	No
G 066. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	No
G 067. Dilan Perera	No
G 068. Premalal Jayasekara	No
G 069. Roshan Ranasinghe	No
G 070. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	No
G 071. Jayantha Ketagoda	No
G 072. Sampath Athukorala	No
G 073. Thisakutti Arachchi	No
G 074. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	No
G 076. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	No
G 077. Akila Ellawala	No
G 078. Lalith Ellawala	No
G 079. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
G 080. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	No
G 081. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	No
G 082. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	No
G 083. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	No
G 084. Upul Galappaththi	No
G 085. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	No
G 086. Kokila Gunawardene	No

G 087. Milan Jayathilake	No
G 088. Kulasingam Dhileeban	No
G 089. Sudarshana Denipitiya	No
G 090. Isuru Dodangoda	No
G 091. H. Nandasena	No
G 092. Premnath C. Dolawatte	No
G 093. Anupa Pasqual	No
G 094. Muditha Prishanthi	No
G 095. Sudath Manjula	No
G 096. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	No
G 097. Wasantha Yapabandara	No
G 098. Nipuna Ranawaka	No
G 099. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	No
G 100. Ajith Rajapakse	No
G 101. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	No
G 102. Thilak Rajapakshe	No
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	No
G 104. Rajika Wickramasinghe	No
G 105. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	No
G 106. Madhura Withanage	No
G 107. D. Weerasingha	No
G 108. Samanpriya Herath	No
G 109. Sagara Kariyawasam	No
G 110. Yadamini Gunawardena	No
G 111. Manjula Dissanayake	No
G 112. Ranjith Bandara	No
G 114. Charitha Herath	No
G 115. Marjan Faleel	No
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	No
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	Yes
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	Yes
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	Yes
O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	Yes
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	Yes
O 012. Mano Ganesan	Yes

O 014. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan	Yes
O 015. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	Yes
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	Yes
O 018. G. G. Ponnambalam	Yes
O 022. Thalatha Athukorala	Yes
O 023. Abdul Haleem	Yes
O 024. Harin Fernando	Yes
O 026. Harsha De Silva	Yes
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	Yes
O 030. Niroshan Perera	Yes
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	Yes
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 035. John Seneviratne	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	Yes
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	Yes
O 039. Govindan Karunakaram	Yes
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	No
O 042. Vadivel Suresh	Yes
O 043. Ashok Abeysinghe	Yes
O 044. Ajith Mannapperuma	Yes
O 045. Buddhika Pathirana	Yes
O 046. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
O 047. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Yes
O 048. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 049. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	Yes
O 050. Velu Kumar	Yes
O 051. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	Yes
O 052. Mayantha Dissanayake	Yes
O 058. Dharmalingam Sithadthan	Yes
O 059. S. Noharathalingam	Yes
O 060. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Yes
O 061. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
O 062. S. M. Marikkar	Yes
O 063. Imran Maharoof	Yes
O 064. Mujibur Rahuman	Yes
O 065. Harshana Rajakaruna	Yes
O 066. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 067. Chaminda Wijesiri	Yes
O 068. Waruna Liyanage	Yes

O 069. M. Udayakumar	Yes
O 070. Hesha Withanage	Yes
O 071. W. H. M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 072. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 074. Piyankara Jayaratne	No
O 077. M. A. Sumanthiran	Yes
O 078. Charles Nirmalanathan	Yes
O 079. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	Yes
O 080. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan	Yes
O 081. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 082. Faizal Cassim	Yes
O 083. H. M. M. Harees	Yes
O 087. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
O 092. Nimal Lanza	No
O 094. Jeevan Thondaman	Yes
O 099. Asanka Navarathna	No
O 101. M. S. Thowfeek	Yes
O 102. Ishak Rahuman	Yes
O 106. Nalin Fernando	No
O 113. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	No

The following Seven (07) Hon. Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

Jayantha Weerasinghe	No
(Prof.) Tissa Vitarana	No
(Dr.) Susil Premajayantha	No
(Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
Kabir Hashim	Yes
Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka	Yes
M. Rameshwaran	Yes

6. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) : Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara seconded by Hon. Lakshman Kiriella moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Prime Minister for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) : Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe seconded by Hon. Duminda Disسانayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Prime Minister for report.

8. Adjournment (A Select Committee to Look into the Riotous Incidents on 09th May, 2022) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—That Hon. Shantha Bandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.32 p.m. Hon. Shantha Bandara took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.17 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.21 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.