



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 5.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, August 29, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of
Parliament

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

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
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. 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. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
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. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
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. Sanath Nishantha
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
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. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
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. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
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. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Messages from the President : The Deputy Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/7

August 19, 2022

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Ranil Wickremesinghe
President

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2. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform Parliament that the Hon. Speaker has received copies of nine petitions filed at the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution’.”

II

“I wish to inform and certify to Parliament that the Secretary-General of Parliament has, in terms of the Standing Orders of the Parliament, destroyed the Ballot Papers which were used for the purpose of the election of a Member of Parliament to the Office of the Deputy Speaker held on 05.05.2022 and 17.05.2022 in terms of the Standing Order 6 of the Parliament.”

III

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders, with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 116 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena”

IV

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the House Committee, with the Speaker as the Chair, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 117 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Marjan Faleel”

V

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 118 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Samanpriya Herath”

VI

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 122 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Vadivel Suresh
 Hon. S. Viyalanderan
 Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
 Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
 Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
 Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
 Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
 Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
 Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
 Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
 Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
 Hon. Velu Kumar
 Hon. Waruna Liyanage
 Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
 Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
 Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
 Hon. Gamini Waleboda
 Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
 Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana”

VII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Backbencher Committee, with the Chief Government Whip as the Chair and the Chief Opposition Whip, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 126 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022:—

Hon. Kapila Athukorala
 Hon. S. Noharathalingam
 Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
 Hon. Waruna Liyanage
 Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
 Hon. M. Udayakumar
 Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
 Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
 Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
 Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
 Hon. Kins Nelson
 Hon. Rohana Bandara
 Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
 Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam

Hon. D. Weerasingha

Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake”

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

- (i) Eleventh Volume – 01 of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Independent Commissions, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018;
- (ii) Eleventh Volume – 02 of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Universities, Postgraduate Institutes and Higher Education Institutes, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018; and
- (iii) Eleventh Volume – 03 of the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General on Government Funds, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

received to the National Audit Office, in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Order made by the President under Section 3(1) of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/19 of 31st May 2022 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Army for the year 2021.

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

(5) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies for the years 2017 and 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Research Council for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report & Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo for the year 2019;

- (iv) Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo for the year 2020;
- (v) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2020;
- (vi) Forty Second Annual Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2020;
- (vii) Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2020;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2020;
- (ix) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2020;
- (x) Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna for the year 2020;
- (xi) Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement of University of Colombo for the year 2020; and
- (xii) Annual Report of the Gampaha Wichramarachchi Ayurveda Institute for the year 2020

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on National Housing Development Authority of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing in the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Section 126 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/76 of 31st March 2022 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries for the year 2021.

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

(9) The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Authority for Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2019

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs presented the Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the year 2021.

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

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Appropriation (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Social Security Contribution Levy Bill;
- (iii) Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017;
- (iv) Order under the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017;
- (v) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007; and
- (vi) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)

which were referred to the Committee.

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

5. Notaries (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Notaries Ordinance (Chapter 107).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

6. Powers of Attorney (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Powers of Attorney Ordinance (Chapter 122).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

7. Children and Young Persons (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Children and Young Persons Ordinance (Chapter 23).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

8. Registration of Documents (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

9. Dangerous Animals (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Dangerous Animals Ordinance (Chapter 49).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

10. Wills (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Wills Ordinance (Chapter 60).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

11. Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

12. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 12th August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Tuesday 30th, August 2022 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 12th August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Wednesday, 31st August 2022 and Thursday, 01st September 2022 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 12th August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Friday, 02nd September 2022 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Committee on Parliamentary Business : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10th August 2022, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall consists of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and twenty six (26) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 12th August 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Committee on Public Accounts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 119 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10th August 2022, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consists of twenty seven (27) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 12th August 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Committee on Public Enterprises : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 120 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10th August 2022, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consists of twenty seven (27) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 12th August 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Committee on Public Finance : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10th August 2022, the Committee on Public Finance shall consists of twenty six (26) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 12th August 2022 by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Sittings of the Parliament (No.4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following announcement was made by the Deputy Speaker:—

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th August 2022, the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip as per the motion agreed to by Parliament on this day:—

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne”

20. Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation (Incorporation) Bill : Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education 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.

21. Adjournment (Difficulties Faced by the Public Due to Steep Increase in Electricity Tariff) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Hon. Rohana Bandara seconded by Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena moved,—That Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.34 a.m. Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna seconded by Hon. D. B. Herath moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva seconded by Hon. S. M. Marikkar moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.15 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.20 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.