



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 3.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 10, 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. 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. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands

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

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, 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. 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. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
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. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
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. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sanath Nishantha

Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
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. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2286/27 of 30th June 2022 and moved that the Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Census and Statistics for the year 2021.

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

(3) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Investors Commission for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering in Electronics and Power Systems Degree and Bachelor of Science Honours in Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications Degree awarded by SLT Campus (Pvt) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2240/13 of 10th August 2021;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Data Science Degree awarded by National School of Business Management Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2268/87 of 25th February 2022;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Software Engineering Degree, Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Networks & Cyber Security Degree and Bachelor of Science Honours in Management Information System Degree awarded by KAATSU - Highly Advanced Medical Technology Training Centre (Pvt) Limited (KIU) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2268/89 of 25th February 2022;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Post Graduate Diploma in Management awarded by the CINEC Campus (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2268/90 of 25th February 2022;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Bachelor of Science in Textile and Clothing Technology Degree awarded by SLT Campus (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2272/06 of 21st March 2022; and
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 with regard to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical and Health Product Management Degree awarded by the CINEC Campus (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2276/26 of 21st April 2022.

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

(5) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media 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 Independent Television Network of the Ministry of Mass Media 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.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Performance Reports of the Department of Agrarian Development for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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

(7) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products for the year 2021.

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

(8) The Minister of Power and Energy presented the Annual Performance Report of the Energy Section of the Ministry of Power and Energy for the year 2021.

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

(9) The Minister of Environment presented the Annual Reports of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd for the years 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Environment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the years 2018 and 2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented,—“Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 6 of 1982.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

3. Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution : The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

4. Industrial Disputes (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented,—“Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act (Chapter 131).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

5. Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) : The Minister Education on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented,—“Bill to amend the Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) Act, No. 45 of 1971.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

6. Industrial Disputes (Amendment) : The Minister Education on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented,—“Bill to amend the Industrial Disputes Act (Chapter 131).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

7. 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 09th August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 10.00 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— Twenty Nine (29) Ministerial Consultative Committees be appointed to be designated as follows:—

1. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence
2. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies
3. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Technology
4. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
5. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation
6. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Investment Promotion
7. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government
8. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries
9. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education
10. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways

11. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media
12. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health
13. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Water Supply
14. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture
15. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation
16. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms
17. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism and Lands
18. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Plantation Industries
19. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries
20. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development and Housing
21. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Foreign Affairs
22. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
23. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy
24. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Environment
25. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Sports and Youth Affairs
26. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Irrigation
27. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment
28. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Security
29. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consist of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and Five (5) other Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to the Committee in terms of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament;

The quorum of each Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Legislative Standing Committee : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 113 of the Parliament, the Legislative Standing Committee shall consists of the Deputy Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and fifteen (15) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Committee on Parliamentary Business : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 115 of the Parliament, 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 one (21) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Committee on Standing Orders : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 116 of the Parliament, the Committee on Standing Orders shall consists of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and nine (9) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. House Committee : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 117 of the Parliament, the House Committee shall consists of the Speaker as the Chair and fourteen (14) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Committee on Ethics and Privileges : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament, the Committee on Ethics and Privileges shall consists of sixteen (16) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Committee on Public Accounts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 119 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consists of twenty two (22) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Committee on Public Enterprises : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 120 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consists of twenty two (22) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Committee on Public Finance : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Finance shall consists of twenty one (21) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Committee on Public Petitions : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 122 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consists of twenty three (23) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Backbencher Committee : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 126 of the Parliament, the Backbencher Committee shall consists of the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip, eight (8) Backbenchers from the Government and eight (8) Backbenchers from the Opposition to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th August 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following announcements were made by the Speaker:—

Committee on Parliamentary Business

“I wish to inform that, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated 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 by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business:—

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam”

Committee on Public Finance

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Finance, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on this day:—

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara”

Panel of Chairs

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have nominated the following Members of Parliament to serve in the Panel of Chairs for the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament from 10.08.2022, in terms of the Standing Order 140 of the Parliament:—

Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya”

20. Adjournment (Policy Statement Made by the Honourable President at the Inauguration of the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question (09th August 2022).

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

(At 11.38 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.36 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Sisira Jayakody seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena moved,—That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

And it being 5.30 p.m. debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Friday, August 12, 2022.

And it being past 4.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.30 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 Friday, August 12, 2022, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.