



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 12.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 08, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair 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. 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 and Leader of the House of
Parliament

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

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of
Irrigation

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

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Health

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Women and Child
Affairs

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism
Hon. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development
Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs
Hon. Sanath Nishantha, State Minister of Water Supply
Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion
Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

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. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. 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. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Dhammika Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
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. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath

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 Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Warehouse Facilities, Container Yards, Port Supply Facilities and Boat & Shipping Industry Development for the year 2021.

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

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification for the year 2021.

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

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Chair of the Report of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bills;
- (ii) Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill; and

- (iii) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the years 2018 and 2019

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the Mid - Year Fiscal Position Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies for the year 2022 which was referred to the Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne presented a petition dated 01.06.2022 from Mr. H. D. D. Wanshapala of No. 398, Akkaramalaya, Maggoona.
- (2) Hon. Namal Rajapaksa presented a petition dated 26.10.2021 from Mrs. G. Sumanawathie of Wadamahagewatta, Pallekanda, Walasmulla.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 09th and 12th August 2022, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.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.

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 4 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 agreed to.

6. Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 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 Labour and Foreign Employment moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions)
(Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 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 Labour and Foreign Employment 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 (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 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 Labour and Foreign Employment moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2295/45 of 03rd September 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 07.09.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Social Security Contribution Levy Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.22 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.59 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.18 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 4.35 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 91; Noes: 10.

The following Ninety Eight (98) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	Yes
G 004. Mahinda Rajapaksa	Yes
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 016. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 017. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes
G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 024. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 028. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 029. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon	Yes
G 030. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 032. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 034. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 036. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 037. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 038. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 039. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 040. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 041. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 042. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 043. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 044. Dhammika Perera	Yes

G 045. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 048. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 049. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 050. Sanath Nishantha	Yes
G 051. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 052. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 053. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 054. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 055. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 056. D. V. Chanaka	Yes
G 057. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 058. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 059. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 060. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 061. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 062. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 063. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 064. K. Kader Masthan	Yes
G 065. Ashoka Priyantha	Yes
G 066. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 067. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 068. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 069. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 070. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 071. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 072. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 073. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 074. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 075. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 076. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 077. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 078. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 079. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 080. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 084. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 085. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 086. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 087. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 088. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes

G 089. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 090. Premnath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 091. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 092. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 094. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 095. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 096. Nipuna Ranawaka	Yes
G 098. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 099. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 100. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 101. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 102. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 103. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 104. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 105. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 106. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 107. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 109. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 111. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
G 112. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 053. Dilan Perera	No
O 055. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 074. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	No
O 111. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 113. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
O 114. Charitha Herath	No

The following Three (03) 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:—

Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes
Ajith Mannapperuma	No
Ashok Abeyasinghe	No

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government 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 Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 5 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“operation on the First day of October 2022.”.

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 was agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 1 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“quarter”) on or after October, 1, 2022 in respect of the liable”.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out lines 7 to 13 (both inclusive) in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(ii) the value of any service arising from the business of real estate and improvement ascertained under subsection (7) of section 5 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 for the purpose of the said Act but does not include the exempted services referred to in Part II of the First Schedule; and”.

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.

Clause 5

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 20 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“during each immediately preceding four quarters”.

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 6 and 7 were agreed to.

Clause 8

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 32 in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“documents in his possession as may be specified in”.

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 9 to 16 were agreed to.

Clause 17

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out lines 7 to 11 (both inclusive) in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“relevant quarter, pay-

- (a) the levy payable for the first month of that quarter on or before the twentieth day of the second month of that quarter;
- (b) the levy payable for the second month of that quarter on or before the twentieth day of the third month of that quarter;
- (c) the levy payable for the third month of that quarter on or before the twentieth day of the month immediately succeeding the end of the relevant quarter,

to the Commissioner-General, in such manner as may be specified by him.”

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 18 to 20 were agreed to.

Clause 21

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out lines 11 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“(5) Where the appeal against the assessment has been made in the absence of a return, the appeal shall be accompanied by a return with the proof of payment of the levy and penalty due on such return.”.

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 22 to 24 were agreed to.

Clause 25

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“(a) such charge shall not extend to or affect any assets”.

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 26

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 5 in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“notwithstanding the provisions of section 23 consider such”.

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 27 to 45 were agreed to.

Clause 46

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 7 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“under section 4;”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out line 14 in page 33 and substitute the following:—

“with a notice issued to him under section 8”.

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 47 to 61 were agreed to.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out item 10 of Part IA of the First Schedule in page 47 and substitute the following item:—

“10. Petroleum and petroleum products other than lubricants classified under Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Numbers for Customs purpose;”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out item 12 of Part IA of the First Schedule in page 47 and substitute the following item:—

“12. Pharmaceuticals identified under Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Numbers for Customs purpose;”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out item 10 of Part II of the First Schedule in page 49 and substitute the following item:—

“10. Services of-

- (a) a travel agent in respect of inbound tours operated; or
- (b) a hotel, guest house, restaurant or other similar businesses,

where the payment for such services is received in foreign currency through a bank and such agent, hotel, guest house, restaurant or other similar business is registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority;”.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out item 16 of Part II of the First Schedule in page 50 and substitute the following item:—

“16. Any service rendered in or outside Sri Lanka to any person or partnership outside Sri Lanka for the utilization out of Sri Lanka for payment in foreign currency, if such foreign currency is remitted to Sri Lanka through a bank;”.

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.

Second Schedule 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 Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government 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.

11. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.18 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, September 09, 2022.