



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 24.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, October 19, 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. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

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

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

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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, Attorney at Law, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power and Energy

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

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. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development
Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, 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. 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. 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. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
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. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakse
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Jayarathna Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

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 Education presented the Performance Reports of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the years 2020 and 2021.

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

(2) The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2021.

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

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Notaries (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Wills (Amendment) Bill;
- (iii) Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill;
- (iv) Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill;
- (v) Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) Bill;
- (vi) Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill;
- (vii) Dangerous Animals (Amendment) Bill;
- (viii) Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill;
- (ix) Small Claims Courts Procedure Bill;
- (x) High Court of the Provinces (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill;
- (xi) Judicature (Amendment) Bill;

- (xii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2017;
- (xiii) Annual Report of the National Authority for Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the year 2020; and
- (xiv) Annual Reports of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the years 2019 and 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Report of the said Committee on Rules made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 94 of the Prisons Ordinance (Chapter 54) which were referred to the Committee

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka presented a petition dated 02.08.2022 from Mr. J. A. Gunathilaka of 14th Post, Kumbukkana, Monaragala.

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

4. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) : Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha seconded by Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Veemansaa Dhammaguptha Foundation.”

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 Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for report.

5. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) : Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe seconded by Hon. Nimal Piyathissa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Seelananda Foundation.”

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 Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for report.

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

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

(At 11.44 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Education moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.45 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Indigenous Medicine moved,— That Hon. Imran Maharroof do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Imran Maharroof took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.08 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

(At 4.27 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“3. (1) Every attorney-at-law who has passed the”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 25 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“judicial zone in which he resides.

(2) Every notary who has been issued a warrant under subsection (1) shall, prior to commencement of practice as a notary, hand over a letter of commencement to the Registrar of the relevant land registry.”;

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

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

Clause 3

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 27 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“amended as follows:-

(1) by the repeal of paragraph (b) in subsection (1) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:-

“(b) execute a bond before the High Court by depositing a sum of rupees ten thousand to the due and faithful discharge of his duties as a notary, which shall be credited to the Consolidated Fund; and”;

(2) by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:-

“(2) Every bond referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) shall be signed in the presence of the High Court Judge having jurisdiction over the area specified in the warrant of the notary.”;

(3) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof.”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“4. Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “given such bond and security” of the words, “given such bond” and for the words “to a fine not less than ten thousand rupees” of the words “to a fine not less than twenty-five thousand rupees” ”;

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 5 to 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 5 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 3 and substitute the following:—

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| <p>“Signature not to be taken on blank papers or incomplete forms.</p> | <p>(3) He shall not require, permit, or suffer any executant or any witness to any deed or instrument executed or to be executed before him to sign the name or make a mark of such executant or witness, or such executant to affix the left or right thumb impression or any other finger impression or toe impression, as the case may be, to such deed or instrument or any duplicate or protocol, or require such executant or witness to sign the name or make the mark of such executant or witness and such executant to affix the left or right thumb impression or any other finger impression or toe impression, as the case may be, upon any paper or other material intended to be afterwards used for any such purpose, until the whole of such deed or instrument shall have been written or engrossed thereon, and in any event no signature or affixing of the left or right thumb impression or any other finger impression or toe impression of such executant shall be obtained for any deed or instrument on a blank paper or in any incomplete form.”;</p> |
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 34 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“such paper.

- (4) by the substitution for the rule (6) thereof, of the following:-

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| <p>Assurance of the payment of the required stamp duty.</p> | <p>(6) He shall not authenticate or attest any deed or instrument unless he has an assurance that the required stamp duty is provided.”;</p> |
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 31 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“one of the executants to the deed or instrument or the”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 3 to 26 (both inclusive) in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“Full names of executants and witnesses to be ascertained.	(14) He shall, before any executant or witness signs or makes a mark and before any executant affixes his left or right thumb impression or any other finger impression or toe impression, ascertain the full names of the executant and witnesses to such deed or instrument and if an executant to any deed or instrument is a corporate body caused to be affixed the seal of the corporate body and obtain the signature of the board of directors or any person authorized by the board by resolution to sign such deed or instrument and if the name of such executant or witness differs from the name given in the identification documents of such executant or witness, he shall, in his attestation of such deed or instrument, describe such executant or witness by such name and by the name written in the signature. Where the executant is a body corporate, he shall attach a copy of the board resolution authorizing the executant to sign such deed or instrument to the protocol of such deed or instrument.”;
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 29 to 36 (both inclusive) in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“Executant, holder of power of attorney, authorized person of a corporate body to affix his finger impression to deed or instrument in respect of an immovable property	(15A). (1) (a) Every- (i) executant (ii) holder of a power of attorney (hereinafter referred to as “the attorney”); or (iii) authorized person of a corporate body; executing a deed or instrument in respect of an immovable property, in addition to the provisions of rule (15) shall affix his thumb impression of any hand above or beside his signature to the original, duplicate and the protocol of such deed or instrument; (b) where such thumb impression of an executant, an attorney or an authorized person of a corporate body cannot be obtained, such an executant, an attorney or an authorized person of a corporate body shall affix his finger impression of any hand or toe impression, above or beside his signature to the original, duplicate and the protocol of such deed or instrument;
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- (c) where a deed or instrument is signed by an attorney, such attorney shall submit to the notary an affidavit affirming that the Power of Attorney is genuine and in force and the grantor is alive, when executing such deed or instrument;
- (d) where the transferee is a minor, the legal guardian or guardian, as the case may be, shall be a competent person to act on behalf of the transferee for the purpose of this section.”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 2 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“deed of gift, or deed of exchange or a will he”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 12 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“(c) he shall write on the front page of the deed his”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 22 in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“(30A) It shall be the duty of every”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 4 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 11.

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 10 to 12 were agreed to.

Clause 13

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 23 to 27 (both inclusive) in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“the words from “to simple or rigorous” to the end of that subsection of the words, “to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees.”;

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 14

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 29 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“amended by the insertion of the following definitions”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 34 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“of the Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276);

“executant” means-

- (a) in relation to a deed of transfer, the transferor and the transferee; and
- (b) in relation to other deeds or instruments the parties to such deed or instrument;”;

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 15

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment: in Form E of the Second Schedule thereof, by the substitution for the words from “holders of (national identity card/ passport, driving license)” to “their (thumb of left/right hand or any other finger or toe) impression”, in page 14 and 15 of the following:—

“who have signed this deed (illegibly/as Juvanis, as the case may be,) and affixed their (thumb of left/right hand or any other finger or toe) impression in the presence of (insert the names of the witnesses in full and the addresses) holder of the National Identity Card No., the subscribing witnesses hereto, and who signed (illegibly/as, as the case may be,) respectively,”;

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 16

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“the date of commencement of this Act;

- (d) not make a notary who has commenced his practice prior to the date of commencement of this Act, liable to execute a bond in terms of section 12 of the principal enactment.”;

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 17 was agreed to.

New Clauses

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 4 in page 2:—

“Repeal of
section 14 of
the principal
enactment

5. Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
section 15 of
the principal
enactment

6. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
section 16 of
the principal
enactment

7. Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Amendment
of section 17
of the
principal
enactment

8. Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “security” of the word “bond”.

Amendment
of section 19
of the
principal
enactment

9. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and substitute therefor of the following:—

- (1) Where a notary has been indicted before a High Court, the Minister may, on the application of the Attorney-General, suspend him from the office of notary pending his trial.”.

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 23 in page 2:—

“Amendment of
section 26 of the
principal
enactment

12. Section 26 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

- (1) in subsection (2) thereof by the substitution for the word “security” of the word “bond”;
- (2) in subsection (3) thereof by the substitution for the word “security” of the word “bond”;

Amendment of
section 27 of the
principal
enactment

13. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) thereof by the substitution for the word “March” of the word “April”.

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 13 to 15 (both inclusive), in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“attorney at law for the purpose of appearing as an attorney at law on behalf of such person, given by one person to another, to represent him, to perform any work, do any act, or carry on any trade or business 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 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“grantor signed by such grantor 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 5

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 4 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“document referred to in paragraph (b) of”.

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 to 9 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 with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 17 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“Ownership Law, No. 11 of 1973 or registered under this Ordinance;
and”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 27 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“minor, or of a person of unsound mind or mentally deficient person.”;

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

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

Clause 3

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 32, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“the same caveator in respect of the same land or same interest in
the”.

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 4 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 with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Wills (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“which belong to him at the time of death and which, if not so”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 18 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“he shall seem fit”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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 3 to 7 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 with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

10. Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 7 to 10 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“ “enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of all the words from “shall be of force” to the end of that section”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 14 and 15 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“writing, signed by every executant and”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 19 to 21 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“such executant or where both thumbs of such executant are missing, the”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 3 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“such executant”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 6 and 7 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“attestation, and such executant shall affix any other”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 10 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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

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

Clause 3

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 31 and 32 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“specified in subsection (2).”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 3 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(2) The testator shall-”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 11 and 12 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“impression of the testator cannot be obtained due to any reason, he”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 15 to 27 (both inclusive) in page 3.

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 11 (both inclusive) in page 4.

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“(1) by the substitution for the words “signature of the testator or testatrix,” of the”.

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 17 to 22 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“impression as the case may be, of the testator”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 27 to 29 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“impression as the case may be, of the testator cannot be obtained due to any reason, the testator shall”.

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 5 and 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 with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

11. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.45 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022.