



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 26.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 21, 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. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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. 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, 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 Rajapakse, PC, Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and
Constitutional Reforms

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

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. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion
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. Premalal Jayasekara, State Minister of Ports and Aviation
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. 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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, State Minister of Finance
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, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
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. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
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. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
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
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi

Hon. Uddika Premarathne
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 Maharroof
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. (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 Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
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. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
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. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) (Amendment)’ on 21st October 2022.”

II

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. M.A. Sumanthiran, MP in Parliament on 06th October 2022 to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the Lanka Leyland (Private) Limited for the years 2019 and 2020 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Douglas Devananda, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2255/22 of 24th November 2021;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under paragraph (b) of Subsection (1) of Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with paragraph (a) of Section 64 therein and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/6 of 07th February 2022;
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2277/4 of 25th April 2022;
- (iv) Annual Report of Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation for the year 2013;
- (v) Annual Reports of Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Cey Nor Foundation Limited for the year 2016;
- (vii) Annual Report & Accounts of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency for the year 2019; and
- (viii) Annual Report & Accounts of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency for the year 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Tissa Attanayake presented a petition dated 01.08.2022 from Mr. S. M. Viraj Kumara Samaraweera of No. 20B2, Old Temple Road, Kahalla, Katugasthota.
- (2) Hon. M. S. Thowfeek presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 27.08.2022 from Mr. A. Pulendran of No. 09, 1st Lane, Linganagan, Trincomalee; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 03.10.2022 from Mr. M. R. M. Ameen of No. F97/A, Thalaspitiya, Aranayake.
- (3) Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan presented two petitions dated 05.07.2022 from Mr. Shanmugam Logasivam of No. 82/1, Chetty Street, Nallur, Jaffna.
- (4) Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena presented a petition dated 29.09.2022 from Mr. Pramod Heshan Thilakarathna of No. 356, Pahala Hanwella, Hanwella.

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

5. Inland Revenue (Amendment) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented,—“Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, November 08, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

6. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 18th October 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Gamini Waleboda seconded by Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

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

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

8. Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution Bill : Order read for resuming the adjourned debate on question (20th October, 2022).

That the Bill be now read a Second Time.

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

(At 12.02 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Security moved,— That Hon. Imran Maharoof do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.11 p.m. Hon. Imran Maharoof took the Chair.)

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.01 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 5.15 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes:179; Noes: 01.

The following One Hundred and Seventy Seven (177) 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 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 012. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Yes
G 013. Harin Fernando	Yes
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 015. M.U.M. Ali Sabry	Yes
G 016. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 017. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 018. Naseer Ahamed	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. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 025. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 026. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 045. D. V. Chanaka	Yes
G 046. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 048. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kader Masthan	Yes
G 054. Ashoka Priyantha	Yes
G 055. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 056. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 057. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 058. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 063. S. B. Dissanayake	Yes
G 066. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 068.C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 070. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekera	No

G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 085. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 095. Premnath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 096. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 107. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 108. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 110. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 111. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 114. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 115. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
G 116. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	Yes
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. Gayantha Karunatilleka	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	Yes
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	Yes
O 009. Kumara Welgama	Yes

O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	Yes
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	Yes
O 012. Mano Ganesan	Yes
O 013. Maithreepala Sirisena	Yes
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	Yes
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 019. C. V. Wigneswaran	Yes
O 020. Athuraliye Rathana Thero	Yes
O 021. Kabir Hashim	Yes
O 022. Thalatha Athukorala	Yes
O 025. Harsha De Silva	Yes
O 027. Dilip Wedaarachchi	Yes
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 029. Niroshan Perera	Yes
O 030. Eran Wickramaratne	Yes
O 031. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	Yes
O 037. Vijitha Herath	Yes
O 039. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	Yes
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	Yes
O 042. Faizal Cassim	Yes
O 043. Ashok Abeysinghe	Yes
O 044. H. M. M. Harees	Yes
O 045. Ajith Mannapperuma	Yes
O 046. Buddhika Pathirana	Yes
O 047. M. S. Thowfeek	Yes
O 048. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Yes
O 050. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	Yes
O 052. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	Yes
O 053. Dilan Perera	Yes
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	Yes
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
O 058. Govindan Karunakaram	Yes
O 059. Dharmalingam Sithadthan	Yes
O 061. Mayantha Dissanayake	Yes
O 062. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes

O 064. Imran Maharroof	Yes
O 065. Ishak Rahuman	Yes
O 066. Mujibur Rahuman	Yes
O 067. Harshana Rajakaruna	Yes
O 068. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 069. Chaminda Wijesiri	Yes
O 070. Waruna Liyanage	Yes
O 071. M. Udayakumar	Yes
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	Yes
O 074. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
O 076. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 077. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Yes
O 079. Charles Nirmalanathan	Yes
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 082. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 083. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	Yes
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	Yes
O 087. Channa Jayasumana	Yes
O 088. Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Yes
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 091. Jeevan Thondaman	Yes
O 092. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	Yes
O 093. Sarathie Dushmantha	Yes
O 094. Mohomad Muzammil	Yes
O 095. Lalith Ellawala	Yes
O 096. Udayana Kirindigoda	Yes
O 097. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	Yes
O 101. Asanka Navarathna	Yes
O 102. Nimal Piyathissa	Yes
O 103. Uddika Premarathne	Yes
O 104. Wasantha Yapabandara	Yes
O 105. Thilak Rajapakshe	Yes
O 106. M. Rameshwaran	Yes
O 107. Gamini Waleboda	Yes
O 108. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	Yes
O 109. Gevindu Cumaratunga	Yes
O 110. Charitha Herath	Yes

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
V. Radhakrishnan	Yes
Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka	Yes

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

“1 පිටුවේ, 3 වන ඡේදයේ ‘විසි දෙවන’ යන්න වෙනුවට ‘විසිඑක්වන’ යනුවෙන් ආදේශ කරන්න.”

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“Speaker by agreement of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition;”;

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 33 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“Prime Minister, the Speaker and the Leader of the Opposition or the Members of Parliament, as the case may be, shall ensure that 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 16 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“the necessary appointments.”;

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 10 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“not be eligible for re-appointment”;

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 25 (both inclusive) in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“appointments.”;

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 2 and 3 in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“Schedule to this Article shall be responsible and”;

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

The Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah proposed an amendment to leave out all words from lines 11 to 16 in page 2 and insert the following:—

“ ‘Three Members of Parliament nominated by the Speaker in consultation with the other parties other than those representing the Government and those belonging to the political party or independent group to which the Leader of the Opposition belongs and appointed by the President in order to ensure the Pluralistic Character of Sri Lankan Societies of Sri Lanka.’ ”;

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

The Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 15 in page 7 in Sinhala text:—

“(7.) උපලේඛනයේ සඳහන් කොමිෂන් සභාවල සාමාජිකයින් අනුගමනය කළ යුතු කාර්ය පටිපාටිය සහ ආචාරධර්ම පද්ධතිය පාර්ලිමේන්තුව විසින් සම්මත කළ යුත්තේය.”;

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

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 15 to 20 (both inclusive) in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“President to be responsible to Parliament	42. The President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security.”;
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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 29 in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“the Cabinet of Ministers:

Provided that, notwithstanding the dissolution of the Cabinet of Ministers under the provisions of the Constitution, the President shall continue in office.”;

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 13 and substitute the following:—

“(2) The President shall, in consultation with”;

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 1 in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“himself in consultation with the Prime Minister”;

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 13 and 14 in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“45. (1) The President may, in consultation with the Prime Minister appoint from among”;

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 14 and substitute the following:—

“paragraph (1) shall be responsible and answerable to 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 9 in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“46. (1) The President may, in consultation with”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 5 in page 16:—

“(a) is removed by a writing under the hand of the President;”;

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 17 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“of the President in consultation with 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 4 in page 18 and substitute the following:—

“President may, in consultation with the Prime”;

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 19 and substitute the following:—

“office, the President may, in consultation with 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 13 were agreed to.

Clause 14

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 25 and substitute the following:—

“as follows:-

- (1) by the substitution in paragraph (1) of that Article, for the words and figures “subject to the provisions of Article 41A.”, of the words “subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council.”; and
- (2) by the substitution in paragraph (2) of that Article, for the words “a judge of a Court of First Instance” wherever those words occur in that paragraph, of the words “a Magistrate or a District Judge.”;

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 15 to 26 were agreed to.

Clause 27

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 9 and 10 in page 38 and substitute the following:—

“within three months of such publication, to be placed before Parliament.”;

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 42 and substitute the following:—

“departments, provincial councils, local authorities, public”;

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 28 to 31 were agreed to.

New Clause

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 14 in page 25:—

“Amendment of Article 111M of the Constitution.	16. Article 111M of the Constitution is hereby amended in the definition of the expression “judicial officer” in paragraph (a) thereof, by the substitution for the words “Court of Appeal or of the High Court” of the words “Court of Appeal”.”
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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 Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 14 in page 42:—

“Commission to ensure fair distribution of resources”;

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

Enacting Clause

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

Title

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment in Sinhala text.

“පනත් කෙටුම්පතෙහි නාමයෙහි, “විසිදෙවන” යන වචනය වෙනුවට “විසිඑක්වන” යනුවෙන් සංශෝධනය කිරීමට.”

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

Question that the Title as amended, 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; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes:174; Noes: 01.

The following One Hundred and Seventy Four (174) 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 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 010. Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes
G 012. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Yes
G 013. Harin Fernando	Yes
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 015. M.U.M. Ali Sabry	Yes
G 016. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 017. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 018. Naseer Ahamed	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. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 025. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 026. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes

G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 045. D. V. Chanaka	Yes
G 046. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 048. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kader Masthan	Yes
G 055. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 056. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 057. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 058. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 063. S. B. Dissanayake	Yes
G 066. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 068. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 070. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekera	No
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 085. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes

G 095. Premnath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 096. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 107. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 108. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 110. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 111. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 114. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 115. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
G 116. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	Yes
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	Yes
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	Yes
O 009. Kumara Welgama	Yes
O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	Yes
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	Yes
O 012. Mano Ganesan	Yes
O 013. Maithreepala Sirisena	Yes
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	Yes
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 019. C. V. Wigneswaran	Yes
O 020. Athuraliye Rathana Thero	Yes
O 021. Kabir Hashim	Yes
O 022. Thalatha Athukorala	Yes
O 024. Sarath Fonseka	Yes
O 025. Harsha De Silva	Yes
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes

O 029. Nirosan Perera	Yes
O 030. Eran Wickramaratne	Yes
O 031. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	Yes
O 037. Vijitha Herath	Yes
O 039. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	Yes
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	Yes
O 042. Faizal Cassim	Yes
O 043. Ashok Abeysinghe	Yes
O 044. H. M. M. Harees	Yes
O 045. Ajith Mannapperuma	Yes
O 046. Buddhika Pathirana	Yes
O 047. M. S. Thowfeek	Yes
O 048. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Yes
O 050. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	Yes
O 052. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	Yes
O 053. Dilan Perera	Yes
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	Yes
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
O 058. Govindan Karunakaram	Yes
O 059. Dharmalingam Sithadthan	Yes
O 061. Mayantha Dissanayake	Yes
O 062. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
O 063. S. M. Marikkar	Yes
O 064. Imran Maharoof	Yes
O 065. Ishak Rahuman	Yes
O 066. Mujibur Rahuman	Yes
O 067. Harshana Rajakaruna	Yes
O 068. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 069. Chaminda Wijesiri	Yes
O 070. Waruna Liyanage	Yes
O 071. M. Udayakumar	Yes
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	Yes
O 074. Duminda Dissanayake	Yes
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes

O 076. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 082. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 083. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	Yes
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	Yes
O 087. Channa Jayasumana	Yes
O 088. Sudarshini Fernandopulle	Yes
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 091. Jeevan Thondaman	Yes
O 092. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	Yes
O 093. Sarathie Dushmantha	Yes
O 094. Mohomad Muzammil	Yes
O 095. Lalith Ellawala	Yes
O 096. Udayana Kirindigoda	Yes
O 097. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	Yes
O 101. Asanka Navarathna	Yes
O 102. Nimal Piyathissa	Yes
O 103. Uddika Premarathne	Yes
O 105. Thilak Rajapakshe	Yes
O 106. M. Rameshwaran	Yes
O 108. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	Yes
O 109. Gevindu Cumaratunga	Yes
O 110. Charitha Herath	Yes

The following Hon. Member of Parliament cast his vote having being asked the name by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

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

9. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.45 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 Tuesday, November 08, 2022.