



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 29.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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

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

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

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. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara, State Minister of Ports and Aviation
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. 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. 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. 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. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
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. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma 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. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
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 announcement:—

“I wish to announce to Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Value Added Tax (Amendment)’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

On an overall consideration of the provisions of the Bill, the Supreme Court is of the opinion that subject to the following amendments being moved at the Committee Stage of Parliament as proposed by the learned Deputy Solicitor General, the Bill as a whole is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution:—

(i) Clause 3

The insertion of the following proviso in Section 10(1)—

“Provided further, for the purposes of paragraph (vii), the requirement for the registration shall raise from the date on which this Amendment Act comes into operation.”

(ii) Clause 4(1)

The reference to “September 30, 2022” to be deleted and substituted with “November 30, 2022”.

(iii) Clause 4(2)

The reference to “October 1, 2022” to be deleted and substituted with “December 1, 2022”.

I order that the Determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings of the House.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Reports of the Judges of the Superior Court – Head 04 for the years 2020 and 2021.

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

(3) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2020

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2021.

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

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

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Phosphate Ltd for the years 2020/2021; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for the year 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) 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 Code of Criminal Procedure Act No. 15 of 1979 (Amendment) Bill which was referred to the Committee.

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

(3) 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) Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill; and
- (ii) Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 19.10.2022 from Mr. M. A. Wijenayaka of No. 122/2, Ambaraluwa North, Weliweriya.

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

5. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 14 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. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That, the Standing Order 75(1) of the Parliament shall operate with the substitution of the words "Twenty" for the words "Twenty-six" for consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2023).

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Business of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That 15th Tuesday, 16th Wednesday, 17th Thursday, 18th Friday, 19th Saturday, 21st Monday and 22nd Tuesday, November, 2022 be allotted days for the consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2023).

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Monday 14th November 2022.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings on allotted days for the consideration of the "Appropriation" Bill (2023) from 15th Tuesday to 21st Monday, November, 2022 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. paragraph (5) and (6) of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting on allotted days for the consideration of "Appropriation" Bill (2023) on Tuesday 22nd November, 2022 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Small Claims Courts' Procedure Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 11.13 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Tourism moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.27 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That Hon. Imran Maharroof do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.19 p.m. Hon. Imran Maharroof took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.45 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 4.50 p.m. the Deputy 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 35 were agreed to.

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 without Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

12. Judicature (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 13 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“Additional Judge of the Primary Court, is so”.

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 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Clause 9

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“therefrom to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution for any error”.

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 10 was agreed to.

Clause 11

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 23 in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“an appeal therefrom to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution for”.

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 12

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 20 to 24 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“law-

- (a) from any judgement or order of the Court of Appeal in any appeal from the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka or the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution; or
- (b) from any judgement or order of the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution in any appeal from the District Courts, the Family Courts, the Small Claims Courts, the Magistrates’ Courts or the Primary Courts.”.

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 13 was agreed to.

Clause 14

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 13 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“of the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka, the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution, the District Court, Family Court,”.

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 to leave out lines 20 to 24 (both inclusive) in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“amended as follows: -

- (1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “to the High Court and to each of the District Courts, Small Claims Courts and Magistrates’ Courts”, of the words and figures “to the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka, and to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution and to each of the District Courts, Family Courts, Small Claims Courts, Magistrates’ Courts and Primary Courts”; and
- (2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words “Registrar of the High Court”, of the words and figures “Registrar of the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Registrar of the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution”.

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 lines 29 and 30 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“the words “Where in any action instituted in a High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka, High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution, District Court, Family Court or Small Claims Court, it”.”.

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 17 to 21 were agreed to.

New Clauses

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 14 in page 4:—

“Amendment of section 14 of the principal enactment

7. Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “the High Court may”, of the words and figures “the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka or the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution may”.

Amendment of
section 15 of the
principal
enactment

8. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) in paragraph (a) thereof, by the substitution for the words “by a High Court-” of the words and figures “by a High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka or a High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution-”; and
- (2) in paragraph (b) thereof, by the substitution for the words “order of the High Court.” of the words and figures “order of the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka or the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution.”.

Amendment of
section 16 of the
principal
enactment

9. Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof by the substitution for the words “of the High Court”, of the words and figures “of the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka or the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution”.”.

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 to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 2 in page 5:—

“Amendment of
section 23 of the
principal
enactment

12. Section 23 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words “the Court of Appeal”, of the words and figures “the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution”; and
- (2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words “to the Court of Appeal” and “of the Court of Appeal”, respectively, of the words and figures “to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution” and “of the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution”.”.

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 to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 23 in page 12:—

“Amendment of section 31 of the principal enactment	15. Section 31 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “appeal therefrom to the Court of Appeal”, of the words and figures “appeal therefrom to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution.””.
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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 Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed to insert the following new Clause immediately after line 24 in page 15:—

“Amendment of section 38 of the principal enactment	18. Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- (1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) thereof; and (2) by the addition immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) thereof, of the following subsection:-
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“(2) Every Courts of First Instance other than the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution shall in all cases of appeal from such Courts of First Instance to the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution conform to and execute all such judgements, orders and decrees of the High Court for the Province established by Article 154P of the Constitution, as shall be made and pronounced in such appeal in like manner as though such judgement, order or decree was made and pronounced by such Courts of First Instance.”.

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.

13. High Court of the Provinces (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy 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 Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

14. Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 13 and 14 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“Repeal of PART IXA of the principal enactment	3. PART IXA (sections 801 to 833R both inclusive) of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.”.
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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 and 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 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.

15. Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 11 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 Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

16. Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy 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 2 to 7 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“ “Government Analyst” means the person holding office as the Government Analyst for the time being and includes an Additional, Deputy, Senior Assistant or Assistant Government Analyst and any person appointed to act as the Government Analyst or an Additional, Deputy, Senior Assistant or Assistant Government Analyst.”.

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 26 and 27 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“article or preparation submitted to him under subsection (1), he shall, within a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of such submission, send a report setting out”;

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 11 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“respect of the opinion of the Government Analyst specified in the report referred to”;

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 28 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“drug, substance, article or preparation, including the packages and seals, and to”;

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 another amendment to leave out lines 27 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“Replacement of section 83 of the principal enactment	4. Section 83 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:-
	“No bail for an offence under sections 54A or 54B except in exceptional circumstances 83. (1) Subject to the provisions of sections 84, 85 and subsection (2) of this section, a person suspected or accused of an offence under section 54A and 54B of this Ordinance, shall not be released on bail by the High Court except in exceptional circumstances.
	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 84 and 85, a person suspected or accused of an offence under subsection (1) of section 54A and section 54B -
	(a) of which the pure quantity of the dangerous drug, trafficked, imported, exported or possessed is ten grammes or above in terms of the report issued by the Government Analyst under section 77A; and
	(b) which is punishable with death or life imprisonment, shall not be released on bail except by the Court of Appeal in exceptional circumstances.
	(3) For the purposes of this section, “dangerous drug” means Morphine, Cocaine, Heroin and Methamphetamine.”.

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 lines 5 and 6 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“84. A suspect or an accused who has not been tried and has not been convicted 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 16 to 19 (both inclusive) in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“established by Article 154p of the Constitution such court may, for good and sufficient reasons that shall be recorded, order that a suspect or an accused who has not been tried and has not been convicted”.

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 8 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.

17. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy 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 Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

18. Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 3 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“Short title and date of operation	1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Act, No. of 2022.
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(2) The provisions of this Act other than this section shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette* appoint.

(3) Different dates may be appointed for bringing into operation of different provisions of this Act.

(4) The provisions of this section shall come into operation on the date on which this Bill becomes an Act of Parliament.”.

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 2 to 31 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.

19. Dangerous Animals (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 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 Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

20. Rules under the Prisons Ordinance : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 94 of the Prisons Ordinance (Chapter 54) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2288/15 of 12th July 2022, which were presented on 07.10.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries moved,— That the 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, which were presented on 06.09.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(b) read with Section 64(a) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2266/6 of 07th February 2022, which were presented on 06.09.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries moved,— That the 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. 2277/04 of 25th April 2022, which were presented on 06.09.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. 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. 2304/51 of 03rd November 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 09.11.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Adjournment (Safeguarding School Children from Drug Menace) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.40 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022.