



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 56.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and
Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Agriculture
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. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena

Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha 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 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 ‘Recovery of Possession of Premises Given on Lease’ on 17th January 2023.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Triennial Report of the Auditor-General Eleventh Volume – 05 on Provincial Councils, in terms of Section 14 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 received to the National Audit Office, in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(2) The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2315/07 of 17th January 2023 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.

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

(3) The Minister of Education presented the—

- (i) Annual Reports of the National Education Commission for the years 2019 and 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the year 2020

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the State Ministry of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Reports of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Annual Report of the Shrama Vasana Fund for the year 2021 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Foreign Employment.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : 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) Bureau of Rehabilitation Bill;
- (ii) Regulation of Election Expenditure Bill;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2018; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2021

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented a petition dated 21.09.2022 from Mr. W. D. L. Dewappriya of Samanala Road, Pambahinna, Belihul Oya.

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

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament presented,— 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 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka : The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the under mentioned persons who not being Members of Parliament to be appointed to the Constitutional Council on the nomination of both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition under sub-paragraph (e)(iii) of paragraph (1) and paragraphs (4) and (5) of Article 41A of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, be approved by Parliament in terms of paragraph (5) of Article 41A of the Constitution:—

- 1. Dr. Prathap Ramanujam
- 2. Dr. (Mrs) Dilkushi Anula Wijesundere
- 3. Dr. (Mrs) Weligama Vidana Arachchige Dinesha Samararatne

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Bureau of Rehabilitation Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 11.50 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.32 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.53 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 4.04 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 23; Noes: 06.

The following Twenty Eight (28) 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 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 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 024. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 026. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes

G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 039. Sanath Nishantha	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	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 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 062. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 065. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 068. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 069. S. M. Chandrasena	Not Voted
G 070. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Namal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekera	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 085. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	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 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	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 109. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 110. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 111. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 113. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 114. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 115. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
G 116. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 025. Harsha De Silva	No
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 043. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 049. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	No
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 064. Imran Maharroof	No
O 069. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 070. Waruna Liyanage	No
O 072. Hesha Withanage	No
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	No
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 106. M. Rameshwaran	Yes
O 108. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No

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:—

Naseer Ahamed	Yes
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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 10 to 15 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

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| “Objective of the Bureau | 3. The objective of the Bureau shall be to rehabilitate drug dependant persons or any other person as may be identified by law as a person who requires rehabilitation and which may include treatment and adoption of various therapies in order to ensure effective reintegration and reconciliation, through developing socio-economic standards.”. |
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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.

Clause 4

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 26 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

- “(a) provide treatment and rehabilitation to drug dependant persons who in terms of the Drug Dependant Persons (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act, No. 54 of 2007 request treatment and rehabilitation or are required by such law to be provided with treatment and rehabilitation;
- (b) provide rehabilitation to any person who in terms of a relevant law, requests rehabilitation or is required by such law to be provided with rehabilitation;”.

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 4 in page 3:—

- “(e) advice the Minister with regard to programmes for rehabilitation, treatment and aftercare having regard to the basic norms of Human Rights;”.

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 was agreed to.

Clause 6

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 27 to 32 (both inclusive) in page 5 and substitute the following:—

- “(b) the following five members appointed by the Minister:-
 - (i) two persons who shall possess academic and professional qualifications and have experience in the field of rehabilitation;

- (ii) two persons who shall possess academic and professional qualifications and have experience in the field of social integration; and
- (iii) a person who shall possess academic and professional qualifications and has experience in the field of law and order, (hereinafter referred to as “appointed members”).”.

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 to 10 were agreed to.

Clause 11

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“the Council shall be seven members.”.

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 12 to 16 were agreed to.

Clause 17

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 18 to 32 (both inclusive) in page 13.

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 14.

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

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

Clauses 18 to 22 were agreed to.

Clause 23

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 to 10 (both inclusive) in page 17 and substitute the following:—

“Centres for Rehabilitation 23. (1) For the purposes of this Act, the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, establish Centres for Rehabilitation for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependant persons and such persons who are identified by law and whose rehabilitation is provided for by law.”.

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 16 in page 17:—

“(2) It shall be the duty of every Magistrate to visit every Centre for Rehabilitation situated within the judicial division in respect of which he is appointed, at least once in every month to ensure that the persons undergoing rehabilitation at the Centre are protected to the extent provided for in the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Act, No. 22 of 1994.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the Magistrate who visits the Centre for Rehabilitation shall -

- (a) personally see the person undergoing rehabilitation, and look into his well-being, welfare and conditions under which such person is kept at such Centre and may examine the records and log books maintained at the Centre; and
- (b) record his observations and any complaint the person undergoing rehabilitation may make.

(4) Where the Magistrate is of the opinion, that the persons undergoing rehabilitation may have been subjected to torture, the Magistrate may direct that the person undergoing rehabilitation be produced before a Judicial Medical Officer or a Government Medical Officer for medical examination, and a report be submitted by such Medical Officer to the Magistrate.

(5) Where the report of such Medical Officer reveals that the person undergoing rehabilitation has been subjected to torture, the Magistrate shall make an appropriate order including an order that such person be immediately admitted to a Government hospital for medical treatment and that the officer-in-charge of such Centre immediately inform the court that made the order for the rehabilitation of such person of the findings of the Government Medical Officer.

(6) The Magistrate shall also direct the Inspector General of Police to commence an investigation into the alleged torture in order to enable the Attorney-General to institute criminal proceedings against the person who is alleged to have committed the torture.

(7) The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka may on its own volition or on a complaint received, visit every Centre to ensure that the rights of the persons undergoing rehabilitation at the Centre are protected to the extent provided by law, and make appropriate recommendations in terms of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996.”.

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 24

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 21 in page 17 and substitute the following:—

“any unauthorized article as may be prescribed, commits an offence under this Act”.

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 25

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 34 in page 17 and substitute the following:—

“this Act or the provisions of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016.”.

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 5 (both inclusive) in page 18 and substitute the following:—

“(2) All records pertaining to such person in the custody of a Centre for Rehabilitation shall be confidential and shall not be released except-

- (a) upon request by such person or the next of kin of such person or an Attorney-at-Law representing such person; or
- (b) on an order of court or in connection with an investigation in respect of the commission of an offence:

Provided that, such person or unless such person has instructed not to share the information, the next of kin of such person or an Attorney-at-Law representing such person shall be entitled to receive information pertaining to the person in the custody of the Rehabilitation Centre, including information relating to the treatment or rehabilitation of such 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 26

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 13 in page 18 and substitute the following:—

“who strikes, wounds or”.

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 27

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 20 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 18 and substitute the following:—

“Obstruction of employees an offence 27. Any person who unlawfully obstructs or attempts to unlawfully obstruct any person employed in any Centre for Rehabilitation in the performance of his lawful duties under this Act, commits an”.

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 28

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 31 to 33 (both inclusive) in page 18 and substitute the following:—

“by any police officer or any officer appointed under this Act and immediately returned to the Centre for Rehabilitation.”.

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 and 5 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“such purpose it shall be lawful for such person to use minimum force as may reasonably be”.

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 7 in page 19:—

“(3) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner-General of Rehabilitation, or a person duly authorised by him to immediately inform the Magistrate within the judicial division in which such Centre is located of any exercise of powers under subsections (1) and (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 29

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 9 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“this Act or any regulation made thereunder and no”.

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 30

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 20 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“received from any other State Authority or agency, details relating to the rehabilitation that a person has undergone as part of the rehabilitation process and any other matter as may be prescribed by regulations.”.

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 31 to 33 were agreed to.

Clause 34

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“(d) any matter connected with the affairs of the Bureau:

Provided that, the Council shall not have the power to make rules in respect of any matter for which regulations are required to be made in terms of this Act.”.

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 35

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 22 and 23 in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“purpose of carrying out and giving effect to the provisions of this Act.”.

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 26 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 20 and substitute the following:—

“make regulations in respect of the following:-

- (a) the maintenance of Centres for Rehabilitation;
- (b) the programmes for rehabilitation, treatment, aftercare and support services in respect of each category of persons who will be rehabilitated by the Bureau;

- (c) the terms and conditions relating to the release of persons admitted to a Centre for Rehabilitation; and
- (d) the maintenance of a database, records and log books at Centres for Rehabilitation.”.

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 5 to 11 (both inclusive) in page 21 and substitute the following:—

“rehabilitation of drug dependant persons is made:

Provided further, that the Minister shall obtain the concurrence of the Council appointed under this Act before making regulations under this Act.

(3) Every regulation made by the Minister shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall be brought before Parliament for approval as soon as may be convenient. Such Regulations shall come into force upon its approval by Parliament or any subsequent date as may be specified by 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.

Clause 36 was agreed to.

Clause 37

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 26 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 23 and substitute the following:—

“rehabilitation” means the procedures and programmes for rehabilitation, treatment, aftercare and support services that shall be prescribed by regulations made under this Act.”.

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 1 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 24.

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 38 was agreed to.

Preamble

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“Preamble WHEREAS having regard to the need and the importance of regulating the rehabilitation of those who have become drug dependant persons and such other persons as may be identified **in terms of any other** law and it has become a serious problem and a national issue:

AND WEHREAS the office of the Commissioner-General of Rehabilitation has already been created under the provisions of Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) and Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 48 of 1979:”.

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

Question that the Preamble as amended, stand part of 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.

8. Annual Report of the National Institute of Social Development (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Institute of Social Development for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 04.12.2021 under Section 22 of the National Institute of Social Development Act, No. 41 of 1992, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2018) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 07.04.2022 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 09.11.2022 under Section 32 of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No. 50 of 1998, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka (2018) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 10.12.2021 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report of the Homoeopathic Medical Council (2017) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the Homoeopathic Medical Council for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 27.07.2022 under Sections 15,16 and 17 of the Homoeopathy Act, No. 7 of 1970, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 09.08.2022 under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka (2018) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 20.09.2022 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 20.09.2022 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Annual Report of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (2016) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Health and Minister of Water Supply moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 08.11.2022 under Sections 23 (1),(2) of the National Drugs Regulatory Authority Act, No.5 of 2015, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Annual Report of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation moved,— That the Annual Report of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 20.09.2022 under Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation moved,— That the Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 10.12.2021 under Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation moved,— That the Annual Report of the State Timber Corporation for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.11.2022 under Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau (2014) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.02.2017 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2016) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 07.01.2020 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Annual Report of the Botanical Gardens Trust Fund (2017) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Botanical Gardens Trust Fund for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 07.11.2019 under Section 2 of the Botanic Gardens Ordinance, No. 31 of 1928, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund (2017) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Fund for the year 2017 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2017 and presented on 18.02.2020 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 06.04.2022 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 06.04.2022 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No.8 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

26. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (2019) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 06.04.2022 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

27. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 06.04.2022 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

28. Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and Lands moved,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 23.09.2022 under Section 23(5) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

29. Annual Report of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (2020) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security moved,— That the Annual Report of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 09.11.2022 under Section 10 of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act, No. 66 of 1981, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

30. Adjournment : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.08 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023.