



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 21.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 09, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson 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

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

Hon. Jeevan Thondaman, Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure
Development

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of
Industries

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands

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. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, Minister of Wildlife
and Forest Resources Conservation

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. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs
Hon. Sanath Nishantha, State Minister of Water Supply
Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy
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. 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. 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. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
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. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. 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. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dhammika Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
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. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcement by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following Announcements:—

I

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

The Supreme Court is of the opinion that the Bill as a whole or any provision thereof is not inconsistent with the Constitution.

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

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received copies of two petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Private Members’ Bill entitled ‘Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment)’.”

III

“In terms of Standing Order 113(2), I have nominated the following Members of Parliament as the Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for consideration of the Bill entitled ‘Shaili Edutainment Foundation (Incorporation)’:-

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. Govindan Karunakaram

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya”

IV

“I wish to inform that the Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, Member of Parliament and the Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, Member of Parliament have been nominated to serve in the Select Committee of Parliament to make suitable recommendations for the expansion of higher education opportunities in Sri Lanka in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 106 of the Parliament, to fill the vacancies occurred due to the resignation of the Hon. Tissa Attanayake, Member of Parliament, and the Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara, Member of Parliament from the Membership of the said Committee.”

V

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received a copy of a petition filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Anti-corruption’ ”.

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Fourth Installment – Part XXIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021 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 to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd for the year 2021;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the year 2021; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2022.

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/67 of 31st December 2022;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/68 of 31st December 2022;

- (iii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise duty on liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/70 of 31st December 2022 (Excise Notification No. 07/2022);
- (iv) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 21 of the Tobacco Tax Act, No. 8 of 1999 amended by the Act, No. 9 of 2004 read with Section 2 of the aforesaid Act regarding imposition of Tobacco Tax on Beedi and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/71 of 31st December 2022;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/73 of 31st December 2022;
- (vi) Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 155(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 19 of 2021 relating to the rate of CESS to be charged and levied on every Repurchase transaction in Corporate Debt Securities carried out on the “Over the Counter Platform” of the Colombo Stock Exchange and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2316/32 of 26th January 2023;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 regarding Embarkation Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2309/37 of 09th December 2022;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 regarding Embarkation Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2314/16 of 11th January 2023;
- (ix) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 regarding International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/80 of 01st January 2023;
- (x) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/69 of 31st December 2022; and
- (xi) Orders made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2318/53 of 10th February 2023.

and moved that those Orders, Regulations and Notification be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.03.2023 to 31.03.2023 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022; and
- (ii) Trilingual report of the Minister under Section 7 of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 35 of 2002 on proposed removal of Mr. J.W.M.J.P.K. Ratnayake as a Member of Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and Annexures I and II thereon only in English language with the special leave of the House.

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

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of Department of Human Biological Sciences of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2321/51 of 02nd March 2023.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Public Security under Section 52 read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Madura Vithanage, Attorney at Law the member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the said Committee on the Bill entitled, “Rathanatissa Peace Foundation (Incorporation)” which was referred to the Committee, together with the Minutes of proceedings.

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

Bill, as reported by Legislative Standing Committee, to be considered on Wednesday, 10th April 2023.

(2) The Hon. Johnston Fernando, a member of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (ii) Order Under the Ports and Airports development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011;
- (iii) Orders Under the Special Commodity Levy Act, No 48 of 2007;
- (iv) Regulations Under the Imports and Exports Control Act, No 1 of 1969; and

(v) Regulations Under Employees' Trust Fund Act, No. 46 of 1980 which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 12.03.2023 from Mr. I. M. M. K. Ilankoon of No. 55, Kithsiripaya, Galatombuwa, Pothuhera; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.03.2023 from Mr. R. M. H. Jayathilaka of No 653, Kandubadagama, Ma Eliya.
- (2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented—
 - (i) a petition dated 20.03.2023 from Mr. N. G. C. S. Somawansa of No. 518/05, Weerakutti waththa, Weliweriya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.03.2023 from Mrs. T. W. Rasika Krishanthi of No. 166/A/1, Pamunuwa, Minuwangoda.
- (3) Hon. Kins Nelson presented a petition dated 22.11.2021 from Mr. K. G. Amarathunga of No. 204 BOP 316, Thalpotha, Polonnaruwa.

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

5. Business of the Parliament : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That the proceedings on Item Nos. 2 to 15 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

6. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/76 of 01st January 2023, which was presented on 04.04.2023, be approved.

The Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.34 a.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Hon. Isuru Dodangoda seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.12 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 1.38 p.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Agriculture moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.09 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.14 p.m. Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed.

7. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2325/06 of 28th March 2023, which was presented on 25.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

8. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act: The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/02 of 03rd April 2023, which was presented on 25.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

9. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.2308/17 of 30th November 2022, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

10. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/34 of 04th January 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

11. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2316/28 of 25th January 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

12. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/04 of 20th February 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

13. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2321/76 of 04th March 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

14. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2322/20 of 07th March 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

15. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2322/21 of 07th March 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

16. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2323/40 of 17th March 2023, which was presented on 26.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

17. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/40 of 06th April 2023, which were presented on 28.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

18. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/41 of 06th April 2023, which were presented on 28.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed.

19. Regulations under the Employees' Trust Fund Act : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 43 of the Employees' Trust Fund Act, No. 46 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2311/39 of 22nd December 2022, which were presented on 27.04.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed

20. Adjournment (Mechanism to Oversee Functioning of Local Government Institution under Special Commissioners) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned Accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.