



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 12.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, March 21, 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

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

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

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. 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. Roshan Ranasinghe, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of
Irrigation

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

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

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. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

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. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

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. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology

Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. (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. 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. Gayantha Karunatilleka
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. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana

Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban

Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva

Hon. Palani Thigambaram

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake

Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya

Hon. Isuru Dodangoda

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena

Hon. H. Nandasena

Hon. Asanka Navarathna

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan

Hon. Kins Nelson

Hon. S. Noharathalingam

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. Nimal Piyathissa

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris

Hon. Dilan Perera

Hon. Dhammika Perera

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi

Hon. Uddika Premarathne

Hon. Rohana Bandara

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen

Hon. Sudath Manjula

Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received copies of six petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Central Bank of Sri Lanka’.”

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that Mr. Abeyrathne Herath Mudiyanseelage Hansa Hemamalaka Sameera Abeyrathne has been appointed to the post of Assistant Secretary-General in Parliament with effect from Wednesday, the 15th of March 2023.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training 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.

(3) 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 Ministry of Defence 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.

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

- (i) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2323/02 of 13th March 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; and
- (ii) Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2323/38 of 17th March 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**.

(5) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the National Science Foundation for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Transport and Highways.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Ltd for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Agriculture presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Board for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Livestock Development Board for the year 2017

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

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2317/28 of 30th January 2023

and moved that the Report and the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Urban Development and Housing presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Construction Industry Development Authority for the year 2020;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Hotel Developers (Lanka) PLC for the years 2017 and 2018;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021;
- (iv) Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2018;
- (v) Annual Report of the Urban Settlement Development Authority for the year 2021;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Marine Environment Protection Authority for the year 2020; and
- (vii) Annual Report of the Selendiva Investments Limited for the year 2021

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management for the year 2019;
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka for the years 2019 and 2020;
- (v) Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd for the year 2019/2020;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year 2020;
- (vii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Post-Harvest Management for the year 2020;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the year 2019;
- (ix) Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board for the year 2019; and
- (x) Annual Report of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for the year 2021

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Member of the Committee on behalf of the 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 the Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice under Section 7 of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2208/13 of 30th December 2020 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(4) Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and under Section 48 read with Section 23 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/47 of 05th January 2023;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2019;

- (iii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2020; and
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Lanka Coal Company (Pvt) Ltd for the years 2017 and 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(5) Hon. Nalin Fernando, Member of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (ii) Resolutions under the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021; and
- (iii) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure gender equity and equality with special emphasis on looking into gender based discriminations and violations of women's rights in Sri Lanka : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— The Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure gender equity and equality with special emphasis on looking into gender based discriminations and violations of women's rights in Sri Lanka, appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 26th March 2021, presented an Interim Report on its findings within the time limit granted by the Resolution passed by Parliament on 09th March 2021 and the time period granted be extended up to 05th April 2024, in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Rules under the Council of Legal Education Ordinance : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice under Section 7 of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2208/13 of 30th December 2020, which were presented on 10.03.2023, be approved.

Question put, and negatived; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 01; Noes: 113.

The following Hundred and eight (108) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva

No

G 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	No
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	No
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	No
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	No
G 009. Douglas Devananda	No
G 012. Mahinda Amaraweera	No
G 015. Ramesh Pathirana	No
G 019. Naseer Ahamed	No
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	No
G 025. Jeevan Thondaman	No
G 030. Janaka Wakkumbura	No
G 033. Thenuka Vidanagamage	No
G 036. Rohana Dissanayaka	No
G 043. Indika Anuruddha Herath	No
G 045. Anuradha Jayaratne	No
G 048. Sisira Jayakody	No
G 050. Prasanna Ranaweera	No
G 051. D. B. Herath	No
G 054. Shantha Bandara	No
G 056. Ashoka Priyantha	No
G 058. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	No
G 067. Wajira Abeywardena	No
G 070. S. M. Chandrasena	No
G 071. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	No
G 074. Sarath Weerasekera	No
G 081. Sampath Athukorala	No
G 083. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	No
G 084. Pradeep Undugoda	No
G 085. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	No
G 086. Akila Ellawala	No
G 087. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	No
G 088. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	No
G 089. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	No
G 093. Kulasingam Dhileeban	No
G 094. Sudarshana Denipitiya	No
G 097. H. Nandasena	No
G 098. Muditha Prishanthi	No
G 100. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	No
G 103. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	No
G 104. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	No

G 105. M. Rameshwaran	No
G 106. Rajika Wickramasinghe	No
G 107. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	No
G 109. D. Weerasingha	No
G 110. Samanpriya Herath	No
G 112. Yadamini Gunawardena	No
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	No
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	No
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	No
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	No
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	No
O 012. Mano Ganesan	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 020. Athuraliye Rathana Thero	No
O 022. Kabir Hashim	No
O 024. Abdul Haleem	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	No
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No
O 033. John Seneviratne	No
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	No
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	No
O 039. Selvam Adaikkalanathan	No
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 045. H. M. M. Harees	No
O 047. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 048. M. S. Thowfeek	No
O 050. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 052. Velu Kumar	No
O 053. Dilan Perera	No
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	No
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	No
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	No
O 060. S. Noharathalingam	No
O 063. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No

O 064. S. M. Marikkar	No
O 066. Ishak Rahuman	No
O 067. Harshana Rajakaruna	No
O 068. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	No
O 074. Duminda Dissanayake	No
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
O 077. Sivagnanam Shritharan	No
O 079. Charles Nirmalanathan	No
O 083. Rohana Bandara	No
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	No
O 087. Channa Jayasumana	No
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 093. Mohomad Muzammil	No
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	No
O 095. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
O 097. Upul Galappaththi	No
O 099. Asanka Navarathna	No
O 102. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	No
O 105. Nimal Piyathissa	No
O 106. Uddika Premarathne	No
O 107. Wasantha Yapabandara	No
O 108. Thilak Rajapakshe	No
O 109. Gamini Waleboda	No
O 110. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Gevindu Cumaratunga	No
O 112. Charitha Herath	No

The following Six (06) Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

Mahinda Rajapaksa	No
Bandula Gunawardana	No
Rajavaroatham Sampanthan	No
V. Radhakrishnan	No
K. P. S. Kumarasiri	No
A. H. M. Fowzie	No

6. Resolution for the implementation of the recommendations of the Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into incidents of infringement of privileges of the Members of Parliament and of the Parliament and to make suitable recommendations in that regard : Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question (09th March, 2023),— “The recommendations of the report submitted on 24th February 2023 by the Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into incidents of infringement of privileges of the Members of Parliament and of the Parliament and to make suitable recommendations in that regard, which was constituted by the motion passed by Parliament on 13th December 2022, to investigate whether the privileges of the Members of Parliament and of the Parliament were infringed by the comments made in the programmes telecast by the ‘Siyatha’ television channel on the 24th, 25th and 27th of November 2022, in relation to the agreement reached by the President, the Prime Minister and the Members of Parliament on 23rd November 2022 on the floor of the House, to meet representatives of all parties and discuss the measures to solve the ethnic problems and to live as children of one mother, be referred to the Attorney- General in terms of the Section 26(1) (b) of the Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act, No. 21 of 1953.”

Question again proposed; debate resumed.

(At 11.15 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka seconded by Hon. Dilan Perera moved,— That Hon. Heshan Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.01 p.m. Hon. Heshan Withanage took the Chair.)

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera moved,— That Hon. Nimal Piyathissa do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.06 p.m. Hon. Nimal Piyathissa took the Chair.)

(At 4.37 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 75; Noes: 43.

The following Hundred and seventeen (117) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	Yes
G 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	Yes
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes

G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 012. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Naseer Ahamed	Yes
G 023. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 024. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 025. Jeevan Thondaman	Yes
G 026. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 027. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 028. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 030. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 032. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 033. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 034. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 035. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 036. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 039. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 043. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 045. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 046. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 047. D. V. Chanaka	Yes
G 048. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 049. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 051. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 054. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 056. Ashoka Priyantha	Yes
G 057. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 058. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 059. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 061. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 062. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 063. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 064. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 067. Wajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 069. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 070. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 071. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana	Yes
G 074. Sarath Weerasekera	Yes

G 075. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 080. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 081. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 083. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 085. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 087. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 089. Nalaka Bandara Kottegodu	Yes
G 090. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 092. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 093. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 094. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 095. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 097. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 098. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 100. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 103. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 105. M. Rameshwaran	Yes
G 106. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 107. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 109. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 110. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 111. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 112. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 113. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 116. Marjan Faleel	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 024. Abdul Haleem	No
O 025. Sarath Fonseka	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	No
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	No
O 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No

O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Ajith Mannapperuma	No
O 050. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 051. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	No
O 052. Velu Kumar	No
O 053. Dilan Perera	No
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	No
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	No
O 061. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	No
O 062. Mayantha Dissanayake	No
O 065. Imran Maharroof	No
O 066. Ishak Rahuman	No
O 069. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 070. Waruna Liyanage	No
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	No
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 083. Rohana Bandara	No
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 091. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	No
O 093. Mohomad Muzammil	No
O 095. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
O 097. Upul Galappaththi	No
O 101. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 102. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 105. Nimal Piyathissa	No
O 106. Uddika Premarathne	No
O 110. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Gevindu Cumaratunga	No
O 112. Charitha Herath	No

The following 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:—

Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
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7. Regulations under the Petroleum Resources Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Power and Energy moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/47 of 05th January 2023, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment (Streamlining Activities of Sports Associations) : 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 Deputy Speaker without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.