



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 29.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 06, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

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

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural
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.) 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. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways
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. 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. Sanath Nishantha, State Minister of Water Supply
Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion
Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development
Hon. 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. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
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. 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. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
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. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
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. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka

Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
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. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
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. Jayarathna Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

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 ‘Anti-Corruption’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The determination of the Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of the Bill titled ‘Anti-Corruption’ as follows:—

Clauses 1, 2(1)(f), 2(2), 3(2), 4(1)(a), 4(1)(b), 4(3), 17(1), 21, 31(2), 163(2)(h), 40, 48(3), 49(1)(f), 50(1)(a), 53(1), 62(1), 65, 67(5), 71(6) and (8), 80, 93, 99, 101, 112, 149 and 162 of the Bill are inconsistent with the Constitution.

However, these inconsistencies will cease if the amendments as set out in the determination of the Supreme Court are made to the Bill.

In addition to the said amendments, the Supreme Court has held that the learned Additional Solicitor General has informed the Court that amendments to Clauses 8(3), 136, 141, 142, and 156 of the Bill as set out in the determination will be made to address several concerns raised by the Petitioners.

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

II

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

Subject to the proposed amendment to Clause 3 and deletion of Clause 4 of the Bill, the Supreme Court has determined that the Bill or any of its provisions 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.”

III

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have appointed the following Members of Parliament under the Chair of the Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana to serve on the ‘Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into and to make suitable recommendations relating to the disasters caused by New Diamond and X-press Pearl Vessels in the Maritime Zone of Sri Lanka’ :—

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney-at-Law
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardena
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney-at Law”

IV

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in each Sectoral Oversight Committee, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 111 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21st November 2022:—

- (1) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Religious Affairs and Co-Existence
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
- (2) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and National Unity
Hon. Marjan Faleel
- (3) Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security
Hon. Johnston Fernando
- (4) Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
- (5) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Alleviating the Impact of the Economic Crisis
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
- (6) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport
Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

(7) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

(8) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Sustainable Development

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

(9) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Foreign Employment & Labour

Hon. Gamini Lokuge

(10) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi

(11) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law

(12) Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen

Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi

(13) Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government

Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC”

V

“I wish to inform that the Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023.”

VI

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Milan Jayathilake, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 122 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 10th February 2023.”

VII

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 118 of the Parliament and the motion adopted by Parliament on 10th February 2023, the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, as per the motion adopted by Parliament on 26th May 2023:—

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Disaster Management Centre for the year 2021;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Government Valuation Department for the year 2022;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies for the year 2022;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of External Resources for the year 2022;
- (v) Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2022;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2022;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring for the year 2022; and
- (viii) Performance Report of the Department of Imports and Exports Control 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.

(2) The Urban Development and Housing presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Prime Minister's Office for the year 2022;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2022; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government for the year 2022

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Urban Development and Housing presented the Reports 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 Department of Samurdhi Development, Department of Probation and Child Care Services and Department of Social Services in the reports of the Committee on Public Accounts which were presented to Parliament and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Urban Development and Housing presented the 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 01.04.2023 to 30.04.2023 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022.

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

(5) The Minister of Education —

- (i) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Technology of University of Moratuwa for the year 2021; and
- (ii) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2021.

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Sustainable Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Printing for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Ministry 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 Agriculture in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development areas and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2324/14 of 20th March 2023 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2021 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Community Water Supply for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Sustainable Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation from Reports from Committees: (1) The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, attorney at Law, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation presented the Report of the above Committee on —

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117(2)(q) read with Sections 6(3)(a) and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/18 of 26th October 2022;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 117(2) and 117(3) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2304/46 of 02nd November 2022;
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/49 of 06th January 2022;
- (iv) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/50 of 06th January 2022;
- (v) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/51 of 06th January 2022;
- (vi) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/52 of 06th January 2022;

- (vii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/53 of 06th January 2022;
- (viii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/54 of 06th January 2022;
- (ix) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/55 of 06th January 2022;
- (x) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/56 of 06th January 2022;
- (xi) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/57 of 06th January 2022;
- (xii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/31 of 13th January 2022;
- (xiii) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Sections 126 and 127 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/18 of 09th August 2022;
- (xiv) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/32 of 22nd September 2022;
- (xv) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/16 of 26th October 2022;
- (xvi) Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 10 read with Section 3(5) of the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2287/24 of 07th July 2022;
- (xvii) Annual Report of Ceylon Shipping Corporation for the year 2020/2021;
- (xviii) Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the year 2021;

- (xix) Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
- (xx) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the year 2019;
- (xxi) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2019/2020;
- (xxii) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the year 2020;
- (xxiii) Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited for the year 2019/2020;
- (xxiv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year 2021;
- (xxv) Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority for the Year 2021;
- (xxvi) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the year 2021; and
- (xxvii) Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2020/2021

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) The Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation presented the Report of the said Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation under Section 71 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with Sections 2C, 5 and 5A of the aforesaid Ordinance and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/11 of 08th August 2022 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) The W.D.J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law-Abiding presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill; and
- (ii) Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(4) The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable presented the Report of said Committee on Performance Report of the Department of Forest Conservation for the year 2021 which was referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath presented a petition dated 25.03.2023 from Mr. Panambarage Sanjeewa Prasad Fernando of 84 A, Gamage Watta, Godigamuwa East, Badalgama.
- (2) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented a petition dated 22.04.2023 from Mr. P. A. Lalith Francis of No 06, Lihiniwehera Colony, Dodamgaslanda.
- (3) Hon. Waruna Liyanage presented a petition dated 26.04.2023 from Mrs. D. S. I. A. Iresha Nishamani of Udatiyawala, Mahagama South.

The Petitions 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 moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 17 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. Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.1) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117(2) (q) read with Sections 6(3)(a) and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/18 of 26th October 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

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

The State Minister of Tourism moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.35 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.)

The State Minister of Highways moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasureiya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.02 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasureiya do take the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.2) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 117(2) and 117(3) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2304/46 of 02nd November 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No.1) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/49 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/50 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/51 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/52 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 5) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/53 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 6): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/54 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 7) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/55 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 8) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/56 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 9) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/57 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 10) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/31 13th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 11) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Sections 126 and 127 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/18 of 09th August 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 12) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/32 of 22nd September 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 13) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/16 of 26th October 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Amendment to the resolution for the constitution of the “Select Committee of Parliament to Investigate the Country's Economic Setback from November 2019 to date and Report to Parliament and Submit its Proposals and Recommendations in this regard”: The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Resolution which was duly adopted by Parliament on 19th January 2023 be amended as follows as per the decision of the Committee on Parliamentary Business at its meeting held on 26th May 2023:—

Title:

Delete the Title and substitute the following:—

“Select Committee of Parliament to Investigate Causes for Financial Bankruptcy declared by the Government and to Report to Parliament and Submit its Proposals and Recommendations in this regard”;

Part 1:

Delete paragraph two and substitute the following:—

“And whereas it is the responsibility of the Parliament to investigate whether this economic crime was committed intentionally by the authorities who are in charge of the subjects of finance and economic affairs or by the Cabinet of Ministers;”

Delete paragraph three and substitute the following:—

“And whereas the country's financial bankruptcy was caused by factors such as granting tax relief, non-payment of loan installments, imposition of import restrictions, allowing for a rapid depreciation of the rupee, the decline in official remittances from migrants, the increase in inflation up to a hyperinflation, and the increase in the cost of living; and”

Delete paragraph four (a) and substitute the following:—

“(a) whether the country had to experience an unprecedented economic crisis and financial bankruptcy since the persons who were responsible had failed to execute their duties properly;”

Delete paragraph four (b) and substitute the following:—

“(b) whether adequate measures were taken by the relevant authorities to prevent the financial bankruptcy;”

Delete paragraph four (d) and substitute the following:—

“(d) whether there are any other reasons that had contributed to such an economic crisis and financial bankruptcy;”

Delete paragraph four (e) and substitute the following:—

“(e) whether there are any other reasons that would result country experiencing such an economic crisis and financial bankruptcy in the future;”

“Except the aforementioned amendments, other parts of the Resolution, which was duly adopted by Parliament on 19th January 2023, remain unchanged.”

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Adjournment (Promotion of Bamboo Industry): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.00 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 07, 2023.