



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 55.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 07, 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. 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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

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. 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. 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. (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. 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. 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. 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. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

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. (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. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith 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, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law

Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the First Installment – Parts VI, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV, Fourth Installment – Parts I and II, Fifth Installment – Parts I, II and III and Sixth Installment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2022 in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

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

- (i) 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, Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development, Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Air Force, Department of Civil Security, Department of Sri Lanka Coast Guard, Sri Lanka Police, Department of Registration of Persons and Department of Meteorology in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament; and
- (ii) 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 Sri Lanka Air Force of the Ministry of Defence in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament.

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed.

(3) The Minister of 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 01.07.2023 to 31.07.2023 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2022.

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

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Performance Report of the Department of Wildlife 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.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) The Hon. Anupa Pasqual, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Annual Report of the National Council for Elders for the year 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Social Development for the year 2020

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) The Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on an Open & Accountable Government presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Election Commission for the year 2022;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Presidential Secretariat for the year 2022; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament for the year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

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

(3) The Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on an Open & Accountable Government presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Department for Registrations of Persons for the year 2022; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Immigration & Emigration for the year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Vote of No Confidence against Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health: Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question Adjourned debate on question (06th September, 2023)— Motion made and question proposed [P. 29/2023] that “Whereas solutions have not been put forward so far for the crisis that has arisen in the health sector at present;

And whereas the opinion of the experts is that most of the sorrowful incidents that are reported from hospitals day by day are deaths and impairments caused due to the use of drugs which either substandard or are low in quality;

And whereas he is accountable as the Minister of Health for not duly appointing the Board of Directors of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority, for the importing of low quality drugs, for the importing of drugs deviating from the tender procedure, for the importing of drugs at exorbitant prices, for the scarcity of essential drugs and shortage of laboratory equipment in the hospital system and for the purchasing of unregistered drugs on the pretext of emergency purchases thereby resulting in deaths and impairments due to their use;

And whereas the Minister of Health has neglected to duly regulate the process of importing drugs to this country in a manner not inconsistent with the guiding principles of State Policy stipulated in Article 27 of the Constitution regardless of the fact that the government is bound to uphold the Principles therein;

And whereas the Minister has acted ruining the safe health service available for people, thereby breaching the pledge he has given in terms of Article 53 of the Constitution;

And whereas the Minister has neglected his fundamental duties required by Article 28 of the Constitution and people have to pay the price of his irresponsible conduct with their lives;

That this Parliament resolves that it has no confidence in the competence of Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Health to function as a Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers any longer.”

(At 11.07 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 1.44 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health moved,— That Hon. Samanpriya Herath do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 3.18 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

And it being 4.30 p.m. the Minister of Education moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Friday, September 08, 2023.

5. Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill : Order read for resuming the adjourned debate on question (06th September, 2023).

That the Bill be now read a Second Time.

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(At 5.06 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 6.51 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 102;
Noes: 58.

The following Two Hundred and Fifty Six (156) 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 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 011. Keheliya Rambukwella	Yes
G 012. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 013. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	Yes
G 015. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 016. M. U. M. Ali Sabry	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Naseer Ahamed	Yes
G 020. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes
G 022. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 023. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 024. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 025. Jeewan Thondaman	Yes
G 026. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 027. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 029. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 030. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 031. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 032. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 033. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 034. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 035. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 036. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 038. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 039. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 042. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes

G 043. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 044. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 045. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 047. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 048. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 049. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 050. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 051. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 052. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 053. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 054. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 055. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 056. Asoka Priyantha	Yes
G 057. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 059. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 060. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 061. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 062. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 063. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 066. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 067. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 069. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 070. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 071. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	Yes
G 075. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 077. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 078. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 079. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 080. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 081. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 083. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 084. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 085. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 086. Akila Ellawala	Yes
G 088. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 089. Nalaka Bandara Kottegod	Yes
G 090. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 091. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes

G 092. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 093. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 094. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 095. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 096. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 097. H. Nandasena	Yes
G 098. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 099. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 100. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 102. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 103. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 104. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 106. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 107. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 108. Madhura Withanage	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 114. Ranjith Bandara	Yes
G 115. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	No
O 006. Gayantha Karunatileka	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 012. Mano Ganesan	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
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 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No

O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	Yes
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Ajith Mannapperuma	No
O 047. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 048. M. S. Thowfeek	No
O 049. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	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 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 061. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	No
O 063. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
O 064. S. M. Marikkar	No
O 065. Imran Maharroof	No
O 067. Harshana Rajakaruna	No
O 071. M. Udayakumar	No
O 072. Hesha Withanage	No
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	No
O 076. Dayasiri Jayasekara	No
O 080. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	No
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 082. Kins Nelson	No
O 083. Rohana Bandara	No
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	No
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	No
O 095. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
O 096. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	No
O 097. Upul Galappaththi	No
O 099. Asanka Navarathna	No
O 101. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 102. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes

O 107. Wasantha Yapabandara	No
O 109. Gamini Waleboda	No
O 110. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Gevindu Cumaratunga	No
O 112. Charitha Herath	No

The following four (04) 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:—

A. H. M. Fowzie	Yes
V. Radhakrishnan	Yes
S. Viyalanderan	Yes
Sarath Fonseka	No

Bill accordingly read a Second time.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That the Bill now read the third time.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill : Order read for resuming the adjourned debate on question (06th September, 2023).

That the Bill be now read a Second Time.

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

Bill accordingly read a Second time.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That the Bill now read the third time.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to; Parliament was at 7.17 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, September 08, 2023.