



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 98.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, December 11, 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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

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 Industries and Minister of Health

Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and
Youth Affairs

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. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Environment

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 and Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms and State Minister of Finance

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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. 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. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

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. Wajira Abeywardana

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

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. 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. 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. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha 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. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
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. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
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. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
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. Abdul Haleem
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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularathne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Presentation of Committee Reports : (1) Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the Legislative Standing Committee on the Bill titled, “Heart to Heart Trust Fund (Incorporation)” 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 Tuesday, 12th December 2023.

(2) Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Irrigation presented the Report of the said Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Irrigation under Sections 54(1) and 54(2) of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 23 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2345/10 of 14th August 2023 which were referred to the Committee.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma presented —

- (i) a petition dated 07.11.2023 from Mr. M. K.W. Wickramaratne of No. 6/10, 1st Lane, Purana Road, Maharagama; and
- (ii) a petition dated 06.12.2023 from Mrs. R. Pradeepika Withana of No. 61, In front of 13th Post, Detagamuwa, Katharagama.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— Immediately after Business of the committee stage of the Appropriation (2024) Bill scheduled for this day is over, Second Reading of Item No. 6 (Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill) and Item No. 7 (Finance Bill) of this day's Order Paper of Parliament shall be passed and after that the motion bearing Item No. 8 (Supplementary Sum,— Head 222— Programme 01) also be approved by Parliament this day itself.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero, seconded by Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda moved,—That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Rajitha Senarathne Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Education for report.

5. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty fourth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 151

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.52 a.m. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.43 p.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.07 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayak took the Chair.)

(At 3.27 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

(At 3.59 p.m. Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Ministry of Fisheries

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 27 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 4,919,000,000”

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

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

Question that the sum of Rs. 431,000,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 91,400,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 20 in page 27 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 1,350,000,000 4,727,600,000

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

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

Head 290

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 800,000,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 100,000,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 198

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 557,000,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 251,000,000 for Head 198, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,700,000,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 54,262,000,000 for Head 198, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Ministry of Irrigation

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Capital 77,926,000,000”

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

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

Head 282

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,006,000,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 73,000,000 for Head 282, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 10 in page 34 and substitute the following:—

“Programme 02 Development Activities 3,311,000,000 23,340,000,000”

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

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

Whereupon the Minister of Education proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

6. Regulations under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation moved, — That the Regulations made by the Minister of Irrigation under Sections 54(1) and 54(2) of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 23 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2345/10 of 14th August 2023, which were presented on 09.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (2020) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries moved,— That the Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 24.03.2023 under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report of the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd (2020) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation moved, —That the Annual Report of the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 10.02.2023 under Section 166 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka (2019) : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation moved,—That the Annual Report of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 24.11.2022 under Section 14(1) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill : Order read for resuming the adjourned debate on question (10th December 2023) [1].

“That the Bill be now read a Second Time”, question again proposed; and debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 98; Noes: 41.

The following One Hundred Thirty Seven (137) 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 004. Mahinda Rajapaksa	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 014. Harin Fernando	Yes
G 015. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes
G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 024. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 025. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes

G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 032. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 042. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 043. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 045. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 051. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 055. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 056. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 057. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 064. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 065. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 067. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 068. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 069. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 073. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 074. Roshan Ranasinghe	No
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 078. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes

G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 095. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 105. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 108. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 024. Abdul Haleem	No
O 025. Sarath Fonseka	No
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	No
O 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No

O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 042. Vadivel Suresh	Yes
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyad	No
O 047. Ajith Mannapperuma	No
O 048. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 049. M. S. Thowfeek	No
O 051. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	No
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 061. Velu Kumar	No
O 062. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	No
O 065. S. M. Marikkar	No
O 066. Imran Maharooof	No
O 069. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
O 070. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 071. Waruna Liyanage	No
O 072. Hesha Withanage	No
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	No
O 081. M. Udayakumar	No
O 082. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 083. Kins Nelson	No
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 091. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	No
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	No
O 095. Udayana Kirindigoda	No
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 108. Thilak Rajapakshe	No
O 109. Gamini Waleboda	No
O 110. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Gevindu Cumaratunga	No

The following two (02) 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:—

Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes

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 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planing proposed an amendment to leave out lines 5 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 1.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planing proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 5 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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

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

Clause 3

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

Amendment of section 22 of Act, No.14 of 2002	“2. Section 22 of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:-
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(1) in subsection (6) of that section, by the repeal of”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 7 to 17 (both inclusive) in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(2) in subsection (10) of that section, by the repeal of the third proviso to that”;

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

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

Clause 4

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 19 (both inclusive) in page 4.

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

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

Clause 5

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed an amendment to leave out lines 20 to 22 (both inclusive) in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“3. Section 83 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the insertion immediately after the expression”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 27 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 4.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 26 (both inclusive) in page 5.

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

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

Clause 6

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 and 7 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ending prior to January 1, 2024.”; and”

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 11 and 13 (both inclusive) in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“For any taxable period commencing on or after January 1, 2024—”

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 23 to 34 (both inclusive) in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“(iv) ayurvedic preparations belong to the Ayurveda Pharmacopoeia or ayurvedic preparations (other than cosmetic preparations) or unani, siddha or homeopathic preparations (other than cosmetic preparations) identified under the”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 and 2 in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“crude petroleum oil, kerosene, aviation fuel, oil for ships or”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 17 and 21 (both inclusive) in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“(vii) bio”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 36 to 42 (both inclusive) in page 7.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 6 (both inclusive) in page 8.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 10 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 10.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 20 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 10.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 6 and 7 in page 11.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 13 to 15 (both inclusive) in page 11.

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 31 and 32 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“established by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No.16 of 2023;”;

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and Policy Planning proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 and 2 in page 12.

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

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

Clauses 7 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 100 Noes: 55

The following Hundred and Fifty Five (155) 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 004. Mahinda Rajapaksa	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 014. Harin Fernando	Yes
G 015. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 019. Manusha Nanayakkara	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 021. Ajith Rajapakse	Yes
G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Jeewan Thondaman	Yes
G 024. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 025. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 027. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Yes
G 028. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 029. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Kanaka Herath	Yes
G 031. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 032. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 033. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 034. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 035. Premalal Jayasekara	Yes
G 036. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 037. Vijitha Berugoda	Yes
G 038. Lohan Ratwaththe	Yes
G 040. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 041. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 042. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 043. Anuradha Jayaratne	Yes
G 044. S. Viyalanderan	Yes

G 045. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 047. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	Yes
G 048. Prasanna Ranaweera	Yes
G 049. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 050. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	Yes
G 051. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 052. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 053. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 055. A. Aravindh Kumar	Yes
G 056. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 057. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 059. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 060. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 061. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 064. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 065. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 067. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 068. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 069. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Yes
G 072. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 073. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 074. Roshan Ranasinghe	No
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 078. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	Yes
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda	Yes
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	Yes
G 095. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes

G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 105. Rajika Wickramasinghe	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 108. D. Weerasingha	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 114. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	No
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	No
O 006. Gayantha Karunatilleka	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	No
O 013. Maithreepala Sirisena	No
O 015. G.L. Peiris	No
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	Yes
O 023. Thalatha Athukorala	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 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	No
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No
O 033. John Seneviratne	Yes
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 042. Vadivel Suresh	Yes
O 043. Faizal Cassim	No

O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	No
O 046. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyad	No
O 047. Ajith Mannapperuma	No
O 048. Buddhika Pathirana	No
O 049. M. S. Thowfeek	No
O 051. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 053. Dilan Perera	No
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	Yes
O 061. Velu Kumar	No
O 062. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	No
O 063. Mayantha Dissanayake	No
O 065. S. M. Marikkar	No
O 066. Imran Maharroof	No
O 068. Harshana Rajakaruna	No
O 069. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
O 070. Chaminda Wijesiri	No
O 071. Waruna Liyanage	No
O 072. Hessa Withanage	No
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	No
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	No
O 082. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 083. Kins Nelson	No
O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	No
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	No
O 091. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	No
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	No
O 099. Asanka Navarathna	No
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 108. Thilak Rajapakshe	No

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

Wimal Weerawansa	No
Dayasiri Jayasekara	No
Udayana Kirindigoda	No
Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
Gamini Waleboda	No

Gevindu Cumaratunga	No
Sarath Fonseka	No

Bill as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

11. Finance Bill — Order read for resuming the adjourned debate on question (10th December 2023) [1].

“That the Bill be now read a Second Time”, question again proposed; and debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

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 to 8 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 Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

12. Supplementary Sum,— Head 222— Programme 01— Adjourned Debate on Question (10th December, 2023) Motion made and question again proposed,— †: “That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Sixteen Billion Five Hundred Million (Rs. 16,500,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or money of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year beginning of 01st January, 2023, and ending on 31st December, 2023, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 222	-	Sri Lanka Army		
Programme 01	-	Operational Activities		
		Recurrent Expenditure	Rs.	16,500,000,000
		Total Expenditure	Rs.	<u>16,500,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 3 of 2023 presented on 01st December, 2023

Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 and 2 Rs. 251,500,000,000”

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; At 5.10 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Speaker until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 20th November 2023.