



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 15.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, April 02, 2024 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 and Plantation Industries

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

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

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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

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. (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. 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. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education

Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism

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

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

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

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

Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
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. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
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. 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. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
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. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Jagath Priyankara
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
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. C. Muthukumarana
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Nayana Wasalathilake
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
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. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
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. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. Jayarathna Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

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

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

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

I

“I wish to inform that under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificates on the Bills titled ‘Secured Transaction, Registration of Documents (Amendment), Trust Receipts (Amendment), Mortgage (Amendment), Finance Leasing (Amendment), Inland Trust Receipts (Amendment) and Companies (Amendment)’ on 01 April 2024.”

II

“In terms of Standing Order 113(2) of Parliament, I have nominated the following Members of Parliament as the Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for consideration of the Bill titled ‘Dedigama Sri Maithri Pragnartha Bouddha Educational Daham Sabhawa (Incorporation)’:-

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara

Hon. Akila Ellawala

Hon. Lalith Ellawala

Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. Sudath Manjula

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe”

III

“In terms of Standing Order 113(2) of Parliament, I have nominated the following Members of Parliament as the Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for consideration of the Bill titled ‘Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)’:-

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Rohana Bandara”

IV

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

Hon.(Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake”

V

“In terms of Standing Order 113(2) of Parliament, I have nominated the following Members of Parliament as the Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for consideration of the Bill titled ‘United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)’:-

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha”

VI

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

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola
 Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
 Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
 Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
 Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya”

VII

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

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
 Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
 Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
 Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
 Hon. Kins Nelson
 Hon. Rohana Bandara
 Hon. D. Weerasingha
 Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara”

VIII

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

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
 Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
 Hon. Tissa Attanayake
 Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
 Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
 Hon. H. Nandasena
 Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
 Hon. Samanpriya Herath”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Installment – Part LV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part LV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (iii) Second Installment – Part L of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021; and

- (iv) Second Installment – Part XLIV and Ninth Installment – Part XXVIII 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 the said, Reports do lie upon the Table and be printed.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 32(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Business Hours for Liquor Licensed Establishments, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2361/44 of 08th December 2023.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2023);

- (ii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duty on Liquor, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2364/35 of 31st December 2023 (Excise Notification No. 04/2023);

- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2364/36 of 31st December 2023;

- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2364/37 of 31st December 2023;

- (v) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/33 of 12th January 2024;

- (vi) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 182(2)(a) of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 19 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/34 of 12th January 2024;

- (vii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2368/24 of 24th January 2024;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/27 of 01st February 2024;
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/42 of 02nd February 2024;
- (x) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/33 of 15th February 2024; and
- (xi) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2(1) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/19 of 06th March 2024.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 19A of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Law No. 35 of 1974 and the Customs (Amendment) Act, No. 83 of 1988, relating to Customs Import Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/32 of 15th February 2024; and
- (ii) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Development Activities Programme appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.02.2024 to 29.02.2024 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 34 of 2023.

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

(5) The Minister of Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the year 2022; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2022.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Transport and Highways and the Minister of Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries presented the Annual Report of the Tea Shakthi Fund for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy 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.

(9) The Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Committee Reports: The Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on an Open and Accountable Government presented the Report of the Committee on 'The Recommendations for Transforming the Sri Lanka Police into a More Efficient, Ideal, People-Friendly, Open and Accountable State Institution'.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

(1) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —

- (i) A petition dated 05.11.2023 from Mr. A.P.D. Siripala of Rahugaladowa, Perawella;
- (ii) A petition dated 26.10.2023 from Mr. D.G. Sumanasekara of Gonamulla Junction,, Galle.; and
- (iii) A petition dated 08.12.2023 from Mr. T.V. Rohan Kumara of Pahala Watta, IhalaKeembiya, Galle.

(2) Hon. Jayarathna Herath presented —

- (i) A petition dated 07.11.2023 from Mr. E.M.C.B. Ekanayake of Karawilagala,, Palagala,, Kekirawa.; and
- (ii) A petition dated 14.02.2024 from Mr. W.E.M. Chandramithra Wijayasinghe of South Wew Waana, Pahala Diganiya, Ahatuwewa.

(3) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 17.12.2023 from Mr. H.M.G.Ranasingha Bandara of No. 124/1, Doranegama, Medawala, Harispattuwa.

(4) Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Attorney at Law presented —

- (i) A petition dated 09.11.2023 from Mr. K.M.D.N.D. Kangara of No. 31, Thennahena, Paranagama, Jambugahapitiya, Katugastota; and
- (ii) A petition dated 17.02.2024 from Mrs. Shriyani Hettiwattage of No. 129, Uda Iriyagama, Peradeniya.

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

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21st March 2024, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Leave to introduce Bill: Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath, seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Siw Wanak Arana 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 Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment for report.

8. Banking (Amendment) Bill:— Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 11.08 a.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

Suspension of Sittings

At 12.58 p.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 4.00 p.m.

At 4.00 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 to 49 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, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act:

The Minister of Education on behalf of The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and relevant Regulatory Authorities under Section 71 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2358/70 of 17th November 2023, which were presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Value Added Tax Act: The Minister of Education on behalf of The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 as amended by Act, No. 6 of 2005 relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2363/22 of 19th December 2023, which was presented on 22.02.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 55; Noes: 19.

The following Seventy Four (74) Hon. 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 006. Susil Premajyantha	Yes

G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 011. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	Yes
G 020. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 024. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 025. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 027. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 028. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 030. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 031. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 032. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 033. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 038. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes
G 039. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 040. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 043. D.V. Chanaka	Yes
G 044. Sisira Jayakody	Yes
G 047. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 049. Seetha Arambepola	Yes
G 050. Shantha Bandara	Yes
G 054. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	Yes
G 055. Suren Raghavan	Yes
G 056. Diana Gamage	Yes
G 057. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 058. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 062. Gamini Lokuge	Yes
G 065. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 067. S. M. Chandrasena	Yes
G 072. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 075. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	Yes
G 078. S. C. Muthukumarana	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes

G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	Yes
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 095. Premnath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 110. Sagara Kariyawasam	Yes
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 114. Jayantha Weerasinghe	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	No
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	No
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	No
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 026. Harsha De Silva	No
O 030. Niroshan Perera	No
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	No
O 034. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa	Yes
O 036. Dullas Alahapperuma	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 051. Hector Appuhamy	No
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 061. Velu Kumar	No
O 063. Mayantha Dissanayake	No
O 064. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	No
O 069. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	No
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	No
O 082. Kins Nelson	No
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes
O 109. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	No
O 111. Charitha Herath	No

11. Regulations under Imports and Exports (Control) Act: The Minister of Education on behalf of The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,

Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2370/15 of 07th February 2024, which were presented on 07.03.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Adjournment (Appreciation of ‘1990 Suwa Seriya’ Ambulance Service): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.06 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned at 5.56 p.m. by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the resolution of Parliament of this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.