



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 12.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, March 21, 2024 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. (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. (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. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. Premalal Jayasekara, State Minister of Ports and Aviation

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Fisheries

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

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

Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion

Hon. 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. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries and Mahaweli
Development

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Supply
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. 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. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
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. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
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. 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. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. 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. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Jagath Priyankara
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
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. S. C. Muthukumarana
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. 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. C.V. Wigneswaran
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. 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. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker: The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Hon. Speaker has endorsed the certificates on the Bills titled ‘Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment)’ and ‘Value Added Tax (Amendment)’ on 20th March 2024.”

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

- (i) Second Installment – Part LIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019;
- (ii) Ninth Installment – Part XLI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (iii) Ninth Installment – Part XXXIX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021; and

- (iv) Second Installment – Part XLIII and Ninth Installment – Part XXVII 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 Education presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Business Management for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2020 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Committee Reports: (1) The Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy presented the Report of the Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 7 read with Sections 5 and 6 on the advice and recommendation of the Committee appointed under Section 3 of the Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) Act, No. 33 of 2002 regarding Licensing of Petroleum Products and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2340/02 of 10th July 2023 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) The Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2021;
 - (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2021;
 - (iii) Annual Report of the National Science Foundation for the year 2021;
 - (iv) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka for the year 2021;
 - (v) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Jaffna for the year 2021;
- and

- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Manpower and Employment for the year 2022

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

- (3) The Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and Transport presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Railway Department for the year 2022; and

- (ii) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2022

which were referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 11.12.2023 from Mr. S.A.P.K. Dayananda of No. 155, Ihalagama, Gampaha.
- (2) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 14.11.2023 from Mrs. A.G. Nanda Somalatha of No. 26, Muwagala Junction, Thenna, Matale.;
 - (ii) A petition dated 28.02.2024 from Mr. Anura Upatissa Malthunga of No. 200/3, Nagolla, Ukuwela;
 - (iii) A petition dated 23.11.2023 from Mr. G.G. Sanath Chandrakumara of No. 08, Kiwula, Mathale;
 - (iv) A petition dated 24.10.2023 from Mr. M.G.C. Harshan Wijerathna of No. 142, Walakabura, Beligamuwa;
 - (v) A petition dated 12.02.2024 from Mr. P.K.G. Wijerathna of Ranmuthugama, Metihakka, Mathale; and
 - (vi) A petition dated 04.11.2023 from Mrs. W.M. Kudamanike of P. 204, Homapola, Nalanda..
- (3) Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda presented a petition dated 24.09.2023 from Mr. B.G.Chandrawansha Bandara of No. 95/7, Mediroda, Madawala Upatha,, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 17.12.2023 from Mr. H.G. Maithreesena of Banwelagoda, Karandeniya;
 - (ii) A petition dated 28.11.2023 from Mr. I.G.S.W. Ravindra of No. 17, Summer City, Pathana, Hikkaduwa; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 08.02.2024 from Mr. Sudath Jayawaradena of No. 101 A, Jana Udana Village, Thilakapura, Ambalangoda.

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

5. Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment): The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies presented,— Bill to amend the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 1990.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, April 09, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

6. 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, 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 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Monday 01st and Tuesday 02nd, April 2024.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3): 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 Monday 01st and Tuesday 02nd, April 2024 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.00 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.

9. Leave to introduce Bill: The Hon. D. Weerasingha, seconded by the Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Facilities Management Sri Lanka.”

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 Urban Development and Housing for report.

10. Vote of No Confidence against Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane, the Speaker: Adjourned debate on question (19th March, 2024),— Motion made and question proposed [P. 27/2024] that “Whereas, by allowing the government to adopt certain Clauses of the Bill titled Online Safety during the Committee of the whole Parliament of the said Bill contrary to the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of that Bill disregarding the strong objections raised by Members of Parliament of the opposition to the effect that some Clauses of the Bill concerned were being passed in contravention of the determination of the Supreme Court regarding the Bill;

Particularly,

(a) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clause 13 of the aforesaid Bill with a simple majority without incorporating the amendments specified in the determination of the Supreme Court, which had determined that the said Clause was inconsistent with Article 12 (1) of the Constitution and as such, should be passed with a special majority, and if it were to be passed with a simple majority, the amendments so specified should be effected;

(b) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clause 17 of the aforesaid Bill as it was with a simple majority while the Supreme Court had determined that the said Clause was inconsistent with the Constitution and hence should be passed with a special majority and while the Attorney-General had informed the Supreme Court that the Clause concerned would be removed during the Committee of the whole Parliament;

(c) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clauses 20, 33(6), 34(1) and 35(1) of the aforesaid Bill with a simple majority without incorporating the amendments specified in the determination of the Supreme Court, which had determined that the Clauses concerned were inconsistent with the Constitution and as such, should be passed with a special majority, and if they were to be passed with a simple majority, the amendments so specified should be effected;

(d) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clause 21 of the aforesaid Bill as it was with a simple majority without acting in pursuance of the assurance given by the Attorney-General to the Supreme Court that the amendments necessary to pass the Clause concerned with a simple majority would be moved during the Committee of the whole Parliament when the Supreme Court determined that the said Clause was inconsistent with the Constitution and hence should be passed with a special majority;

(e) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clause 22 of the Bill as it was with a simple majority, without incorporating the amendments specified in the determination of the Supreme Court, which had determined that the Clause concerned was inconsistent with the Constitution and as such, should be passed with a special majority, and if it was to be passed with a simple majority, the amendments so specified should be effected; and

(f) And whereas by allowing the passage of Clause 31 of the Bill as it was with a simple majority, without incorporating the amendments specified in the determination of the Supreme Court, which had determined that the Clause concerned was inconsistent with the Constitution and as such, should be passed with a special majority, and if it was to be passed with a simple majority, the amendments so specified should be effected;

And whereas it has been stated in the letter dated 08th February 2024, sent to the Speaker of Parliament by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, confirming this, and pointing out that the Supreme Court determination has not been followed with pertinence to passing certain Clauses of the said Bill and therefore, that there are serious concerns regarding the fact whether the number of votes required to pass the Bill as it is, has been received in Parliament;

And whereas at the same time, whereas by allowing the Bill to be passed at the third reading without calling for a division, despite the request made by the Chief Opposition Whip calling for a division, at the third reading of the Online Safety Bill;

And whereas and by endorsing the certificate on the said Bill, ignoring the request made by a group of Opposition Members from the speaker at the special meeting of the Party Leaders which was held on the 01st of February 2024, not to endorse the Bill until it is seriously scrutinized, as certain Clauses have been passed by the government contravening the determination issued by the Supreme Court at the Committee of the whole Parliament of the Online Safety Bill;

And whereas, when the name for the post of Inspector-General of Police, recommended by the Hon. President was considered at the meeting of the Constitutional Council held on the 26th of February 2024, 4 members of the Constitutional Council voted for the appointment of that recommended person for the said post and 2 members voted against while 2 members abstained from voting and as such while the said recommended name for the post of Inspector-General of Police remained unapproved as per the provisions of the Constitution, the Speaker has unlawfully aided and abetted and sponsored the President to appoint the person recommended by the President to the post of Inspector-General of Police in an illegal and unconstitutional manner by stating in paragraph 4 of the letter dated 26th February 2024 that intimated to the President that:—

“However, as there are no provisions with regard to abstaining from voting at a meeting of the Constitutional Council as per Article 41(e) of the Constitution and if abstaining from voting is deemed as being opposed to, before the law and in relation to the aforementioned issue if it is deemed as a tie in voting as per Article 41(e)(5) of the Constitution, I hereby inform that I exercise my casting vote as the Chair.”

And whereas, the Speaker has acted in a manner in blatant violation of the Constitution in handling the affairs of Parliament;

And whereas, the Speaker has acted in a manner that public confidence in the supreme institutions of Parliament and the Constitutional Council would be eroded;

And whereas, the Speaker has blatantly violated the Standing Orders of Parliament;

And whereas, the Speaker has blatantly desecrated the independence and dignity of the office of the Speaker by clearly exhibiting that he acts partially;

And whereas, the Speaker who is bound to protect the rights and privileges of the Members of Parliament impartially, has himself violated the rights and privileges of Members of Parliament; and

And whereas, the Speaker has neglected to perform the functions and responsibilities of the office of the Speaker.

That this Parliament resolves that it has no confidence in Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane, the Speaker any longer.”

(At 11.23 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, seconded by the Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.11 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, seconded by the Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.20 p.m. Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs moved,—That Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.37 p.m. Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda took the Chair.)

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs moved,—That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.28 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 4.17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived; Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes:75; Noes: 117.

The following One hundred eighty seven (187) 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	No
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	No
G 003. Chamal Rajapaksa	No
G 004. Mahinda Rajapaksa	No
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	No
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	No
G 009. Douglas Devananda	No
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	No
G 011. Mahinda Amaraweera	No
G 012. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe	No
G 013. Harin Fernando	No
G 014. Ramesh Pathirana	No
G 015. M. U. M. Ali Sabry	No
G 016. Vidura Wickramanayaka	No
G 017. Kanchana Wijesekera	No
G 019. Tiran Alles	No
G 020. Nalin Fernando	No
G 022. Jeewan Thondaman	No
G 023. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	No
G 024. Jagath Pushpakumara	No
G 025. Dilum Amunugama	No
G 026. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	No
G 027. Janaka Wakkumbura	No
G 028. Shehan Semasinghe	No

G 029. Kanaka Herath	No
G 030. Thenuka Vidanagamage	No
G 031. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	No
G 032. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	No
G 033. Rohana Dissanayaka	No
G 034. Premalal Jayasekara	No
G 035. Arundika Fernando	No
G 037. Lohan Ratwaththe	No
G 038. Tharaka Balasuriya	No
G 039. Indika Anuruddha Herath	No
G 040. Siripala Gamalath	No
G 041. Anuradha Jayaratne	No
G 042. S. Viyalanderan	No
G 043. D.V. Chanaka	No
G 044. Sisira Jayakody	No
G 045. Piyal Nishantha De Silva	No
G 046. Prasanna Ranaweera	No
G 047. D. B. Herath	No
G 048. Shasheendra Rajapaksa	No
G 049. Seetha Arambepola	No
G 051. K. Kadder Masthan	No
G 052. Asoka Priyantha	No
G 053. A. Aravindh Kumar	No
G 054. Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe	No
G 055. Suren Raghavan	No
G 056. Diana Gamage	No
G 057. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	No
G 058. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	No
G 059. Anupa Pasqual	No
G 060. Johnston Fernando	No
G 061. S. B. Dissanayake	No
G 062. Gamini Lokuge	No
G 063. Vajira Abeywardena	No
G 064. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon	No
G 065. C. B. Rathnayake	No
G 066. Keheliya Rambukwella	No

G 067. S. M. Chandrasena	No
G 068. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	No
G 069. Rohitha Abeygunawardana	No
G 071. Sarath Weerasekara	No
G 072. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	No
G 075. Kapila Athukorala	No
G 076. Gayashan Nawananda	No
G 077. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff	No
G 078. S. C. Muthukumarana	No
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	No
G 080. Sampath Athukorala	No
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	No
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	No
G 083. Pradeep Undugoda	No
G 084. Sanjeeva Edirimanna	No
G 085. Akila Ellawala	No
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	No
G 087. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku	No
G 088. Nalaka Bandara Kottegod	No
G 089. Udayakantha Gunathilaka	No
G 090. Kokila Gunawardene	No
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	No
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	No
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	No
G 094. Isuru Dodangoda	No
G 095. Premnath C. Dolawatte	No
G 097. Muditha Prishanthi	No
G 098. Sudath Manjula	No
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	No
G 100. Nipuna Ranawaka	No
G 101. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka	No
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	No
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	No
G 104. M. Rameshwaran	No
G 105. Rajika Wickramasinghe	No
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	No

G 107. Madhura Withanage	No
G 108. D. Weerasingha	No
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	No
G 110. Sagara Kariyawasam	No
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	No
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	No
G 113. Ranjith Bandara	No
G 114. Jayantha Weerasinghe	No
G 115. Marjan Faleel	No
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	No
O 001. Rishad Bathiudeen	Yes
O 002. Rajitha Senarathne	Yes
O 003. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	Yes
O 004. Tissa Attanayake	Yes
O 005. Rauff Hakeem	Yes
O 006. Gayantha Karunatilleka	Yes
O 007. Lakshman Kiriella	Yes
O 008. Sajith Premadasa	Yes
O 010. Patali Champika Ranawaka	Yes
O 011. Palany Thigambaram	Yes
O 012. Mano Ganesan	Yes
O 015. G.L. Peiris	Yes
O 017. A. L. M. Athaullah	No
O 022. Kabir Hashim	Yes
O 023. Thalatha Athukorala	Yes
O 025. Sarath Fonseka	Yes
O 026. Harsha De Silva	Yes
O 028. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara	Yes
O 029. Dilip Wedaarachchi	Yes
O 030. Niroshan Perera	Yes
O 031. Eran Wickramaratne	Yes
O 032. J. C. Alawathuwala	Yes
O 033. John Seneviratne	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	Yes
O 038. Selvarajah Kajendren	Yes
O 041. Angajan Ramanathan	No

O 042. Vadivel Suresh	No
O 044. Ashok Abeysinghe	Yes
O 047. Ajith Mannapperuma	Yes
O 048. Buddhika Pathirana	Yes
O 049. M. S. Thowfeek	Yes
O 050. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha	Yes
O 051. Hector Appuhamy	Yes
O 052. Thushara Indunil Amarasena	Yes
O 053. Dilan Perera	Yes
O 054. Wimal Weerawansa	Yes
O 055. Piyankara Jayaratne	No
O 056. Vasudeva Nanayakkara	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	Yes
O 058. Govindan Karunakaram	Yes
O 061. Velu Kumar	Yes
O 062. Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana	Yes
O 063. Mayantha Dissanayake	Yes
O 064. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera	Yes
O 065. S. M. Marikkar	Yes
O 066. Imran Maharooof	Yes
O 068. Harshana Rajakaruna	Yes
O 069. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Yes
O 070. Hesha Withanage	Yes
O 071. Waruna Liyanage	Yes
O 072. M. Udayakumar	Yes
O 073. Jayarathna Herath	Yes
O 075. Chandima Weerakkody	Yes
O 076. Dayasiri Jayasekara	Yes
O 077. Sivagnanam Shritharan	Yes
O 078. M. A. Sumanthiran	Yes
O 079. Charles Nirmalanathan	Yes
O 080. S. Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam	Yes
O 081. W. H. M. Dharmasena	Yes
O 082. Kins Nelson	Yes
O 083. Rohana Bandara	Yes
O 084. Nayana Wasalathilaka	Yes

O 085. Udaya Gammanpila	Yes
O 086. Nalaka Godahewa	Yes
O 087. Channa Jayasumana	Yes
O 089. Nimal Lanza	No
O 090. Jayantha Samaraweera	Yes
O 091. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara	Yes
O 092. Sarathie Dushmantha	Yes
O 094. Lalith Ellawala	Yes
O 096. K. P. S. Kumarasiri	Yes
O 097. Upul Galappaththi	Yes
O 098. Shan Vijayalal De Silva	Yes
O 100. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan	Yes
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	No
O 106. Wasantha Yapabandara	Yes
O 107. Thilak Rajapakshe	Yes
O 108. Gamini Waleboda	Yes
O 109. Weerasumana Weerasinghe	Yes
O 110. Gevindu Cumaratunga	Yes
O 111. Charitha Herath	Yes

The following Five (05) Members 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:—

Susil Premajayantha	No
Vijitha Berugoda	No
H. Nandasena	No
A. H. M. Fowzie	No
V. Radhakrishnan	Yes

(At 4.47 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

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

And it being past 5.00 p.m. Parliament was adjourned at 5.11 p.m. by the Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution on Parliament on this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024.