



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 16.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

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

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education

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

Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

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. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media

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. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade

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

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

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. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura

Hon. M. Udayakumar

Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna

Hon. Lalith Ellawala

Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda, Attorney at Law

Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Weerasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Jagath Priyankara
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi

Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC

Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new Members: Hon. M. G. Weerasena, Member of Parliament for Anuradhapura Electoral District, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the Table.

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

I

“I wish to inform this House that a vacancy in the Membership of this Parliament was occurred with effect from the 04th of April 2024 in terms of the provisions of Article 66 (a) of the Constitution due to the death of Hon. H. Nandasena, Member of Parliament of Anuradhapura District.

It is with profound regret that I inform this Parliament of his untimely passing away. On behalf of Parliament, I would like to convey that we are deeply saddened by his sudden demise and I would like to express our heartfelt sympathies to the family of the Honourable Member.

The vote of condolence in this regard will be presented to Parliament on a future date.”

II

“I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill titled ‘Banking (Amendment)’ on 10th April 2024.”

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 the consideration of the ‘South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership (Incorporation)’ Bill:-

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Ashok Abeyasinghe
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka”

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 ‘Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill’:-

Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. Samanpriya Herath”

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 the consideration of the ‘Ruhunu Awakening Organization (Incorporation) Bill’:-

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Ashok Abeyasinghe
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka”

VI

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Ports, Shipping and Aviation in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 :—

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie”

VII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 :—

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal

Hon. Marjan Faleel”

VIII

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 :—

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Nimal Lanza

Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku”

IX

“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Technology in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 112 :—

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law

Hon. Samanpriya Herath”

X

“The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, M.P. in Parliament on 13 December 2023 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

XI

“The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law, M.P. in Parliament on 06 March 2024 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

XII

“The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal, M.P. in Parliament on 06 March 2024 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

XIII

“The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam, M.P. in Parliament on 07 March 2024 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

XIV

“The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, M.P. in Parliament on 20 February 2024 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.”

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

- (i) Fourth Installment – Parts XXVI and XXVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021;
- (ii) Fourth Installment – Part XXVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2022; and
- (iii) First Installment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2023

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 Speaker presented the Environmental Audit Report on Evaluation of Grassland Conservation Process in National Parks of Sri Lanka in the Eighth Installment – Part IV of the Report of the Auditor General 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.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) 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 Administrative Appeals Tribunal 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.

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

- (i) 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. 2371/48 of 16th February 2024;
- (ii) 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. 2371/49 of 16th February 2024;
- (iii) 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. 2371/50 of 16th February 2024; and
- (iv) The Convention between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Tax Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, entered in to on 26th January 2023; and
- (v) 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. 2376/14 of 19th March 2024.

and moved that the Regulations and the Convention be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Proclamation made and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2380/32 of 19th April 2024 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the president in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979.

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

(7) The Minister of Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the University of Vocational Technology for the year 2022; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2022

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2021 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Reports on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Mass Media and the Institutions coming under its purview in the reports of the Committee on Public Accounts which were presented to Parliament and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the —

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/22 of 27th November 2023; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2371/13 of 13th February 2024.

and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a Tourist Development Area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/62 of 01st December 2023;

- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a Tourist Development Area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/63 of 01st December 2023; and
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Sections 95 and 96 read with Sections 8 and 22 of the Crown Lands Ordinance (Chapter 454) on 09th April 2024.

and moved that those Orders and Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Tourism and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 with regard to the Prohibited Substances Lists and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2373/14 of 27th February 2024 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Sports and Youth Affairs.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Committee Reports: (1) Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Report of the Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 80 of the Poison, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218) read with subsection (6) of section 77A of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/21 of 27th November 2023 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law- Abiding Society presented the Report of the Committee on Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill which was referred to the said Committee

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

5. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 16.03.2024 from Mr. B.M. Heenbanda of No. 72, Dambagolla, Pubbiliya.

(2) Hon. Shantha Bandara presented—

- (i) A petition dated 18.11.2023 from Mrs. K.A.W. Wijayani of Kadewatta, Galganamuwa South,, Maharachchimulla; and
- (ii) A petition dated 03.10.2023 from Mr. N.P. Samantha Wijesekara of Godagama, Ihalagama, Gokarella.

(3) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented—

- (i) A petition dated 26.02.2024 from Mr. Indika Prabhath Jayasinghe of No. 402, Miriswaththa, Pelawaththa;
- (ii) A petition dated 26.03.2024 from Mr. K.V. Anurakeerthi of No. 220, Madala, Ellagawa; and
- (iii) A petition dated 10.01.2024 from Mr. W.A.A.D. Pushpakumara of No. 80/7, Walaliyadda, Ellakkala.

(4) Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law presented—

- (i) A petition dated 09.02.2024 from Mrs. A.M.A. Kumari Abeysekara of Special Needs Education Institute, Ampitiya; and
- (ii) A petition dated 05.02.2024 from Mr. B.G. Wickramasinghe of No. 72, Hiyarapitiya, Handessa.

(5) Hon. Gamini Waleboda presented a petition dated 21.03.2024 from Mr. Nandasena Gamlath of No. 115, Marambe, Getaheththa.

(6) Hon. Samanpriya Herath presented a petition dated 11.02.2024 from Mr. H.D. Ranjan of Ganankate, Welpalla.

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

6. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.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.

7. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill:— Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 10.41 a.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms 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 7 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 Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Regulations under the Poison, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance: The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 80 read with Section 77A(6) of the Poison, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 218) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2360/21 of 27th November 2023, which were presented on 08.02.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Delay in Uncovering Truth behind Easter Sunday Attack and Providing Justice to Victims): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,—That Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.57 p.m. Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, seconded by Hon. Niroshan Perera moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.42 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.29 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

Debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned 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 Thursday, April 25, 2024.