



*(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)*

No. 26.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday , June 04 , 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

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**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. 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. (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. (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. Kanchana Wijsekera**, Minister of Power and Energy

**Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, PC**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

**Hon. 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. Sivanethurai 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. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Fisheries  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law**, State Minister of Agriculture  
**Hon. Anupa Pasqual**, State Minister of Social Empowerment  
**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. 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. 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

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**Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**  
**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**  
**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**

**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. Gevindu Cumaratunga**  
**Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda**  
**Hon. Weerasena Gamage**  
**Hon. Udaya Gammanpila**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene**  
**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**

**Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha**  
**Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**  
**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. Nirosan 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. Rishad Bathiudeen**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharooof**  
**Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka**  
**Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka**  
**Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**

**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. M. Rameshwaran**  
**Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Nayana Wasalathilake**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**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. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan**  
**Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**  
**Hon. Kabir Hashim**  
**Hon. Jayarathna Herath**  
**Hon. Samanpriya Herath**  
**Hon. Marjan Faleel**  
**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, 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. Messages from the President :** The Speaker read the following messages received from the President:—

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**President of Sri Lanka**

My No. PS/CSA/00/4/4/2

May 21, 2024

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana  
Speaker  
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

**The Navy Act (Chapter 358)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 21 of the Navy Act (Chapter 358), having considered necessary in the national interest, an order has been issued to order the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of the National Hydrographic Office as an *ex-officio* member of the National Hydrographic Council under the provisions of section 6. (1) (a) (v) of the National Hydrographic Act, No. 7 of 2024, as non-naval duties

Accordingly, it is hereby informed Parliament regarding same, in terms of Section 21 of the Navy Act (Chapter 358).

Yours sincerely,

  
**Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
President

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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி  
President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/4/5/1

May 22, 2024

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana  
Speaker  
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Ranil Wickremesinghe  
President

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

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“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Sri Lanka Electricity’ which was challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

In the said determination, the Supreme Court has summarized the Constitutionality of the Bill as follows:—

The Bill as a whole is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84 (2). This inconsistency shall however cease if Clause 1(2) and Clause 1(3) are amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clauses 3(6)(a) and 10(1)(c) are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84 (2). However, the inconsistency shall cease if those Clauses are amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

The first proviso to Clause 11(1) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84 (2). However, the said inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 17 is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). The said inconsistency shall however cease and Clause 17 may be passed by a simple majority if the Clause is amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 18(3)(e)(ii) of the Bill is inconsistent with the provisions of Article 12(1) and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). The said inconsistency shall however cease if Clause 18(3) is amended as set out in the Summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 18(3)(f) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) and Article 14(1)(g) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). However, the said inconsistency shall cease if the Clause 18(3)(f) is amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 18(5)(b)(ii) is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). The said inconsistency shall however cease if Clause 18(5)(b)(ii) is amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 21 and Clause 23 are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). The said inconsistency shall however cease if those Clauses are amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 38 (2) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority required under Article 84(2). The said inconsistency shall cease if Clause 38(2) is amended as per the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

Clause 48 is violative of Article 4(a) read together with Article 3 and 76 and hence needs to be passed by the special majority of Parliament and approved by the People at a Referendum.

The definition of 'national grid' in Clause 53 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall be passed by the special majority of Parliament required under Article 84(2). However, the said inconsistency shall cease if the said definition is amended as set out in the summary of the Determination of the Supreme Court.

I order that the Determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings of the House."

## II

"I wish to inform Parliament that I have received three copies of petitions filed at the Supreme Court on 22.05.2024, one copy of a petition on 27.05.2024 and another copy of a petition on 28.05.2024 under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled 'Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment)'."

## III

"I wish to inform Parliament that I have received copies of five petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled 'Economic Transformation'."

## IV

"The question of privilege raised by the Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, M.P. in Parliament on 24 April 2024 will be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges."

## V

"I wish to inform that Hon. Mujibur Rahuman, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence, in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 112 of the Parliament."

## VI

“I wish to inform that Hon. Mujibur Rahuman, Member of Parliament has 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 Standing Order 112 of the Parliament.”

## VII

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Mujibur Rahuman, Member of Parliament has also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Economic Stabilization, in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2024 notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 123 of the Parliament.”

## VIII

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Velu Kumar, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government, by the Committee of Selection on 28 May 2024, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 130(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred due to the resignation of the Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, from the Membership of Parliament.”

## IX

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Jagath Priyankara, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender by the Committee of Selection on 28 May 2024, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 130(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred in the said committee due to the resignation of the Hon. Uddika Premarathne, from the Membership of Parliament.”

## X

“I wish to inform the Parliament that the Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya, Member of Parliament has been nominated to serve in the Panel of Chairs in addition to the Members of Parliament nominated at present for the Fifth Session of the Ninth Parliament, in terms of the Standing Order 143 of the Parliament.”

## XI

“I wish to inform that, the following three Members have been nominated by me, to serve in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, with the Speaker as the Chair, the Prime Minister, Leader of the House of Parliament, and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 126 (1) of Parliament:—

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran”

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

- (i) Second Installment – Part LVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020;
- (ii) Second Installment – Part LIII and Third Installment Part XXII of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2021; and

(iii) Second Installment – Part XLIX 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 Official Languages Commission for the year 2022 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and National Unity.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Report of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Education 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 Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies 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 Education presented the Aswesuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 9 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002, relating to Welfare Benefits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/30 of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and moved that the Benefit Payment Scheme be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government .

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Fisheries for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the National Council for Road Safety for the year 2022 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd for the year 2020/2021 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2022 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Tourism and Lands for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Education presented the Performance Report of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the year 2023 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security & Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for the year 2022 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on Report of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Power and Energy on Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 read with Sections 4(a) and 16(4) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and under Section 48 read with Section 13(3) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/17 of 05<sup>th</sup> March 2024 which were referred to the Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender on Women Empowerment Bill which was referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Attorney at Law, Chair of the Sub – Committee of the National Council on Identifying the priorities in formulation of Short, Medium & Long term National Policies presented the Report of the Conceptual Policy Framework for Food Security prepared by the Sub-Committee of the National Council of the Ninth Parliament on Identifying the Priorities in Formulation of Short, Medium & Long Term National Policies.

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

(4) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on the—

- (i) Public Debt Management Bill;
- (ii) Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act No. 18 of 2011; and
- (iii) Regulations under the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

#### **5. Presentation of Public Petitions:**

(1) Hon. Nimal Piyathissa presented—

- (i) a petition dated 05.05.2024 from Mr. K.D.B. Basnayake of Shantha, Perawanguwa, Hanguranketha; and
- (ii) a petition dated 17.04.2024 from Mr. S.M.A.K. Molagoda of No. 102/1, Udahingulwala.

(2) Hon. Samanpriya Herath presented a petition dated 22.03.2024 from Mr. S.M. Mizar of No. 316/1, Ehatumulla, Nagollagoda.

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

**6. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law, seconded by Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 20 of 2007.”

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.

**7. Women Empowerment Bill:—** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 12.29 p.m. Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

(At 1.30 p.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair)

The Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Education moved,—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

And the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on another date.

**8. Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill:** Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

**9. Dedigama Sri Maithri Pragnartha Bouddha Educational Daham Sabhawa (Incorporation) Bill:** Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

**10. Adjournment (Absorption of School Sports Coaches into Academic Staff) :**

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

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 5.04 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 05, 2024.