



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 38.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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

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

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education
Hon. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development
Hon. 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. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Plantation Industries and Mahaweli Development
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. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
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. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
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. K. S. Kugathasan
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
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Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
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Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
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Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath

Hon. Samanpriya Herath

Hon. Marjan Faleel

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, Acting 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 announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform Parliament that the Hon. Speaker has received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Immigration’ 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:—

- Clause 7, Clause 8, Clause 58, Clause 142(3), Clause 149, Clause 151(1)(a) and Clause 151(2) are inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament. However, such inconsistencies shall cease if those Clauses are amended as set out in Determination of the Supreme Court.
- Clause 144 of the Bill is violative of Article 12(1) and Article 13(2) of the Constitution and shall only be passed with the special majority of Parliament. However, the inconsistency shall cease if the marginal note and the Clause 144 is further amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- Clause 78 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) and Article 14(1)(i) of the Constitution and shall only be passed with the special majority of Parliament. However, the said inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- Clause 79 is inconsistent with Article 12(1) and Article 14(1)(i) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament. The said inconsistency shall however cease if Clause 79 is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- Clause 81 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 13(3) of the Constitution and shall only be passed by the special majority of Parliament. However, the said inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.

- Clause 65 of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 12(1) of the Constitution since some provisions of the Clause are unclear and unreasonable. Unless those concerns are properly addressed, Clause 65 as presently constituted needs to be passed by the special majority of Parliament.
- Clause 145 – any existing inconsistency with Article 12(1) of the Constitution shall cease to exist if Clauses 145(1) and 145(2) are amended as set out in 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 the Hon. Speaker has received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled 'Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments' 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 Sinhala text of Clause 2 of the Bill is inconsistent with the language of Article 157 of the Constitution and shall only be passed with a special majority in Parliament. However, the inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- Clause 17(1) of the Bill is inconsistent with Article 24 of the Constitution and shall only be passed with a special majority of Parliament. However, the inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- The definition of 'judgement' in Clause 23, specially paragraph (a) therein, which states 'against any Sovereign State' is inconsistent with Article 4 of the Constitution and shall only be passed by a special majority of Parliament. However, the inconsistency shall cease if the Clause is amended as set out in the Determination of the Supreme Court.
- The Supreme Court determined that the rest of the clauses of the Bill are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

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

III

"I wish to inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Hon. Speaker has endorsed the certificates on the Bills titled 'Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment)' on 17 July 2024 and 'Shaili Educational Foundation (Incorporation)' on 19 July 2024."

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Second Report of the Constitutional Council submitted in terms of Article 41G (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Deputy Speaker presented the —

(i) Fourth Installment – Part XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2022; and

(ii) First Installment – Parts V and VI 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 those Reports do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(3) The Deputy Speaker presented the Special Audit Report on the Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project carried out on the Loan Assistance of the Asian Development Bank in the Eighth Installment 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 Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(4) The Deputy Speaker presented the Performance Audit Report on Evaluation of the Performance of the Private Health Service Regulatory Process in Sri Lanka in the Eighth Installment 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 Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka 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.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Children, Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration for the year 2022; and

(ii) Performance Report and Accounts of the Registrar General's Department for the year 2023

and moved that those Reports and Accounts be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on An Open & Accountable Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and with the concurrence of the Governing Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in relation to offshore banking business, under Section 71 read with Sections 27, 28 and 45 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2387/38 of 06th June 2024 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2378/35 of 05th April 2024;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2380/33 of 19th April 2024;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2380/34 of 19th April 2024;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2380/35 of 19th April 2024; and
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers under Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2380/36 of 19th April 2024.

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

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

- (i) Annual Report of the State Printing Corporation for the year 2022;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of Vavuniya for the year 2022;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute for the year 2022; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Educational Publications Department for the year 2023

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd for the year 2022/2023 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Reports of the Transport and Highways Sectors of the Ministry of Transport and Highways for the year 2023 and moved those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Research Institute for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Increasing Export of Goods & Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 2023 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law – Abiding Society.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Industries and Minister of Health presented the Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2020 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

Question put, and agreed to.

(16) The Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the year 2022 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Foreign Employment & Labour.

Question put, and agreed to.

(17) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Consumer Affairs Authority 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.

(18) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 124(6) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development in the report of the Committee on Ways and Means which was presented to Parliament and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the Third Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the Fifth Session of the Ninth Parliament.

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

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development presented the Report of the Committee on Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation for the year 2023 which was referred to the Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Imran Maharoof presented a petition dated 22.05.2024 from Mr. A.A.A. Rafeek of Baduriya Mosque Road, New Kattankudy 03.
- (2) Hon. Gamini Waleboda presented a petition dated 05.05.2024 from Mrs. K.G. Anulawathi of No. 8/3, Kawketiya, Balangoda.

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

5. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (Amendment): The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented,— Bill to amend the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act, No. 2 of 2018.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 06, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

6. Safeguard Measures (Amendment): The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government presented,— Bill to amend the Safeguard Measures Act, No. 3 of 2018.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 06, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Plans.

7. Penal Code (Amendment): The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,— Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 06, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law-Abiding Society.

8. Mediation Boards (Amendment): The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,— Bill to amend the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 06, 2024, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and National Unity.

9. Civil Procedure Code (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 12.25 p.m. Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva, seconded by Hon. Mujibur Rahuman moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 1.08 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 2.10 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 3.22 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms moved,— That Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya do take the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

(At 4.31 p.m. Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya took the Chair.)

(At 5.03 p.m. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

The Bill, accordingly read a second time.

The State Minister of Justice and Prisons Affairs on behalf of 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.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 17 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“other legal document by registered post and the registered attorney shall bear”;

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

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

Clause 5

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 36 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“by registered post. He shall bear the cost of courier service or service through electronic means.”;

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

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

Clause 6

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 31 in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“served by the process server, registered post or courier service.”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 7 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“the process server, registered post, courier service or electronic”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 12 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“the court may send summons by the process server, registered post”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out line 21 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“summons by the process server, registered post or courier service”;

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

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

Clause 7

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out lines 7 to 21 (both inclusive) in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“Service by the process server **60.** (1) (a) Where the summons are served by the process server, the summons shall be accompanied by a precept in the Form No. 17 of the First Schedule.”.

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

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

Clauses 8 to 14 were agreed to.

Clause 15

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed an amendment to leave out line 32 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“Court to appeal to the High Court, Court of Appeal or Supreme Court; and every bond or”;

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

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms proposed another amendment to leave out lines 7 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“.....
Signature of the registered Attorney
(Seal)

Address:
Phone number: Office:
 Mobile Number:
Electronic mail Address:
Fax Number:”;

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

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

Clause 16 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms 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. Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 1): 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 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, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 2): 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 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, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Adjournment (Involvement of the Youth in Building the Country): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m., Parliament was at 6.03 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024.