



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 43.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and  
Economic Affairs

**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale**, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. John Amaratunga**, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious  
Affairs

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills  
Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and  
Chief Government Whip

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**, Minister of Education

**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development  
and Leader of the House of Parliament

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster  
Management

**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Buddhasasana

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration &  
Management and Law & Order

**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

**Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International  
Trade

**Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media  
**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations  
**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping  
**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine  
**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern  
Development & Hindu Religious Affairs  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs  
**Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Highways & Road Development  
**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife  
and Regional Development

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**, State Minister of Home Affairs  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian  
Religious Affairs  
**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs  
**Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy  
**Hon. Nirosan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance  
**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local  
Government and Sports  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources  
Development and Rural Economic Affairs  
**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills  
Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage  
**Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Highways & Road Development  
**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

**Hon. Dunes Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba  
Development  
**Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable  
Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce  
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**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries  
**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

**1. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“ I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received copies of eight petitions filed at the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Counter Terrorism’ ”.

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“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Office for Reparations’ on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 under the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker tabled the Budget Estimates for the year 2019 of the National Audit Office prepared by the Audit Service Commission in terms of Section 34 read with Section 54 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 along with the observations of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media and moved “That these Estimates be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.”

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Instalment – Parts XXVII and XXVIII and Third Instalment – Part XIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (ii) Second Instalment – Part XXII and Third Instalment – Part X of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and

(iii) Second Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

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 to be printed.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Judicial Service Commission for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2018 and moved that this Supplementary Estimate be referred to the Committee on Public Finance and Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Ministry of Higher

Education and Highways in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Assignments for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Transfer of Offenders Act, No. 5 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/23 of 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, the Chairperson of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on sustainable Development and Environment and National Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Performance Reports of the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage for the year 2014; and
- (iii) Annual Reports of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) "Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act" and
- (ii) "Resolution Under the Active Liability Management Act"

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**4. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
- (i) A petition dated 28.06.2018 from Mr. J. M. B. P. Wijeratne of No. 149/8, Thawalankoya, Ukuwela
  - (ii) A petition dated 30.06.2018 from Mr. K. G. Punyasiri of 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Suduganga Watta, Kaludewala, Matale;
  - (iii) A petition dated 01.07.2018 from Ms. M. A. Priyanka Malkanthi of Ranawiru Mawatha, Sigiriya Road, Kimbissa; and
  - (iv) A petition dated 26.06.2018 from Mr. P. M. S. R. Deshappriya of No. 145, Kawatayamuna, Palapathwala, Matale.
- (2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 03.09.2018 from Mr. M.P.S. Priyankara of No. 56/3, Keenadeniya, Ambepussa.
- (3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented a petition dated 24.09.2018 from Mr. Sudusinghe Abeysundara of No. 38, New Town, Lunugam Vehera.
- (4) Hon. S. M. Marikkar presented a petition dated 07.09.2018 from Mrs. K.M.G.C. Dhamarathna of No. 21, Yahampath Mawatha, Godigamuwa, Maharagama.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

**5. Debt Conciliation (Amendment) :** The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms, presented the Bill to amend the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday November, 05 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**6. Business of the Parliament:** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 07<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 08<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2018 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of Sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)” on 07<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 08<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 09<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Monday and 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday November, 2018 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.:

Provided that at 7.00 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of Sittings of Parliament on 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, November, 2018 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 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.

**9. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 20.06.2018, the hours of Sittings of Parliament of this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Finance Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.06 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development moved,— That Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.03 p.m. Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.41 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Question Proposed and debated.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 and 9 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the ‘principal enactment’) is hereby amended”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out line 16 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“period ending on December 31, 2018.”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 4 and 5 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“Provided further, from and after January 1, 2019, such levy shall be charged from any”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“(2) From and after January 1, 2019, there”

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 3

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 9 and 10 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“online travel agents licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 and the levy collected at the rate of 0.5 *per centum* under section 11. and”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 11 to 13 (both inclusive) in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“ (b) remit the levy collected from the online travel agents licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 and the levy collected at the rate of 0.5 *per centum* under section 11, to the Consolidated Fund.”;

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 4 to 10 were agreed to.

Clause 11

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 26 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“ to January 1, 2019-”.”;

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 12

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 34 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“January 1, 2019-”.”;

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 13

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ first year of registration falls prior to January 1, 2019-”.”;

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 14

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 11 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“due date of the levy falls prior to January 1, 2019-”.”;

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 15

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ prior to January 1, 2019,”.”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 24 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ January 1, 2019, shall, at the time of”.”;

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 17

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 to 33 (both inclusive) in page 7 and substitute the following:—

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| <p>“Repeal of<br/>Part VII of<br/>Act, No. 10 of<br/>2015</p> | <p>17. Part VII (Mansion Tax) of the Finance<br/>Act, No. 10 of 2015 (hereinafter in this part<br/>referred to as the ‘principal enactment’) is hereby<br/>repealed.”;</p> |
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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 18 was agreed to.

## Clause 19

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 9 and 10 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“ year of registration falls on or after the date, and at the rates, as may  
be prescribed by regulations”;

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 20

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“the date prescribed under section 19, shall be paid to the”.”;

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

## Clause 21

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 25 in page 8 and substitute the following:—

“ date prescribed under section 19, or assembled in Sri Lanka”;

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 22 to 24 were agreed to.

## Clause 25

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 and 9 in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“ from January 1, 2016 but ending prior to January 1, 2019 shall have been collected”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out the marginal note thereof in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“Collecting the levy for the period commencing from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2019”;

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 26

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20 in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“ commencing on or after January 1, 2019, on any vehicle in respect of which the Letter of Credit has been opened on or after January 1, 2019 and imported into Sri Lanka, shall be paid”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out the marginal note thereof in page 11 and substitute the following:—

“ Collecting the levy for any period commencing on or after January 1, 2019”;

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 27 was agreed to.

## Clause 28

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 9 to 19 (both inclusive) in page 12 and substitute the following:—

“Validation 28. Where a levy of such amount under section 24 has been collected by a bank on behalf of the Commissioner General, in terms of this Part of this Act, during the period commencing on January 1, 2016, and ending on the date of the commencement of this Act, from any person who imports a motor vehicle, such collection shall be deemed for all purposes to have been, validly made, and the bank and the Commissioner General are hereby indemnified against all action civil or criminal, in respect of such collection.”;

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 29 and 30 were agreed to.

## Clause 31

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 3 and 4 in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“31. (1) There shall be charged and levied for the year commencing on January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2016.”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 14 to 17 (both inclusive) in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“(2) The levy shall be collected by the Registrar of Companies from every relevant company on or before December 31, 2019 and be”;

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 32

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 25 to 27 (both inclusive) in page 13 and substitute the following:—

“commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016 shall not be liable to pay the levy.”;

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 33 and 34 were agreed to.

## Clause 35

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 21 to 23 (both inclusive) in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“Validation 35. Where a levy of such amount under section 31 has been collected for the period specified in the section by the Registrar of Companies, in terms of this Part of this Act, during the period commencing on January 1, 2016, and ending on the date of the commencement of this Act, from any company incorporated or registered under the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007, such collection shall be deemed for all purposes to have been, validly made, and the Registrar of Companies is hereby indemnified against all action civil or criminal, in respect of such collection.”;

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 36

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 27 and 28 in page 14 and substitute the following:—

“month commencing on October 1, 2018 but ending on December 31, 2021, from every financial institution, a levy of 7 *per centum*”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 5 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“(2) For the purposes of this section the value addition attributable to the supply of financial services shall be calculated based on the provisions specified in section 25c of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.”;

(3) The amount of the operating profit or loss of the financial institution considered for calculating the value addition attributable to the supply of financial services under this section, shall be the amount of the profit or loss of such financial institution prior to deducting the tax payable under this section, the Value Added tax payable under section 25A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 and the Nation Building tax payable under paragraph (iii) of subsection (2) of the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 7 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“Commissioner-General, along with a value addition statement in respect of such remittance on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding the relevant month.”;

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

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed another amendment to leave out lines 10 to 14 (both inclusive) in page 15 and substitute the following:—

“(4) A financial institution shall in respect of each financial year of such financial institution furnish a return in the form specified by the Commissioner General within a period of six months from the end of that financial year.”;

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 37 and 38 were agreed to.

#### Clause 39

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out lines 17 and 18 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“(b) a finance company licensed under the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011.”;

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 40

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 21 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“from January 1, 2019, from the”;

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 41 to 43 were agreed to.

#### Clause 44

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 13 in page 18:—

“(3) (a) The levy payable under subsection (1) in respect of any cellular tower not owned by any mobile telephone operator, shall be paid by the mobile telephone operator who uses the cellular tower”;

(b) Where the cellular tower is used by more than one mobile telephone operator the levy shall be paid by such mobile telephone operators in equal shares.”;

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 45 and 46 were agreed to.

#### Clause 47

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to to leave out line 17 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“cellular tower” “ means a cellular telephone site where”;

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 48

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to to leave out line 25 in page 19 and substitute the following:—

“ 48. (1) There shall be charged with effect from January 1, 2019, a levy of 25 cents per each”;

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 49 to 52 were agreed to.

#### First Schedule

Question that the First Schedule, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

#### Second Schedule

Question that the Second Schedule, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

#### Third Schedule

Question that the Third Schedule, stand part of the Bill, put and 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 Finance and Mass Media 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.

**11. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1) :** The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2073/41 of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**12. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2) :** The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/39 of 08<sup>th</sup> June 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**13. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3) :** The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2075/51 of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, which was presented on 21.09.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**14. Adjournment (Release of persons detained under Prevention of Terrorism Act) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.57 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.17 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.09 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018.