



(Ninth Parliament - Fifth Session)

No. 30.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

3/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— (2)

- (a) Is she aware that —
- (i) every year in periods of dry weather in Kandy, reserved forests, forests associated with water catchments and small shrub jungles in many areas in the central hills including the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Kandy, Panwila and Ududumbara are set on fire; and
 - (ii) it causes damages such as drying of water springs, rolling down of stones from hilltops during rains and occurring of landslides?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to prevent such acts of setting fire referred to above;
 - (ii) of the steps will be taken to control the rapid spread of fires in hot weather;
 - (iii) whether a sustainable solution will be provided towards protecting sensitive ecosystems; and
 - (iv) if so, what such solution is?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

41/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the number of persons who were hanged to death following the imposition of the capital punishment after 04.02.1948 in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be made to make the Certificates of Death of the persons who were hanged to death, available to their relatives; and
 - (iii) if so, the time it will take?

(2)

- (b) Is he aware that,—
- (i) the Certificates of Death of Ven. Thalduwe Somarama Thero who was found guilty of assassinating the former Prime Minister late Hon S.W.R.D Bandaranayake has not been issued yet; and
 - (ii) a Certificate of Death in the name of Ven.Thalduwe Somarama Thero dated 06.07.1962 has not been registered even though it is mentioned that he was hanged to death on that day?
- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
- (i) whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the non-issuance of the Certificate of Death of Ven Thalduwe Somarama Thero;
 - (ii) if so, its conclusion;
 - (iii) if not, whether an inquiry would be conducted; and
 - (iv) whether there are any other persons in relation to whom Certificates of Death have not been issued following enforcement of the capital punishment?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

311/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether entrance fees are levied on local and foreign tourists who visit *Bopath Ella* in Kuruvita, Ratnapura;
 - (ii) if so, what organization collects such fees;
 - (iii) of the annual income earned by the organization concerned through collecting fees;
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to use money from this income in order to develop facilities which the visitors to the waterfall need; and
 - (v) of the different fees levied on local child tourists and foreign child tourists who visit the waterfall, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

358/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka as at 30.10.2023 as per each age group 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40 and above 40 years, their gender, the nature of disability and the district;

(3)

- (ii) out of the total number of people with disabilities aged between 5-20 years, of the number of differently-abled people those who are receiving their primary, secondary and tertiary education, and receive no education as per gender basis; and
 - (iii) separately, out of the total number of people with disabilities aged above 20 years, of the number of differently-abled people those who are serving in the state, private and self-employed sectors as per gender basis?
- (b) the figure of the (iii) above, as a percentage of the total number of persons with disabilities?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

368/2024

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of persons who had applied for dual citizenship each year, from year 2015 to year 2020;
 - (ii) separately, the number of persons who have been granted dual citizenship; and
 - (iii) whether there is a specific period for the entire process from applying for dual citizenship and being granted?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

371/2024

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has entered into an agreement to obtain financial consultancy services from M/S Lazard-France company;
 - (ii) if so, of the primary obligations of the above company as per the said agreement; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money to be paid by the Government of Sri Lanka in terms of the above agreement and the amount paid so far separately in Sri Lankan Rupees and US Dollars?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the Government has entered into an agreement to procure legal consultancy services from M/S Clifford Chance LLP Company;
 - (ii) of the primary obligations of the above company as per the said agreement; and

(4)

(iii) of the amount of money to be paid by the Government of Sri Lanka in terms of the above agreement and the amount paid so far separately in Sri Lanka Rupees and US Dollars?

(c) If not, why?

7.

380/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the places where fuel stocks ordered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are unloaded and the methods of unloading, separately;

(ii) if unloading is carried out using pipes, how many pipes are used for the purpose;

(iii) if the piping system is defunct or defective, whether estimates have been prepared to renovate it;

(iv) if so, what the estimated amount is; and

(v) of the number of days spent for unloading a shipload of fuel when defects exist in the piping system and the number of days spent for it when the piping system is working efficiently?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of shiploads of fuel ordered by Sri Lanka usually; and

(ii) amount that has to be paid as late fees per day per fuel ship?

(c) If not, why?

8.

1244/2024

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that a project named 'Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) is being implemented in the Monaragala District;

(ii) if so, whether he will state the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within which the Project concerned is implemented, the timeline for the implementation of the Project in each such Division, and the amounts allocated for agro projects and irrigation projects in each such Division, separately;

(iii) of the agro projects and irrigation projects, which have been completed in terms of their implementation as at present under this project, separately; and

(5)

(iv) of agro projects and irrigation projects which are still being implemented, the present progress of each such project, and the proposed dates for completion, in respect of each project, separately?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2111/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House, separately of the—

(i) capital gains earned by the recognized 14 primary dealers separately for the period ending 30.06.2022 in respect of Treasury Bills and Bonds issued by the Sri Lankan government;

(ii) capital gains earned by the same dealers separately for the period ending 30.06.2023 in respect of Treasury Bills and Bonds issued by the Sri Lankan government;

(iii) total capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2022; and

(iv) total capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2023?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether there was a significant increase in capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2023;

(ii) if so, the reasons; and

(iii) separately, the amount of tax paid by these dealers on this windfall?

(c) If not, why?

10.

2131/2024

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the building line limit related to Wijesekara Mawatha/Road, located in 540-B Jayathilaka grama sewa division of Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council, has been reduced to 10 feet according to the 2020-2031 development plan even though as per the 2007-2020 Development Plan it remained 20 feet from the center of the road ;

(ii) if so, of the reasons for reducing the building line limit of the aforesaid road to 10 feet from the center of the road as per the 2020-2031 development plan;

(6)

- (iii) whether it been decided to maintain the building line limit of the other roads of the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council area at 20 feet from the center of the road, in terms of the 2020-2031 Development Plan, as previously done;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps are taken to maintain the building line limit of the aforesaid road as well at 20 feet from the center of the road; and
 - (v) whether the building construction activities on both sides of the aforesaid road comply with the rules of the Urban Development Authority?
- (b) If not, why not?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That this Parliament resolves that the recommendation of the report submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges on 06 June 2024 to the Parliament, after consideration of the Question of Privilege raised by the Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Member of Parliament, on 09.02.2024 in Parliament regarding the conduct of Mrs. Athma Dilukshi Jayaratne as the Divisional Secretary of Gampola, Uda Palatha, by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges of the Fifth Session of the Ninth Parliament, be referred to the Attorney-General in terms of Section 26 (1) (b) of the Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act, No. 21 of 1953, for report.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

*1.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 1),— That the 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. 2348/38 of 07th September 2023, which was presented on 23.01.2024, be approved.

*2.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendations of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2352/47 of 06th October 2023, which was presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*3.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendations of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2352/48 of 06th October 2023, which was presented on 20.02.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 4),— That the 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, which was presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act (No. 5),— That the 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, which was presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*6.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 relating to Registrations of Title and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2308/27 of 01st December 2022, which were presented on 05.03.2024, be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the Crown Land Ordinance,— That the 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, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

*8.

The Minister of Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That 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, which were presented on 24.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Casino Business (Regulation) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/33 of 12th January 2024, which were presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Casino Business (Regulation) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 4 read with Section 3 of the Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010 relating to Issuance of Casino Business License and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/42 of 02nd February 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— Resolution under the Coconut Development Act,— That this Parliament resolves under sub section (1) of section 33 of the Coconut Development Act, No 46 of 1971, that the cess shall be charged, levied and paid in-respect of uncompressed and compressed coir pith exported under HS code 1404-90-93 specified in column I of the schedule hereto the rate specified in the column II of the schedule:

Schedule

		<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
HS Heading	HS Code	Coconut Product	CESS Amount
	1404-90-93	Coconut coir pith (Compressed or Uncompressed)	10 cents per kg

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71 read with Section 52 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2381/24 of 22nd April 2024, which were presented on 06.06.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Women Empowerment Bill — Adjourned debate on question (04th June 2024) [1].

*14.

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Animal Welfare Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

Gender Equality Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

Public Financial Management Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

Economic Transformation Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the 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. 2324/45 of 24th March 2023, which were presented on 25.04.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the 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. 2296/30 of 09th September 2022, which were presented on 06.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Finance Act,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2368/24 of 24th January 2024, which was presented on 02.04.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3 (4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to “Dedicated Textile Manufacturing Zone” in Eravur, Batticaloa District and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/41 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 14.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Supplementary Sum,— Head 001— Programme 02— † That this Parliament resolves that a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or any other fund or money of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year beginning of 01st January, 2024, and ending on 31st December, 2024, and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head 001	-	His Excellency the President
Programme 02	-	Development Activities ●

(11)

Capital Expenditure	Rs. <u>8,750,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	Rs. <u>8,750,000,000</u>

- Allocation of Rupees Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Million (Rs. 8,750,000,000) will be made by Transferring the unutilized allocations expected under Sub Projects No. 024, 025, 026, 027, 028 and 032 of the Project 06 — “National Level Guidance and Coordination for National Priorities”, Programme 02 — Development Programme of the Head 001, to the Sub Project No. 003.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 01 of 2024 presented on 07th June, 2024.

*28.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd (2021),— That the Annual Report of the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 09.01.2024 under Section 154(6) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development on 08.02.2024/09.02.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 07.03.2024)

*29.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Antiquities Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 25th May 2023 under Section 47(1) read with Section 46 of the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (Chapter 188) and which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation (2021),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 06.10.2023 under Section 12(5) of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Act, No. 1 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Media, Youth, Heritage and New Citizen on 10.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 23.01.2024)

*31.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Rules under the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7 of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2332/02 of 15th May 2023, which were presented on 18.07.2023, be approved.

*32.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 1),— 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.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*33.

The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No. 2),— 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.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*34.

The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute (2022),— That the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute 2022 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2022 and presented on 13.12.2023 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and Transport on 23.01.2024 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.03.2024)

35.

Matara Season Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

36.

Lions Clubs International District 306A - National Development Foundation Trust (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Tobacco Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

Roshan Ranasinghe Janasahana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

40.

Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

41.
Public Health Emergency Bill — Second Reading.
42.
Sri Lanka Insurance Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
43.
Marriages (General) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
44.
Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.
45.
Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
46.
Marriage Registration (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
47.
Minimum Age of Marriage Bill — Second Reading.
48.
Community Association of Professionals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
49.
Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
50.
Institute of Drafting Technologists Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.
51.
Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
52.
Janaraja Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
