



*[ Sixth Parliament - Second Session ]*

No. 73.]

**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at 9.30 a.m.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0669/06

1.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Consumer Affairs and Marketing Development and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,
  - (ii) their qualifications;
  - (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
  - (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0650/06

2.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately to this House, the names of advisors appointed to the Ministry of Internal Administration and to the Institutions, Statutory Boards and Corporations which come under the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the basis on which they were appointed,

- (ii) their qualifications;
- (iii) the salaries and allowances paid to them and other facilities enjoyed by them as advisors; and
- (iv) the duties that have been entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

0511/06

3.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) there are no medicine in estate hospitals;
  - (ii) hospitals with ambulance facilities, provide such facilities to patients after holding lengthy inquiries;
  - (iii) pregnant ladies in this area are transported in lorries to obtain treatment in town hospitals;
  - (iv) Thripasha is prepared unhygienically at creches in estates; and
  - (v) as a result of this unhygienic preparation, children often fall sick?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the reason for not educating people about hygienic practices; and
  - (ii) the action taken to improve the poor state of the health sector?
- (c) If not, why?

0514/06

4.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the date that the applications were called to fill the vacancy for the post of Principal at Karainagar Thiyagaraja Maha Vidyalaya;
  - (ii) the particulars of those who applied for the above post;
  - (iii) the reason why the above vacancy was not filled for the last one year;
  - (iv) the actions that have been taken in this regard; and
  - (v) how long it would take to give this appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

0524/06

5.

Hon. T. Maheswaran,— To ask the Minister of Railways and Transport and Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the bus services to Ratnapura-Bambarakanda and Hewahatta-Delthota which come under the purview of Kandy South CTB are not regular;
  - (ii) with this type of irregular bus services, people of various categories are affected;
  - (iii) due to lack of resources in the schools of the above mentioned areas, the students have to go to urban schools;
  - (iv) due to irregular bus services, various people, including students, patients etc. have to spend large sums of money on transport; and
  - (v) the students of the above mentioned areas rely on CTB buses?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of buses deployed in the above mentioned areas;
  - (ii) the times of bus services and the destinations;
  - (iii) the details of drivers and conductors serving in these areas; and
  - (iv) the steps to be taken to ensure regular services?
- (c) If not, why?

0558/06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the Employment Agencies which send labourers for foreign employment and are registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau under the Ministry of Labour Relations and Foreign Employment?
- (b) Will he inform their addresses and the names of the proprietors of them?
- (c) If not, why?

0561/06

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the total annual allocation for the supply of drugs to the Government Hospitals since 2004 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total amount of money allocated for hospital under the Provincial Councils in each of the aforesaid years;
  - (ii) the total allocation for the hospital which come under the Central Government?
- (c) Will he submit separately the allocations made for hospital administered by the Provincial Councils and the Central Government?
- (d) If not, why?

0588/06

8.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Dr. Gamini Wijesooriya, who had been working as the Director of Architecture and Conservation Division in the Department of Archaeology, has resigned his position?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the date on which he resigned from that post;
  - (ii) the date on which the present Director was appointed;
  - (iii) the method in which the said appointment has been effected
- (c) If not, why?

0589/06

9.

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the date on which the present Director-General of General Service of the Department of Archaeology is due to retire;
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to appoint a qualified person for the said post with effected from the date on which the former is due to retire; and,

- (iii) if so, the procedure under which the said appointment will be effected?
- (c) If not, why?

0615/06

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are about five medium sized tanks in the Ja-Ela electorate including Peralanda wewa, Ihalagama wewa Walpola wewa and Tewatta Kanu wewa;
  - (ii) all these tanks are now filled and their banks caved in; and,
  - (iii) the reservations around these tanks have been encroached upon by unauthorised settlers?
- (b) Did he give necessary instructions to the relevant officers to carry out a proper survey jointly with the Department of Irrigation and the Department of Survey in order to indentify the exact extent of these tanks?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a formal plan developed for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of these tanks?
- (d) Will he take steps to allocate necessary finances for the said project?
- (e) If not, why?

0616/06

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a foreign private company commenced activities to costruct a garbage treatment plant on the Ekala-Gampaha road in the Ja-Ela electorate;
  - (ii) the constuction activities of the said garbage treatment plant have come to a complete standstill?
- (b) Will he take necessary steps to resume the construction activities of the said garbage treatment plant on a priority basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0617/06

12.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the surrounding areas of Ja-Ela and Ragama are flooded very quickly?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a systematic plan has been prepared to control the flooding in the aforesaid areas?
- (c) If such a plan exists, will he present that plan to this House?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to deepen the Ja-Ela canal that flows through the Ja-Ela town and fortify its embankments as the canal is now filled,
  - (ii) whether he will instruct the relevant officials to take legal action so as to prevent the unfortunate situation resulting from the illegal filling of marshy lands and waterways in the Ja-Ela area?
- (e) If not, why?

0631/06

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the amount of petrol, diesel and Kerosene that was imported by the Indian Oil Company in each year from July 2003 to July 2006;
  - (ii) its financial value;
  - (iii) the types of taxes that have to be paid to the government by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Indian Oil Company when importing Petrol, diesel and Kerosene;
  - (iv) the total amount of duties that has to be paid to the customs annually by the Indian Oil Company from July 2003 to July 2006 for importing petroleum?
- (b) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether this amount has duly been paid to the customs in respect of each relevant year;

- (ii) if so paid, the amount that was paid each year and in the event of any arrears, the amount of arrears annually;
  - (iii) the amount of duties that is paid by the Indian Oil Company in importing oil as a percentage of the income of the Sri Lanka Customs Department?
- (c) If not, why?
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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Appropriation Bill (2007) — (Fifth Allotted day) — Adjourned Debate on question — (16th, November) [1]

\*2.

The Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply,— Regulations under the Urban Development Authority Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development and Water Supply under Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1459/20 of 23rd August, 2006 which were presented on 27.09.2006 be approved.

\*3.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2000,— That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2000 presented on 20.01.2004 under Section 13 (1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

\*4.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2001,— That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2001 presented on 20.01.2004 under Section 13 (1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

\*5.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development - 2003,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) for the year 2003 presented on 04.01.2005 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

\*6.

The Minister of Housing and Construction,— Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development - 2004,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) for the year 2004 presented on 21.12.2005 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

\*7.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,— Notification under the Forest Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Environment under Section 24 of the Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451) and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1447/19 of 31st May, 2006 which was presented on 19.07.2006 be approved.

\*8.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau for 2001 - Annual Report and Accounts - 2001 of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau submitted on 23.09.2003 under section 14(3) financial Act No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development)

\*9.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development and Minister of Environment,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Development & Construction Corporation for 2004 - Annual Report and Accounts - 2004 of the State Development & Construction Corporation submitted on 14.02.2006 under section 14(3) financial Act No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Agriculture, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development)

\*10.

The Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare under Section 25 read with Section 23 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 as amended by Act, No. 33 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1419/7 of 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 which were presented on 18.01.2006 be approved.

\*11.

The Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1462/27 of 15th September 2006 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 20.10.2006 be approved.

\*12.

The Minister of Industrial Development,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation - 2002,— That in terms of Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation (2002) with the observations of Auditor-General which was presented on 14.02.2006 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

\*13.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— “That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 which was presented on 05.09.2006.”

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources under Section 61 read with Section 28 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1454/33 of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006 which were presented on 17.10.2006 be approved.

\*15.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation - 2004,— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation - 2004 presented on 26.05.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

\*16.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04<sup>th</sup> April, 2006) [1]

\*17.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04<sup>th</sup> April, 2006) [1]

\*18.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

\*19.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

\*20.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —  
(18 July, 2006) [1]

\*21.

Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Bill - Second Reading

\*22.

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Adjourned Debate on question  
- (24th February, 2005) [1]

\*23.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

\*24.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

\*25.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

\*26.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 1),—  
That this Parliament resolves under Article 36(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic  
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Monthly Allowance payable to His Excellency the  
President be revised as follows :—

| <i>Present Salary</i> | <i>Proposed Allowances</i> |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Rs.</i>            | <i>2006.01.01</i>          | <i>2007.01.01</i> |
|                       | <i>Rs.</i>                 | <i>Rs.</i>        |
| 25,000                | 61,250/-                   | 97,500/-          |

This Parliament further resolves that—

- (a) in terms of the P.A. Circular 6/2006, 50% of the difference of the salary of December 2005 and the proposed salary will be paid effective from 01.01.2006,
- (b) The balance 50% will be paid effective from 01.01.2007.  
(Cabinet approval signified)

\*27.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 2),—  
That this Parliament resolves under Article 68(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic  
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Monthly Allowance payable to Hon. Prime Minister,  
Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deputy Speaker, Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees, Hon. Ministers,  
Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Deputy Ministers and Hon. Members of Parliament  
shall be revised as follows :

| <i>Post</i>                           | <i>Present Salaries Rs.</i> | <i>Comparative Post and Number, Salary Code &amp; Salary according to 6/2006</i> | <i>Proposed Allowances 2006.01.01 Rs.</i> | <i>2007.01.01 Rs.</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Hon. Prime Minister                | 34,000/-                    | Chief Justice<br>SF4 - 70,000.00 +<br>1,500.00                                   | 52,500/-<br>+ 1,500/-                     | 71,500/-              |
| 2. Hon. Speaker                       | 31,800/-                    | Attorney General<br>SF3 - 67,000.00 +<br>1,500.00                                | 49,400/-<br>+ 1,500/-                     | 68,500/-              |
| 3. Cabinet/Non Cabinet Ministers      | 29,815/-                    | Puisne Judges<br>SF2 - 65,000/-                                                  | 47,407.50                                 | 65,000/-              |
| 4. Hon. Leader of the Opposition      | 29,815/-                    | Puisne Judges<br>SF2 - 65,000/-                                                  | 47,407.50                                 | 65,000/-              |
| 5. Hon. Deputy Ministers              | 28,750/-                    | Appeal Court Judges<br>SFI - 63,500/-                                            | 46,125/-                                  | 63,500/-              |
| 6. Hon. Deputy Speaker                | 28,750/-                    | Appeal Court Judges<br>SF1 - 63,500/-                                            | 46,125/-                                  | 63,500/-              |
| 7. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees | 28,750/-                    | Appeal Court Judges<br>SF1 - 63,500/-                                            | 46,125/-                                  | 63,500/-              |
| 8. Hon. Members of Parliament         | 22,100/-                    | High Court Judges<br>SL8 - 54,285/-<br>(initial salary)                          | 38,192.50                                 | 54,285/-              |

This Parliament further resolves that,—

- In terms of the P.A. Circular 6/2006, 50% of the difference of the salary of December 2005 and the proposed salary will be paid effective from 01.01.2006.
- The balance 50% will be paid effective from 01.01.2007.
- Revisions of the allowances of parliamentarians will be made on par with the revisions of the salary structure of the Judiciary Service, whenever the salary structure undergoes a revision.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*28.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,—  
Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the President and

Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1456/24 of 03rd August 2006 which was presented 05.10.2006 be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 888)

\*29.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by section 7 of the Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004 and specified in the order No. 38 hereto, be approved.

#### ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004  
Order No. 38 under Section 7

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 7 of the Appropriation Act, No. 15 of 2004, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the Activity Item No. 90102—"Railway Stores Advance Accounts" Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the second schedule to that Act.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| (i) Maximum limit of Expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act       | From Rs. 800,000,000<br>To Rs. 920,000,000     |
| (ii) Minimum limit of Receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act        | From Rs. 800,000,000<br>To Rs. 575,000,000     |
| (iii) Maximum limit of Debit Balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act   | From Rs. 3,200,000,000<br>To Rs. 3,483,000,000 |
| (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act | From Rs. —<br>To Rs. —                         |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2005 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2006  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*30.

Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on question (24<sup>th</sup> May, 2006), Motion made and question proposed,— "That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 09.05.2006 be approved."

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1430/7 of 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2006)

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*31.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 68(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Monthly Allowance payable to the Hon. Prime Minister shall be revised as follows :—

- (a) pay a sum of Rs. 46,400/- to the Hon. Prime Ministers with effect from 01.12.2004;
- (b) pay a sum of Rs. 37,400/- from 22.04.2004 to 30.11.2004 and a monthly salary of Rs. 46,400/- from 01.12.2004 to 18.11.2005 to His Excellency the President, the then Hon. Prime Minister;

- (c) pay a sum of Rs. 47,100/- to the present Prime Minister with effect from 24.11.2005; as ideally Prime Minister's salary should have been higher than that of the Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*32.

Governors' Pension Bill — Second Reading

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33.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane  
Hon. P. Dayaratne  
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare  
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera  
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake  
Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne  
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda  
Hon. Johnston Fernando  
Hon. P. Radhakrishnan  
Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda  
Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
  - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
  - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
  - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.
- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
  - (a.) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
  - (b.) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
  - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
  - (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
  - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
  - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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34.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- 3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
  - (a) fix its quorum ;
  - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
  - (c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
  - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

35.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

36.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*\*Indicates Government Business.*

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[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”

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