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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0611/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
- (i) the Registrar of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;
 - (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the variable Cost of Living Allowance paid to the pensioners who retired from the People's Bank has been suspended?
- (b) Will he state,—
- (i) the reason for taking this decision, which causes a serious impact on these pensioners economically; and,
 - (ii) whose decision it was?

- (c) Will he admit that the Bank's management has shown an amount of approximately 230 million rupees which should have been paid to pensioners over a period of 10 years, as part of the profits they have earned?
- (d) As this allowance is paid to both pensioners and their widowers by the Bank of Ceylon and other state banks without any difference, will he act to pay this allowance to the People's Bank pensioners as well?
- (e) If not, why?

0627/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the person named H. Wilson Peiris residing at "Kusum Sevana", Silogama, Belihuloya had been working in charge of the water purification plant at the Sabaragamuwa University?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for terminating his service without extending it from 28.04.2006?
- (c) Will he take action to extend his service?
- (d) If not, why?

0573/06

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the Polonnaruwa district too has been settled like the Anuradhapura district, for the implementation of a project by the name of "Rajarata Navodaya"?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) if the aforesaid project is implemented, the amount of money allocated for that for 2005-2006;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts when implementing this project;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the Anuradhapura district as a percentage;
 - (iv) the project for which the money allocated for the Anuradhapura district for 2005 was used?
- (c) Will he present to this House separately, the amounts of money allocated for each project in the Anuradhapura district?

- (d) Does he admit that the money allocated for the development of Rajarata has not been distributed equally for the aforesaid two districts?
- (e) Will he take the necessary action to implement the aforesaid project as a balanced project?
- (f) If not, why?

0723/06

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?
- (d) Does he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) if not why?

0721/06

6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that quarrying was banned near the Kotmale reservoir belonging to the Mahaweli scheme during the period, I held the portfolio of Irrigation and Water Management, as it could have damaged the dam?

- (b) Will he admit that the dam could be damaged as quarrying has been resumed at present near the dam?
- (c) Will he appoint a team to investigate this matter?
- (d) if not why?

0576/06

7.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mrs. Murial Enderaarachchi the Vice Principal of Sangamitta College, Galle had been entrusted with the task of covering the duty of Principal by the former Principal of that school, Mrs. Mallika Dharmalatha, upon a log entry;
 - (ii) Mrs. G.A.D. Suneetha has been appointed to cover the duties of the Principal of that school by letter No. ED/4/58/20/7/2 dated 07.04.2005 signed by Mr. L.U.W. Soysa, Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Education with the approval of the Public Service Commission;
 - (iii) when she called at the school concerned to assume duties on 29.04.2005, assignment of duties was rejected on the ground that the said letter was a false document;
 - (iv) although, the officials of the School Development Society had made complaints to the then Minister of Education, the former President; the Secretary of Education and to the Director of National Schools, no inquiry has been conducted by the Ministry?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that Mrs. K.H. Amara Nandani who assumed duties as the Principal on 18.01.2006 too has been subjected to harrassment without being allowed to perform her duties?
- (c) Will he take prompt action to appoint a Principal to the Sangamitta Girls' College, Galle in order to create a proper educational background to ensure the duties of more than 6000 students?
- (d) If not, why?

0865/07

8.

Hon. Johnstone Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) an inquiry has been conducted as reported in the “Dinamina” newspaper on 13.09.2001 regarding a financial fraud committed by a security officer of the Nikaweratiya Depot belonging to the Wayamba Bus Company;

- (ii) that inquiry has been ordered by the then Deputy Minister of Transport on a complaint lodged by the Sri Lanka Transport Employees Executive officers Union?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the above mentioned security officer and the post he held in the Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya;
 - (ii) the punishment meted out to the relevant officer in accordance with that inquiry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons, if the said official who abused public funds had not been punished;
 - (ii) whether this officer against whom these allegations have been made, is functions at present as the General Secretary of the Kurunegala District Sri Lanka Transport Employees Union;
 - (iii) the post hold by him at present?
- (d) If not, why?

0866/07

9.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the culvert of Welawa bridge which is on the road from Welawa junction to Kobeyigane in Wariyapola electorate, gets eroded by floods twice a year; and,
 - (ii) a sum of Rs. 50,000/- has been allocated out of decentralized funds allocated me for 2006, to construct a causeway with a culvert, making use of the labour of the villagers?
- (b) Will he admit that the Technical Officers of the Wariyapola Pradeshiya Sabha are obstructing the construction of the culvert by the villagers?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House on what grounds the said Technical Officers of the Wariyapola Pradeshiya Sabha are obstructing the construction of this culvert?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the procedure for the recruitment of members of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited?
- (b) Is he aware that there are no provisions for the society to limit the membership according to the accepted by-laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the Gampaha Cooperative Hospitals Society to refuse the granting of membership to the new applicants and act in an arbitrary manner;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action accordingly even after the aforesaid society was informed by the Cooperative Development Commissioner of the Western Province by his letter dated 19-09-2006 and bearing No. 4/3/462, that it should not limit the membership;
 - (iii) the course of action that he is going to follow regarding the actions committed by violating the by laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (b) Will he present to this House a list of names and addresses of all the members who have obtained the membership of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited upto now?
- (e) If not, why?

0791/06

11.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the National Transport Commission in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Commission since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,

- (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

815/06

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 15 years—
 - (i) the private consumption at market prices;
 - (ii) the imports of goods and services;
 - (iii) the export at market prices - (FOB);
 - (iv) the GDP at market prices and constant prices separately;
 - (v) the balance of payment deficit or surplus; and,
 - (vi) the annual growth rates prior to the inflation and after;
- (b) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to People's Bank and the Bank of Ceylon separately from 2000 to-date—
 - (i) the Liquidity ratio maintained by each bank and the standard required to be maintained;
 - (ii) the capital adequacy ratio and the standard required to be maintained;
 - (iii) the return on assets of each bank; and,
 - (iv) the normal cost to income ratio;
 - (v) the value of non-performing loans that have been transferred to the non-performing accounts,
 - (vi) the cost and revenue per employees;
 - (vii) the total amount of money given by the Government as Bounds to each bank;
 - (viii) the interest rates along with the dates given; and,
 - (ix) the interest earned by each bank?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, on a per year basis from 1995 to date—
- (i) the total tonnage handled by Air at the Bandaranaike International Airport;
 - (ii) the fresh trans-shipment cargo tonnage gone through “Sri Lanka on a new or fresh Master Air Way Bill Ex” Colombo;
 - (iii) the countries that they come from and the breakup,;
 - (iv) as (i) above, the breakup of Import and Export tonnage?
- (b) Will he state the total revenue and the profit earned from the inward and outward cargo tonnage at Bandaranaike International Airport for the last 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*2.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	Rs. 80,400.00

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 per month</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 79,400.00

Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

Governors' Pension Bill,—Second Reading.

*8.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital-2004,—The Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 18.06.2006 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*9.

The Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation-2005,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2005 presented on 27.09.2006 as per Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development)

*10.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003 presented on 08.08.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004 presented on 17.10.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

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

*12.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka - 2003,— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka with the observations of the Auditor General for the year 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2003 presented on 25.08.2006 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*13.

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

*14.

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

*15.

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

*16.

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

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*20.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the 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)

*23.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— 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 which was presented on 20.10.2006, be approved.

*24.

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 14th November, 2005 which were presented on 18.01.2006, be approved.

*25.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd 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 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006.”

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26.

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. Ajit 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 Niwad 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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27.

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.

28.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

29.

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

30.

The Muslim Foundation for Culture and Development (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

31.

The Dhaarul Uloom Al-Meezaniyyah Arabic College, Kurugoda, Akurana (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

* *Indicates Government Business*

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