



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 81.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

Hon. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Attorney at Law, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Tourism and Lands

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Attorney at Law, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Environment

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC, Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Attorney at Law, Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises
Reforms and State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, State Minister of Investment Promotion

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Education

Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism

Hon. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Highways

Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Road Development

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Justice and Prison Affairs

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara, State Minister of Ports and Aviation

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake, State Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Attorney at Law, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. Anupa Pasqual, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion

Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economy

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises
Development

Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local
Government

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Technology

Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. Kapila Athukorala
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law
Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, Attorney at Law
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Attorney at Law
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage

Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Attorney at Law
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Seneviratne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Chaminda Kularathne, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Hansa Abeyrathne, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/4/5/1

November 20th, 2023

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana
Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 12 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), I have issued an order to the effect that all members of the Armed Forces specified in the First Schedule are summoned for the maintenance of Public Order in the areas specified in Second Schedule thereof taking into consideration the need for the Public Order to be maintained.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the aforesaid Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Ranil Wickremesinghe
President

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2. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

In view of the serious indiscipline situation that occurred in the House yesterday, I hereby order Hon. Sanath Nishantha, M.P. to vacate the Parliament premises immediately and remain absent until the conclusion of today's session, in accordance with the powers vested in me under Standing Orders 146 of read out with provision of the Standing Orders 79(1) of the Parliament.

3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the List of Proposed Alterations in the Legends of Draft Estimates - 2024.

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

(2) The Minister of Education presented the National Education Policy Framework 2023-2033 and moved that the Policy Framework be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Just and Law – Abiding Society.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Ayurveda Medical Council for the year 2022 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : The Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy & Transport presented the Report of the Committee on Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Transport and Highways for the Year 2022 which was referred to the Committee.

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

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 2 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Leave to withdraw a Bill : Hon. Eran Wickramaratne moved,— That leave be granted to withdraw the following Bill introduced on 26th May 2023:—

“Bill to amend the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Law, No.1 of 1975.”

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Appropriation Bill — (Eighth Allotted Day) : Considered in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 10 were postponed until after consideration of the First, Second and Third Schedules.

First Schedule

Sums Payable for General Services.

Head 1

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law, proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 12.34 p.m. the Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 1.04 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.27 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 4.20 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 5.24 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

(At 5.52 p.m. Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Head 1-25

Special spending Units

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“ Capital 32,966,400,000”

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

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

The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 and 7 in page 7 and substitute the following:—

“ Programme 01	Operational Activities	3,673,150,000	1,228,000,000
Programme 02	Development Activities	100,000,000	30,200,000,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to put, and agreed to; Parliament having divided as follows: Ayes: 63; Noes: 3.

The following Sixty six (66) Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

G 001. Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi	Yes
G 002. Nimal Siripala De Silva	Yes
G 005. Prasanna Ranatunga	Yes
G 006. Susil Premajayantha	Yes
G 007. Dinesh Gunawardena	Yes
G 009. Douglas Devananda	Yes
G 010. Bandula Gunawardana	Yes
G 012. Mahinda Amaraweera	Yes
G 017. Vidura Wickramanayaka	Yes
G 018. Kanchana Wijesekera	Yes
G 020. Tiran Alles	Yes
G 022. Nalin Fernando	Yes
G 023. Roshan Ranasinghe	Yes
G 025. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	Yes
G 026. Jagath Pushpakumara	Yes
G 027. Dilum Amunugama	Yes
G 029. Janaka Wakkumbura	Yes
G 030. Shehan Semasinghe	Yes
G 032. Thenuka Vidanagamage	Yes
G 033. Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon	Yes
G 034. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Yes
G 035. Rohana Dissanayaka	Yes
G 037. Arundika Fernando	Yes
G 041. Tharaka Balasuriya	Yes

G 042. Indika Anuruddha Herath	Yes
G 043. Siripala Gamalath	Yes
G 045. S. Viyalanderan	Yes
G 050. D. B. Herath	Yes
G 054. K. Kadder Masthan	Yes
G 060. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan	Yes
G 061. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake	Yes
G 062. Anupa Pasqual	Yes
G 063. Johnston Fernando	Yes
G 066. Vajira Abeywardena	Yes
G 068. C. B. Rathnayake	Yes
G 073. Sarath Weerasekara	Yes
G 074. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka	Yes
G 076. Kapila Athukorala	Yes
G 077. Gayashan Nawananda	Yes
G 079. Jayantha Ketagoda	Yes
G 081. Thisakutti Arachchi	Yes
G 082. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura	Yes
G 086. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi	Yes
G 091. Milan Jayathilake	Yes
G 092. Kulasingam Dhileeban	Yes
G 093. Sudarshana Denipitiya	Yes
G 095. Premanath C. Dolawatte	Yes
G 098. Sudath Manjula	Yes
G 099. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal	Yes
G 102. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha	Yes
G 103. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha	Yes
G 106. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana	Yes
G 107. Madhura Withanage	Yes
G 109. Samanpriya Herath	Yes
G 111. Yadamini Gunawardena	Yes
G 112. Manjula Dissanayake	Yes
G 115. Marjan Faleel	Yes
G 116. Lalith Varna Kumara	Yes
O 016. Anura Dissanayaka	No
O 037. Vijitha Herath	No
O 040. Ali Sabri Raheem	Yes
O 057. Harini Amarasuriya	No
O 089. Nimal Lanza	Yes
O 101. S. Jagath Samarawickrama	Yes

The following one (01) Member of Parliament cast his vote having being asked the name by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

Janaka Bandara Thennakoon

Yes

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

Head 2

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,044,000,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 111,000,000 for Head 2, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 4

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 509,000,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,000,000 for Head 4, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 5

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 191,000,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,000,000 for Head 5, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 6

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 295,740,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 6, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 7

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 152,400,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,000,000 for Head 7, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 8

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 174,900,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,000,000 for Head 8, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 9

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 40,200,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,800,000 for Head 9, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 10

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 734,260,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 122,000,000 for Head 10, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 11

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 107,00,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,000,000 for Head 11, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 13

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 340,000,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 44,000,000 for Head 13, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 16

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,853,500,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 486,000,000 for Head 16, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 17

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 69,000,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000 for Head 17, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 18

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 153,000,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000 for Head 18, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 19

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 270,000,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,000,000 for Head 19, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 20

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,044,060,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 143,000,000 for Head 20, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 21

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,810,300,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 442,000,000 for Head 21, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 22

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,080,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 300,000 for Head 22, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 23

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 88,000,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,000,000 for Head 23, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 24

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 61,000,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 68,000,000 for Head 24, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 25

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,200,000 Head 25, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 300,000 for Head 25, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Education proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Thursday, November 23, 2023.

8. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Essential Public That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2358/66 of 17th November 2023 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 21.11.2023, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. White Rose Foundation (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament

10. Re-Awakening East Organization (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

11. United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

12. Samadhi Health Service, Environment, Agricultural, Cultural and Sport Centre (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

13. South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership (Incorporation) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and referred by the Speaker to the Legislative Standing Committee under Standing Order 53(3) of the Parliament.

14. Adjournment (Minimization of Forest Destruction for Agricultural Purposes) :

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriy do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.22 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriy took the Chair.)

And it being past 6.30 p.m. Parliament was at 6.52 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member, without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament accordingly adjourned, until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, November 23, 2023, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 20th November, 2023