



(Tenth Parliament - First Session)

No. 75.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. (Dr.) Jagath Wickramaratne, Speaker

Hon. (Dr.) Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Hemali Weerasekara, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Hon. (Prof.) A.H.M.H. Abayarathna, Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. (Prof.) Chrishantha Abeysena, Minister of Science and Technology

Hon. Anura Karunathilaka, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing

Hon. K.D. Lal Kantha, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar, Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Kumara Jayakody, Minister of Energy

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. (Dr.) Anil Jayantha, Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development

Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney at Law, Minister of Justice and National Integration

Hon. (Dr.) Dammika Patabendi, Minister of Environment

Hon. (Dr.) Upali Pannilage, Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Saroja Savithri Paulraj, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Ananda Wijepala, Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. K.V. Samantha Viddyaratna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe, Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

Hon. (Dr.) Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism

Hon. Chathuranga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development

Hon. Namal Karunaratne, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

Hon. Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku, Deputy Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation

Hon. Rathna Gamage, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources

Hon. Eranga Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Prasanna Gunasena, Deputy Minister of Transport and Highways

Hon. Anton Jayakody, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. R.M. Jayawardhana, Deputy Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Mahinda Jayasinghe, Deputy Minister of Labour

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera, Deputy Minister of Defence

Hon. Sugath Thilakaratne, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Gamagedara Dissanayake, Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Piyathissa, Deputy Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

Hon. Muneer Mulafter, Deputy Minister of National Integration

Hon. (Prof.) Ruwan Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Tourism

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister of Land and Irrigation

Hon. Sunil Watagala, Attorney at Law, Deputy Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Hansaka Wijemuni, Deputy Minister of Health and Mass Media

Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy

Hon. Upali Samarasingha, Deputy Minister of Cooperative Development

Hon. T. B. Sarath, Deputy Minister of Housing

Hon. (Dr.) Namal Sudarshana, Deputy Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Madhura Senevirathna, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education

Hon. Nalin Hewage, Deputy Minister of Vocational Education

Hon. Ajith Agalakada

Hon. Aboobucker Athambawa

Hon. (Mrs.) Sagarika Athauda, Attorney at Law

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana

Hon. U.P. Abeywickrama, Attorney at Law

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama

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Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi

Hon. Manjula Suraweera Arachchi

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Hon. B. Ariyawansa

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika

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Hon. Nishantha Jayaweera
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Hon. T.K. Jayasundara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law
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Hon. Rajeevan Jeyachandramoorthy
Hon. M.A.M. Thahir
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Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law
Hon. Chandana Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva
Hon. Thanura Dissanayake
Hon. Dharmapriya Dissanayake

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Hon. Ravindra Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Balagalla
Hon. E.M. Basnayaka
Hon. Wijesiri Basnayake
Hon. Sunil Biyanwila
Hon. (Dr.) Sandaruwan Madarasinghe
Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga
Hon. Jagath Manuwarna
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Hon. Asoka Sapumal Ranwala
Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
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Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
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Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan
Hon. Fasmin Sharif
Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam
Hon. Thilina Samarakoon
Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel
Hon. Dewananda Suraweera

Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara
Hon. Kitnan Selvaraj
Hon. Arjuna Sujeewa Senasinghe, Attorney at Law
Hon. (Dr.) Janaka Senarathna
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi
Hon. Champika Hettiarachchi
Hon. Dinindu Saman Hennayake
Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law
Hon. Dinesh Hemantha
Hon. Bhagya Sri Herath, Attorney at Law
Hon. Muhammad Faizal
Hon. Riyas Farook

Mr. Chaminda Kularatne, 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. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificates on the Bills titled ‘Bills of Exchange (Amendment)’ on 15th of August 2025 and ‘Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment)’ on 18th of August 2025 under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

II

“I wish to inform Parliament that I have received the Determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘Mediation (Civil and Commercial Disputes)’ which had been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that the Bill is not inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution and may be passed by Parliament by a simple majority of members present and voting.

I order that the Determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the official report of today's proceedings.”

III

“I wish to inform Parliament that, I have received copies of three petitions filed at the Supreme Court in term of the Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled ‘Presidents’ Entitlements (Repeal)’.”

IV

“I wish to inform that the motion titled ‘No-Confidence Motion’ regarding the Hon. Major General (Rtd.) Aruna Jayasekera, Deputy Minister of Defence, was submitted to me dated 12.08.2025, signed by Hon. Sajith Premadasa, the Leader of the Opposition, and 31 other Members representing the Opposition.

I wish to inform that I will study the facts included in the said Motion and this House be further informed in the future about the actions to be taken in this regard.”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Annual Report of the SriLankan Airlines for the year 2023/2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 19(A) of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended by the Customs (Amendment) Law, No. 35 of 1974 and the Customs (Amendment) Act, No. 83 of 1988, relating to Customs import Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2444/23 of 09th July 2025.

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

(4) The Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation presented the Annual Performance Report of the Parliament of Sri Lanka for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Limited for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Media and Women's Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited for the year 2022; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2024

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2023 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Health and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year 2024 and moved that Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education, Manpower and Human Capital.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Sunil Kumara Gamage, the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports presented the Report of the Committee on Regulations made by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2437/24 of 21st May 2025 which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Hector Appuhamy, the Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Resource Sustainability presented the Report of the Committee on Rubber Control (Amendment) Bill which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law, the Pro-tem Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on —

- (i) Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill;
- (ii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties
(Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/02 dated 28th April 2025);
- (iii) Order under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, as amended, relating to Excise duty
(Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/04 dated 28th April 2025); and

- (iv) Regulation under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 relating to Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles
(Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/05 dated 28th April 2025)

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Wasantha Samarasinghe presented a petition dated 08.04.2025 from Mr. H. Mervin Wimalasuriya of No 210, 03rd Lane, Yasasiripura, Anuradhapura.
- (2) Hon. Namal Karunaratne presented a petition dated 25.12.2024 from Mr. D. M. Wasantha Dissanayeka of Nikawehera, Makulpotha.
- (3) Hon. Rathna Gamage presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 06.04.2025 from Mr. G.K.H. Pushpakumara of 'Priyanka', Medagedara, Anangoda, Galle; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 11.05.2025 from Mr. W. P. G. S. Indika of No. 74, Sri Hemananda Mawatha, Bataganwila, Galle.
- (4) Hon. Nalin Hewage presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 06.01.2025 from Mr. H.G. Maithreesena of Banwelagoda, Karandeniya;
 - (ii) A petition dated 22.01.2025 from Mr. Udaya Kithsiri Rathnaweera of No. 4/1 A, Wekunagoda Road, Galle; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 16.06.2025 from Mr. Y. Dayasiri of 'Senasuma', Dewinigoda, Rathgama.
- (5) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 17.03.2025 from Mr. D.M.N.J. Disanayaka of Minuwangete, Minuwangete; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 09.03.2025 from Mr. W.A.S.W. Wickremasinghe of Ginipenda, Kalugamuwa.
- (6) Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala presented a petition dated 05.05.2025 from Mr. A. U. Madhura Wijayapala of Ambanpola, Melsiripura.
- (7) Hon. (Dr.)(Ms.) Kaushalya Ariyaratne presented a petition dated 20.04.2025 from Mrs. K. A. Renuka Priyadarshani Pothuwila of No. 09/ S/04, Jayawadanagama, Battaramulla.
- (8) Hon. Sudath Balagalla presented a petition dated 10.05.2025 from Mr. D. M. Anura Mangala of Unit 4/A/66, Badulu Oya, Badulla
- (9) Hon. Sunil Biyanwila presented a petition dated 05.04.2025 from Mr. R. M. Nimal Rajapaksha of 208 C, Madipola Road, Wasalakotte, Matale.

(10) Hon. Sunil Rajapaksha presented a petition dated 05.05.2025 from Mr. M. Sumanadasa of No. 304, Horankandura, Udawela, Opanayake.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. National Building Research Institute: The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education presented,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the National Building Research Institute and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 09, 2025, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

6. Penal Code (Amendment): The Minister of Justice and National Integration presented,— Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 09, 2025, be printed and be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.

7. Gambling Regulatory Authority Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,—That Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.44 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara took the Chair.)

(At 4.52 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Clause 5

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proposed an amendment to leave out line 23, in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“(f) to make rules and issue guidelines to licensees pertaining to-”

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

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proposed another amendment to leave out line 8, in page 4 and substitute the following:—

“compliance with the”

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

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

Clause 6

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proposed an amendment to leave out line 13, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“the risk exposure to money laundering and other”

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

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proposed another amendment to leave out line 16, in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“those risks in gambling;” and

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

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

Clauses 7 to 76 were agreed to.

Clause 77

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education proposed an amendment to leave out line 13, in page 44 and substitute the following:—

“77.(1) The Authority may make rules in respect of matters for which rules are authorized or required to be made under this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by subsection (1), the Authority may make rules in respect of the following matters:—”

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

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

Clauses 78 to 80 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Regulations under the Public Debt Management Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 35 read with Sections 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024 and the proviso to Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the Recommendation of the Public Debt Coordination Committee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2443/14 of 30th June 2025, which were presented on 22.07.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Foreign Exchange Act: The Minister of Labour and Deputy Minister of Economic Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2441/14 of 18th June 2025, which was presented on 23.07.2025, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Adjournment (Empowerment of Youth for Active Contribution to the Economy): The Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 5.21 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.46 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.