



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 207.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 07, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the Chief Government Whip

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise
Development
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement
- Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation
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- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development
- Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic
Affairs
- Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment
- Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and
Vocational Training
- Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure
- Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and
Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports
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Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificates on the Bill entitled “Inland Revenue” on 24th of October 2017 and the Bill entitled “Electronic Transactions (Amendment)” on 02nd of November 2017 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

II

“I wish to inform this House that I have nominated the following Members of Parliament to serve in the Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2018, with the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe as the Chairman, in terms of Standing Order No. 97 of the Parliament and the Resolution passed by Parliament on 17th October 2017:-

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srinshan”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) Speaker presented—

- (i) The Second Instalment – Part XXIII, Third Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor–General for the Financial Year 2014; and
- (ii) The Second Instalment – Parts II and III, Third Instalment – Part II of the Auditor–General for the Financial Year 2016;

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) Speaker presented—

- (i) The Progress Report of the Public Services Commission for the Second quarter of 2017 (01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017) in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 55(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) The Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2017 - 31.03.2017) and Second quarter (01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017) of 2017 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (iii) The Performance Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for First quarter of 2017 (01.01.2017 - 31.03.2017) in terms of Section 30 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996 and Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (iv) The Progress Report of the National Procurement Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017) of 2017 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (v) The Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017) of 2017 in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage presented the Performance Report of the Department of Divineguma Development for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/31 of 17th August 2017;

- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/7 of 30th May 2017;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/7 of 06th June 2017;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/8 of 06th June 2017;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2025/44 of 30th June 2017;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/44 of 19th July 2017;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/25 of 26th July 2017;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/10 of 31st July 2017;
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/20 of 01st August 2017;
- (x) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/11 of 15th August 2017;
- (xi) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/24 of 16th August 2017;
- (xii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2033/31 of 23rd August 2017;
- (xiii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2035/28 of 08th September 2017;
- (xiv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/2 of 02nd October 2017; and

- (xv) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.09.2017 to 30.09.2017 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 24 of 2016.

and moved that these Orders and Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 10 of the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972 relating to Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Container Operators (Structure of Charges) Regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2041/10 of 17th October 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Regional Development Bank for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Department of Pensions for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Special Import License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/4 of 02nd October 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee on Standing Orders presented the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders Regarding the Standing Orders of Parliament together with the proceedings of the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government for the year 2016.

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill; and
- (iii) Judicature (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.08.2017 from Mr. D.A. Shantha Kumara of “Renuka Niwasa”, Rathpaha, Kahagolla, Diyathalawa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.09.2017 from Mr. D.C.M. Gunawardene of 28, 1st Mile Post, Gammanpila, Bandaragama;
 - (iii) a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. K.H. Jayarathna of No. 154, Abayapura, Trincomalee; and

(iv) a petition dated 13.09.2017 from Mr. N.A.P.M.W. Senanayake of In front of S.L.T.B Depot, Nagoda Road, Katukurunda, Kaluthara.

(2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —

(i) a petition dated 18.09.2017 from Mr. K.D. Upali Perera of No. 216, Railway Mawatha, Maharagama; and

(ii) a petition dated 19.08.2017 from Mr. Korale Gedara Lokubanda of No. 100, Eke Ela, Palugasdamana Polonnaruwa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Judicature (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.54 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Bimal Ratnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.47 p.m. Hon. Bimal Ratnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.39 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice proposed an amendment to leave out line 8 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“(a) not less than ten and not more than one hundred and ten judges,”;

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 3 was 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 Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice 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.

7. Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 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 without Amendments.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 8 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 without Amendments.

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out line 32 in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“Ordinance shall be published on such date as the Election Commission”

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

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed another amendment to leave out line 1 in page 3 and substitute the following:—

“may determine by Order published in the *Gazette*, and such”

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 4 was agreed to.

Schedule

Question that the Schedule stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Preamble

Question that the Preamble stand part of the Bill, put, and 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 Provincial Councils and Local Government 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.

10. Adjournment (Teaching Appointments for Visual Arts Special Degree Holders) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.56 p.m. adjourned until 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, November 09, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.