



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and
Community Development

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Nirosan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekera

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shriritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy 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:-

I

“ A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, MP in Parliament on 18th of November 2017 to the Committee on Privileges.”

II

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, MP in Parliament on 20th of November 2017 to the Committee on Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Childcare Services for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) 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 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/40 of 09th November 2017; and
- (ii) 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 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/41 of 09th November 2017.

and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions:

(1) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —

- (i) a petition dated 16.09.2017 from Mr. K.G.R Dias of No. 26/11, 3rd Lane, Palliyawatta, Handala, Wattala;
- (ii) a petition dated 16.09.2017 from Mr. K.G.R Dias of No. 26/11, 3rd Lane, Palliyawatta, Handala, Wattala;
- (iii) a petition dated 16.09.2017 from Mr. K.G.R Dias of No. 26/11, 3rd Lane, Palliyawatta, Handala, Wattala;
- (iv) a petition dated 16.09.2017 from Mr. R.D.C Fernando of Chairman of Alakata Development Society, No. 26/11, 3rd Lane, Palliyawatta, Handala, Wattala; and
- (v) a petition dated 12.09.2017 from Mr. S. Balasubramaniam of No. 203/1, Palliyawatta, Handala, Wattala.

(2) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented —

- (i) a petition dated 11.10.2017 from Mrs. A.R.M.S Perera of Kalukohuthenna, Kithulgala;
- (ii) a petition dated 09.09.2017 from Mr. H.A Dharmasena of Kalukohuthenna, Kithulgala;
- (iii) a petition dated 11.10.2017 from Mr. K.M Sudath Karunarathne of Kalukohuthenna, Kithulgala; and
- (iv) a petition dated 11.10.2017 from Mrs. W. Rupa Udayangani of No. 251/4, Kalukohuthenna, Kithulgala.

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

4. Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— Bill to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, December 06, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Seventeenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 149

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.09 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 1.12 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 2.22 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.05 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 5.58 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 6.56 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 322,603,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 57,000,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,254,825,000 for Head 149, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,663,100,000 for Head 149, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 295

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 128,550,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 10,400,000 for Head 295, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 297

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 53,900,000 for Head 297, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 298

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 111,350,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 26,500,000 for Head 298, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 299

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 30,350,000 for Head 299, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 300

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 88,720,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 99,950,000 for Head 300, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 301

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 70,300,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,000,000 for Head 301, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 302

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,230,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,700,000 for Head 302, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 303

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 76,450,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,950,000 for Head 303, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 154

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 511,560,000 for Head 154, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 229,500,000 for Head 154, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 186,350,000 for Head 154, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,605,500,000 for Head 154, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 292

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 540,700,000 for Head 292, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 178,000,000 for Head 292, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 987,000,000 for Head 292, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 158

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 233,400,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 227,000,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 50,000,000 for Head 158, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,062,000,000 for Head 158, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms 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 30, 2017.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. - 2012/2013 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.03.2013 and presented on 07.07.2016 under Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Act, No. 33 of 1970, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. - 2013/2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.03.2014 and presented on 09.02.2017 under Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Act, No. 33 of 1970, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation - 2011 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank - 2015 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon - 2015: The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank - 2015 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the K.P.M.G Chartered Accountants prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.03.2017 in terms of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 and regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Savings Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.09.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.05.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. - 2014: The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Chilaw Plantations Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 15.11.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank - 2014: The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General prepared for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 28.10.2016 under Section 35(3) of the Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. - 2014/2015 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. together with the observations of the Ernst & Yung Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31.03.2015 and presented on 09.08.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. - 2015/2016 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2016 and presented on 25.07.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. - 2013/2014: The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. together with the observations of the Ernst & Yung Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31.03.2014 and presented on 04.03.2015 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

22. Annual Report and Financial Statements of Lankaputhra Development Bank - 2013 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Lankaputhra Development Bank together with the observations of S.J.M.S. Chartered Accountants, Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 23.05.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

23. Annual Report and Financial Statements of Lankaputhra Development Bank - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Lankaputhra Development Bank together with the observations of S.J.M.S. Chartered Accountants, Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.08.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

24. Annual Report and Financial Statements of Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka - 2014 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 04.07.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act, No. 58 of 1949 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

25. Adjournment (Relief for Fishermen Engaged in Prawn Fishing Utilizing Trawl Nets) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.16 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.36 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.