



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 236. ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**, Minister of Education

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

**Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

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

**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management

**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development

**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

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

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

**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade

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

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

**Hon. Susantha PUNCHILAME**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

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**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**

**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**

**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**

**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**

**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**

**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**

**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**

**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**

**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**

**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**

**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoo**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan**, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

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. Presentation of Papers :** The Speaker presented —

- (i) The First Instalment – Parts XV and XVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (ii) The First Instalment – Parts IV and XXV, Fifth Instalment – Part I and Sixth Instalment – Parts XIII and XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; and
- (iii) The First Instalment – Parts IV and V of the Report 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) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of Tourism Development Fund for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Report of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of Ministry of Higher Education and Highways for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute for the year 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission for the year 2015; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution for the year 2015.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat—Gampaha 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.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Lanka Leyland (Private) Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 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.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited 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 Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

## 2. Petitions:

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 13.11.2017 from Mr. A.K.P. Mahinda of No. 197, Lucasgoda, Thissamaharama;
- (ii) a petition dated 06.11.2017 from Mr. Adithya Bandara of “Samanala Piyasa”, Hungangoda, Nawimana South, Matara;
- (iii) a petition dated 27.09.2017 from Mr. D.H. Gunawardena of Regional Anti Filariasis Unit, Fort, Matara;
- (iv) a petition dated 14.11.2017 from Mr. J.G. Gunapala of “Chathura”, Denagama West, Denagama, Hakmana;
- (v) a petition dated 02.10.2017 from Mr. K.M.G.T.R. Waidyaratne of Jaya Road, Mampitiya, Galle;
- (vi) a petition dated 25.11.2017 from Mr. M.M.M. Insaff of Sandis Road, Dikwella;
- (vii) a petition dated 14.11.2017 from Mr. P. V Chandrasiri of “Lahiru”, Thannahena, Pitabeddara;
- (viii) a petition dated 19.10.2017 from Mr. P.J. Dissanayake of No. 413/2, Bakmeegolla, Ibbagamuwa;
- (ix) a petition dated 15.11.2017 from Mrs. Padmini Nandasiri of No. 5/8, Samaraweera Road, Weligama;
- (x) a petition dated 14.11.2017 from Mr. S. P. Amaradasa of No. 142/7/43 A, Dale Estate, Weragala, Padukka;
- (xi) a petition dated 23.10.2017 from Mr. Sarath Weerawardana Dissanayake of No. 49, Bataadura, Deniyaya;
- (xii) a petition dated 19.10.2017 from Mr. W.V. Dimuthu Sameera of School Road, Galhena, Maramba, Akuressa; and
- (xiii) a petition dated 14.11.2017 from Mrs. Y.B. Magrat of No. 45/1, Delkada Road, Matara.

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

**3. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on Monday, February 19, 2018 and the hours of sitting of Parliament this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.34 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. S. Shriritharan seconded by Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.46 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development 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.

Clause 4

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 and substitute the following:—

“(4) (a) Any foreign fishing boat or other thing seized and”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 26 and substitute the following:—

“who shall make such order subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 21 of this Act as he may deem fit”;

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 5

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 and substitute the following:—

“seized and detained under this”

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 1 and substitute the following:—

“owner, charterer or any person on board if any, of a”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 26 and substitute the following:—

“seized and detained or on which the proceedings”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 31 and substitute the following:—

“foreign fishing boat is seized and detained under”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 1 and substitute the following:—

“this Act, the master, owner, charterer or any permit holder if any,”;

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 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 16 and substitute the following:—

“on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat shall each be guilty of”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 24 and substitute the following:—

“Schedule I hereto or to both such fine and imprisonment:

Provided however where such master, owner and charterer, or any person on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat, commits an offence for the first time under this section, each such person shall be liable on conviction by a Magistrate having regard to the circumstances of the case to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding the amounts specified in Column II of the Schedule I hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the Column I of the Schedule I hereto.”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 32 and substitute the following:—

“on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat shall each be guilty of”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 5 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“Schedule II hereto or to both such fine and imprisonment:

Provided however where such master, owner and charterer, or any person on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat, commits an offence for the first time under this section, each such person shall be liable on conviction by a Magistrate having regard to the circumstances of the case to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding the amounts specified in Column II of the Schedule II hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the Column I of the Schedule II hereto.”;

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



The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 10 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“person on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat shall each be”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 22 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“person on board or any person suspected to have been on board of such boat shall each be”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 32 in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“offence or does any act in preparation of or in”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 9 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“no person suspected of, or accused of, an”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 17 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“15A and 15D shall not be released”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 19 and 20 in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“15H. No master, owner, charterer, any person on board or any person suspected to have been on board shall be deemed to be guilty”;

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 8 were agreed to.

## Clause 9

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 19 to 25 (both inclusive) and substitute the following:—

“Insertion of new sections 17A and 17B in the principal enactment. 9. The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 17 and shall have effect as sections 17A and 17B of the principal enactment.

All offences to be cognizable and non bailable. 17A. Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 21 of this Act, all offences committed under this Act shall be cognizable and non bailable within the meaning of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.

Application of the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance (Chapter 22) 17B. The provisions of the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance (Chapter 22) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to and in relation to identification of any person previously convicted of an offence under this Act.”.

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 10 to 12 were agreed to.

## Clause 13

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out line 28 in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“if it is appropriate to compound such offence, cause a”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 32 and 33 in page 9 and substitute the following:—

“notice and show cause why a sum of money should not be charged on him.”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 5 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“Act, the Director-General shall charge from that person a sum not less than one fifth of the minimum penalty that could be imposed under this Act to which such person could be liable to pay. Further a sum of money not exceeding the aggregate of the estimated value of the boat, fish or other thing and the costs incurred in the detention of the boat and repatriation of its crew shall be paid as part of the settlement under this section and the Director-General shall order the release of such fishing boat, fish or other thing in respect of which no order of detention has been made by the Magistrate.”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“against the compounding of the offence, the”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 18 and 19 in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“assigning his own reasons therefore, charge from that person a sum of money specified in subsection (2) of this”;

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

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out lines 21 to 25 (both inclusive) in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“(5) Where the Director-General charges on any person a sum of money specified in subsection (2) of this section he shall cause a notice in the prescribed form to be served on such person indicating particulars of such charge.”;

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 14 to 20 were agreed to.

#### Clause 21

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed another amendment to leave out line 11 in page 16 and substitute the following:—

“without any person or persons on board;

“authorized offer” means any officer not below the rank of Fisheries Inspector appointed under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, any member of the Navy not below the rank of petty officer, any member of the Air Force not below the rank of Sergeant, any Police Officer not below the rank of Sergeant, any person attached to the regular service of the Department of Coast Guard and any other person designated as such by name or by office, by the Minister in writing;”;

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 22 was agreed to.

#### First Schedule

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out Schedule I in page 19 and substitute the following:—

SCHEDULE I		(section 15)
Column I	Column II	
Length of the boat in meters	Fine (Rs. Mn)	
	Territorial waters	
Less than 15	6	
More than 15 and less than 24	20	
More than 24 and less than 45	100	
More than 45 and less than 75	150	
More than 75	175	
Administrative penalty	Not applicable	

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

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

#### Second Schedule

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out Schedule II in page 19 and substitute the following:—

SCHEDULE II		(section 15A)
Column I	Column II	
Length of the boat in meters	Fine (Rs. Mn)	
	Territorial waters	
Less than 15	4	
More than 15 and less than 24	15	
More than 24 and less than 45	75	
More than 45 and less than 75	120	
More than 75	150	
Administrative penalty	Not applicable	

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

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

## Third Schedule

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out Schedule III in page 20 and substitute the following:—

SCHEDULE III (section 15B)

<b>Column I</b>	<b>Column II</b>
<b>Length of the boat in meters</b>	<b>Fine (Rs. Mn)</b>
	Within EEZ
Less than 15	10
More than 15 and less than 24	30
More than 24 and less than 45	120
More than 45 and less than 75	180
More than 75	220
Administrative penalty	1/5 of the original fine

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

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

## Fourth Schedule

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out Schedule IV in page 20 and substitute the following:—

SCHEDULE IV (section 15C)

<b>Column I</b>	<b>Column II</b>
<b>Length of the boat in meters</b>	<b>Fine (Rs. Mn)</b>
	Within EEZ
Less than 15	5
More than 15 and less than 24	20
More than 24 and less than 45	80
More than 45 and less than 75	130
More than 75	160
Administrative penalty	1/5 of the original fine

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

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

## Fifth Schedule

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development proposed an amendment to leave out Schedule V in page 21 and substitute the following:—

## SCHEDULE V (section 17)

Column I	Column II
Length of the boat in meters	Fine (Rs. Mn)
Less than 15	100,000
More than 15 and less than 24	200,000
More than 24 and less than 45	500,000
More than 45 and less than 75	1,500,000
More than 75	7,500,000

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

Question that the Fifth Schedule as amended 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 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development 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.

**6. Adjournment (Bridges Constructed under “Thousand Rural Bridges Project” in Northern Province) :** The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.52 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.