Business of the House for May 19, 2022

Date : 19-05-2022

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, the Speaker took the Chair.

Official Oath or Affirmation by New Members

The Hon. S. Jagath Samarawickrama was sworn in as a Member of Parliament before the Hon. Speaker to fill the vacancy caused by reason of the death of the Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala.

Announcements by the Speaker

A : Members to serve in the Panel of Chairs with effect from 19.05.2022 for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament
B : Parliament Journalists' mobile phones taken away by Members of Parliament

Presentation of Petitions

(i) The Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
(ii) The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
(iii) The Hon. Uddika Premarathne - Two Petitions
(Petitions stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Solution for shortage of food

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister replied to the above Question.

House agreed to the following Motion moved by the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, the Leader of the House of Parliament -

Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments

That the time period granted to the Select Committee of Parliament to identify appropriate reforms of the election laws and the electoral system and to recommend necessary amendments as specified in the Resolution passed by Parliament on 05thApril 2021 be extended up to 30th June 2022 in terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament as the Committee needs further time to report its observations to Parliament.

Adjournment Motion

Adjourned debate on “Damages caused to public and private properties due to recent riots” was continued and adjourned for tomorrow.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1711 Hrs. until 1000 Hrs. on Friday 20th May 2022.

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