Business of the House for October 18, 2022

Date : 18-10-2022

The Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of the Committee took the Chair.

Announcements by the Speaker

A : Member to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts
B : Member to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises
C : Members to serve in the Committee on Public Finance
D : Member to serve in the House Committee
E : Members to serve in remaining 19 Ministerial Consultative Committees

Presentation of Papers

(i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 2021
(ii) Annual Performance Report of the National Physical Planning Department for the year 2021
(iii) Annual Report of the Jaya Container Terminals Limited for the year 2021
(iv) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2020
(v) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Labour for the year 2021
(vi) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Police for the year 2021

(vii) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2297/79 of 16th September 2022
(viii) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/55 of 23rd September 2022
(ix) 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 01.09.2022 to 30.09.2022 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021
(x) Order made by the Minister of Education under Section 27(1) read with Section 21 and Section 139 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/30 of 09th August 2022

Presentation of Petitions

The Hon. Tissa Attanayake

(Petition stands referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Questions under Standing Order 27(2) of the Parliament

The Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Grievances of farmers

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Agriculture replied to the above Question.

Presentation of Bills

The Hon. Leader of the House of Parliament moved the following Bills entitled-

(i) Appropriation - to provide for the service of the financial year 2023; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(ii) Value Added Tax (Amendment) - to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002.

House agreed to the following Motions moved by the Hon. Leader of the House of Parliament

(i) Committee on Public Accounts

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 119 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consists of twenty nine (29) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 07th October 2022, by the Committee of Selection

(ii) Committee on Public Enterprises

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 120 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consists of twenty nine (29) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 07th October 2022, by the Committee of Selection

(iii) Committee on Public Finance

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 121 of the Parliament and the resolution

adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the Committee on Public Finance shall consists of twenty eight (28) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament, as per the decision taken on 07th October 2022, by the Committee of Selection

Main Business of the House for Today

Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill (appearing as Item No. 1 of today's Order Paper)

Division was taken at the Second Reading (77 in favour; 17 against) and passed by the House with amendments.

Motion at the Adjournment Time

Motion at the Adjournment Time on "Professional trainings for Public servants leaving for foreign employment" was proposed by the Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1752 Hrs. until 0930 Hrs. on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

* *This is an unedited version. For the official record of this day's proceedings, please refer the Hansard.*