



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 180.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 07, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy 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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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. A. D. Susil Premajyantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade
- 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.) Harsha De Silva**, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
- Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
- Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Dilum Amunugama**
- Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**
- Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**
- Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**
- Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**
- Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**
- Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**
- Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraietnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
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. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the 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 01.05.2017 to 31.05.2017 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 24 of 2016 and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the State Printing Corporation for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 20(7) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

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 July 25th Tuesday, 26th Wednesday, 27th Thursday and 28th Friday, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July, 2017 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th July 2017 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No.4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25th July, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates : Hon. Heshan Withanage seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians. (P.150/15)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Establishment of an Authority to rehabilitate the drug addicts : Hon. Sisira Jayakody seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama moved,— That this Parliament resolves that an Authority should be established in order to rehabilitate drug addicts with the initiative of religious leaders and by using Buddhist spiritual meditations, indigenous medicine and other remedies, since the absence of a proper programme or procedure for rehabilitation has become a severe burden for youths who wants to abandon their drug addiction. (P. 179/16)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.29 a.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

9. Naming the Puttalam District as the District of National Co-existence and Reconciliation : Hon. Ashoka Priyantha seconded by Hon. S.M. Marikkar moved,— That this Parliament resolves that as the different community groups of Buddhists, Catholics and Muslims of the Puttalam District live in utmost peace and amity, this Parliament resolves that it be named as the District of National Co-existence and Reconciliation in order to further promote coexistence, which is one of the foremost objectives of the present Good Governance Regime. (P. 189/17)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Formulating a Methodical Course of Action to uplift Pre-School Education: Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna seconded by Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah moved,— That this Parliament resolves that as there seems to be an element of degradation in children's personality development, value structure and fundamental educative streamlining in early childhood development due to lack of proper standard and methodology in running early childhood development centres, which are the foremost places for the creation of perfect individuals useful for the country, despite the presence of a large number of such centres throughout the island, this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated to uplift preschool education by making available the necessary physical resources at the early childhood education centres, by appointing qualified pre-school matrons, by sending them for training courses with a view to ensuring the quality of the educative process and by ensuring their job security through specified salaries / allowances. (P.190/17)

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 1.39 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.