



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 188.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, August 10, 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. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

- Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse**, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- 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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- 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. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife
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. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shriritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha 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) Hon. Speaker presented —

The Sixth Instalment – Parts XI, XII, XIII, XX and XXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014; and

The First Instalment – Parts VII, VIII and IX, Fifth Instalment – Parts III and IV, Eighth Instalment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the Table and to be printed .

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2013;
 - (ii) Annual Report of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2014;
 - (iii) Annual Report of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2014;
 - (iv) Annual Report of the University of Jaffna for the year 2014; and
 - (v) Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2014.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Concession Agreement for the Port of Hambantota.

Order that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication was presented by Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, the Chairman of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Performance Reports of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd for the years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the National Transport Medical Institute for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services was presented by the Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, the Chairman of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority for the year 2012;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel for the years 2013 and 2014;

- (iv) Annual Report of the National Craft Council for the year 2013;
- (v) Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2013/2014 ;
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the year 2015; and
- (vii) Annual Report of the Paranthan Chemicals Company Limited for the year 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 05.06.2017 from Mr. P. Neville Fernando of No. 46/2, Pullayar Kovil Road, Matale.
- (2) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 12.07.2017 from Mr. H.M.A.N. Rathnayaka of “Siriniwasa”, Gamwasamgama, Kalupahana; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 08.07.2017 from Mr. W.W.K.B. Dehigama of Yalegoda, Handessa.

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

Suspension of Sittings

11.32 a.m.

The Sitting was suspended until 11.55 a.m.

11.55 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation on behalf of 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 this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (State Financial Crisis) : The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.28 p.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.11 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 1.18 p.m. Hon. Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 4.13 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.20 p.m. Hon. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

It being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.