



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 189.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, August 11, 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. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

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

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

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

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

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

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Niroschan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic
Affairs

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

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) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2014;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences - University of Colombo for the year 2014;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences for the year 2014;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2014; and
- (v) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science - University of Peradeniya for the years 2013 and 2014.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies 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.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Institute of Post Harvest Technology for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 06.04.2017 from Mr. A.D.A. Nelum Kumara of Hatton Road, Norton Bridge.

(2) Hon. Namal Rajapaksa presented a petition dated 17.02.2017 from Mr. L. Y. Karunadasa of Welipatanvila Junction, Nonagama, Ambalanthota.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 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.

4. Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill : Ordered for Second Reading read.

Bill by leave of the House withdrawn.

5. Regulation under the Judicature Act : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhadasana moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27th March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

Regulation by leave of the House withdrawn.

6. Setting up of an efficient system to make acting appointments of Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Mujibur Rahuman moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a pool of Grama Niladari be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladaris from that pool to Grama Niladari Divisions that fall vacant, since appointing the Grama Niladaris of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari Division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladaris of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary. (P.9/15)

(At 12.00 p.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to

7. Recruitment of graduates as counseling officers to schools : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Velu Kumar moved,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan to employ officers to guide the primary, secondary and advanced level students in parallel to their academic activities in all schools island-wide, whose functions are similar to that of counseling officers currently attached to the Divisional Secretariats to be implemented in order to eradicate the abuse of women and children, taking place island-wide by way of absorbing the graduates as the officer mentioned above to each and every school by means of providing them with special appointments which shall effect from 2016 and which would also generate employment opportunities to the graduates. (P.182/16)

Question put, and agreed to

8. Adjournment (Principals Appointed on Supernumerary Basis and Serving on Acting Basis) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.59 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.