



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 191.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 1.00 p.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. 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. (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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

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

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha, 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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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. 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. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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. 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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
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. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
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. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
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Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
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Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
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Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
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Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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Hon. Kumara Welgama
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Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarthiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

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

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 Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Socialist Republic of Vietnam published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/16 of 19th July 2017 moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd for the year 2014/2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Matale for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare , member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Performance Reports of the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Divineguma Development for the year 2015;
- (iii) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the years 2013 and 2014;
- (iv) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Social Development for the years 2013 and 2014; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the National Council for Elders for the years 2013 and 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Annual Report of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd. for the year 2011; and
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne presented a petition dated 03.06.2017 from Mrs. H.V. Rohini of Kurugammodara, Dodampe, Rathnapura.
- (2) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 04.03.2017 from Mr. H.A.T. Dishan of No: 21/A, Malwatta Road, Dangedara, Galle; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.05.2017 from Mr. M.E.D. Kumara of No. 306/117, Munasinghagama, Magamma, Homagama.

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

4. Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented,— That the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 06th September, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Sittings of the Parliament : 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 hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.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.

6. Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ajith P. Perera, M.P. on 11th August, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sukyo Mahikari Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs for Report.

8. Adjournment (Speedy Relief to People Affected by Drought) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.24 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.02 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.11 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Disaster Management moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.02 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And 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 Thursday, 24th August, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 08.03.2016.