



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 08, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural
Affairs

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

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

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. 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. (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. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs
Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
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. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
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

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees presented —

The Third Instalment – Part V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2009;

The Third Instalment – Part VI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2010;

The Third Instalment – Part VI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2011;

The Third Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012;

The Second Instalment – Part XXII and Third Instalment – Part VIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014; and

The Second Instalment – Part XIX 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 —

- (i) Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented a petition dated 08.06.2017 from Mrs. Damayanthi Nakkawita of the Chairman, Duwawaththa Community Union, No. 266/4, Devala Road, Koswaththa, Thalagama North.
- (2) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented a petition dated 01.08.2017 from Mr. R.P. Ananda Padmasiri of Ginikarawa, Ehelagolla, Wellawa.
- (3) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 05.07.2017 from Mr. M.S. Perera of No. 28, Moronthuduwa Road, Mawala, Wadduwa.

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

(At 10.52 a.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 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. Granting official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Lucky Jayawardana moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to Civil Defence Committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the Chief Incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, the Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations, public and private sector employees who are residents of the Grama Niladhari Division, be set up and to facilitate proper co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari Division. (P.10/15)

(At 11.59 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town : Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy. (P.156/15)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Priority to be given to the youths in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces, when the implementation of one million employments project : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Douglas Devananda moved,— That this Parliament resolves that during the implementation of one million employments project, the priority should be given to the youths between the age of thirty five to forty five years live in the Northern and the Eastern provinces, and to take necessary steps to offer permanent status to those who dropped out from schools at primary, secondary and senior secondary levels and have been employed as volunteer teachers at schools for more than twenty years with the G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications, without considering higher educational qualifications (P.183/16)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them: Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Vadivel Suresh moved,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a “Memorial” should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades. (P.195/17)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Sehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.35 p.m. Hon. Sehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment (Protection of Lands of Siyambalanduwa Wattegama Rajamaha Viharaya) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.45 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th September 2017.