



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 201.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

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 and Minister of
Justice

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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

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. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- 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. 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. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply
- 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. 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. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that Hon. Speaker has endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment)’ on 22nd of September 2017 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill; and
- (ii) Performance Reports of the Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure for the years 2015 and 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on “Order under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Malith Jayathilake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the said Committee on “Orders under Section 3 of Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 01.08.2017 from Mr. P.L. Karunaratne of No: 319/2, Aluth Ihala, Mapalagama Central; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 01.08.2017 from Mr. Priyantha Nagoda Vithana of Gulanawila, Gammeddagoda, G/Nagoda.
- (2) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented a petition dated 05.07.2017 from Mr. R.R. Gunawardhana of No. 102 A, Aswenna Waththa, Divulapitiya.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 03.08.2017 from Ms. A. Lasanthi Chathurani of Araliyagahawatta, Kosnilgoda, Morawaka;
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.08.2017 from Mrs. A.H. Rani of Udadeniya, Higurupanagala, Kotapola; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 17.08.2017 from Mr. Wijesinghe Chandrasiri of No: 72/58, Alaswatta, Kirimatimulla, Thelijjawila.

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

4. Municipal Councils (Amendment) : The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,—Bill to amend the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 03, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Urban Councils (Amendment) : The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— Bill to amend the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 03, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment) : The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— Bill to amend the Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 03, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

7. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 03, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/19 of 01st August 2017, which was presented on 19.09.2017, be approved.

(At 1.57 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.06 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.27 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 5.44 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That 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 Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That 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 Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Extradition Law (No. 3) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That 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 People's Republic of China published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2024/25 of 20th June 2017, which was presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Extradition Law (No. 4) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That 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, which was presented on 23.08.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Adjournment : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.55 p.m. adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 03, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.