



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 206.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 20, 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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

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

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. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- 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. Niroschan 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- 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. (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. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and
Kandyan Heritage

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Actg. 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment)’ on 19th October 2017 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies for the year 2015 and moved that this Report 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 Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala, 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 'Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, (Chapter 203)'. which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Malith Jayathilake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Reports of the Defence Services Command and Staff College for the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for the year 2015;
- (iii) Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Army for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2015;
- (iv) Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Navy for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015; and
- (v) Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi presented a petition dated 23.06.2017 from Mr. K.A. Duminda Kumara of No. 201/04, Getangama, Rathnapura.
- (2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. A.H.K.N. Aravinda of No. 45, Galle Road, Kalamulla, Kaluthara;
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Mr. Daminda Wedage of No. 484/20A, Silva Place, Pannipitiya;
 - (iii) a petition dated 16.08.2017 from Mr. M. Gunasekara of Kadurugas Addara, Sulthanagoda, Matara;
 - (iv) a petition dated 29.08.2017 from Ms. P.M. Dilki Madushani of No. 38/14D, Muththetuhena, Thibbotuwawa, Akuressa; and
 - (v) a petition dated 21.07.2017 from Mr. Romiyel Nambuhewa of "Sisira Sewana", Nelumwewa, Rathmale.
- (3) Hon. Malith Jayathilake presented a petition dated 27.08.2017 from Mr. M. Kalana Peiris of No 3/51, Batagoda, Galpatha.

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

5. Local Authorities (Special Provisions) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government presented,— Bill to provide for calling of fresh nominations and the holding of elections in respect of two Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Northern Province where elections to such sabhas have been postponed due to unforeseen and urgent circumstances; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, November 17, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the Appropriation Bill (2018), Standing Order No.70 (1) of the Parliament shall operate with the substitution of the words “Twenty-four” for the words “Twenty-six”.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Business of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 10th Friday, 11th Saturday, 13th Monday, 14th Tuesday, 15th Wednesday and 16th Thursday 2017 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2018)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2018)” on 10th Friday, 11th Saturday and from 13th Monday to 15th Wednesday, November, 2017 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Provided that 7.00 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on 16th Thursday, November, 2017 for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2018)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda seconded by Hon. Imran Maharoof moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hesha Friendship Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage for Report.

11. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act : The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act, (Chapter 203) read with Sub-section (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2035/51 of 08th September, 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2037/23 published on 22nd September, 2017. which were presented on 09.10.2017, be approved.

(At 11.45 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.37 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.15 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.07 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 07, 2017.