



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 210.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and
Sabaragamu Development

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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

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. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Recommendations of the Finance Commission for the year 2018 to His Excellency the President in terms of the Article 154R (4) of the Constitution and moved that these Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Forest Department for the year 2016 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.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report and Accounts of the Registrar General's Department 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 Higher Education and Highways presented the —

(i) Annual Report of the State Mortgage and Investment Bank for the year 2015; and

(ii) Annual Report of the Hotel Developers (Lanka) PLC for the year 2015.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Order under the Excise Ordinance; and
- (ii) Notes on the Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services; and Contingent Liabilities provision made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Mr. D.M.D.B. Disanayake of No. 15A/24, R.H. Gunawardene Mawatha, Badulla; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. I.K.M.M.B. Ilangasinghe of No. 191/F, Jayanthi Mawatha, Himbutana, Mulleriyawa New Town.
- (2) Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 21.08.2017 from Mr. W.A. Nishantha Ariyaratna of No. S/P/03/A, Gemunupura, Ampara.

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

4. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Second Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09th November 2017).

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.32 a.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 3.32 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees 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 5.33 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.24 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Monday, November 13, 2017.

5. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.45 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th October, 2017.