



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 211.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 13, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

**Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs

- 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. 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. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- 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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- 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. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation
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- 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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- 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. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**

**Hon. Velu Kumar**

**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**

**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**

**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. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**

**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**

**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**

**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**

**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**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

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 :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/47 of 04<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the Third Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament regarding the Evaluation of the Financial Control and Performance of the State Institutions, Provincial Councils and Local Government Authorities by the computer based Management Information System – Financial Year 2015.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

**3. Petitions:**

- (1) Hon. S. B. Nawinne presented a petition dated 11.06.2017 from Mr. R.P.M. Sarathchandra of No. 03, Thennakoongama, Awulegama.
- (2) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 11.09.2017 from Mr. W.W. Gamini Nanayakkara of No. 65, Sandakelum Mawatha, Habaralagahalanda, Wadduwa.
- (3) Hon. Vijitha Berugoda presented a petition dated 01.09.2017 from Mr. K.B.G. Premadasa of No. 65, Kossinna, Ganemulla.

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

**4. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Third Allotted Day) :** Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09<sup>th</sup> November 2017).

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 10.59 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.45 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 Tuesday, November 14, 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 6.07 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.