



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 217.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 20, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

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

**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child 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. 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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

**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. 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. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands

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

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

**Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education

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

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

**Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

**Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**

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

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**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. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**

**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**

**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**

**Hon. Arumugan Thondaman**

**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**

**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**

**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**

**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**

**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**

**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**

**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**

**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of the 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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that the Speaker has endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled “Prevention of Crimes (Amendment)” on 18<sup>th</sup> of November 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 :** Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969;
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Policy Studies for the year 2014;
- (iv) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2014; and
- (v) Annual Report of the Urban Development Authority for the year 2012

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**3. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha presented a petition dated 26.07.2017 from Mr. W.M.K. Jayawardhana of No. 162/121/18, “Nilmini Uyana”, Madola, Avissawella.
- (2) Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa presented a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Mrs. Arachchige Shirani Damayanthi Menike of New Town, Kolonna.
- (3) Hon. Kanaka Herath presented a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. G.G. Premarathne of Kosgolla, Yodagama, Rambukkana.

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

(At 9.44 a.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

**4. Select Committee of Parliament on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Select Committee of Parliament on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, presented an Interim Report on its findings within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by Parliament on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and that in terms of Standing Order No. 96, this Parliament do grant, an extension of time till 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to present the Final Report.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96 of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, an extension of time till 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 06<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Ninth Allotted Day) :** Considered further in the Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 110

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.30 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 3.05 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 4.11 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.32 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 922,600,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 144,350,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 59,235,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,800,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 228

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,825,312,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,235,650,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 229

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 739,300,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 484,500,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 230

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 102,792,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,200,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 231

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 27,720,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 850,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 233

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 263,855,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 98,500,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 234

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 169,912,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,865,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 235

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,520,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,950,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 195

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 267,110,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 309,850,000 for Head 195, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 277,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,180,000,000 for Head 195, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 296

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 60,690,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,350,000 for Head 296, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.



Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

**7. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Special Import License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/4 of 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, which were presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.26 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.