



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 226.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home 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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

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

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. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- 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. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- 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. 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
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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. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

(i) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/34 of 09th November 2017.

(Excise Notification No. 1000);

(ii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excisable Articles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/35 of 09th November 2017.

(Excise Notification No. 1001);

- (iii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on raw materials used for production of Ethanol and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/36 of 09th November 2017 (Excise Notification No. 1002); and
- (iv) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/15 of 15th November 2017, rescinding the Excise Notification No. 981 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1943/16 dated 04th December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 1003).

and moved that these Notifications be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions:

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.06.2017 from Mr. D.A.R. Samaranyaka of No. 178/1, Stanley Thilakarathna Mawatha, Nugegoda;
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Ms. K. Nilushika Nadeeshani of No. 39/10, 1st Lane, Pengiriwatta Lane, Gangodawila, Nugegoda; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. R.G. Senanayake of No. 57/10, Akuregoda Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
- (2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 16.10.2017 from Mr. A.H Pemasiri of Lindagawatta, Godallawela, Tangalle.
- (3) Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya presented a petition dated 09.10.2017 from Mr. M.A.L Fernando of 27/5, Weeraman Road, Panadura.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 14.10.2017 from Mr. M.A.N Senevirathne of 21-B, Public Service Village, Divurumpitiya, Gatahaththa.

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

4. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Eighteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 147

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.03 a.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingham took the Chair.)

(At 11.09 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12.18 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 1.27 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 2.33 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 3.41 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 4.18 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 237,355,000 for Head 147, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 20,000,000 for Head 147, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 115,400,000 for Head 147, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 600,000,000 for Head 147, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 162

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 910,800,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,450,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,792,850,000 for Head 162, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 311

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 198,360,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 198,700,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 166

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 196,475,000 for Head 166, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,011,025,000 for Head 166, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,000,000 for Head 166, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,279,150,000 for Head 166, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 322

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 168,067,000 for Head 322, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 204,500,000 for Head 322, 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 Monday, December 04, 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 4.34 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, December 04, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.