



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 228.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 05, 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

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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. 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. 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. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries
- 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. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
- 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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign 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. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- 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. 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. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
- 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

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

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. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and
Vocational Training

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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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

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. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

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. Premalal Jayasekara

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:-

“A motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, MP in Parliament on 09th of November 2017 to the Committee on Privileges. ”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Performance Report of the National Police Commission for the Fourth quarter (01.10.2016 - 31.12.2016) of the year 2016, in terms of Article **41B (6)** of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.10.2017 to 31.10.2017 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 24 of 2016; and

- (ii) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Sections 2, 12, 22 and 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on import of non-potable spirits and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/33 of 09th November 2017 (Excise Notification No. 999).

and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations and Notification be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Chairman of the Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2018 presented the report of the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Daya Gamage presented a petition dated 07.05.2017 from Mr. R.D. Sidath Gamini of No. L/165, New Town, Ampara.
- (2) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented a petition dated 02.10.2017 from Mr. S.P.M.B. Wijewardhana of No. 388/1A, Anuladevi Mawatha, Mailagas Handiya, Anuradhapura.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented a petition dated 23.10.2017 from Mr. Channa Gunawardhana of No. 85/6A, Railway Avenue, Maharagama.
- (4) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.08.2017 from Mr. K.T.A.D.A.K. Kasthurirathne of No. 04, Thihariya, Kalagedihena;
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.09.2017 from Mr. M.R. Wickramasinghe of No. 114, Keppetiwala, Banduragoda;
 - (iii) a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Mrs. M.V.W. Kumari of No. 173/1, Pilikuththuwa, Buthpitiya; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 13.09.2017 from Mr. O.K.D. Weerasinghe of No. 243/1, Meegahawatta, Peliyagoda.
- (5) Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga presented a petition dated 02.09.2017 from Mr. H.A. Soyza of No. B/02, Oruthota Road, Gampaha.

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

5. Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 96 of Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 23 May 2017, an extension of time till 05 June 2018 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the Motion agreed to by Parliament on 09 February 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Privileges : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, M.P. on 18th November, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of the Members of Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Twentieth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 119

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

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

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 2.01 p.m. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 2.59 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.01 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 5.47 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 266,150,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,550,000 for Head 119, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 232,000,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 333,183,000 for Head 119, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 150

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 148,100,000 for Head 150, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,700,000 for Head 150, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,000,000 for Head 150, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 53,000,000 for Head 150, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 151

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 220,080,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 667,500,000 for Head 151, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,095,000,000 for Head 151, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,932,500,000 for Head 151, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 290

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 443,115,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 400,000,000 for Head 290, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms 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 Wednesday, December 06, 2017.

8. Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation - 2013 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 05.04.2016 under Section 32(3) of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, No. 28 of 1961, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.55 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 06, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.