



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 230.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, December 07, 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

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

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 Premajayantha, 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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

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. 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. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
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. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda
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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera

Hon. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. S. Shrisharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Navy for the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 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 Annual Report of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal 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.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Primary Industries for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Reports of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the years 2013 and 2014;
- (ii) Resolution on the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/31 of 07th December 2017; and
- (iii) Resolution on the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/32 of 07th December 2017.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management on “Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Bandula Gunawardane, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on,

- (i) 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;
- (ii) Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act;
- (iii) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act;
- (iv) Resolution under the Customs Ordinance;
- (v) Notifications under the Excise Ordinance; and
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year 2016

which were referred to the said committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana presented a petition dated 17.09.2017 from Mr. Laksiri Galagamage of Nahal Wathura Niwasa, Doloswala, Niwithigala.
- (2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 30.07.2017 from Mr. S. Susil Priyantha of No. 27/A, Bodhirajarama Mawatha, Rabukkana.
- (3) Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan presented a petition dated 21.03.2017 from Mrs. Nirupa Kanthiyaseelan of No. 34, Mudaliyar Road, Batticaloa.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 15.11.2017, the hours of sitting of Parliament this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.. At 8.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 15.11.2017, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 08th December 2017 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.. At 9.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 140

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srinesan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.38 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 4.41 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

(At 5.44 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 6.44 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 348,375,000 for Head 140, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,000,000 for Head 140, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,386,000,000 for Head 140, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 145

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,592,150,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 502,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 84,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,640,000,000 for Head 145, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 204

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 154,460,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 94,650,000 for Head 204, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 232

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,170,594,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 896,100,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 326

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 276,958,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,000,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 157

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 385,405,000 for Head 157, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 223,900,000 for Head 157, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 236

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 139,265,000 for Head 236, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,000,000 for Head 236, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 165

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 116,308,000 for Head 165, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,654,010,000 for Head 165, 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 Friday, December 08, 2017.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.26 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, December 08, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.