



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 237.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, February 06, 2018 at 10.30 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. 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. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

**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. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments

**Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

**Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education

**Hon. Niroshan 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. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance

**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. 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. 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

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**

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

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**

**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

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. Official Oath or Affirmation by New Member :** Hon. Ahamadulebbe Mohamadu Nazeer, Member of Parliament, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the Table.

**2. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcement :- “The Gazette Notification convening Parliament will now be read out to the House by the Secretary-General of Parliament.”

“NOTIFICATION BY MR. SPEAKER

**Convening of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Tuesday, 06th February, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.**

I, Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of Parliament do hereby notify that in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, I have summoned the Parliament to meet on Tuesday the 06th of February, 2018 at 10.30 a.m. having been requested so to do by the Hon. Prime Minister.

KARU JAYASURIYA,  
Speaker.

Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte,  
30th January, 2018 ”

**3. 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 motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**4. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Adjournment (Reports of Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and Inquire into the Issuance of Treasury Bonds and Presidential Commission on Serious Acts of Fraud, Corruption and Abuse of Power, State Resources and Privileges) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

(At 12.10 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.38 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.09 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.00 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.