



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 238.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

**Monday, February 19, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy 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. John Amaratunga**, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

**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 Dialogue

**Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**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. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction

- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- 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. 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. 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. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- 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
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic 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. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- 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. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

**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. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

**Hon. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources  
Development

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and  
Wildlife

**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. Ajith P. Perera**, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

**Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

**Hon. Indika Bandaranayake**, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

**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. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**  
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**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekera**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**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. Premalal Jayasekera**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Arumugan Thondaman**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**

**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**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. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**

**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**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 Speaker took the Chair.****1. Announcements by the Speaker :** Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled “Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment)” on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2018, in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the Second Instalment – Part XI and Eighth Instalment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016 in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said report do lie upon the table and to be printed.

(2) The Speaker presented —

- (i) The Performance Report of the Finance Commission, from 01.10.2017 to 31.12.2017, in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) The Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission, from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017, in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said reports do lie upon the table.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented Regulations made by the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/56 of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Finance Commission for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the National Police Commission for the years 2014 and 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana presented the Annual Performance Report of Department of National Zoological Gardens for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Council for Elders for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board for the year 2016;
- (iii) 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. 2050/11 of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Excise Notification No. 1005); and
- (iv) 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 01.01.2018 to 22.01.2018 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2017

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

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Business Studies, Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/7 of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Business Studies and Finance of the Wayamba University and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/36 of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

and moved that these Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.



(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Fundamental Studies for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (12) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Annual Reports of the Lanka Sathosa Limited for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and
  - (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Cooperative Development for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(13) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Plantation Industries presented the Annual Report of the Sugarcane Research Institute for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (16) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 2016; and
  - (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Agrarian Development for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(17) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on,

- (i) Excise (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) Financial Performance of the Third Quarter of 2017;
- (iv) Regulations under the Finance Act;
- (v) Resolution for Revision of Remuneration of the Chairman & the Vice Chairman and the Allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission; and
- (vi) Resolution for Determination of Salaries and allowances to Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, the Auditor General

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-Corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on “Media Guidelines under Article 104B(5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**4. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 16.10.2017 from Mrs. D.J.M. Kusumawathie of No. 34/D, Newcity, Rerukana Road, Widaagama, Bandaragama;
  - (ii) a petition dated 10.10.2017 from Mr. Galoluwa Arachchige Somasiri of No. 43A, Rasakawatta, Mahagoda, Hamburagala, Bentota;
  - (iii) a petition dated 06.11.2017 from Mr. H.C.M. Amarathunga of No. 768, Galle Road, Molligoda, Wadduwa;
  - (iv) a petition dated 11.11.2017 from Mr. M. Premarathne of Sapumal Uyana, Atakohotta, Nawadagala;
  - (v) a petition dated 10.12.2017 from Mrs. M.I.S. Fernando of No. 24 C, Dibbedda, Panadura; and
  - (vi) a petition dated 22.11.2017 from Mrs. M.K. Fernando of No. 3A, Morawinna Road, Kaludewala, Panadura.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented a petition dated 08.11.2017 from Mrs. Chandani Weththasinghe of Pahala Naaragala, Gowinna.

- (3) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented a petition dated 07.11.2017 from Mr. I.K. Sisira Wijerathne of No. 55, Palmada, Meerigama.
- (4) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 10.10.2017 from Mr. Nimal Weerakkody of No. 49/2B, 2nd Lane, Korawella, Moratuwa; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 19.12.2017 from Mr. T.A.G. Thangalla of No. 4/10, Dedurunadeegama, Ambakote.
- (5) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 15.08.2017 from Ms. Mallika Fernando of No.01, Kahatagahakumbura, Raithalawala, Ukuwela; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 16.10.2017 from Mrs. W.G.G. Indra Kumarihamy of No. 101, Udangamuwa, Laliabe, Matale.
- (6) Hon. Kanaka Herath presented a petition dated 24.09.2017 from Mrs. G.K. Suneetha Nalani of Teachers' Quarters, Manadi Primari School of, Mawanella, Kegalle, Aranayake.
- (7) Hon. Imran Maharroof presented a petition dated 05.07.2017 from Mr. S.M. Moujood of Nandutheevu, Mutur 07.
- (8) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 04.11.2017 from Mr. M.M.M. Jemal of No. 345/3, Thalduwa, Avissawella.

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

**5. Active Liability Management :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— Bill to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka for the purpose of Active Liability Management to improve public debt management in Sri Lanka and to make provisions for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, March 06, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**6. Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— Bill to provide for the demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange by the conversion of the Colombo Stock Exchange which is a company limited by guarantee, to a company limited by shares; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, March 06, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

#### **Suspension of Sitting**

10.20 a.m.

The sitting was suspended until 10.44 a.m.

10.44 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

**7. Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament :** The Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017, — Consideration.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.13 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.52 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Consideration be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

The debate stood adjourned; debate to be continued on a future date.

**8. Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament:** The final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, November 07, 2017, be approved.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

The debate stood adjourned; debate to be continued on a future date.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.59 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

**9. Adjournment (Political Crisis Arisen in Sri Lanka ) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 4.30 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.23 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.