



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 244. ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, March 08, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the Chief Government Whip

**Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam**, Minister of Education

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

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

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

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development

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

**Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research  
**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. J. C. Alawathuwala**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs  
**Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine  
**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  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**  
**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**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. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharooof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**

**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**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 :** The Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Election Commission, from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017, in terms of Article 104B (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**2. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented a petition dated 09.11.2017 from Mrs. N.D. Kanthi Sriyalatha of Sithsara, Poddala Junction, Poddala.
- (2) Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara presented a petition dated 24.09.2017 from Mr. S. Chandrasena of Millagasyaya, Anamaduwa.

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

**3. Excise (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.**

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.30 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Science, Technology and Research moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.12 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.03 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

**Clause 1**

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media proposed an amendment to leave out line 3 in page 1 and substitute the following:

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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

**4. Regulations under the Finance Act :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 6 (2) read with Section 8 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2006, relating to Teledrama, Film and Commercial Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/21 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Notification under the Excise Ordinance :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the 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, which was presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1005)

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Adjournment (Change in Business Hours of Palmyra and Coconut Resource Development Co-operative Societies in the North) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.23 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday March 09, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.