



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 9.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 05, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and 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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

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 & Management and Law & Order
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs
- 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. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic 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 Highways & Road Development
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Social Empowerment
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Plantation Industries
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management
- 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. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence
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- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
- 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. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development
- Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms
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- Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development
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- Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Dilum Amunugama**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**
- Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**

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Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
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Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
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Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
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Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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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. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 : The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“ The Secretary-General of Parliament will now read out the letter to this House sent by the Secretary to the President informing him of the resignation of the Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala Member of Parliament from the office of Deputy Speaker.



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“ I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received a copy of a petition filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment)’.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Tenth Instalment – Part XIII of the Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General (Special Audit Report on Sports and its Administration) 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 Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation for the year 2017 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2017;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investments Policy for the year 2017;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Management Audit for the year 2017;
- (iv) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2066/2 of 09th April 2018
(Excise Notification No. 08/2018);
- (v) Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/57 of 06th April 2018
(Excise Notification No. 09/2018); and
- (vi) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/16 of 13th December 2017

and moved that these Reports, Notifications and Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Ampara for the year 2017;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Moneragala for the year 2017;
- (iii) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Killinochchi for the year 2017; and
- (iv) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Jaffna for the year 2017

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Megapolis and Western Development presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Physical Planning for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs 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 Faculty of Business in University of Moratuwa and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2005/12 of 08th February 2017; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 24A(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of the Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine in University of Colombo and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2031/38 of 09th August 2017

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Survey Department for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Vadivel Suresh, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) Bill;
- (iii) Orders under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978;
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Employees Provident Fund for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (v) Annual Report of the Shrama Vasana Fund for the year 2015;
- (vi) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour, Trade Unions Relations for the year 2016;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (viii) Performance Report of the Department of Manpower and Employment for the year 2015; and
- (ix) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for the years 2014 and 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented a petition dated 02.03.2018 from Mr. K.G. Ishan Indika of No. 171, Manampita, Thalgaswala, Galle.
- (2) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 31.01.2018 from Mr. I.C. Perera of No. 372, Diganathuduwa, Pamunugama, Alubomulla; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.10.2016 from Mr. Thilak Weerakoon of No. 204 D/6, Rest House Place, Ingiriya.
- (3) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented a petition dated 28.12.2017 from Mrs. K.G. Renuka of Near 4th Post, Diyakaduwa, Mahagama.

- (4) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 16.02.2018 from Mr. G. Jayatissa of No. 196 1/2, Gampaha Road, Convent Junction, Ekala.
- (5) Hon. S. B. Dissanayake presented a petition dated 22.12.2017 from Mr. D.H. Chandrasiri of No. 23/3A, Meditation Centre Road, Katuwalamulla, Ganemulla.
- (6) Hon. Salinda Dissanayake presented —
- (i) a petition dated 12.02.2018 from Mr. B.A. Jinapala Amarasinghe of No: 192, Godawela, Polgahawela; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.06.2017 from Mrs. W.M. Karunawathie of “Wikunumsiri”, Gallewa, Nagollagama.
- (7) Hon. Kumara Welgama presented a petition dated 14.05.2017 from Mr. J.K. Ariyaratne of Wadugama Road, Nehinna, Dodangoda.
- (8) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —
- (i) a petition dated 05.03.2018 from Mr. H.N.J. Peiris of No. 150, Station Road, Udahamulla, Nugegoda;
 - (ii) a petition dated 29.01.2018 from Mr. J.M. Michael Perera of No. 168, Negambo Road, Rilavulla, Kandana; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 30.03.2018 from Mr. Niranjan Wijegunawardene of No. 146/3, Pahala Hapuwalana, Divulapitiya.
- (9) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented a petition dated 13.12.2017 from Mr. Dhanasiri S. Galappaththi of No. 198, Nawarathnagoda, Balapitiya.
- (10) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
- (i) a petition dated 24.04.2018 from Mrs. A. P. Dinuka Nimali of No. 843, Warayaya, Uswewa; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 23.01.2018 from Mr. P.A. Karunasena of “Jayaniwasa”, Polgahamulla, Dickwella.
- (11) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented a petition dated 18.04.2018 from Mrs. A. Champika Damayanthi of Sampath Jeewaratna Mawatha, Weligodella, Bombuwala, Kalutara.
- (12) Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva presented a petition dated 25.01.2018 from Mr. B.R. Wimalasena of No: 58/8, Wakwella Road, Galle.
- (13) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana presented a petition dated 02.03.2017 from Mr. H.K. Rashintha Thushara of Senior Assistant Registrar, Serving in Ocean University of Sri Lanka, Crow Island, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15.
- (14) Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne presented a petition dated 11.01.2018 from Mr. A. M. Sunil Adikari of No. 19/2, Rankoth Wehera Road, Nissanka Malla Road, Polonnaruwa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Election of Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana proposed to Parliament the name of Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Ashu Marasinghe.

Hon. S.B. Dissanayake proposed to Parliament the name of Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 6 of the Parliament read with the Standing Order No. 4(c) of the Parliament proceeded to elect a Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees by ballot.

After having counted the ballot papers, the Speaker announced the results of the ballot as follows : -

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri	97 Votes
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle	53 Votes
Ballots not cast	72 Votes
Ballot rejected	01 Vote

The Speaker declared that Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri has been duly elected as the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees.

6. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms presented the Bill to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday June 19, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

7. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.13 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 06, 2018.