



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 18.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 04, 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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

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

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. (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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, 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. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

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. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & 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 Highways & Road Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

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. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

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. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba
Development

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Public Administration &
Management and Law & Order

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Sustainable
Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication, Digital
Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology,
Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Deputy Minister of National Integration,
Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, Deputy Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and
Northern Development

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
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. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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 announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled “1990 Suwaseriya Foundation” on the 04th of July 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 Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2016/17 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Plantation Industries presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries 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.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade presented the Annual Report of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) National Audit Bill;
- (ii) Orders under Excise (Special Provisions) Act;
- (iii) Orders under Special Commodity Levy Act;
- (iv) Resolutions under Customs Ordinance; and
- (v) Note 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

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. S. B. Nawinne presented a petition dated 04.05.2018 from Mrs. W. A. Susilawathie of Panagamuwa, Lokahettiya.
- (2) Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne presented a petition dated 27.05.2018 from Mr. R. D. Jayawardana of No. 82, H 1 A Village, Inginimitiya.
- (3) Hon. Hector Appuhamy presented a petition dated 28.05.2018 from Mr. S. L. Mohamed Hazeem of Kalpitiya Road, Norochcholai, Puttlam.

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

5. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2059/52 of 23rd February 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(At 2.34 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.25 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.20 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

(At 6.17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2061/22 of 07th March 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2063/13 of 19th March 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2064/49 of 01st April 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2069/18 of 01st May 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2070/2 of 08th May 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2070/6 of 09th May 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2071/85 of 20th May 2018, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/45 of 16th March 2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2067/2 of 17th April 2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.3) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2069/2 of 01st May 2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.4) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2069/19 of 02nd May 2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.5) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2018, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2071/15 of 15th May 2018)

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order 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, which was presented on 05.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2058/33 of 15th February 2018, which was presented on 19.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2058/34 of 15th February 2018, which was presented on 19.06.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

21. Adjournment : And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, July 05, 2018.