



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 200.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 22, 2017 at 10.30 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. 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. Lakshman Kiriella**, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

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

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources  
Management

**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development

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

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

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

**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence

**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade

**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

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

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

**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. 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

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

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**

**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**

**Hon. Imran Maharooif**

**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**

**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**

**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**

**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**

**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**

**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**

**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**

**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**

**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**

**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**

**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**

**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**

**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**

**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**

**Hon. S. Shritharan**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**

**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**

**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**

**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**

**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**

**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**

**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** Speaker made the following announcements:-

## I

“ I wish to inform that in terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution with regard to the Sectoral Oversight Committees adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development and nominated the Hon. Sisira Jayakody to serve in this Committee.”

## II

“ I wish to inform that in terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution with regard to the Sectoral Oversight Committees adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Sisira Jayakody from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services and nominated the Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne to serve in this Committee.”

**2. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 19.07.2017 from Mrs. Menik Wakkumbura of No. 28/4, 4th Lane, Epitamulla Road, Pitakotte; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 08.08.2017 from Mrs. Uresha Walpitagama of No. 92/8, Nadukarawatta, Udahamulla, Nugegoda.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 21.07.2017 from Mr. K.A.R.M. Perera of No: 113/2, Greenweli Garden, Arukgoda Road, Alubomulla; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 06.08.2017 from Mr. U.K. Chammika Udawatta of Plowatta Sports School, Polwatta.

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

**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 Parliament shall sit on September 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2017 and the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(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.

**4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) :** 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 sittings of Parliament on Tuesday, October 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 shall be 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) :** 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 Parliament shall sit on October 09<sup>th</sup> Monday, 2017 and the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(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.

**6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

**7. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to import license and standardization and quality control regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/10 of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which were presented on 06.09.2017, be approved.

(At 11.36 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Finance moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.07 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.08 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**8. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1) :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2) :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Paragraph (u) of Subsection (2) of Section 142 read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/30 of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, which were presented on 22.08.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Adjournment (Use of Prohibited Fishing Methods Endangering Ocean Resources) :** 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 6.46 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.