



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 216.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic 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. 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. 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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Public Enterprise
Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

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

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

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

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

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

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of
Buddhasasana

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

Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 certificates on the Bills entitled “Judicature (Amendment)”, “ Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment)” and “Local Authorities (Special Provisions)” on 17th of November 2017 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 Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties and moved that this Resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2031/49 of 11th August 2017)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Annual Report of the Coconut Research Board for the year 2014; and

- (ii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management 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.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Eighth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 103

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. K. Thuraiyasingam proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.46 p.m. Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala took the Chair.)

(At 4.13 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.14 p.m. Hon. Sehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 5.49 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 6.13 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,973,062,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,789,167,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,014,000,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,058,847,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 222

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 149,536,395,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,987,328,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 223

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 50,368,948,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,108,621,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 224

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,512,600,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,687,837,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 320

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,268,120,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 315,000,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 325

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,250,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 53,200,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Capital

Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 104

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 310,541,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 109,250,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,439,179,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,167,800,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 237

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 97,000,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,000,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 239

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 453,345,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 158,500,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 252

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 877,965,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 109,250,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 192

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,436,050,000 for Head 192, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,819,800,000 for Head 192, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 66,734,033,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,909,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, November 20, 2017.

4. Annual Report and Accounts of National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka - 2014 : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 27.10.2016 under Section 24 of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka Act, No. 18 of 1997, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Insurance Trust Fund - 2013: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Insurance Trust Fund together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 27.01.2016 under Section 17 of the National Insurance Trust Fund Act, No. 28 of 2006, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of National Insurance Trust Fund - 2014: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Insurance Trust Fund together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 17 of the National Insurance Trust Fund Act, No. 28 of 2006, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board - 2013 : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development moved,— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 24.08.2016 under the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board Act, No. 11 of 1984 and under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 be approved.

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 6.52 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.