



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 218.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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 Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- 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. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and 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 Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic 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. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

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. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. K. Thurairtnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented —

- (i) The Second Instalment – Part XXIV and Third Instalment – Part X of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (ii) The First Instalment – Part XXVI, Second Instalment – Part XXI and Ninth Instalment – Part V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; and
- (iii) The First Instalment – Parts VI and VII, Second Instalment – Part IV and Ninth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the

Financial Year 2016;

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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Presidential Secretariat for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : 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) Orders under Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;
- (ii) Order under Section 25 (a) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978; and

(iii) Order under Section 20 (4) (b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera presented a petition dated 27.08.2017 from Mr. R.G. Siriwardene of Kandewatta, Bopitiya.
- (2) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 31.07.2017 from Ms. A.P. Kumudumali of Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, Siridhamma Mawatha, Labuduwa, Akmeemana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.08.2017 from Mr. C.R. Abeysundara of Kuruduwatta, Mahawatta Road, Pitigala;
 - (iii) a petition dated 20.12.2016 from Mr. M.I.M. Sadrikeen of No. 158, Haja Lane, Saindamarudu 10;
 - (iv) a petition dated 04.07.2016 from Mr. S.D. Visumperuma of No. 205, Morris Road, Ambalanwaththa, Galle; and
 - (v) a petition dated 14.07.2017 from Mr. S.L. Gunawardhana of Principal's Quarters, Buddhagosa Maha Vidyalaya, Kalubowila, Dehiwala.
- (3) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 20.07.2017 from Mr. Keerthi Samarasingha of Thalawa, Pedinnoruwa, Wanchawala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.08.2017 from Mr. M.P. Thilakarathne of Ambagaha Goda Road, Kithulwitigala, Ganegoda, Galle.
- (4) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 10.07.2017 from Mr. B.G. Jayathilaka Banda of No. 584, Kandy Road, Kadawatha; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 06.04.2017 from Mr. M. Jayathissa of “Colamba Gedara”, Awlegama.
- (5) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna presented a petition dated 17.09.2017 from Mr. R.P.P. Jayakodi of No 233/1, Ruwanpura, Rukmale, Veyangoda.

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

4. Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,— Bill to amend the Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka Act, No. 44 of 2000.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Tenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 117

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.16 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 2.52 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 3.33 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

(At 4.58 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 6.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 7.04 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 707,000,000 for Head 117, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,691,350,000 for Head 117, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,225,000,000 for Head 117, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 133,808,650,000 for Head 117, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 214

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 30,825,000,000 for Head 214, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,500,000,000 for Head 214, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 197

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,503,740,000 for Head 197, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,172,600,000 for Head 197, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,000,000 for Head 197, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,928,000,000 for Head 197, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 215

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 233,776,000 for Head 215, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 25,000,000 for Head 215, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,726,040,000 for Head 215, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 212,850,000 for Head 215, Programme 02 (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 Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.27 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.