



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 220.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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. 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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign
Affairs

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development

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

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation

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

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management
Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
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Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
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Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
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Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
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Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
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Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
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Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 : The Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Election Commission for the Second quarter of 2017 (01.04.2017 to 30.06.2017) in terms of Article **41B (6)** of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —

(i) a petition dated 30.10.2017 from Ms. K. A. C Nishanthi of Akkara 18, Puhabugoda, Dodangoda;

- (ii) a petition dated 04.10.2017 from Mr. K.A.C Sampath Pothuwila of No. 1034/1, Kumaragewatta, Battaramulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 15.09.2017 from Mr. M.D. Lasith Kumara of Ellakanda Road, Deeyakaduwa, Mahagama;
 - (iv) a petition dated 18.09.2017 from Mr. Ruwin Kavishka Withana of Sri Hemaloka Mawatha, Yatiyana, Agalawatta; and
 - (v) a petition dated 14.10.2017 from Mrs. S.A Ariyawathie of Kothhena, Seeladola, Morapitiya.
- (2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 02.08.2017 from Mr. S.D. Henri of 115, Aluthkottage watta, Pathadugama, Akuressa.
- (3) Hon. S. M. Marikkar presented a petition dated 31.07.2017 from Mr. R.M. Shantha Susil Wijerathna of No. 9/1/A, Sanghabodhi Mawatha, Wellampitiya.

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

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 126

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. S. Sritharan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 2.34 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 4.19 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 5.05 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,200,680,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 619,900,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 39,479,690,000 for Head 126, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,678,050,000 for Head 118, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 207

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 181,550,000 for Head 207 Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,600,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 715,000,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 74,200,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 209

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 52,520,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 54,400,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,900,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 172,250,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 212

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,133,000,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 319,000,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 213

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,660,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 73,600,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 136

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 434,740,000 for Head 136, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 966,900,000 for Head 136, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 95,810,000 for Head 136, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 979,500,000 for Head 136, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 219

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 62,850,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,600,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,031,600,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,848,000,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 163

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 300,031,000 for Head 163, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,316,400,000 for Head 163, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 636,595,000 for Head 163, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,736,350,000 for Head 163, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 206

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 122,399,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,000,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 542,693,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,600,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 208

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,983,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,400,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 148,610,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 88,640,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 226

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,725,428,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 661,500,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 227

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,029,105,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 129,975,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms 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 Friday, November 24, 2017.

4. Annual Report and Accounts of Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority - 2012 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Sports moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 24.06.2016 under Section 14(2) (c) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Protection of Northern Fishermen from Poaching by Indian Fishermen) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

(At 7.30 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.54 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.