



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 242. ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, March 06, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs and Minister of Law and Order

**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 Public Enterprise and Kandy Development 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. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

**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 Buddhasasana

- Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- 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
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- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- 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. J. C. Alawathuwala**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
- 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. (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. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Susantha PUNCHILAME**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries
- Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Primary Industries
- Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports

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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**
- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**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. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**

**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**

**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**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 :** The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform the Parliament in terms of the Standing Order No. 50(2) (a) of the Parliament that I have received copies of four petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled “Active Liability Management.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports and Financial Statements of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the National Youth Services Council for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

(i) Performance Report of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year 2015; and

(ii) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority for the year 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Language Education and Training for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government tabled the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on “Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act No. 5 of 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

(2) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act, No.12 of 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Hotel Developers (Lanka) PLC for the year 2015;
- (iii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation for the year 2015;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited for the year 2015;
- (v) Annual Report of the Regional Development Bank for the year 2015;
- (vi) Annual Report of the State Mortgage and Investment Bank for the year 2015;
- (vii) Annual Report of the People's Bank for the year 2016; and
- (viii) Annual Report of the Bank of Ceylon for the year 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

#### 4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne presented a petition dated 11.10.2017 from Mr. Vithanage Shantha of No. 55, Janapriya Mawatha, Avariyawatta, Alubomulla.
- (2) Hon. P. Harrison presented a petition dated 02.08.2017 from Mr. W.M.P. Wanninayake of No. 510, Tank Road, Nochchiyagama.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 23.12.2017 from Mr. D.M.G.B. Dissanayaka of Ananda Niwasa, Melpitiya, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Eran Wickramaratne presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 25.11.2017 from Mrs. D.B. Kumuduni Heendeniya of No. 230/4, Ranala Road, Habarakada, Homagama; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 04.11.2017 from Mr. Gerald Mel of No. 49/1 C, Pereira Lane, Colombo 06.
- (5) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented a petition dated 28.10.2017 from Mr. R.P. Tilakeratne of No. 244/A/01, Thotillagahawatte, Katuwellagama.
- (6) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 13.11.2017 from Mr. Jagath Ravindra Jayaneththi of No. 15, Tissa Road, Wadduwa.
- (7) Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura presented a petition dated 27.03.2017 from Mrs. A.G Vijitha Priyangani of No. 110/A, Badugabada Road, Ratnapura.
- (8) Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 23.08.2017 from Mrs. K. Siriyawathi of Mahakalupahana, Mathugama, Gangawila;
  - (ii) a petition dated 20.11.2017 from Mrs. L. D. Gayani Dissanayake of No. 173/1, Main Street, Meeghatenna; and
  - (iii) a petition dated 04.09.2017 from Mrs. L.A. Somawathi Peiris of Welagedarawatta, Karadagoda, Beruwala.

- (9) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe presented a petition dated 24.11.2017 from Ven. Pallewela Dhammadeva of Mauyrapada Piriwena Viharaya, Baththaramulla, Pelawaththa, North Thalangama.

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

**5. Judicature (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice presented Bill to amend the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectorial Oversight Committee.

**6. Adjournment (Control of Ethnic Clashes in Certain Parts of the Country) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 2.50 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.58 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.06 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.40 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 07, 2018.