



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 245.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, March 09, 2018 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

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

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

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

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan
Heritage

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

Hon. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Project Development, Youth Affairs and Southern Development

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

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

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. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation

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

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharooof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

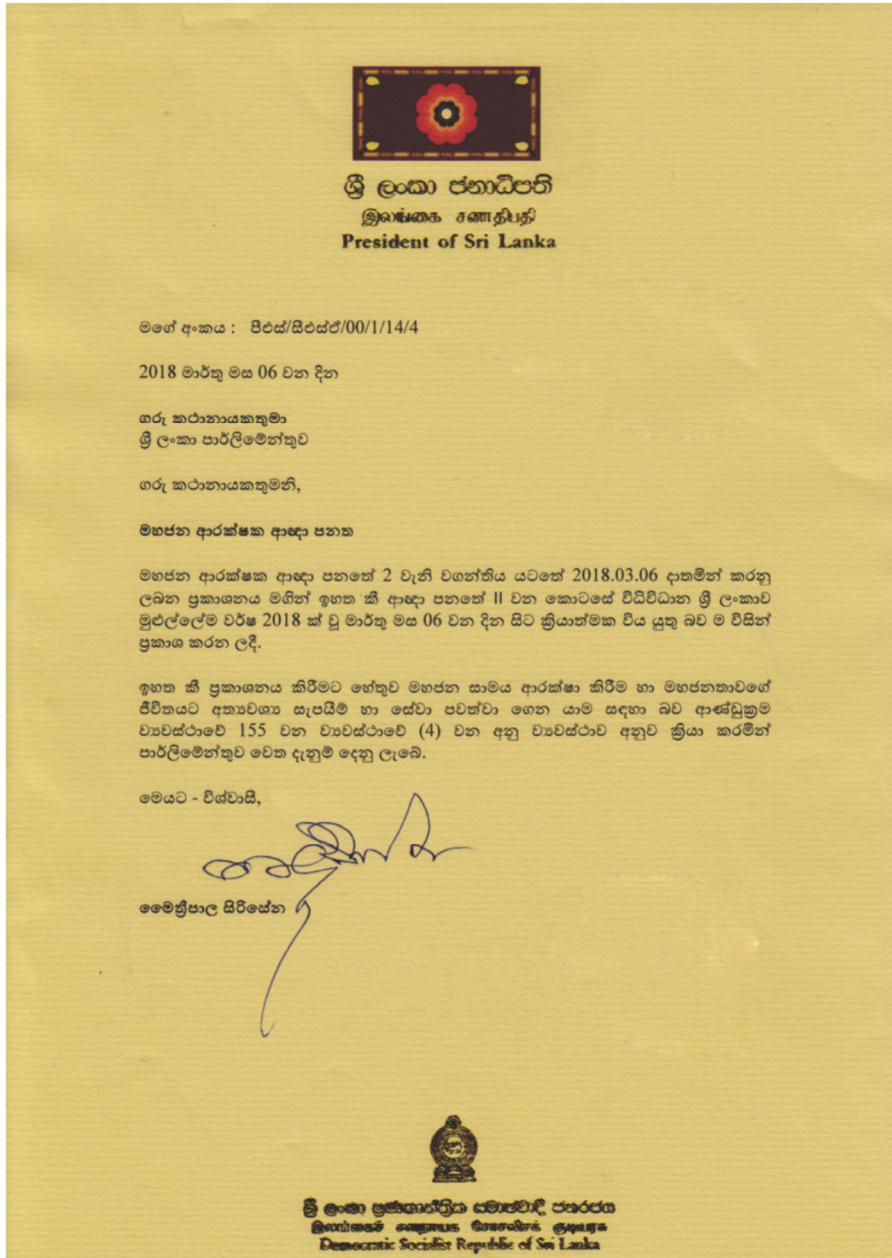
Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message from His Excellency the President:-



2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce presented the Report of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill: and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the year 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That the Government Business do have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971, relating to Merchant Shipping (Small Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/31 of 04th May 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.00 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.27 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, seconded by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri moved,—That Hon. Ashoka Priyantha do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.21 p.m. Hon. Ashoka Priyantha took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Revision of remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—Whereas the remuneration of Members of the Commission established by the National Education Commission Act, No. 19 of 1991 be determined by Parliament in terms of Section 4(8) of the Act;

And whereas, based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 14.11.2017, approval has been granted to revise the remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of members of the National Education Commission, as follows:—

- (i) Payment of monthly remuneration of Rs.75,000/- and Rs.60,000/- to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively;
- (ii) Payment of an allowance of Rs.6,000/- per meeting for the members of the Commission; and
- (iii) Granting a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 225 liters to the Chairman and a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 170 liters to the Vice-Chairman in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 (iv).

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the payment of the aforesaid remuneration to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the aforesaid allowances to the members of the National Education Commission be made and be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Formal Investigation into Brutal Assault on Farmers' Protest at Rajanganaya) : The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.42 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.