



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, April 06, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, 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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the Chief Government Whip

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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
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. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform the Parliament that in terms of the Standing Order No. 139 of the Parliament, I have nominated Hon. K. Thuraietnasingam and Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Members of Parliament to serve in the Chairmen’s Panel for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament in place of Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan and Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama, Members of Parliament, who were nominated by me on 07.10.2015.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) 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 27(1)(b) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978

which were referred to the said Committee.

Order 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, "Orders under Section 3(4) of Strategic Development Project Act, No. 14 of 2008" which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. T. B. Ekanayake presented —

- (i) a petition dated 14.02.2018 from Mrs. B.A. Pamudini Jayalath of No: 1184/1, Rajamalwatte Road, Battaramulla; and
- (ii) a petition dated 05.01.2018 from Mr. D.M. Wasantha Dissanayaka of Nikawehera, Makulpotha.

(2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented a petition dated 29.01.2018 from Mrs. K.R.P. Dulwala serving in Special Investigations Division, Ceylon Electricity Board, Colombo 02.

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

4. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. S. Alavi Mowlana, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. S. Alavi Mowlana, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

5. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Karuppaiah Velayudam, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Karuppaiah Velayudam, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

6. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Suranimal Rajapaksa, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Suranimal Rajapaksa, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

7. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. U. B. Wijekoon, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. U. B. Wijekoon, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

(At 5.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

8. Penal Code (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice presented the Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday April 19, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

9. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice presented the Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No.15 of 1979.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday April 19, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

10. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.34 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.