



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 4.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 11, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology,
Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoo
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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 : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, the Chairperson of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Childcare Services for the year 2016” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations presented the Bill to amend the Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) Act (Chapter 129).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday May 22, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Maternity Benefits (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations presented the Bill to amend the Maternity Benefits Ordinance (Chapter 140).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday May 22, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 11.19 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.03 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read the third time and passed.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 12.56 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.