



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 16.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 22, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development
- Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Plantation Industries
- 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. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports
- Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence
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- 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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development
- Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, Deputy Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages
- Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**
- Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**
- Hon. Chandima Gamage**

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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 announcements:-

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“ I wish to inform this House that a report has been sent by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for my attention and for further action, under Section 17(3) (c) of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) Act, No. 17 of 1981 as amended by the Act, No. 26 of 1994 apprising that a recommendation given by him, after an inquiry made summoning the Director, Cultural Affairs and the Officer-In-Charge, National Art Gallery but they had been represented by other staff officials of that institute on a complaint made by Mr. K. D. Kalyan, employed in the National Art Gallery Premises, had been rejected by the Director, Cultural Affairs on the basis that the recommendation is unilateral.”

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“ I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No. 123 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, I have nominated three Members namely Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa and Hon. Vijitha Herath to serve on the Committee designated the Committee on Constitutional Affairs consisting of the Speaker as the Chair, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and three other Members to be nominated by me.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Mullaitivu for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department for Registration of Persons for the year 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) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Law & Order and Southern Development for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Public Trustee for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene presented a petition dated 06.09.2017 from Mr. Terance Priyantha Sirimanna of No. 131/14, Mudungoda, Gampaha.
- (2) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented a petition dated 19.05.2018 from Mr. H. M. K. Herath of Kaluganga, Haththota Amuna, Matale.
- (3) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 16.05.2018 from Mr. R. G. Ajith Padmasiri of No. 411/5, Pitiyamulla Road, Koongodamulla, Katana.
- (4) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 15.01.2018 from Mrs. P. Ramachandran of No: 70/2, 1/1, Dammalankara Mawatha, Hill Street, Dehiwala.
- (5) Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana presented a petition dated 07.11.2017 from Mr. J.A. Tilak Samarakoon of No: 19, Galmaduwa, Mahailuppallama.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader, the late Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath and the late Hon. (Mrs.) Mallika Ratwatte, ex-Members of Parliament.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.50 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of the Parliament on the deaths of the late Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader, the late Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath and the late Hon. (Mrs.) Mallika Ratwatte, ex-Members of Parliament and directed the Secretary-General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant meeting to the members of their bereaved families.

5. Adjournment (Crop Damage Caused by Wild Animals) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.24 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.35 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 03, 2018.