



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 17.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 03, 2018 at 1.00 p.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

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

**Hon. Wajira Abeywardana**, Minister of Home Affairs

**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. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

**Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Buddhasasana

**Hon. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

**Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction

**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order

**Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

**Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

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

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

**Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Highways & Road Development

**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. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure  
and Community 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. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Plantation Industries

**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. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources  
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

**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. Edward Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba  
Development

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration &  
Management and Law & Order

**Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce  
**Hon. Indika Bandaranayake**, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries  
**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**  
**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**  
**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**  
**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**  
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**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
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**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**

**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijsekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements:-

## I

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled “National Defence Fund (Amendment)” on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2018 and “General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (Special Provisions)” on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

## II

“ I wish to announce the determination of the Supreme Court on the Bill titled ‘**Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment)**’ in respect of which petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that in terms of Article 123 (1) of the Constitution that Clauses 5 (3) and 5B of the Bill are inconsistent with Article 12 (1) of the Constitution and may be only passed by a special majority required under the provision of paragraph 2 of Article 84.

The Supreme Court has further determined that the inconsistency would cease if the Clauses are amended as opined by the Court.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) The Second Instalment – Part XXIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; and
- (ii) The Second Instalment – Parts XVIII and XIX and Ninth Instalment– Part IV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) The Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the Fourth quarter (01.10.2017 - 31.12.2017) of 2017 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) The Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) of 2018 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Food Commissioner's Department for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Galle 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.

(5) The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Co-operative Employees Commission for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Co-operative Development for the year 2017.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Posts for the year 2017.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. Heshan Withanage, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on, "Bribery (Amendment) Bill" which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**4. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented a petition dated 05.06.2018 from Mrs. N. Sheeliya Shanthini of No. 55/C, Pansilupura Road, Pansilugoda, Minuwangoda.
- (2) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented a petition dated 18.05.2018 from Mr. W. M. Rathnayaka of No. 87, "Rajasirila", 8<sup>th</sup> Lane, Bakmeegolla, Ibbagamuwa.
- (3) Hon. T. B. Ekanayake presented a petition dated 25.04.2018 from Mr. Priyantha Udaya Kumara of No. 43, 5/1, Peterson Road, Wellawatta, Colombo 06.
- (4) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 01.06.2018 from Mr. F. W. Rajapaksa of No. 141, "Rajasevana", Polommaruwa Road, Idipokunugoda, Tangalle; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 31.05.2018 from Mr. P. R. P. Y. Pallemulla of No. 26, Dharshanapura, Kundasale.
- (5) Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar presented a petition dated 25.04.2018 from Mrs. B. T. J. Niyaz of No. 22, Dehigasthalawa, Balangoda.
- (6) Hon. Heshan Withanage presented a petition dated 25.01.2018 from Mr. N. M. Mudiyanse of Warayaya, Godakawela.

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

**Suspension of Sitting**

1.54 p.m.

The sitting was suspended until 2.09 p.m.

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The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

**5. Adjournment :** At 2.27 p.m. there being uproar in the Parliament the Speaker adjourned the Parliament without question put under Standing Order No. 81 of Parliament.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 04, 2018.