



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 23.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

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

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

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

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

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

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 City Planning and Water Supply

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. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

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

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

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

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Deputy Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, Deputy Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Northern Development

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City
Development

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
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. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera
Hon. Heshu Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Foundation for the years of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Government Information for the year of 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping for the year of 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year of 2016

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage for the year of 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.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Housing and Construction for the year of 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Institute for Construction Training and Development for the year of 2014;
- (iii) Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year of 2014; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Urban Settlement Development Authority for the year of 2013.

and moved that these Reports 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 Performance Report of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development for the year of 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Social Services for the year of 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.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 06.06.2018 from Mr. Amarawansa Edirisinghe of “Jayabima”, Sapumal Uyana, Sapugoda, Kamburupitiya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 06.06.2018 from Mr. U. A. Disanayake of Achintha Timber Works and Newro Furniture, Muhagoda, Maramba, Akuressa.
- (2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented a petition dated 01.06.2018 from Mr. R. M. N. B. Rasnayake of Yapaw Royal College, Gala Ambagaswewa, Nagollagama.
- (3) Hon. Ashoka Priyantha presented a petition dated 27.05.2018 from Mrs. Sakrawarthige Nirmalee Ganga Subashini Fernando of “Mal Sevana”, Thoduwawa.

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

3. Excise (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented the Bill to amend the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52).

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 07, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 20.06.2018, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 12.00 noon Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (News Report of the “New York Times” regarding funding by a Chinese Company for the Presidential Election in 2015) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 11.58 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment moved,— That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

The State Minister City Planning and Water Supply moved,— That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.47 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.46 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.32 p.m. Hon. Heshha Withanage took the Chair.)

6. No Quorum : And notice having being taken that a Quorum was not present, the Parliament was counted and a Quorum not being present, the Parliament was at 6.46 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put, under Standing Order No.11 of Parliament until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2018.