



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 24.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

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

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

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

**Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping

**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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

**Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

**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. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

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

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

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

**Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence

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

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

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

**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. 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. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment
- Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture
- 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
- Hon. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City  
Development
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**
- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**
- Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**
- Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**
- Hon. Siripala Gamalath**
- Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**
- Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**
- Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**
- Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane**
- Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**
- Hon. Sisira Jayakody**
- Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**
- Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**
- Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**
- Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**
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**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
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**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Dilan Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**

**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan**, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting 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 Speaker presented –

- (i) The Sixth Instalment – Part XIX, XX and XXII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) The First Instalment – Part XXII, Fourth Instalment – Part VI, Fifth Instalment – Part VII and Sixth Instalment – Part V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (iii) The Eighth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

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 Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year of 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Valuation for the year of 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Cultivation Board for the year of 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Administrative Reports of the National Sports Fund for the years of 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented a petition dated 04.05.2018 from Mr. Nimal Dharmasiri Pathirana of Diyannagoda, Bellana.

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

**4. Bribery (Amendment) Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 10.23 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Environment moved,— That Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.17 p.m. Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara took the Chair.)

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

Hon. Niroshan Perera, the State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.55 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.08 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.27 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

**5. Adjournment (Supply of Drinking Water from Unnichchai Tank) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.45 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 07, 2018.