



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

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## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman 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. John Amaratunga**, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

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

**Hon. Mano Ganesan**, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

**Hon. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

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

**Hon. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

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

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

**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management

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

**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

**Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

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

**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

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

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**, State Minister of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development

**Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education

**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. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance

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

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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

**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

**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. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management  
**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment  
**Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management  
**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**, Deputy Minister of Primary Industries  
**Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**  
**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**

**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoo**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**

**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**

**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**

**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**

**Hon. Kanaka 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 announcement.

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance’ on 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2018 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

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

- (i) the Performance Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for Second quarter of 2017 (01.04.2017 - 30.06.2017) in terms of Section 30 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 21 of 1996 and 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 Fourth quarter (01.10.2017 - 31.12.2017) of 2017 in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/6 of 06<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/25 of 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017;

- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/26 of 08<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2046/3 of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/20 of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/32 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/45 of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/40 of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018;
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2056/33 of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018; and
- (x) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2058/30 of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

and moved that these Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. Nihal Galappaththi Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on —

- (i) Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance for the year 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

**4. Petitions :**

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 18.12.2017 from Mr. A.K. Mudalige of “Rohana”, Akurugoda Road, Thelijjawila;

- (ii) a petition dated 09.01.2018 from Mr. J. Dikmadugoda of “Venura”, Elgiriya, Thelijjawila; and
- (iii) a petition dated 09.01.2018 from Mrs. M.I.S. Aseema of No. 30/C, Oleenna Estate, Godapitiya, Akuressa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

**5. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to National Medicines Regulatory Authority (Ceiling on Prices) Regulations No. 2 of 2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/31 of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, which were presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.15 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development moved,—That Hon. Sehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.39 p.m. Hon. Sehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce 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 Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce 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 (Holding of Provincial Councils Election Ensuring Political Stability) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.28 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.