



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 7.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

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

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, 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. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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. J. C. Alawathuwala, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

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. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

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. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekera

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

I

“ I wish to inform Parliament that the Hon. Mohamed Navavi has tendered his letter of resignation from his Membership of Parliament to the Secretary-General of Parliament. The Letter of Resignation will now be read out by the Secretary-General.”



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PARLIAMENT

M.H.M Navavi M.P
No.39, 2nd Cross Street,
Puttalam.
23rd May 2018

Secretary General of Parliament
Sri Jayawardenapura,
Kotte.

Dear Sir,

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I hereby tender my resignation as a Member of Parliament with immediate effect.

I thank you for the co-operation extended to me during my tenure as a Member of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

M.H.M Navavi

M.H.M. NAVAVI M.P
Member of Parliament
#39, 2nd Cross Street,
Puttalam.

Cc: 1. Hon. Speaker of Parliament
2. Chairman – Election commission
3. Secretary General – United National Party
4. Secretary General – All Ceylon Makkal Congress

II

“I table all the names of the Committee Members who were nominated by the Committee of Selection on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 relating to each Committee separately, enabling to be published in the Hansard in three languages to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business, Committee on Standing Orders, Committee on Public Accounts, Committee on Public Enterprises, Committee on Public Finance and Committee on Public Petitions in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order Nos. 115, 116, 119, 120, 121 and 122 of Parliament and the resolutions adopted by Parliament on Thursday, May 10, 2018 and Tuesday, May 22, 2018.”

The Committee on Parliamentary Business

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No.115 of Parliament, and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10 May 2018, in addition to the Speaker as Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition, the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip , the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May 2018 to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business:

Hon.Nimal Siripala De Silva
 Hon.(Dr.)Sarath Amunugama
 Hon.Rauff Hakeem
 Hon.Mahinda Samarasinghe
 Hon.(Dr.)Rajitha Senaratne
 Hon.Rishad Bathiudeen
 Hon.Patali Champika Ranawaka
 Hon.(Dr.)Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
 Hon.Mano Ganesan
 Hon.Ajith P. Perera
 Hon.Dinesh Gunawardena
 Hon.Douglas Devananda
 Hon.Ravi Karunanayake
 Hon.Vijitha Herath
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

The Committee on Standing Orders

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No.116 of Parliament, and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22 May 2018, in addition to the Speaker as Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May 2018 to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders:

Hon. Ajith P. Perera
 Hon. Vijitha Herath
 Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
 Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
 Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne

The Committee on Public Accounts

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No.119 of Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22 May 2018, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts:

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. S. Viyalanderan

The Committee on Public Enterprises

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No.120 of Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22 May 2018, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May 2018 to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises:

Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera
 Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
 Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
 Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
 Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
 Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
 Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
 Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
 Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
 Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
 Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
 Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
 Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
 Hon. S. Shritharan
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
 Hon. Hector Appuhamy
 Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
 Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
 Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

The Committee on Public Finance

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order No. 121 of Parliament, and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22 May 2018, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May 2018 to serve in the Committee on Public Finance:

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
 Hon. Douglas Devananda
 Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardena
 Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
 Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri
 Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
 Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
 Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
 Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
 Hon. E. Saravanapavan
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
 Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
 Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
 Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
 Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
 Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

The Committee on Public Petitions

I wish to inform this House that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Orders No.122 of Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22 May 2018, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members on 23 May 2018 to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
 Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
 Hon. Douglas Devananda
 Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
 Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
 Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
 Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
 Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
 Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
 Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
 Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
 Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
 Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
 Hon. Kanaka Herath
 Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
 Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
 Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
 Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
 Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan”

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

- (i) The Fourth Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor–General for the Financial Year 2014; and
- (ii) The First Instalment – Parts XIV, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII, Sixth Instalment – Parts VI, VII, X, XI and XII and Tenth Instalment– Parts VII, VIII, IX and X 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 Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the—

- (i) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (iii) Thirty Seventh Annual Report of the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (iv) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the University of Moratuwa Institute of Technology for the year 2015;
- (v) Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences for the year 2015;
- (vi) Annual Reports of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015;
- (vii) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (viii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology for the year 2015;
- (ix) Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies for the year 2015;
- (x) Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2015;
- (xi) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2015;
- (xii) Annual Report of the Open University of Sri Lanka for the year 2015;
- (xiii) Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2015; and
- (xiv) Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Sri Lanka Tea Board (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.05 a.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.55 a.m. Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.49 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Plantation Industries 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 Plantation Industries moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

4. Adjournment (Unidentified Fever Spreading in Southern Province) : 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 3.15 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018.