

Business of the House for January 26, 2016

Date : 26-01-2016

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, the Speaker took the Chair.

Official Oath or Affirmation by New Members

The [Hon. Mohammadu Shariff Thowfeek](#) was sworn in as a Member of Parliament before the Hon. Speaker to fill the vacancy caused by reason of the resignation of the Hon. A. R. A. Hafeez.

Announcements by the Speaker

'A' : [Letter of Resignation from the Hon. A. R. A. Hafeez, M.P.](#)

'B' : Death of the Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana, M.P.

Receipt of copies of the petitions filed at the Supreme Court in respect of the Bills entitled-

'C' : ["Local Authorities Elections \(Amendment\)"](#)

'D' : ["Microfinance"](#)

'E' : ["Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath \(Registration\)"](#)

Presentation of Papers by the Speaker

- The Sixth Instalment - Part XXIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012; and
- First Instalment - Part VI and VII, the Second Instalment - Part VIII, IX and X and the Fifth Instalment Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013

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

Parliament granted approval to print the Reports.

Presentation of Papers

Performance Reports of the;

- (i) [Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2014](#)
- (ii) Finance Commission for the years [2012](#) and [2013](#)
- (iii) [District Secretariat, Ampara for the year 2014](#)
- (iv) District Secretariat, Gampaha for the year 2014
- (v) [District Secretariat, Hambantota for the year 2014](#)
- (vi) [District Secretariat, Kandy for the year 2014](#)
- (vii) District Secretariat, Matara for the year 2014
- (viii) [District Secretariat, Mullaitivu for the year 2014](#)
- (ix) [District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya for the year 2014](#)

- (x) [District Secretariat, Puttalam for the year 2014](#)
- (xi) [District Secretariat, Ratnapura for the year 2014](#)
- (xii) [Ministry of Plantation Industries for the year 2014](#)

(xiii) Regulations made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/31 of 22nd December 2015

Annual Reports of the;

- (xiv) [National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency for the year 2013](#)
- (xv) [Cey-Nor Foundation Limited for the year 2013](#)

(xvi) Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th November 2015

Presentation of Petitions

Public Petitions were presented by the following Hon. MPP:-

- (i) The Hon. John Amaratunga
- (ii) The Hon. Wajira Abeywardana - Six Petitions
- (iii) The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara - Two Petitions
- (iv) The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka - Two Petitions
- (vii) The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare - Four Petitions
- (viii) The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka - Five Petitions
- (ix) The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana - Two Petitions
- (x) The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala - Two Petitions
- (xi) The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera - Two Petitions
- (xii) The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana - Three Petitions
- (xiii) The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
- (xiv) The Hon. S. M. Marikkar - Three Petitions
- (xv) The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
- (xvi) The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna - Three Petitions

(Petitions stand referred to the Committee on Public Petitions)

Presentation of Bills

The Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved the Bill entitled

“Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment)”

to amend the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996.

Private Members' Bills

The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana was granted leave to introduce the following Bills;

(i) Ruhunu Awakening Organization (incorporation)

(ii) "Matara Season" Organization (incorporation)

The above Bills were referred to the Minister of Education for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

(iii) The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda was granted leave to introduce the Bill, entitled

"Headang Education Foundation (incorporation)"

The above Bill was referred to the Minister of Education for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama was granted leave to introduce the following Bills;

(iv) Handagala Walagamba Purana Gallen Rajamaha Viharastha Development Council (incorporation)

(v) Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (incorporation)

(vi) Sri Gunarathana International Foundation (incorporation)

The above Bills (iv) and (vi) were referred to the Minister of Buddha Sasana and Bill (v) was referred to the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

(vii) The Hon. Kanaka Herath was granted leave to introduce the Bill, entitled

"Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (incorporation)"

The above Bill was referred to the Minister of Women and Child Affairs for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

(viii) The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe was granted leave to introduce the Bill, entitled

"Computer Society of Sri Lanka (incorporation)"

The above Bill was referred to the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

(ix) The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna was granted leave to introduce the Bill, entitled

"Daya Sarana Development Foundation (incorporation)"

The above Bill was referred to the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare for report to Parliament under Standing Order 47 (5).

Adjournment Motion

Adjournment Motion on “Twelve Resolutions under Article 157 of the Constitution approved by Parliament on 19.12.2015” was moved by the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena.

The Parliament was, thereafter adjourned at 1800 Hrs. until 1300 Hrs. on Wednesday 27th January 2016.

** This is an unedited version. For the official record of this day's proceedings, please refer the Hansard.*