



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 1.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 01, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

The Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka

The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister

The Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice

The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Wajira Abeywardana

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. John Amaratunga

The Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
The Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Chief Government Whip
The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
The Hon. Faizal Cassim
The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Leader of the House of Parliament
The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
The Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
The Hon. Velu Kumar
The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
The Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
The Hon. Dunes Gankanda
The Hon. Mano Ganesan
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
The Hon. Chandima Gamage
The Hon. Daya Gamage
The Hon. Siripala Gamalath
The Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
The Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
The Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana
The Hon. Edward Gunasekara
The Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

The Hon. D. V. Chanaka
The Hon. Sisira Jayakody
The Hon. Malith Jayathilake
The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
The Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
The Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
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The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
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The Hon. A. D. Premadasa
The Hon. Sajith Premadasa
The Hon. S. Premarathna
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The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
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The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor

The Hon. S. M. Marikkar

The Hon. K. Kader Masthan

The Hon. Imran Maharroof

The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff

The Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran

The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma

The Hon. Sarath Mayadunne

The Hon. Tilak Marapana

The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

The Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage

The Hon. Faiszer Musthapha

The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran

The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

The Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka

The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

The Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

The Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe

The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

The Hon. Ishak Rahuman

The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

The Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

The Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa

The Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan

The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan

The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

The Hon. Nimal Lanza

The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
The Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya

The Hon. S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
The Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
The Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
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The Hon. Kanaka Herath
The Hon. Vijitha Herath
The Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

1. Parliament met pursuant to Proclamations of His Excellency the President; the Secretary - General of Parliament being in attendance. The Sergeant-at-Arms came and brought the Mace and laid it below the table.

2. Secretary - General of Parliament read the following Proclamations of His Excellency the President by which the meeting was announced : -

I

“A PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 10 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No.1 of 1981, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this Proclamation -

- (a) Dissolve Parliament, with effect from midnight today and summon the new Parliament to meet on the First day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen;
- (b) Fix the Seventeenth day of August, Two Thousand and Fifteen as the date for the election of Members of Parliament ;
- (c) Specify the period beginning on the Sixth day of July, Two Thousand and Fifteen and ending at Twelve Noon of the Thirteenth day of July, Two Thousand and Fifteen as the nomination period, during which nomination papers shall be received by the Returning Officers ; and
- (d) Specify each place mentioned in Column II of the Schedule hereto as the place of nomination for candidates seeking election in the electoral district mentioned in the corresponding entry in Column I of that Schedule.

Given at Colombo on this Twenty Sixth day of June, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By Order of His Excellency,
P. B. ABHEYKON,
Secretary to the President.”

“PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA,



KNOWE YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President, do by this Proclamation, summon Parliament to meet at the Parliament Hall, Sri Jayawardenepura on the First day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen, at 09.30 a.m.

At Colombo, this 26th day of August, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By order of His Excellency,
P. B. ABEYKOON,
Secretary to the President.”

3. Election of Mr. Speaker : The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister stood up and addressing himself to the Secretary - General of Parliament (who standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to Parliament for their Speaker, Hon. Karu Jayasuriya (Member of Parliament under Article 99A of the Constitution) and moved that Hon. Karu Jayasuriya do take the Chair of this Parliament as Speaker, which motion was seconded by the Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva.

No other name being proposed, the Secretary - General of Parliament declared Hon. Karu Jayasuriya duly elected as Speaker.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, being taken out of his place and conducted to the chair by Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva, stood on the upper step and expressed his sincerest acknowledgment to Parliament of the great honour which Parliament had been pleased to confer upon him.

Then the Mace, which before lay below the table, was placed upon the **Table**.

4. Affirmation or Oath : The Speaker put Parliament in mind that their first duty was to make and subscribe the affirmation or take and subscribe the oath required by Law.

The Speaker, first alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair made and subscribed the affirmation required by Law; and signed the **“Book”** at the **Table**.

The following Members made and subscribed the affirmations or took and subscribed the oaths required by law; and signed the **Book** at the **Table** : –

The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister
The Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice
The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement
The Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
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The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
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Addresses of congratulations to the Speaker were delivered by the Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister, Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva, Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero, Hon. Mano Ganesan, Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan, Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera, Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Hon. Douglas Devananda, Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen and Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila.

The Speaker replied.

5. Election of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees : The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva seconded by the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, proposed the name of Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala (Member of Parliament under Article 99A of the Constitution) for election as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.

No other name being proposed, the Speaker declared Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala duly elected as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.

6. Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran seconded by the Hon. Lakshman Kiriella proposed the name of Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan (Member of Parliament for Vanni Electoral District) for election as Deputy Chairman of Committees.

No other name being proposed, the Speaker declared Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan duly elected as Deputy Chairman of Committees.

7. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message from His Excellency the President :—

“ My No. 1/2/3

August 26th, 2015

Honourable Speaker of the 8th Parliament

Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

**First Meeting of the Eighth Parliament of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

By virtue of the rights and the powers vested in me under Article 32(4) and 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I wish to inform you that I will be presiding at the first ceremonial sitting of the Eighth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka scheduled to be held on the First of September, 2015 at 03.00 p.m. and making the statement of Government Policy.

I am enclosing a copy of the Proclamation summoning Parliament under Article 70 of the Constitution, which has been sent to the Government Printer for publication, for your information.

Yours faithfully,

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA.”

8. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker read the following announcement,—

“ I wish to announce that the Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, M.P., as the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, M.P., as the Chief Government Whip of the Eighth Parliament have been appointed.”

Suspension of Sitting :

At 10.59 a.m.

The sitting was suspended by the Speaker until the address to Parliament by His Excellency the President at 3.00 p.m.

At 3.00 p.m.

9. Parliament re-assembled.

10. His Excellency the President addressed Parliament in terms of Article 32(4) and 33 of the Constitution.

11. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament on behalf of the Prime Minister moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Thursday, September 03rd, 2015 and the hours of sitting on that day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament on behalf of the Prime Minister moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 03rd September, 2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament on behalf of the Prime Minister moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.37 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 03, 2015, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.