



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 2.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday September 03, 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

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 Atukorala

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. (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. 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. 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
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
The Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva
The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Palany Thigambaram
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
The Hon. Navin Dissanayake
The Hon. S.B. Dissanayake
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. H.R. Sarathie Dushmantha
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. S.B. Nawinne
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
The Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
The Hon. Dilan Perera
The Hon. Niroshan Perera
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera

The Hon. Ajith P. Perera
The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Arundika Fernando
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. Harin Fernando
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. A.D. Susil Premajayantha
The Hon. A.D. Premadasa
The Hon. Sajith Premadasa
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
The Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
The Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
The Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. S.M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
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. 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. Keheliya Rambukwella
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. V.S. Radhakrishnan
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
The Hon. Nimal Lanza
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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. Heshu Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
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, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M.H.M. Salman
The Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
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
The Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne
The Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
The Hon. Rauff Hakeem
The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
The Hon. Abdul Haleem
The Hon. Kabir Hashim
The Hon. H.M.M. Harees
The Hon. (Dr.) A.R.A. Hafeez
The Hon. P. Harrison
The Hon. M.L.A.M. Hizbullah
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
The Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements,—

I

“This House is hereby informed that the Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan the Parliamentary Group Leader of the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi is recognized as the Leader of the Opposition of the 8th Parliament since it has been notified in writing that the United People’s Freedom Alliance is not making any request.”

II

“Arrangements have been made to hold an Awareness Programme on Parliamentary Procedures and Traditions for Members of Parliament newly elected to the Eighth Parliament in Committee Room No.1 of the Parliament on the two days Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th of September 2015. This programme has been scheduled to be held from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Thursday the 10th of September and from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Friday the 11th of September and arrangements have been made for participation of some experts on Parliamentary Practices and Traditions as resource persons.

I believe that this programme will be exceptionally instrumental in successfully accomplishing your legislative functions in Parliament.

Therefore the Hon. Members, I very kindly request you to participate in this programme without fail.”

2. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 shall be 1.00 p.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.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Determination under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka : The Prime Minister moved,— That whereas the United National Party which obtained the highest number of seats in Parliament has formed a National Government Parliament determines in terms of Article 46(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed 48 and the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall not exceed 45.

Question put, and debated.

Suspension of Sitting

11.05 a.m.

The sitting was suspended until 11.25 a.m.

11.25 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

The Speaker made the following announcement :—

“I studied the Point of Order raised by the Hon. Anura Dissanayaka on the Article 46(5) of the Constitution in detail. I also took into consideration the submissions made by the Hon. Members on both sides as well as the functions of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill meant by the Legislature at the Committee stage of Parliament. Accordingly I conclude that when constituting a National Government in terms of Article 46(5) of the Constitution the recognized political party or independent group that secures the highest number of seats in Parliament can form a National Government with any political party or independent group recognized by Parliament. I therefore conclude that the motion moved by the Hon. Prime Minister under Article 46 (4) of the Constitution can be taken up for debate.”

(At 12.34 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the chair.)

(At 3.40 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the chair.)

(At 5.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the chair.)

(At 5.56 p.m. the Speaker took the chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided Under Standing Order No. 43 — Ayes: 143 ; Noes: 16.

AYES

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe	Hon. Dunes Gankanda
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse	Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera	Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. D.M. Swaminathan	Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale	Hon. Daya Gamage
Hon. Hector Appuhamy	Hon. M.K.A.D.S. Gunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana	Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe	Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara	Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. John Amaratunga	Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera	Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
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Hon. S.M. Marikkar	Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. K. Kader Masthan	Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
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NOES

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera	Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila	Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi	Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena	Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera	Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Sisira Jayakody	Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa	Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka	Hon. Vijitha Herath

6. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament was at 6.50 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.