



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 3.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 1.00 p.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 and Minister of National Policies
and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

The Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass
Media and the Chief Government Whip

The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of University Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

The Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Dialogue

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport

The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

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

The Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

The Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

The Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

The Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

The Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and Management

The Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

The Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

The Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Southern Development

The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

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

The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

The Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

The Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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

The Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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

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

The Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of University Education

The Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

The Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply

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

The Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

The Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions
Relations

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

The Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

The Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

The Hon. Duneshe Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

The Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development
and Wildlife

The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. H.R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice

The Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and
Local Government

The Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

The Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and
Christian Religious Affairs

The Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping
Affairs

The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and
Welfare

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

The Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

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. Chandima Gamage

The Hon. Siripala Gamalath

The Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

The Hon. Edward Gunasekara
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. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

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 Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
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. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Kumara Welgama

The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
The Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
The Hon. (Dr) A.R.A. Hafeez
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
The Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
The Hon. Kanaka Herath
The Hon. Vijitha Herath

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. Affirmations or Oaths :

- (i) The Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Member of Parliament for Kaluthara Electoral District; made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law and signed the **Book** at the **Table**.
- (ii) The Hon. Bimal Niroshan Rathnayake Weerakoon, Member of Parliament under Article 99A of the Constitution; made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law and signed the **Book** at the **Table**.
- (iii) The Hon. Lakshman Pinthu Jayathilake Senevirathne, Member of Parliament for Badulla Electoral District; made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law and signed the **Book** at the **Table**.

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

I

“I wish to inform this House that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. Sarath Mayadunne, Member of Parliament, in terms of the article 66 (b) of the Constitution and the said letter will be read to the parliament now by the Secretary-General of Parliament.”

The Secretary General of Parliament accordingly read the following letter :—

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“I wish to inform this House that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayaka, Member of Parliament, in terms of the article 66 (b) of the Constitution and the said letter will be read to the parliament now by the Secretary-General of Parliament.”

The Secretary General of Parliament accordingly read the following letter :—

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3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented,— the Second Instalment – Part XI and XII and Third Instalment – Part III and IV 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.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Performance Report of the Prime Minister’s Office for the year 2014.

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

(3) The Minister of University Education and Highways presented,— the Annual Performance Report of the Parliament of Sri Lanka for the year 2014.

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2015; and
- (ii) the Pre-Election Budgetary Position Report for the year 2015, Issued under Section 16 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of year 2003.

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

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Order Made by the Minister of Justice under sub-section (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1920/27 of 25th June 2015.

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

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2014.

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

4. Inland Revenue (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

5. Value Added Tax (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

6. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

7. Finance : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to provide for the imposition of Bars and Taverns Levy, Casino Industry Levy, Super Gain Tax, Mobile Telephone Operator Levy, Direct to home Satellite Services Levy, Satellite Location Levy, Dedicated Sports Channel Levy, Mansion Tax, Migrating Tax and Motor Vehicle Importers Licence Fee and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

8. Economic Service Charge (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Economic Service Charge Act, No. 13 of 2006.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

9. Telecommunication Levy (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Telecommunication Levy Act, No. 21 of 2011.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

10. Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 06, 2015 and to be printed.

11. 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.

12. Sittings of the Parliament : 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 Wednesday, September 23rd, 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.

13. Committee of Selection (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 121 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection shall consist of Mr. Speaker as Chairman and nineteen (19) other Members which shall include the Leaders of Political Parties or their nominees to be nominated by Parliament to serve during the current Session .

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Committee of Selection (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the under-mentioned nineteen (19) Members do serve on the Committee of Selection in addition to Mr. Speaker who shall be its Chairman during the current Session, in terms of the motion agreed to by Parliament this day:—

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake

Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka : The Leader of the House of Parliament on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the under mentioned persons who not being Members of Parliament appointed to the Constitutional Council on the nomination of both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition under sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (1) and paragraphs (4) and (5) of Article 41A of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, be approved by Parliament in terms of paragraph (5) of Article 41A of the Constitution:—

1. Dr. Ahangamage Tudor Ariyaratne
2. Mr. Shibly Aziz
3. Dr. (Ms.) Radhika Coomaraswamy

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Adjournment (Recruitment to Public Sector and Statutory Bodies through a Proper Procedure): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.32 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 2.55 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 5.23 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to: the Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 September, 2015, pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament on this day.