



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 7.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, October 08, 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

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

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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages,
Infrastructure and Community Development

The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

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. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Affairs

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. Piyankara 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. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport

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

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

The Hon. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

The Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. Velu Kumar

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

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. (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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
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. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
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. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. M.H.M. Salman
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

The Hon. (Dr) A.R.A. Hafeez

The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

The Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology for the year 2014.

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

2. Committee on High Posts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order Nos. 128A and 129(a) of the Parliament, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of Mr. Speaker as Chairman and twelve (12) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Leave to introduce Bill : The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, seconded by the Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sujeewa Senasinghe Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament, to the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

Suspension of Sitting

1.27 p.m.

The sitting was suspended until 1.55 p.m.

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The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

4. Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act : The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That 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, which was presented on 22.09.2015, be approved.

(At 2.15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, seconded by Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.03 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.02 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 6.05 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Uma-Oya Development Project) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 7.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, October 09, 2015.