



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 8.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 09, 2015 at 1.30 p.m.

### PRESENT :

**The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

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

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**The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies  
and Economic Affairs

**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. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

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

**The Hon. Navin Dissanayake**, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

**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. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and  
International Trade

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

**The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Finance

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

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

**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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western  
Development

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

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

**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. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

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

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**The Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera**

**The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**

**The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala**

**The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**

**The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**The Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri**

**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. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**The Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma**  
**The Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**The Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**The Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**  
**The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa**  
**The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**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. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**

**The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**The Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**The Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**The Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**The Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**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. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed**  
**The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements,—

**I**

“In terms of Standing Order No. 128A of the Parliament, and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 08 October 2015 the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on High Posts with Mr. Speaker as Chairman.

Hon. John Amaratunga  
 Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva  
 Hon. Rauff Hakeem  
 Hon. Lakshman Kiriella  
 Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe  
 Hon. Mano Ganesan  
 Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama  
 Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena  
 Hon. Vijitha Herath  
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake  
 Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah  
 Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan”

**II**

“In terms of Standing Order No. 123 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders with Mr. Speaker as Chairman, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody  
 Hon. Ajith P. Perera  
 Hon. Vijitha Herath  
 Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri  
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran  
 Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Performance Report of the Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation for the year 2014; and
- (ii) the Performance Report of the Ministry of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation for the year 2014.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency for the year 2014.

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

**3. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** The Speaker as Chairman of the Committee of Selection presented the following Report :—

“Report of the Committee of Selection.”

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

**4. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motions agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the hours of sitting this day, shall be 1.30 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.

**5. Leave to introduce Bill (No.1) :** The Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero seconded by the Hon. Niroshan Perera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED).”

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 Sports for report.

**6. Leave to introduce Bill (No.2) :** The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura seconded by the Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Arundika Fernando Relief Services and Godfrey Fernando Memorial 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.

**7. Adjournment (Poaching by Indian Fishermen in Sri Lankan Waters) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.40 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Women and Child Affairs moved,— That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.15 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.51 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.