



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 11.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home 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 Higher Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

The Hon. M. K. A. D. S. Gunawardana, Minister of Lands

The Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

The Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

The Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

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

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

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

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

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. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
The Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala
The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
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. 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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha 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. 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. C. B. Rathnayake
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. 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. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. Hesha Withanage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
The Hon. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
The Hon. S. Sivamohan
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. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

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 Performance Report of the National Council for Road Safety for the year 2014.

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

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

- (i) the Performance Report of the Department of Legal Affairs for the year 2014;
- (ii) the Performance Report of the Department of Public Enterprises for the year 2014; and
- (iii) the Performance and Accountability Report of the Department of Valuation for the year 2014.

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

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,— the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development for the year 2014.

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

2. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21.10.2015, the hours of sitting on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, 2015 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Council of Muslims of Sri Lanka.”

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.

4. Adjournment (Report of United Nations Human Rights Council) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.05 a.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Megapolis and Western Development moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.26 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Suspension of Sitting

12.55 p.m.

The sitting was suspended until 1.00 p.m.

1.00 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.

The State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.35 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.45 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.27 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.