



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 12.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 23, 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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. 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. 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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Southern Development

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. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. Piyanthura Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

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

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

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

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 Abeysekera

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri

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. Arumugan Thondaman
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
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. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor

The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharroof
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
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. 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. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. Kumara Welgama
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. 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. 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements,—

I

“ In terms of Standing Order No.125 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. S. Shritharan”

II

“ In terms of Standing Order No.126 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan ”

III

“ In terms of Standing Order No.127 of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Privileges.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha

Hon. Tilak Marapana

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. E. Saravanapavan ”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Disaster Management Centre 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. Appropriation : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to provide for the service of the financial year 2016; to authorize the raising of loans in or outside Sri Lanka, for the purpose of such service; to make financial provision in respect of certain activities of the Government during that financial year; to enable the payment by way of advances out of the Consolidated Fund or any other fund or moneys, of or at the disposal of the Government, of moneys required during that financial year for expenditure on such activities; to provide for the refund of such moneys to the Consolidated Fund and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Friday, November 20, 2015 and to be printed.

4. 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.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed seconded by Hon. Velu Kumar moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Human Rights Organization.”

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.

6. Select Committee of Parliament to discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the Ministries selected from the Budget Estimates of the year 2016 : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—

Whereas the period of time allocated to the Committee stage programme for the Budget Estimates of the year 2016 is limited;

And whereas several Heads of Expenditure have to be discussed on a single day thereby limiting the period of time available for the discussion of each Ministry;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to enable the Members to meet and discuss the Heads of Expenditure of the 17 Ministries in the Annexure which were decided at the Committee on Parliamentary Business with the concurrence of the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Chief Opposition Whip.

2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members selected from both the Government and the Opposition notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
3. The Committee shall have power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum; and
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee;
4. The Committee shall present its report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee stage debate on the votes of the said selected Ministries commences.

Annexure

- i) Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation
- ii) Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
- iii) Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- iv) Ministry of Disaster Management
- v) Ministry of Science, Technology and Research
- vi) Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- vii) Ministry of Home Affairs
- viii) Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- ix) Ministry of Plantation Industries
- x) Ministry of Buddhasasana
- xi) Ministry of Rural Economic Affairs
- xii) Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development
- xiii) Ministry of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Affairs
- xiv) Ministry of Southern Development
- xv) Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
- xvi) Ministry of National Dialogue
- xvii) Ministry of Primary Industries

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 10.25 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.26 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Primary Industries moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.45 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.51 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 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 03, 2015.