



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 14.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 04, 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. 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. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

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

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. 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, Law and Order and Prisons Reforms

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. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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. 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 Higher Education

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

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

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. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

The Hon. Dilum 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. Velu Kumar

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. Sisira Jayakody

The Hon. Malith Jayathilake

The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
The Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
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. Buddhika Pathirana
The Hon. K.K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
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. E. Saravanapavan
The Hon. M.H.M. Salman
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. Sunil Handunnetti
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement : -

“ I wish to make a clarification on the matters raised by Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, M.P. on 03rd November 2015 relating to security around the Parliament premises and the obstacles the public who come to Parliament to meet the public representatives, have to face.

After Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena raised these matters in Parliament yesterday, I made an inquiry about them from the Acting Inspector General of Police and other relevant security establishments.

It was reported to me that the defence authorities, upon receiving information that a large number of university students had assembled at various locations in the city of Colombo and around the Parliamentary premises and organized protests and processions, had deployed necessary and suitable security arrangements.

It was also reported to me that general public or any student had no obstruction to gain entry to the Parliamentary premises or enter and meet a Hon. Member of Parliament subject to the procedures currently in place.

At the same time, it was reported to me that no vehicle or person coming to Parliament premises was subjected to any special security check or obstruction along the access road to Parliament yesterday.

Similarly, I have been informed that no additional or special security arrangement had been in place within the Parliament premises yesterday, and that it was not mandatory to give prior notice of the fact to me or obtain prior approval from me regarding security arrangements for areas outside the Parliament premises and I wish to inform that this position has been confirmed by the former Speaker as well when I consulted him regarding this matter.”

2. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the hours of sitting this day, shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Committee on Public Accounts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.125 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twenty four (24) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Committee on Public Enterprises : The Leader of the House of Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.126 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consist of twenty four (24) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Committee on Public Petitions : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.128 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of twenty (20) members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa, seconded by Hon. Thenuka Vidanagama moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Institute of Personnel Management Sri Lanka Law, No. 24 of 1976.”

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 Labour and Trade Unions Relations for report.

7. Adjournment (Investigations into Fraud and Corruption) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.20 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms moved,— that Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.16 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms moved,— that Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.16 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 Thursday, November 05, 2015.