



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 31.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 08, 2015 at 9.30 a.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. (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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

The Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

The Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

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 Law and Order and 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. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

The Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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 Prisons Reforms, 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 Religious
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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

The Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern
Development

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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. 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. (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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media

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

The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

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

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

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

The Hon. Velu Kumar

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

The Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

The Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma

The Hon. Arumugan Thondaman

The Hon. Sirinal de Mel

The Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva

The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
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. 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. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
The Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
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. 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. Kumara Welgama
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. (Dr.) 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. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
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. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament
Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General
Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General
Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.**1. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. P. Harrison presented a petition dated 18.10.2014 from Mr. S. L. Abdul Hameed of Hanifawatta, Nochchiyagama.
- (2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 17.10.2015 from Mrs. D. W. Malathi of No.104/18/1, Beliatta Road, Tangalle; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 18.10.2015 from Mr. S. C. Yapa of Yapa Niwasa, New Town, Weerawila.
- (3) Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.10.2015 from Mr. G. D. Laksara Sumudu of Boralugoda, Poruwadanda, Horana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.10.2015 from Mr. M. Gunapala of No. 37, New Neegrodharama Road, Kalutara North; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 14.10.2015 from Mr. V. R. B. Nandakuamra of No. 191-G, Pitipana Road, Thalagala, Kiriwaththuduwa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

2. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Child Rehabilitation Centre.”

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 Women and Child Affairs for report.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the Sahana Community Development 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.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Seretse Khama Foundation Trust.”

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.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the South Lanka Academy for Tertiary Education and Leadership.”

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 Education for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Samadhi Community Development 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 Education for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya.”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

8. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Fourteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 155

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.26 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 3.40 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 166,650,226,000 for Head 155, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 66,000,000 for Head 155, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,000,000,000 for Head 155, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 69,218,416,000 for Head 155, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 162

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 166,700,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,800,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,809,100,000 for Head 162, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 311

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 180,950,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 108,600,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 124

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. K. Thuraiyethnasingam proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 608,580,000 for Head 124, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 48,220,000 for Head 124, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,158,132,000 for Head 124, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,390,000 for Head 124, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 216

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 28,060,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,680,000 for Head 216, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 417,100,000 for Head 216, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 42,800,000 for Head 216, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 331

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 415,300,000 for Head 331, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,100,000 for Head 331, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 55,575,020,000 for Head 331, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 33,500,000 for Head 331, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Wednesday, December 09, 2015.

9. Adjournment (Bank Loans to Senior Citizens) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.48 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.15 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 09, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 28th November, 2015.