



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 23, 2017 at 10.30 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the
Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of
the House of Parliament

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

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

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana

Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker: (1) Speaker made the following announcements:-

I

“ I wish to inform that in terms of Paragraphs 8 (a) (viii) and 8 (b) of the resolution with regard to the Sectoral Oversight Committees adopted by the Parliament on 19th of December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the member of the Parliament, Hon. Tilak Marapana and the Hon (Dr.) Harsha De Silva from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and appointed the Hon. Ashok Abesinghe and the Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake to serve in this Committee.”

II

“ I wish to inform that in terms of Paragraph 8(a)(viii) of the resolution with regard to the Sectoral Oversight Committees adopted by the Parliament on 19th of December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the member of the Parliament, Hon. Tilak Marapana from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media and appointed the Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana to serve in this Committee.”

III

“I wish to inform that in terms of Paragraph 8(a)(viii) of the resolution with regard to the Sectoral Oversight Committees adopted by the Parliament on 19th of December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the members of the Parliament, Hon. Tilak Marapana from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North and East Reconstruction and appointed the Hon. Imran Maharoof to serve in this Committee.”

IV

“I wish to inform the Hon. Members of Parliament that at the meeting of the Committee on Parliamentary Business held yesterday, it has been decided by the Committee to limit the maximum time allocated for Questions for Oral Answers to one hour with effect from today.

At the end of such time, as action will be taken to table any answers received for remaining Questions for Oral Answers in the Order Paper and to schedule for another date the questions for which further time has been requested, I expect the co-operation of the Hon. Members raising the questions and the Hon. Ministers responding to them in this regard.”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Polonnaruwa District Secretariat for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Registration of Persons for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the State Mortgage and Investment Bank for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering (Ocean University) for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna the Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the Second Report (From 04.05.2016 to 28.10.2016) of the Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report to be printed and do lie upon the **Table**.

(2) Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations on **“Draft Statute of Northern Province Tourism Authority”** referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.03.2017 from Mr. Piyasena Galagan Godage of No. 1, Thalgahahena Avenue, Hemananda Mawatha, Galle;
 - (ii) a petition dated 01.01.2017 from Mrs. S. M. K. Liyanage of Sanasuma, Halpathota, Baddegama; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 10.02.2017 from Mrs. U.G. Sunethra of Mount Plasant, Acres 5, Hapugala, Wakwella.
- (2) Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar presented a petition dated 16.05.2017 from Mr. S.N. Nadaras of No. 20A, Second Lane, Ambatenna Watta, Bandarawela.
- (3) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 07.05.2017 from Mrs. B.M. Harriot Nona of Paraththawala, Mahabage, Kithulgala;
 - (ii) a petition dated 21.05.2017 from Mr. D.M. Jayarathna Disanayaka of No. D 145/3, Yakalawatta, Gonagamuwa, Kithulgala; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 27.04.2017 from Mr. M.L. Susantha Sisira Kumara of Punchi Madawala, Kithulgala.

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

5. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. A.M. S. Adikari ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. A.M.S. Adikari ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

6. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Chandra Ranatunga ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Chandra Ranatunga ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

7. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Maithripala Herath ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Maithripala Herath ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

8. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Ariyaratne Jayatilleke ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Ariyaratne Jayatilleke ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

9. Adjournment (Suppression of University Students and Strike Action by Doctors) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 3.48 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.15 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 04, 2017.