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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 1.00 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home 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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural
Affairs

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

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

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

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. 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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic
Affairs

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of
Buddhasasana

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

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharooft
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the Progress Report of the Public Services Commission for the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017 in terms of Articles **41B (6)** and **55 (5)** of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of National Budget for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Special Assignment for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the—

- (i) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Kalutara District Secretariat for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Vavuniya District Secretariat for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Lands for the year 2016;
 - (ii) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Survey Department for the year 2016; and
 - (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Land Title Settlement for the Financial year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 06.05.2017 from Mr. R.K.A.D.L.W. Ranaweera of “Nadeewasa”, Thenna, Matale;
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.05.2017 from Mr. T. Wasantha Mendis Serving in B/Aluyatawela Secondary School, Hebarawa, Mahiyanganaya; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 05.06.2017 from Mr. W.M. Punchibanda of No. 52/1, Old Dombawela, Mahawela.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 15.05.2017 from Mrs. Ariyasinghe Violet of No. 14/12A, Ganagabada Lane, Badulla.
- (3) Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa presented a petition dated 14.03.2017 from Mr. D.S.W. Arachchige of Akkara 06, Wanduruppa, Ambalanthota.
- (4) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 01.03.2017 from Mr. A.G.N. Gamage of Secretary - All Island Provincial Revenue Service Unity, Department of Revenue (WP), No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla;
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.01.2017 from Mr. A.N. Abeygunawardhana of Union of the Institute for Agro technical and Rural Sciences, Weligaththa, Hambantota;

- (iii) a petition dated 12.05.2017 from Mr. Wanniarachchige Gunadasa of “Suhada”, Palawinna, Nakulugamuwa; and
- (iv) a petition dated 22.05.2017 from Mr. W.A. Sugathapala of No. 70, Dikwela, Yogyana.
- (5) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented a petition dated 28.04.2017 from Mrs. M.P. Ukwaththage of No. 20, Walpitamulla, Devalapola.
- (6) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 02.05.2017 from Mr. U.V. Rathnapala of Dagampitiya, Kelanigama, Ginigathhena.
- (7) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mr. Upali Gunasinhe of Anuradha Hotel, Pelawatta Road, Meegahatenna.
- (8) Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha presented a petition dated 30.03.2017 from Mr. K.N. Gunathilaka of No. 86, Manelwatta, Millawa, Kurunegala.
- (9) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 22.05.2017 from Mr. P.G. Wijekoon Banda of “Shalika”, Mahawehara, Madipola, Matale.
- (10) Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa presented a petition dated 27.04.2017 from Mr. K. Sivalingam of 4th Division, Ampara Road, Mulliyawala.

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

3. Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Sports presented,— Bill to amend the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority Act, No. 17 of 1999.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 4th July, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana seconded by Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe presented,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Wijeya Udana 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, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage for Report.

5. Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 3.16 p.m. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the chair)

The Minister of Sports moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.23 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.21 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the chair.)

The State Minister of Highways moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.34 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the chair.)

The Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.43 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the chair.)

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clause 1 to 3 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill, without amendments be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, without amendments, accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Adjournment (Adverse Impacts on Public Life owing to Irregular Garbage Disposal) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.28 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.