



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, June 07, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official
Languages

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development

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

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. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious 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. 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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

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. 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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
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. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting 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. Announcement by the Speaker :** Speaker made the following announcement:-

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“ I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received a copy of another petition filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment)’, in addition to the receipt of a petition mentioned in the announcement made by me on 06th June 2017.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Public Service Commission 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.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06th December 2016 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Botanic Gardens for the year 2016 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation for the year 2016 move that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report of the Auditor General on the President's Fund for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Faculty of Technological Studies in Uva Wellassa University and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2015/44 of 19th April 2017 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Mannar 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.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Employment for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Posts 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.

(13) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(14) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction.

Question put, and agreed to.

(15) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Sports for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(16) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/24 of 19th May 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented a petition dated 28.02.2017 from Mr. N. Manuelpillai of No. 48/6, St. Sebastian Road, Hendala, Wattala.
- (2) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 20.12.2016 from Mrs. A.S.A. Chandralatha Seimon of Yatadolawatta, Mathugama;
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.02.2017 from Mrs. H.M. Punyamali Amarasena of No. 10/05, Jayasooriya Mawatha, Horana;
 - (iii) a petition dated 14.03.2017 from Mrs. J. Swarnalatha of Sri Raj, Wewita, Bandaragama;
 - (iv) a petition dated 02.02.2017 from Mr. K. Wimalasena of No. 267, Gurugoda, Poruwadanda;
 - (v) a petition dated 28.01.2017 from Mr. N. S. Dasanayaka of No. 122/C, Jayawardene Lane, Indrajothi Mawatha, Thanthrimulla, Panadura; and
 - (vi) a petition dated 22.03.2017 from Mrs. P.L. Siriyawathie Alwis of No. 110/5, Gunananda Mawatha, Gungamuwa, Bandaragama.

- (3) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented a petition dated 18.03.2017 from Mr. R. S. S. M. M. H. D. Herath of Station Master, Railway Station, Veyangoda.
- (4) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —
- (i) a petition dated 24.04.2017 from Mr. K.G.R. Dias of No. 26/11, 3rd Lane, Palliyawatta, Hendala, Wattala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.02.2017 from Mrs. W.A.P.C. Weerasinghe of No. 1/3, Uda Bokalawala, Pattiyaawatta.
- (5) Hon. M. S. Thowfeek presented —
- (i) a petition dated 22.12.2016 from Mr. Ahamadu Jan Rasul Jan of Kurinchakeni - 03, Kinniya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.01.2017 from Mr. Mohamed Cassim Abdul Majeed of No. 180/1, Mudliyar Road, Akkaraipattu 17.
- (6) Hon. K. K. Piyadasa presented a petition dated 06.02.2017 from Mr. A.V. Mudiyanse of c/o Mr. S.Ananda Paranawithana, No. 18/2, Harangalagama, Nawalapitiya.
- (7) Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam presented a petition dated 28.11.2016 from Mr. T. Sanmuhalingam of Warnamedu, Thampalagamam, Trincomalee.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Friday 09th June 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.01 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

5. Regulations under the Sports Law : The Minister of Sports,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 to read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25, of 1973 relating to National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of 27th October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13th February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

The Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.19 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Sehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.30 p.m. Hon. Sehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 5.35 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Environmental Destruction due to Usage of Polythene and Plastic) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.29 p.m. Hon. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.24 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, June 09, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.