



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 169.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 26, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and
Community Development

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

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

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Kanaka 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Navy for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2016 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.04.2017 to 30.04.2017 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 24 of 2016 and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Kilinochchi for the year 2016 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament 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.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, The Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on “Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2014”, “Annual Reports of the Road Development Authority for the years 2013 and 2014” and “Performance Report of the Department of Motor Traffic for the year 2016” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, The Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on “Regulations under the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013, amended by the Act, No. 2 of 2017” which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, The Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Interim Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations on the Northern Province Tourism Authority Draft Statute referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha presented a petition dated 30.09.2016 from Mr. Kinsley Dosen of No. 64 A, Nalandarama Road, Nugegoda.
- (2) Hon. Duminda Dissanayake presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 21.11.2016 from Mr. B.S. Chandrasiri Perera of No. 58, Parana Kanda Watta, Wattala; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.02.2017 from Mr. W. M. P. Sarath Kumara of Unit 8/1, Kannattiya, Mihinthala Road, Anuradhapura.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented a petition dated 22.03.2017 from Mr. P.D. Rathnapala of Medagedarawatta, Hiththetiya Meda, Matara.
- (4) Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 22.02.2017 from Mr. S.S. Nadaras of No. 20A, 2nd Lane, Ambatenna Watta, Bandarawela; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.02.2017 from Mr. S.S. Nadaras of No. 20A, 2nd Lane, Ambatenna Watta, Bandarawela.

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

4. Northern Province Tourism Authority Draft Statute : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the Provisions of the Standing Orders Nos. 46 A (3) (a) and (b), this Parliament do grant the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations an extension of time till 03 July 2017 to submit its report to Parliament on the Northern Province Tourism Authority Draft Statute which was referred to it by the Hon. Speaker on 03rd May 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka seconded by Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake moved,—That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture.”

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 Agriculture for Report.

Suspension of Sitting

11.42 a.m.

The sitting was suspended until 12.00 noon.

12.00 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

6. Regulations under the Divineguma Act : The Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare under Section 42 of the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013, amended by the Act, No. 2 of 2017 and under Section 42 to be read with Sections 25(2) and 29(2) of said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/8 of 07th March 2017 which were presented on 03.05.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.32 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

7. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 1.56 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, June 06, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.