



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 47.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 1.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

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

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

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra

Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

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. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute for the year 2013.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. P. Harrison presented a petition dated 14.12.2015 from Mr. D. M. D. Jayasekara of Kudawewa, Ambagahawewa, Nochchiyagama.
- (2) Hon. Abdul Haleem presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 13.10.2015 from Mr. B. M. P. J. Bandaranayaka of No. 2014/4, Watagalathenna, Dolapihilla;
 - (ii) a petition dated 30.09.2015 from Mr. D. W. Samarasena of No. 338/5/40, New Peradeniya, Gelioya; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 21.10.2015 from Mr. K. G. N. P. H. M. I. Mohomad of No. 07, Telecom Road, Kurundugaha-ela, Akurana.

(3) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —

- (i) a petition dated 18.06.2015 from Mr. A. A. Priyadharshana Amarasingha of No. 27/ 25, 26, Samanalogiri Nadi Osusala, Dharmashala Road, Diaswatta, Panadura;
- (ii) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mrs. A. S. Sujeewa Damayanthi of Usgaldeniya, Kalavila, Kiranthidiya;
- (iii) a petition dated 04.11.2015 from Mrs. K. Seelawathie of Galmaththa, Walagedara;
- (iv) a petition dated 18.11.2015 from Mr. L. C. Wickramarachchi of No. 37, Mahagammedda, Payagala;
- (v) a petition dated 23.11.2015 from Mr. M. Jayasekara of Kothhena Grama Sanwardana Samithiya, Kothhena, Morapitiya;
- (vi) a petition dated 02.12.2015 from Mr. M. Pradeep of Upper Geekiyanakanda watta, Neboda;
- (vii) a petition dated 04.12.2015 from Mrs. P. Sirima Hemalatha of 13th Post, 12th Mawatha, Keeniyawala, Via Mathugama; and
- (viii) a petition dated 01.05.2015 from Mr. Wasantha Chandana Jayathilaka of No. 103, Wevewatta, Halamba, Agalawatta.

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

3. Vote of Condolence (No.1) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. M. B. A. Azeez, ex-Member of Parliament.

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

4. Vote of Condolence (No.2) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. D. M. Seneviratne, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. D. M. Seneviratne, ex- Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

5. Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana presented,— “Bill to amend the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance (Chapter 318).”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, February 09, 2016 and to be printed.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra seconded by Hon. Chandima Gamage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Abhimani Social Development and Cultural 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.

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 2.18 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 09, 2016.