



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official
Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
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. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands
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 Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence
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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

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. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yohewaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs 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 Annual Performance Report of the Department of Animal Production and Health 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.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie presented a petition dated 22.10.2016 from Mr. W. Sirisena Perera of No. 347/14, Kotte Road, Nugegoda.
- (2) Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 11.02.2017 from Mr. M. M. Palitha Dhanapala attached to Police Station, Dayagama; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 30.03.2017 from Mrs. W.A.S. Wickramasinghe of No. P.26, Police Quarters, Ampara.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 08.04.2017 from Mr. K.G. Gunapala of Nagala Wewa, Kimbissa.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 12.03.2017 from Mr. A.G. Bernard Perera of No. 44, Dambaduraya East, Seeduwa.
- (5) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented a petition dated 22.03.2017 from Mr. E.A.B. Dharmasena of No. 15-17B, First Lane, Parakrama Mawatha, Kanthale.

- (6) Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena presented a petition dated 16.03.2017 from Mr. W.L.K. Nanayakkara of No. 50/28, First Lane, Edirisinghe Road, Mirihana, Nugegoda.
- (7) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
- (i) a petition dated 09.04.2017 from Mr. M.A.K. Wijepala of C/O Ulu Gedara, Bata-atha, Hungama; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.04.2017 from Mrs. W. Ruwanpathirana of No. 258/2B, Saliya Mawatha, Makola South.
- (8) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 27.03.2017 from Mr. K.S.B. Rohan Dias of No. 11 A, Keppetipola Mawatha, Colombo 5.
- (9) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran presented a petition dated 20.03.2017 from Mr. Anthony Devaraj of No.1867, Poombuhar Street, Palaiyoothu, Trincomalee.

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

3. Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana presented,— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.2 of 2013.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 06 June, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Land Grant to a Foreign Company for Sugarcane Cultivation) : The Leader of the House moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and debated.

(At 11.08 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.39 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.44 p. m. adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, May 26, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2017.