



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 164.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 04, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs and Minister of Lands

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

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media
and 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

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

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

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

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

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

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. Dunes 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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

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. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara 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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

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

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Army 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the—

- Performance Report of the Department of Ayurveda for the year 2014; and
- Annual Report of the Ayurveda Medical Council for the year 2014 moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Reports of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Lanka Leyland Limited for the year ended 31st March 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, The Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “Note on the Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities provision made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates” and “Performance Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services on “Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2015” and “Performance Report of the Ministry of Primary Industries for the year 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —

- (i) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mr. B. M. Wijeratna Banda, Serving in Southern Province Education Department as Asst. Director of Education of No. 23/6/4, Anuragama, Kapuliyadda;
- (ii) a petition dated 10.01.2017 from Mr. J. Keerthirathna of No. 82/19, 14th Lane, Wickramasinghapura, Battaramulla;
- (iii) a petition dated 20.02.2017 from Mr. K. R. L. Jayawardana of No. 363/2, Ambagala, Horana; and
- (iv) a petition dated 20.02.2017 from Mr. K. Wijesinghe of No. 473/A/30, Sabawa Road, Makola.

(2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mr. A. M. I. S. R. B. Abeyratna of Southern Province Education Department, Upper Dickson Road, Galle;
- (ii) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mrs. A. N. Chandralatha of Kanaththe watta, Godapitiya, Akuressa;
- (iii) a petition dated 10.03.2017 from Mrs. Ahangama Gamge Seetha of Kirimageruppa, Poththewela, Hakmana;
- (iv) a petition dated 20.03.2017 from Mr. Ajantha Nagahawatta of No. 66/A, Halwala, Via Mathugama;
- (v) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. B. H. W. Silva of “Sampath”, Pokunahena, Wewahamanduwa, Matara;
- (vi) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mr. C. A. Gunasekara of VaiBeeniyawatta, Udukawa, Thelijjawila;
- (vii) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mrs. C. Idippili of Wewahena watta, Beraleliya, Weligama;
- (viii) a petition dated 16.02.2017 from Mr. D. B. Hemaratne of Usveliwatta, Midigama, Weligama;
- (ix) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mr. E. G. Wickramaratna of Gurullamulla, Dediyaigala, Maliduwa, Akuressa;
- (x) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mrs. G. L. Krishani Hemanthi of “Krishani”, Pahalawela, Kohugoda, Maliduwa, Akuressa;

- (xi) a petition dated 21.02.2017 from Mr. G. Wasantha Kumara of No. 12/332, Dharmapala Mawatha, Nupe, Matara;
- (xii) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mr. Galagamage Eddie of Magandeniya, Nawimana North, Nawimana;
- (xiii) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mr. H. A. Nandana Hemapriya of Godaudawatta, Godagama, Matara;
- (xiv) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. H. W. A. Nandasena of Yaddehiwatta, Beliketiya, Thalahagama, Makadura;
- (xv) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mrs. H. Y. Nanda Malani of Wewalawatta, Galkaduwa, Imaduwa;
- (xvi) a petition dated 13.02.2017 from Ms. K. A. K. Harasara of No. 10/4, Kalidasa Road, Matara;
- (xvii) a petition dated 01.02.2017 from Mr. K. G. Lasantha Sampath of Pol Koratuwa Kade, Malimbada, Palatuwa;
- (xviii) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mrs. K. H. V. Kusumawathie of Hulandawa Estate, Akuressa;
- (xix) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mr. K. K. Edwin of Keppitiyaduwa, Kotawila, Kamburugamuwa;
- (xx) a petition dated 23.01.2017 from Mr. Kithsiri Dharmapala of No. 41/246, Zoysa Housing Scheme, Gewatta Road, Ragama;
- (xxi) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. M. H. Nihal Ranasingha of Paragahawatta, Henegama, Akuressa;
- (xxii) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. M. L. Sumathipala of Vadikawa watta, Thalahagama, Makadura, Matara;
- (xxiii) a petition dated 17.02.2017 from Mr. M. M. A. Gunasekara of “Sinhalea”, Gorokgahawatta, Kamburupitiya;
- (xxiv) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mrs. M. W. R. Sedara of “Prasadi”, Parawahera, Kekunadura;
- (xxv) a petition dated 09.01.2017 from Mr. M.M. Mohan Anthony of Pare Kade, Kottagoda;
- (xxvi) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mrs. N. A. J. Vijitha of Thelembugahawatta, Baddegammedda, Aparekka;
- (xxvii) a petition dated 09.03.2017 from Mr. R. Bastian of No. 128/1, Open University Road, Nupe, Matara;
- (xxviii) a petition dated 17.02.2017 from Mr. Rajith Wanigasekara of No. 99, Rahula Road, Matara;
- (xxix) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mrs. S. D. Abeywickrama of No. 26, Badabadda, Mee ella;
- (xxx) a petition dated 27.02.2017 from Mrs. S. J. Susila of “Anura”, Temple Road, Deniyaya;
- (xxxi) a petition dated 21.02.2017 from Mrs. S. Ranjani of No. 58 C 1/2, Kalidasa Road, Matara;
- (xxxii) a petition dated 17.02.2017 from Mrs. Sujatha Palihawadana of “Sarasi”, Bopagoda, Akuressa;

- (xxxiii) a petition dated 21.02.2017 from Mr. Thilak Dissanayaka of “Sisila”, Poththewela, Hakmana;
 - (xxxiv) a petition dated 13.02.2017 from Mr. W. A. Sugath of Arambeyawatta, Malana, Kamburupitiya;
 - (xxxv) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mrs. W. G. Chamari Madushika of School Lane, Galhena, Maraba, Akuressa;
 - (xxxvi) a petition dated 02.03.2017 from Mr. W. H. Lakshman of No. 193 A, Nawalagoda, Maliduwa, Akuressa;
 - (xxxvii) a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. W. M. P. Piyasena of Migakamvita, Godawatta Road, Godapitiya, Akuressa; and
 - (xxxviii) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mr. Widanage Jagath of “Vidupiyasa”, Somarama Road, Miriswatta South, Navimana, Matara.
- (3) Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne presented a petition dated 19.10.2016 from Mr. Gamini Rathnayaka of No. 58, Minneri Road, Galoya Junction.

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

4. Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance : The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25th October 2016 which were presented on 24.01.2017, be approved.

(At 12.01 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.59 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.05 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation moved,—That Hon. Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.23 p.m. Hon. Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 5.04 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Regulations under the Companies Act : The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce including the new sub-section (ix) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/11 of 20th December 2016, amending the Section 2(i)(b) relating to the Companies (Secretaries) Regulations under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/6 of 14th September 1987 which were presented on 24.03.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,—That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.54 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, May 05, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 06th April, 2017.