



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 51.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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

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

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. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

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

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

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local
Government

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

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 Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Gardihewa Sarath Chandralal Fonseka

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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2011.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/29 of 20th November 2015;
- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1949/29 of 12th January 2016;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3c of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/30 of 20th November 2015;
- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to strength for liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/8 of 15th December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 982);
- (v) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25, read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to annual licence fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/17 of 15th December 2015 (Excise Notification Nos. 983 and 984);
- (vi) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to liquor authorization fee for hotels and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/42 of 31st December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 986);
- (vii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4 and 13 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to sale and transportation of foreign liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/41 of 31st December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 985);
- (viii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/43 of 31st December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 987);
- (ix) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/31 of 20th November 2015 (Excise Notification No. 978, 979 and 980);

- (x) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1943/16 of 04th December 2015 (Excise Notification No. 981);
- (xi) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/45 of 1st January 2016; and
- (xii) the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, in relation to the International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/2 of 14th December 2015.

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

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board for the year 2013.

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

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented—

- (i) a petition dated 25.12.2015 from Mr. Gunapala Wijesuriya of No. 108/1, Kesbewa Road, Kidelpitiya, Welmillahandiya, Bandaragama;
- (ii) a petition dated 01.10.2015 from Mr. M. A. S. D. Perera of No. 80/29/1, Samagi Mawatha, Panaluwawatta, Atigala Road, Watareka, Padukka;
- (iii) a petition dated 12.10.2015 from Mr. P. A. Jinadasa of 39/10, Sirimal Pedesa, Pinhena, Kottawa, Pannipitiya;
- (iv) a petition dated 24.08.2015 from Mr. R. G. P. Kamaladeva of No. 12/D, “Shreepali”, Malpana, Kengalla; and
- (v) a petition dated 16.10.2015 from Mrs. Suvineetha Mallika Perera of No. 78/01, Isipathana Road, Nawinna, Maharagama.

(2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 12.01.2016 from Mr. B. P. Pragathi Tharshana of No. 69, Kiralawella Road, Devinuwara;
- (ii) a petition dated 21.01.2016 from Mr. Chandrapala Weerakoon of No. 102, Meera Road, Isadeen Town, Matara;
- (iii) a petition dated 21.01.2016 from Mr. H. M. Jayawardene of Sarasavi Institute, Akurugoda, Kapuhena, Sulthanagoda;
- (iv) a petition dated 14.01.2016 from Mr. H. T. Mendis of No. 69/5, Samagi Mawatha, Walgama, Matara;

- (v) a petition dated 20.01.2016 from Mrs. Hemalatha Rajapaksa of No. 143/B, Shri Dharmawansa Mawatha, Weragampita, Matara;
- (vi) a petition dated 12.01.2016 from Mrs. K. G. Mallika of No. 71, Yehiya Road, Isadeen Town, Matara;
- (vii) a petition dated 21.01.2016 from Mr. K. P. Ariyadasa of Priyankara Uyana, Kabarayanmulla, Walahanduwa, Galle;
- (viii) a petition dated 20.01.2016 from Mrs. Leela Hettiarachchi of No. 266/1, Circular Road, Magalla, Galle;
- (ix) a petition dated 13.01.2016 from Mr. P. R. Gnanasiri of Medawatta, Wilpita, Akuressa;
- (x) a petition dated 12.01.2016 from Mrs. S. H. Radika Charmain of No. 70/1, Mahamayapura, Trincomalee; and
- (xi) a petition dated 25.01.2016 from Mr. V. A. Edirimanna of No. 51 R, Diyawanna Udyana Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

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

3. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Government Business do have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 20(7) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development proposed an amendment to leave out lines 12 to 16 (both inclusive) in page 2 and insert,—

“ More than 24.0 and less than 45.0 meters	Rupees 25 Million
More than 45.0 and less than 75.0 meters	Rupees 50 Million
More than 75.0 meters	Rupees 100 Million”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— That the Bill, as amended be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

(At 2.25 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

6. Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri moved,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.[P.6/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Relocation of Military Camps in the Trincomalee District : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed moved,—That although the Trincomalee Navy Camp is the major military base in the Northern and Eastern coastal areas, a number of small Naval and Army Camps have been established from Pulmoddai to Lankapatuna after the end of the war and since these camps have become an obstacle to the entrepreneurship, activities of the fishermen and the Public, that this Parliament resolves that the military camps be relocated in order to assist the prosperous life of the people.[P.141/'15]

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Restoration of war ruin sites to make use of such places for the benefit of the people : Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take creative steps in order to restore the war ruins and the other properties, so ruined, with the intention of eradicating the memories of the destructions of war from the minds of current young generation and future generation, since the continued maintenance of the buildings, water tanks, trains, buses and the aero planes, as exhibits and security establishments, has turned out to be an obstacle, in establishing reconciliation among the nationalities of the country. [P.146/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Calculating the 40% reduction limit that is calculated on the basic salary of the government servants, in terms of the gross salary inclusive of allowances : Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera seconded by Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the 40% reduction limit should be calculated on the gross salary inclusive of allowances, as it is difficult for a newly joined government servant to obtain a loan due to aforesaid reduction limit since in terms of the government financial regulations at the time a loan is obtained, the 40% reduction limit is calculated on the basic salary, though the age old law is a bar for the government servants to obtain a loan from a state bank or affiliated bank for an emergency need or housing repair work, this reduction limit is immaterial, when obtaining seven year property loan, as 5 years permanent and pensionable service is considered.[P.148/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Adjournment (Establishment of Teacher Instructors' Service) : The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.45 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.