



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 54.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons 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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

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

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

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

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and
Mass Media

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda 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. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“As per the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19 December 2015 and the decision taken by the Committee of Selection on 09 January 2016 to increase the number of membership of each Sectoral Oversight Committee to twenty (20), the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the respective Sectoral Oversight Committees.

1. Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development

1. Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
2. Hon. Arundika Fernando
3. Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
4. Hon. Nimal Lanza
5. Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
6. Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
7. Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
8. Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
9. Hon. Vadivel Suresh
10. Hon. Edward Gunasekara
11. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
12. Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
13. Hon. K. Thuraiyethnasingam
14. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
15. Hon. E. Saravanapavan
16. Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
17. Hon. Mohamed Navavi
18. Hon. S. M. Marikkar
19. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
20. Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

2. Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations

1. Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
2. Hon. Dunesh Gankanda
3. Hon. Ajith P. Perera
4. Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
5. Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
6. Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
7. Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
8. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
9. Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
10. Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
11. Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
12. Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
13. Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
14. Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
15. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
16. Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
17. Hon. M. H. M. Salman

3. Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources

1. Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
2. Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
3. Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
4. Hon. (Dr) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
5. Hon. Ajith P. Perera
6. Hon. Douglas Devananda
7. Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
8. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
9. Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
10. Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
11. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
12. Hon. Hector Appuhamy
13. Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
14. Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
15. Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
16. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
17. Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
18. Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
19. Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

4. Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender

1. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
2. Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
3. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
4. Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
5. Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
6. Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
7. Hon. Vadivel Suresh
8. Hon. Edward Gunasekara
9. Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
10. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
11. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
12. Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
13. Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
14. Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
15. Hon. (Dr) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
16. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
17. Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa”

II

“As per the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19 December 2015 and the decision taken by the Committee of Selection on 09 January 2016 to increase the number of membership of the Committee on Public Finance to twenty (20), the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Committee on Public Finance.

5. Committee on Public Finance

1. Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
2. Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
3. Hon. Douglas Devananda
4. Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
5. Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
6. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
7. Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
8. Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
9. Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
10. Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
11. Hon. E. Saravanapavan
12. Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
13. Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
14. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
15. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

16. Hon. Mohamed Navavi
17. Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
18. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
19. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi ”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented,— the Second Instalment – Part XVIII and Fifth Instalment – Part III, IV, V and VI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013; and Second Instalment – Part IV and Third Instalment – Part II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014 under Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2012 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/42 of 20th November 2015);
- (ii) the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No. 1952/10 of 01st February 2016); and

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the National Defence Fund for the year 2013.

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

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Wildlife Conservation for the year 2014.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan presented a petition dated 16.12.2015 from Mr. K. Jayaratna of No. 04, Glen Field, Magasthota, Nuwara Eliya.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana presented a petition dated 10.01.2016 from Mr. Lasath Pradeep Hettiwatta of No. 394/6, Dangedara, Galle.
- (3) Hon. S. Premarathna presented a petition dated 22.09.2015 from Mr. K D U. Pushpakumara of No. 64, Miriswatta, Mudungoda.

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

(At 2.00 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.10.2015, the hours of sitting this day, shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Speedy Solutions to Problems Faced by Plantation Community) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.35 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p. m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.