



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 55.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, February 26, 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. 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 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. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

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

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. 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. 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. 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. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

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

Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

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

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. 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. 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. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
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. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Research under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1917/44 of 04th June 2015;
- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Research under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1928/23 of 21st August 2015;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Research under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1942/15 of 26th November 2015;

- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Research under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1920/37 of 26th June 2015;
- (v) the Order made by the Minister of University Education and Highways under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/7 of 28th September 2015;
- (vi) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/25 of 30th December 2015; and
- (vii) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Research under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1923/40 of 15th July 2015.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented a petition dated 27.01.2016 from Mr. H. S. P. Sirisena of No. 118/28, Godaparagahawatta, Halpita, Polgasowita.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.11.2015 from Ms. K. S. Perera of “Chandrasiri Niwasa”, Thalliyedda, Dorawaka; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 04.01.2016 from Mr. W. W. Jayawardana of Kelagama, Napawala, Avissawella.

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

3. 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 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Committee on Public Accounts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.125 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twenty six (26) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Committee on Public Enterprises : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.126 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Enterprises shall consist of twenty six (26) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Committee on Public Petitions : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.128 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on November 04th, 2015, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of twenty two (22) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Committee on High Posts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 128A of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by the Parliament on October 08th, 2015, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of fifteen (15) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.02 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

8. Adjournment (Issues Arisen out of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Act) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.02 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development seconded by Abdulla Mahrooff moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.30 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 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 08, 2016.