



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 162.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 9.30 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. (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. 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. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural
Affairs

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. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign 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. 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. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the President.

The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Secretary General of Parliament read the following Proclamation of His Excellency the President by which the meeting was summoned.

“PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

WHEREAS an Order under Section 17 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) has been made declaring the following services specified in the Schedule hereto to be essential services since it has been decided that the maintenance of such services specified in the said Schedule is essential to the life of the community and is necessary in the public interest, and whereas it is directed that the Parliament be apprised of the said declaration in terms of Section 21 (2) of the Public Security Ordinance read with Section 2(3) thereof.

And whereas the Parliament remained adjourned for a period not exceeding ten days on the date the said declaration was issued,

I, Maithripala Sirisena, the President by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 2(3) of the Public Security Ordinance read with Article 70(1) of the Constitution do by this proclamation summon parliament on 28th April 2017 at 9.30 a.m. in order to keep the Parliament informed of the said Order of declaration of essential services.

Given at Colombo, on 25th April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

By Order of His Excellency,

P.B. ABEYKOON,
Secretary to the President.”

Schedule

All services, work or labour of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with any undertaking performed or maintained by any local authority or for and on behalf of any such local authority, for the clearance, collection, transportation, temporary storage, processing, separation, treatment, disposal and sale of street refuse, house refuse or other similar matter.

2. Message from the President : The Speaker read the following messages from His Excellency the President.

“President of Sri Lanka

My No : CSA/1/44

April 25, 2017

Honourable Karu Jayasuriya

The Speaker

Parliament of Sri Lanka

Honourable Speaker,

The Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 17 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), an order has been issued declaring the services specified in the Schedule published in the Gazette Notification No. 2015/53 dated 20.04.2017 to be essential for the purposes of the aforesaid Section considering it necessary in the public interest to do so for the maintenance of services essential to the life of the community.

Accordingly, I hereby inform the Parliament of the said Order in terms of Section 2(3) of the said Ordinance read with Section 21(2) thereof.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) **Maithripala Sirisena**”

3. Announcement by the Speaker : Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“ I wish to inform that I have under the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘**National Transport Commission (Amendment)**’ on 07th April 2017”.

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“I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received copies of three petitions filed at the Supreme Court under the provisions of Article 121(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in respect of the Bill entitled ‘**Foreign Exchange**’ ”.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill”, “Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act”, “Resolutions under the Customs Ordinance”, “Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act” and “Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act” which were referred to the said committee.

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

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : 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 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. At 9.30 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.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 03rd May 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Tragedy due to Collapse of Meethotamulla Garbage Dump): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.42 a.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Highways moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.28 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 03, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of today.