



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 160.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, April 06, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and
Community Development

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

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education
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. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
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. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarthiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Actg. Secretary-General of Parliament

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 : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour and Trade Unions Relations for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Abdul Haleem presented a petition dated 18.12.2016 from Mr. M.W.S. Mendis of No. 15, Thennepitiyawatta, Malpana, Kengalla.
- (2) Hon. Niroshan Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 11.12.2016 from Mr. M.A.J. Fernando serving in St. Anne's Maha Vidyalaya, Boraless, Lunuwila; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.02.2017 from Mrs. W. H. M. P. R. Wijeratna of 14 1/2 Post, Mangalapura, Wanathawilluwa, Puttalam.
- (3) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 07.02.2017 from Mr. H. A. Wilbert Perera of No. 05, Arasanweva, Galgamuwa; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 13.02.2017 from Mr. R. R. G. Wimal Rajamanthri of No. 138, "Hagarambe Nivasa", Sivurupitiya, Sangarajapura, Via Kandy.
- (4) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 21.02.2017 from Mr. K .D. R. L. Kumarasinghe of No. 46, Tissa Road, Wadduwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.02.2017 from Mr. K. S. C. Perera of Near Railway cross road, Sri Susilachara Mawatha, Hikkaduwa; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 08.02.2017 from Mr. P. Kusumapala Fernando of No. 98, Delgahawatta, Melegama, Wadduwa.
- (5) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 18.02.2017 from Mr. K. A. Chandraweera of Secretary, Iththagalayaya Farmers Association, Kapugala, Handagiriya, Balangoda;
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.02.2017 from Mr. N. D. De Silva of Kekiriskanda, Karadeniya;
 - (iii) a petition dated 30.01.2017 from Mr. R. A. Dharmasiri of No. 269/20, 10th Lane, Yasorapura, Attidiya;
 - (iv) a petition dated 19.02.2017 from Mr. R. M. Jayathilaka of No. 370, Mathawa, Kohilegedara; and
 - (v) a petition dated 24.02.2017 from Mr. Roshan Buddhika Premachandra of Ambaruppa, Harankahawa, Kandy.

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

3. 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 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 3.00 p.m., Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on May 03rd Wednesday, 04th Thursday and 05th Friday, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Wednesday 03rd May, 2017 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No.4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament, moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday 04th and Friday 05th May, 2017 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 5) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising Friday 07th, April 2017 do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 03rd May, 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne seconded by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament to the Minister of Housing and Construction for Report.

9. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 11.24 a.m. adjourned by the Hon. Speaker until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, April 07, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.