



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 58.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

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

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

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. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

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. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
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. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
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. 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

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Progress Report of the Civil Security Department for the year 2014.

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

(2) The Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2014.

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

(3) The Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/27 of 11th February 2016; and
- (ii) the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/28 of 11th February 2016.

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

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Human Resource Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resource Development on the Bills entitled, “National Minimum Wage of Workers” and “Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Abdul Haleem presented —

- (i) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mr. K. M. W. B. Senevirathne of No. 30/1, Aththaragama, Pattiyawatta, Kandy; and
- (ii) a petition dated 16.01.2016 from Mr. M. I. M. Thaslim of No. 59, Dunuvila Road, Akurana.

- (2) Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara presented a petition dated 30.11.2015 from Mr. L. R. Abeyrathna of No. 94, Neththipola, Pothuhera.
- (3) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented —
- (i) a petition dated 25.01.2016 from Mr. K. V. Muthuramalingam of No. 18, Serapis Niwasa, Panaliya Road, Polgahawela; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.01.2016 from Mrs. Ramya Hemalatha Amarasinghe of No. 194 A, Mudiyansegeewatta, Dalugama, Kelyaniya.

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

4. Registration of Persons (Amendment) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs presented,— “Bill to amend the Registration of Persons Act, No.32 of 1968.”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 and to be printed.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Rishad Bathiudeen Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

6. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

The Minister of Special Assignment moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.10 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

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

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana seconded by Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.25 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.35 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.30 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 978, 979 and 980)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 981)

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.3) : The Minister Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 982)

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.4) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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 license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/17 of 15th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification Nos. 983 and 984)

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.5) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 985)

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.6) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 986)

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.7) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 987)

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Finance Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, relating to the International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/2 of 14th December 2015, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Finance moved,— That 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 01st January 2016, which was presented on 12.02.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 25.02.2016, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1941/42 of 20th November 2015)

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 25.02.2016, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1952/10 of 01st February 2016)

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, March 11, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 05th March, 2016.