



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 62.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, April 05, 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and
Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs and Minister of Lands

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

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
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. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. Piyanakara 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
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. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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

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

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda 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. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
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. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
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
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Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka 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 adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“I wish to inform the Parliament that I have received copies of the four petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled “Right to Information”.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the University Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the Universities Grants Commission in relation to the establishment of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/24 of 30th December 2015;

- (ii) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission in relation to the establishment of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1948/59 of 08th January 2016;
- (iii) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission in relation to the establishment of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1948/60 of 08th January 2016; and
- (iv) the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission in relation to the establishment of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/43 of 19th February 2016.

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

(2) Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Lotteries Board for the year 2013, 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 the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2nd July 2015.

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

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2013, and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Rauff Hakeem presented a petition dated 21.12.2015 from Mrs. Siththi Ramsa Rafael of No. 127, Nagara Palliya Road, Akkaraipattuwa - 02.
- (2) Hon. A. A. Wijethunga presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 11.11.2015 from Mr. Kasthuri Pathum Suranga of No. 64, Kurunduwatta, Hidallana, Ratnapura; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 02.02.2016 from Mr. W. A. Piyadasa of No. 118/C, Angammana Road, Ratnapura.

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

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. M. S. Thowfeek seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Naduathul Ulama Arabic College, Mutur.”

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 Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for report.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. M. S. Thowfeek seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ridhwaniyyah Arabic College.”

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 Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. M. S. Thowfeek seconded by Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bareerah Muslim Ladies Arabic College.”

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 Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake seconded by Hon. Mohamed Navavi moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Institute of Interior Designers (Incorporation) Act,
No.2 of 1998.”

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.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 1.25 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, April 06, 2016.