



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, May 04, 2016 at 1.00 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. (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. 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. 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. 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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons 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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways
Hon. Niroschan 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. 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. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping 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. 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. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
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. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
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Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
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Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Kanaka 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 adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2012 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
- (ii) the Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Navy for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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

(3) The Minister of Disaster Management presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented Annual Report of the MILCO for the year 2013-2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented —

- (i) a petition dated 23.02.2016 from Mr. K. David Singno of Rathmal Uyana, Piduruwella, Uhumeeya;
- (ii) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mr. L. Gnanawail of Sellamuthu Road, Manipai, Jaffna; and
- (iii) a petition dated 26.01.2016 from Mr. S. S. Thevathasan of No. 9/6, New Road (Palkulam Road), Koiyathoddam, Jaffna.

(2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. D. L. H. Sunil Silva of No. 81/85, Goda-Ihala, Walliwala, Weligama;
- (ii) a petition dated 03.03.2016 from Mrs. H. K. Malani of No. 7/2 1/1, Kahawita Mawatha, Attidiya, Dehiwala; and
- (iii) a petition dated 03.03.2016 from Ms. M. S. Fathima Arufa of Ambagahawatta, Masjid Mawatha, Kirinda, Puhulwella.

(3) Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan presented a petition dated 04.12.2015 from Mr. Arumugam Sathyamoorthi, of Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna.

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

3. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Agreement (Ratification) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to enable Sri Lanka to become a member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Authorising the Ratification or Acceptance by Sri Lanka of the Agreement, Establishing that Bank, to which Sri Lanka is a signatory, and to provide for matters connected therewith.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and to be printed.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Edward Gunasekara seconded by the Hon. Lucky Jayawardana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Vidyawasa Social Service Association Limited.”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

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

“ Bill to incorporate the White Rose 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. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Hector Appuhamy moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the United Christian Fellowship 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 Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Imran Maharooof seconded by Hon. K. Kader Masthan moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Akurana Baithuz Zakth.”

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.

8. Microfinance Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.36 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.30 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 38 were agreed to.

Schedule

Question that the Schedule stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Adjournment (Programme for a Scholarly Generation) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.10 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, May 05, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.