



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 74. ]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 07, 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. Ravi Karunanayake**, Minister of Finance

**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. Daya Gamage**, Minister of Primary Industries

**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. 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. 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. 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. (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. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Piyanaka 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs

**Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education

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

**Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

**Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera**, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

**Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

**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. 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

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**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. Chandima Gamage**

**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Edward Gunasekara**

**Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**

**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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**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. 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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. Tilak Marapana**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**

**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**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. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**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. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**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. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**

**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**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. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“I wish to announce 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 following Bills on following dates:-

20 May 2016-

**Microfinance**

30 May 2016-

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Agreement (Ratification)”**

II

“In terms of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19 December 2015 and further to my announcement made on 25 February 2016, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena  
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga  
Hon. Malith Jayathilake”

## III

“In terms of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and further to my announcement made on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, M. P. to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.”

## IV

“In terms of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and further to my announcement made on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Committee of Selection has nominated the following Members to serve in the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Hon. Siripala Gamalath  
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe  
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera”

## V

“In terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, and the Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena from the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development and nominated the Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam and the Hon. Mujibur Rahuman to serve in this Committee.”

## VI

“In terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam, M. P. from the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment and nominated the Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M. P. to serve in this Committee.”

## VII

“In terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Malith Jayathilake and the Hon. Vijitha Herath from Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and nominated the Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne and Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana to serve in this Committee.”

## VIII

“In terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, M. P. from Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management and nominated the Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena, M. P. to serve in this Committee.”

## IX

“In terms of paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, M. P. from the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North & East Reconstruction and nominated the Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, M. P. to serve in this Committee.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the Eighth Instalment – Part IV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2011; Sixth Instalment – Part XXIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012; First Instalment – Part VIII, Second Instalment – Part XIX, Fourth Instalment – Part VI, VII, VIII, IX and X, Fifth Instalment – Part VII and Sixth Instalment – Part I, II, III, IV and V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013 and First Instalment – Part I and II, Second Instalment – Part VI, VII, VIII, IX and X, Third Instalment – Part III, Fourth Instalment – Part VI and VII and Fifth Instalment – Part I, II and III of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014 under Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of External Resources for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Home Affairs presented,—

- (i) the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Galle for the year 2015;
- (ii) the Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Jaffna for the year 2015;
- (iii) the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Kalutara for the year 2015;
- (iv) the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Kilinochchi for the year 2015;
- (v) the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Mannar for the year 2015; and
- (vi) the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Monaragala for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingency Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget - 2016 as at 17.05.2016 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 16 of 2015.

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

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

(i) the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority for the year 2013; and

(ii) the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs for the year 2014;

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Educational Publications Department for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Prisons for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

### **3. Petitions :**

(1) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented —

(i) a petition dated 04.12.2015 from Mr. Eranda Wijayasiri Katukurunda Gamage of No. 127/4/B, Wakwella, Galle;

(ii) a petition dated 09.01.2016 from Ms. Inoka Geeganage of Maha Gedara, Weliketiya, Ankokkawala, Galle;

(iii) a petition dated 30.01.2016 from Mrs. Neetha Wickremasuriya of "Tharindu", Gurukanda, Kathaluwa, Ahangama;

(iv) a petition dated 08.10.2015 from Mr. S. P. K. de Silva of "Hemani", Brahmanawaththa, Balapitiya; and

(v) a petition dated 09.01.2016 from Ms. V. P. Chalana Janaki Jayawardene of "Thushara", Peralanda Watta, Hiyare, Galle.

## (2) Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe presented —

- (i) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. D. Gunadasa of No. 500, Susilarama Road, Malabe;
- (ii) a petition dated 06.04.2016 from Mr. H. A. N. Perera of No. 362, Pahala Bomiriya, Kaduwela;
- (iii) a petition dated 25.02.2016 from Mr. J. K. A. D. Indrasiri Jayawardena of No. 152, Weliwita, Kaduwela;
- (iv) a petition dated 09.03.2016 from Mr. K. B. W. Alwis of No. 517/1, Aggona, Angoda;
- (v) a petition dated 24.03.2016 from Mr. L. N. P. Jayarathne, Staff Assistant to IGP, Superintendent of Police, Police Headquarters, Colombo 01;
- (vi) a petition dated 06.01.2016 from Mr. M. S. A. Farook of No. 20A, 10<sup>th</sup> Lane, Kollupitiya, Colombo 03;
- (vii) a petition dated 30.03.2016 from Mr. Pradeep Wettasinghe of No. 327/33, Sethsiri Uyana, Ganemulla Road, Kadawatha;
- (viii) a petition dated 05.02.2016 from Mrs. R. M. Vineetha Irangani of No. 116, Diyawanna Udyanaya Mawatha, Battaramulla;
- (ix) a petition dated 09.03.2016 from Mr. W. A. Indunil Priyantha Kumara of No. 160/A, Vihara Mawatha, Radawadunna, Nittambuwa; and
- (x) a petition dated 14.03.2016 from Mr. W. M. Athula Bandara of B9 - Police Quarters, Maradana, Colombo 10.

## (3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented—

- (i) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. A. G. Amith Chandana Kumara of No. 544/59A, Rewatha Circular Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Mile Post, China Bay, Trincomalee;
- (ii) a petition dated 03.03.2016 from Mrs. B. M. Priyangika Subhashini of No. 882, Kawantissapura, Padavi - Sri Pura;
- (iii) a petition dated 15.03.2016 from Mr. D. K. Ranasinghe of Galahitiya, Godakawela;
- (iv) a petition dated 16.03.2016 from Mr. E. Sajith Edirisinghe of Sri Bodhipadaparamaya, Kandy Road, Chaina Harbour, Trincomalee;
- (v) a petition dated 30.03.2016 from Mr. I. R. S Kumaratunga of No. 94, Vigoda Road, Mahavita, Yakkala;
- (vi) a petition dated 18.04.2016 from Mr. J. M. N. S. Jayasena of No. 78/15 A, Railways Quarters, Bastian Mawatha, Colombo Fort;
- (vii) a petition dated 16.03.2016 from Mr. M. Kelum Darshana de Silva of 10-Houses Road, Andamkulam, Trincomalee;
- (viii) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. M. M. Mohomad Anwer of Peruntheru, Kinniya -06;
- (ix) a petition dated 20.04.2016 from Mrs. R. G. Mangalika of No. 668/C, 4<sup>th</sup> Unit, Raja-ela, Kantale;

- (x) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. S. A. Fasmir of Peruntheru, Kinniya -06;
  - (xi) a petition dated 16.03.2016 from Mr. S. M. Janitha Lasantha of No. 22/1, Fishing Village, Chaina Harbour, Trincomalee;
  - (xii) a petition dated 22.04.2016 from Mr. S. K. Wijenayaka of Wasana Tex, Medawachchiya, Bakmeegama, Trincomalee;
  - (xiii) a petition dated 04.03.2016 from Mr. S. S. L. Senadheera of No. 1039C, Unit 15, Vendrasanpura, Kanthale;
  - (xiv) a petition dated 17.03.2016 from Mr. T. G. Ajith Kumara of 5<sup>th</sup> Mile Post, Kandy Road, Chaina Bay, Trincomalee;
  - (xv) a petition dated 04.03.2016 from Mrs. W. M. Mallika Jayawardena of No. 205/25, Ampitiya Kanda; and
  - (xvi) a petition dated 30.03.2016 from Mrs. W. A. D. W. K. Wickramasinghe of Mahamaya Place, Arukwatta, Padukka.
- (4) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
- (i) a petition dated 20.02.2016 from Mr. A. A. Sunil of Katukenda Road, Thiniyawala;
  - (ii) a petition dated 19.03.2016 from Mrs. Liyanage Daisy Perera of Central College Road, Bulathsinhala;
  - (iii) a petition dated 24.02.2016 from Mr. M. A. Yesli Rathnasiri of Wattahena, Hedigalla, Gurubedda;
  - (iv) a petition dated 28.03.2016 from Mr. W. Neel Piyantha Pemananda of Wathukaragama, Gawaragiriya, Ayagama; and
  - (v) a petition dated 21.03.2016 from Mr. W. Somasiri Alwis of Road Development Authority Houses, Weththewa, Mathugama.
- (5) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented —
- (i) a petition dated 22.02.2016 from Mr. K. M. C. Kulathunga of No. 284, 5<sup>th</sup> Lane, Nisalathanna, Mahakeliya; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 11.01.2016 from Mr. W. P. Sarath Hemasiri Wickramanayaka of No. 327/C, Ihala Mahawewa, Mahawewa.
- (6) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented—
- (i) a petition dated 10.02.2016 from Mr. C. A. D. Amarannada Mel of No. 55, Weheragalatenna, Kalugasarawa, Heeloya, Bandarawela;
  - (ii) a petition dated 23.02.2016 from Mr. R. G. Ariyaratne of No. 14/8, Gangabada Patumawatha, Badulla; and
  - (iii) a petition dated 06.04.2016 from Mr. Y. W. Piyadasa of No. 97/3, Gonahena, Webada.
- (7) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —
- (i) a petition dated 11.02.2016 from Mr. Ajith Gunawardene of No. 185, Galle Road, Hikkaduwa;
  - (ii) a petition dated 02.03.2015 from Mr. B. P. C. Neville De Silva of “Namunu”, Puwakgahakanaththawatta, Kapuhempala, Akmeemana;

- (iii) a petition dated 24.01.2016 from Mr. E. Sunil Santha of No. 377, Jayanthipura, Polonnaruwa;
  - (iv) a petition dated 01.03.2016 from Mr. H. A. S. Nanayakkara of Kottasawatta, Uluvitike;
  - (v) a petition dated 01.02.2016 from Mr. J. C. L. Bandara of No. 52/2, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Street, Pagoda, Nugegoda;
  - (vi) a petition dated 29.02.2016 from Mrs. K. M. Lolimbawansha of No. 236/5, Pragathi Mawatha, Katuwana Road, Homagama;
  - (vii) a petition dated 28.02.2016 from Mr. M. T. P. Cooray of No. 273, Delthara, Piliyandala;
  - (viii) a petition dated 19.03.2016 from Mr. M. R. Wijekumara of No. 15/624, Freeman Road, Anuradhapura; and
  - (ix) a petition dated 10.02.2016 from Mr. U. R. C. Dharshana of No. 12/4, First Lane, Keppetipola Road, Badulla.
- (8) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 03.03.2016 from Mr. M. K. B. Jayasekara of Siyambalahahena, Kadurupokuna, Tangalle;
  - (ii) a petition dated 23.02.2016 from Mrs. P. K. Pathma of No. 65/16, Sri Rathanapala Mawatha, Isadin Town, Mathara; and
  - (iii) a petition dated 20.02.2016 from Mr. P. K. C. Wimalasuriya of No. 24/3, Saddhananda Mawatha, Weligama.

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

**4. Leave of Absence :** Hon. Muthu Sivalingam seconded by Hon. C. B. Rathnayake moved,— That Hon. Arumugan Thondaman, Member of Parliament be granted leave under Article 66 (f) of the Constitution to be absent from the Sittings of Parliament for a period of three months from June 07<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

**5. Homoeopathy :** The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented,— “Bill to provide for the establishment of a Homoeopathic Medical Council; for the registration of Homoeopathic Practitioners and Homoeopathic Pharmacists; for the registration and regulation of Homoeopathic Institutions; to promote, foster, and Regulate the Homoeopathic system of medicine and for the regulation and control of the manufacture, importation, storage, sale and distribution of homoeopathic medicine, drugs and other homoeopathic preparations; to repeal the Homoeopathy Act, No.7 of 1970 and to make provision for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 and to be printed.

**6. Mediation Board (Amendment) :** The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana presented,— “Bill to amend the Mediation Board Act, No.72 of 1988.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 and to be printed.

**7. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.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.

**8. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Sunil Handunnetti seconded by Hon. Bimal Rathnayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Janakaraliya Cultural 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 Education for report.

**9. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne seconded by Hon. K. K. Piyadasa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Women’s Conference.”

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 Women and Child Affairs for report.

**10. Adjournment (Problems Arisen in Education and Higher Education Sector) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.35 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.40 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.30 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.40 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, June 08, 2016.