



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

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. (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. 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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural
Affairs

- Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- 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. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

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

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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. 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. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

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. 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. 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. 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. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
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 Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Chairman of Committees made the following announcement: -

“I wish to inform the Parliament that Hon. Speaker has received copies of two petitions filed at the Supreme Court under Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill titled “Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment)”.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands presented the Performance Report of the Commissioner General of Title Settlement for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of Higher Education 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.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) 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 with regard to the establishment of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1964/10 of 26th April 2016; and
- (ii) 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 with regard to the establishment of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1964/11 of 26th April 2016;

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

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament for the year 2015.

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

(5) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Vavuniya for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of Finance for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Enterprise Development for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Report from Committees : Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on the Bills entitled, "Mediation Board (Amendment)" and "Right to Information" referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented a petition dated 04.03.2016 from Mr. M. J. Camillus Perera of No. 187/1/1, Kirimatiyagara, Kadawatha.
- (2) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera presented a petition dated 10.02.2016 from Mr. H. W. Saman of “Jayamini”, Thalwatta, Katuwana.
- (3) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.04.2016 from Mr. H. Dulman Fernando of No. 101, Temple Road, Pinwala, Panadura;
 - (ii) a petition dated 25.11.2015 from Mr. I. D. Sunil Indrapala of No. 278C, “Gamage Stores”, Kirindiwela Road, Radawana;
 - (iii) a petition dated 10.03.2016 from Mr. M. D. Lakshman Sisirathne of No. 128/1, Veedagama, Bandaragama; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 17.02.2016 from Mr. W. A. Y. P. Fernando of No. 27, Rohiniwatta, Kaludewala, Panadura.

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

5. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) : The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana presented,— “Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, July 05, 2016, to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.30 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.15 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural 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 35 were 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 Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Adjournment (Problems Arisen in Secondary School Project.) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Education moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.20 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.15 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.