



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 156.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 10.30 a. 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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and 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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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

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. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
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. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, 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 —

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2013;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Uva Wellassa University for the year 2013;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya for the year 2013;
- (iv) Thirty Sixth Annual Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2014;
- (v) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya for the year 2014;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo for the year 2014;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Colombo for the year 2014; and
- (viii) Annual Reports of the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the years 2013 and 2014.

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations on “Regulations under the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —

- (i) a petition dated 04.01.2017 from Mr. E.M.P.A.G.N.I.B.Ekanayaka of No. 57, Ambanpola, Udasingiriya, Matale; and

- (ii) a petition dated 08.12.2016 from Mr. K.M.W.B. Kumarasinghe of No. 1/17, Rahula Mawatha, Matale.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 29.01.2017 from Mr. D. S. K. Gamage of Lihiniyawa, Meegahathenna;
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.02.2017 from Mr. H. M. D. Nimal of “Ishara Niwasa”, Mawathagoda, Welipenna;
 - (iii) a petition dated 23.01.2017 from Mr. K.A. Karunasena of Jinarama Mawatha, Baduraliya;
 - (iv) a petition dated 31.12.2016 from Mrs. K.T. Chandrani Jayalath of “Dhammika”, Kokkumbura, Meegahatenna;
 - (v) a petition dated 12.11.2016 from Mr. M. Alfrad Fernando of No. 12, Mount Lawrancewatta, Ganima, Dodangoda;
 - (vi) a petition dated 30.01.2017 from Mrs. S. A. D. D. Priyangani of “Saumya”, Gankanda, Ovitigala, Mathugama;
 - (vii) a petition dated 05.02.2017 from Mrs. Sumanawathie Weerasinghe of Weerasinghe Kanda, Hedigalla Janapathaya, Baduraliya;
 - (viii) a petition dated 31.01.2017 from Mr. T. A. Nilantha of No. 420/1, Jinarama Mawatha, Baduraliya; and
 - (ix) a petition dated 15.02.2017 from Mrs. U. H. Maggie of Punchihena, Kithulgoda, Agalawatta.

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

4. Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the Ground of Gross Ingratitude Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That Hon. Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.05 p.m. Hon. Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.49 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.46 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.16 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana 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 in the Chair.

Clause 1 to 7 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 Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

5. Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— that the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 in respect of the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of Ukraine on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/78 of 11th November 2016 which was presented on 09.01.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013 relating to the duration of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2002/28 of 18th January 2017 which was presented on 07.02.2017 be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment (Demands of Unemployed Graduates in Northern and Eastern Provinces) : 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 7.30 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

The Parliament accordingly adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.