



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

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## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.**

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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**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 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 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. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and  
Community Development

**Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, Minister of Agriculture

**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. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

**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. 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. 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. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

**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 Prison 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. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

**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. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

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

**Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways

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

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

**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

**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

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**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha**  
**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. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Piyanakara 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. Mohan Priyadarshana 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. 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. 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. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**

**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**  
**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

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

**Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented, The Fifth Instalment – Part IX and Eighth Instalment – Part VI of the Report of Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012, The Second Instalment – Parts XXI,XXII, the Third Instalment – Part VII and the Sixth Instalment – Parts VI,VII,VIII,IX,X and XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013, The Second Instalment – Parts XVIII,XIX and the Fifth Instalment – Parts VII and VIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014; and The First Instalment – Parts I, II and III, the Second Instalment – Parts II,III,IV and V, the Third Instalment – Parts I and II and the Fourth Instalment – Parts III,IV and V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015 in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Employees' Trust Fund Board 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organisation for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation for the year 2014 moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Industry and Commerce presented the —

- (i) Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Design Centre for the year 2013 and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Co-operative Employees Commission for the year 2015.

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Agrarian Development for the year 2014; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for the year 2014.

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Water Resources Board for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34(1) of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 relating to the Prohibited List(2017) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/15 of 14th February 2017 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, The Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “Notification made under the Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52)”, “Notes on Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Provision made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates” and “Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

**3. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented a petition dated 03.12.2016 from Mr. R. M. Anura Senerath Bandara of No. 440, Hendala Road, Wattala.
- (2) Hon. Lakshman Kiriella presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 05.01.2017 from Mr. R. W. Ekanayaka Rajaweda of No. 3/85, Mathupali Niwasa, Sampath Uyana Road, Tennekumbura, Kandy; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 05.01.2017 from Mr. W. M. C. Senevirathna serving in Dumbura New Prison, Pallekele, Kundasale.
- (3) Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 04.02.2017 from Mr. B. Thilak Perera of No. 47/15, Hyde Park Corner, Colombo 02;
  - (ii) a petition dated 14.12.2016 from Mr. N. G. L. Jayananda of No. 01, Lakshmi Villas, Colombo Road, Gampaha; and



- (iii) a petition dated 21.01.2017 from Mr. N. R. Upali Perera of No. 18/7, Rupasinghe Mawatha, Nugegoda.
- (4) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented —
- (i) a petition dated 27.12.2016 from Mr. D. A. Gamini Manage of No. 515/1, Old Road, Sunil Ranasinghe Mawatha, Kottawa, Pannipitiya; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Mr. R. M. Dissanayaka of No. 313/1/139, Mahawelithenna, Meegalewa.
- (5) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented —
- (i) a petition dated 11.12.2016 from Mr. S. D. Anurasiri Shantha of No. 49, Aluthhena, Ipalawa, Gokarella;
  - (ii) a petition dated 04.12.2016 from Mr. S. M. Piyatissa of No. 12, Kaprukawatta, Yatiwahera, Negambo Road, Kurunegala; and
  - (iii) a petition dated 12.02.2017 from Mr. T. M. S. T. Bandara of Kajuwatta, Hanwella, Kudalgamuwa.
- (6) Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka presented a petition dated 07.12.2016 from Mr. W. H. Gamini Rathna of No. 174/1A, Bodhirajagama, Ingiriya.

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

**4. Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) (Amendment) :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented,—“Bill to amend the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 04 April, 2017 and to be printed, and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**5. Sittings of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne seconded by Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hector Appuhamy Helping Hand Charity 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.

**7. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana seconded by Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Global Humanitarian 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.

**8. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Association of Traditional Officials of the All Island Historical Devala.”

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.

**9. Adjournment (Management of Financial Crisis) :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 3.11 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Minister of Special Assignment moved that Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.33 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament adjourned at 7.00 p.m. until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.