



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 153.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, March 10, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

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

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of
the House of Parliament

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement
and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and
Water Supply

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

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

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
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. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal 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. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 announcement:-

“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled **“Engineering Council, Sri Lanka”** on 09th March 2017 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media presented the Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on “Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the Ground of Gross Ingratitude Bill” which was referred to the said committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented —

- (i) a petition dated 18.01.2017 from Mrs. I.M. Gunasekara of Assistant Director, Construction Industry Development Authority, Savsiripaya, Colombo 07; and
- (ii) a petition dated 03.01.2017 from Ms. Punyani Kekunawela of No. 34/2, MJC Mawatha, Horethuduwa, Moratuwa.

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented —

- (i) a petition dated 16.01.2017 from Mr. E.A.T. Edirisingha of No. 82, Wewa Road, Kanduboda, Delgoda;
- (ii) a petition dated 09.01.2017 from Mr. R.D. Jayapala of No. 87/66, Gurugama, Naiwala, Veyangoda; and
- (iii) a petition dated 07.11.2016 from Mr. W.H. Piyasena of No. 470/2, Gunasekara Mawatha, Walgama Junction, Athurugiriya.

(3) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —

- (i) a petition dated 20.12.2016 from Mr. Ariyadasa K. Vithanage of Ibbawatta, Malewangoda, Darga Town;
- (ii) a petition dated 23.12.2016 from Mr. D.G. Balachandra of No. 71, Jaya Road, Udahamulla, Nugegoda;
- (iii) a petition dated 21.09.2016 from Mrs. H. A. Seelawathie of No. 516/5, Vendesiwatta, Pitipana South, Homagama;
- (iv) a petition dated 02.01.2017 from Mr. K. C. Dharmapriya of No. 80/B, Malamulla West, Panadura;
- (v) a petition dated 31.10.2016 from Mr. M.G. Wickramasinghe of No. 79, Moregedara, Siyambalagoda, Danthure, Kandy;
- (vi) a petition dated 06.02.2017 from Mrs. P. Seethadevi of No. 39, Perth New Housing Scheme, Wagawatta, Poruwadanda, Horana;
- (vii) a petition dated 10.12.2016 from Mrs. P.R. Ranjani Perera, serving in Agrarian Service Centre, Padiyathalawa;

- (viii) a petition dated 25.10.2016 from Mr. P.S. Panagoda of No. 156/13, 2nd Stage, Andagalawatta, Bamunugedara, Kurunegala;
 - (ix) a petition dated 28.11.2016 from Mrs. Seetha Siriwardena of No. 211/1, Godella Watta, Bowala, Walasmulla; and
 - (x) a petition dated 18.11.2016 from Mr. W. Nilwala of No. 403, Nawala Road, Rajagiriya.
- (4) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 28.11.2016 from Mr. S. M. Ranjith Rathnayake of No. 14/A, Pubudu Mawatha, Elwala, Ukuwela.

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

4. Civil Procedure Code (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 Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101)”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on, 21.03.2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 and 2 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 20(7) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. 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 sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. At 1.30 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.

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

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers 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 Ports and Shipping.

8. Adjournment : At 11.50 a.m. there being an uproar in the Parliament the Speaker adjourned the Parliament without question put.

Parliament adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.