



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 82.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 05, 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. 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. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

- Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- 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. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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. 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. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- Hon. Niroschan 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

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Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

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. Dunesh 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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign 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. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
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. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
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Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarotheiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

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 announcements : -

I

“I wish to announce to the House that I have received the decision of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled “Homoeopathy” which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has decided to reject the petition since the petitioners have failed to file the petition within the time period stipulated in Article 121(1) of the Constitution and decided not to proceed to make a “determination”.

I order that the decision of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings.”

II

“I wish to announce to the House that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled “Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment)” which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121 (1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that neither the Bill as whole nor any of its provisions is inconsistent with the Constitution.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings."

III

"I intend discussing with the Attorney-General, Auditor-General and the newly appointed Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to obtain further instructions in respect of future actions to be pursued regarding the detailed and concise Reports submitted to me by the Auditor-General in relation to the recent bond issue of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, maintaining its confidentiality.

I wish to inform this House that I have already discussed this matter with the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises, and the necessary steps will be taken to pursue actions in a manner without disturbing the on going investigations conducted by the Committee."

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Quarterly Report on the Economy.

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

(2) The Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare presented the Performance Report of the Department of Social Services for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the year 2013 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 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 Jaffna, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1960/9 of 29th March 2016;
- (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 University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/44 of 19th February 2016; and

- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the appointment of a Competent Authority in lieu of Director of Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurvedic Institute, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1969/2 of 30th May 2016.

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

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Management Services for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Legal Affairs for the year 2015;

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Immigration and Emigration 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 Consumer Affairs Authority for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Report from Committees : Hon. Premalal Jayasekara, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on the Bill entitled, “Homoeopathy” referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. P. Harrison presented a petition dated 26.03.2016 from Mr. I. M. Gamini Chandrasiri of No. 2245/A 2, Stage III, Anuradhapura.
- (2) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented a petition dated 28.05.2016 from Mr. C. V. Lokusuriya of Galthuduwa, Gonagalapura.

- (3) Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale presented —
- (i) a petition dated 04.04.2016 from Mr. P. M. K. Gamage of Miriswelpola, Kolambageara; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 11.01.2016 from Mr. S. A. R. M. Solangaarachchi of Yakdehiwatta, Niwithigala.
- (4) Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne presented a petition dated 04.05.2016 from Mr. H. R. Lalith Mohan of Ihalagama, Madampe.
- (5) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 20.05.2016 from Mr. G. Emalian of No. 225, Bankshall Street, Jaffna.
- (6) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe presented a petition dated 26.01.2016 from Mr. H. G. W. Kaldera of No. 62, Asmadala, Galathara.

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

5. Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs presented,—“Bill to amend the Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 19 of 2010.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Animal Feed (Amendment) : The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs presented,—“Bill to amend the Animal Feed Act, No. 15 of 1986.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

7. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 07th July 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Homoeopathy Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.12 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine 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.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 and 9 in page 2.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to leave out line 19 in page 2 and insert,—

“(b) five members to be elected in the manner specified”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine an amendment to leave out line 14 in page 3 and insert,—

“other than an ex officio member, for reasons assigned after an inquiry.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5 to 14 were agreed to.

Clause 15

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 3 and 4 in page 7 and insert,—

“the Homeopathic system of medicine other than the government Homeopathic teaching”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 16

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 27 to 30 (both inclusive) in page 7 and insert,—

“(d) appoint medical inspectors to supervise, enter, inspect, examine and investigate -

- (i) the Homeopathy medical colleges and institutions in order to ensure that the minimum standards are maintained by such colleges or institutions for the purpose of regulations under this Act; and
- (ii) institutions where Homeopathy is practiced, in order to ensure that Homeopathy is practiced only by a registered Homeopathic medical practitioner and such institutions conform to the minimum standards prescribed by regulations;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to leave out line 13 in page 8 and insert,—

“standards of medical education and practice of Homoeopathy including the minimum standards relating to”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to insert immediately after line 14 in page 9 the following:—

“(p) to delegate any power, duty or function to any officer or committee from time to time subject to such conditions as the Council may deem necessary;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out line 29 in page 9 and insert,—

“such staff in consultation with the Department of Management Services;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 18

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 10 and insert,—

“Council for a period of five years unless removed earlier for reasons assigned;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to leave out line 19 in page 10 and insert,—

“shall be deemed to be a public servants within the meaning of;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 21 to 30 (both inclusive) in page 10.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 11.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 20

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 to 18 (both inclusive) in page 11.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 30 were agreed to.

Clause 31

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to insert immediately after line 11 in page 21 the following:—

“(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(b), a person who is not a citizen of Sri Lanka may be registered temporarily for such period subject to the other provision of section 31 and subject to such terms and conditions in such manner as may be prescribed.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 32 to 39 were agreed to.

Clause 40

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out line 29 in page 24 and insert,—

“one year or to a fine not less than two hundred thousand rupees or”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 48 were agreed to.

Clause 49

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out line 25 in page 29 and insert,—

“(i) the minimum standards of medical education and the practice of Homoeopathy including minimum standards relating to courses of study;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 50 and 51 were agreed to.

Clause 52

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to insert immediately after line 14 in page 31 the following:—

“(e) every officer and servant appointed to the Council under the repealed Act, and holding office on the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be officers and servants appointed under this Act and shall continue in office accordingly on the same terms and conditions;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 55 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 with Amendments.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Adjournment (Problems Faced by Persons with Special Needs) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.15 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.26 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.05 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, July 07, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.