



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, July 07, 2016 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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

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. 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. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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. 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. Piyankara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. 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. 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. Dunes 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. 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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
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. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
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. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
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. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife for the year 2015 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.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2011 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131).

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

(4) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Trincomalee 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.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd. for the year 2012 - 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No 1 of 1969

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

2. Presentation of Report from Committees : Hon. Vadivel Suresh, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on the Bill entitled, “National Research Council of Sri Lanka” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mr. H. D. Ranjan of Ganankete, Welpalla; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 29.02.2016 from Mrs. Sumana Jayatilake of No. 78/2, Old Road, Nawala.
- (2) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 23.04.2016 from Mrs. A. P. A. Sriyawathi of Godawatta, Meegoda, Wanchawala;
 - (ii) a petition dated 24.09.2015 from Mr. K. A. Jinadasa of No. 181/1, Elpitiya Road, Wathugedara;
 - (iii) a petition dated 05.04.2016 from Mr. P. Thilakarathne of “Sirilak Niwasa”, Hapugahagedara, Alawwa; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 04.05.2016 from Mr. Titus Thrimawithana of Jayawardene Mawatha, Karaliyangoda, Kahawa.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 03.06.2016 from Mrs. D. M. S. Senanayake of No. 23/11, Kotuwegedara Road, Matale;
 - (ii) a petition dated 31.01.2016 from Mr. R. W. Kumarasingha of No. 177/1, Arawula Junction, Kandalama, Dambulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 25.01.2016 from Mr. S. M. M. Harees of No. 51, First Lane, Kaludawala, Matale; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 05.03.2016 from Mr. Udaya Janaka Hallaluwa of No. 207 B, Mahayayawatta, Akuramboda, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 27.05.2016 from Mr. D. M. L. B. Dissanayake of No. 68, D Ela, Hasalaka;
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.04.2016 from Mr. E. J. G. Mangalarathne Ariyawansa of No. 62, Rangoda, Wellamboda; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 24.03.2016 from Mr. W. G. Samarasinghe of No. 442, Wewewatta, Danthure.
- (5) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 25.04.2016 from Mr. E. M. W. G. W. K. Ekanayake of Gamburuoya, Handungamuwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 04.02.2016 from Mr. G. S. C. Galhena of No. 62/2, Kirioruwa, Akuramboda;
 - (iii) a petition dated 12.03.2016 from Mr. H. M. T. C. Rathnayake of No. 84/2, Arambepola, Alawathugoda, Kandy;
 - (iv) a petition dated 08.02.2016 from Mr. I. K. Gunawardene of No. 65, Bambarakatupotha, Galewela;

- (v) a petition dated 27.04.2016 from Mr. W. B. V. M. R. U. N. T. B. Aluvihare of No. 58, Matale Road, Alkaduwa; and
 - (vi) a petition dated 29.02.2016 from Mr. W. M. Ranasighe Banda of Jayathilake Mawatha, Galewela.
- (6) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 02.04.2016 from Mr. C. D. Mohotti of No. 28, Karuwalagas Mawatha, Walgama, Matara;
 - (ii) a petition dated 01.04.2016 from Mr. D. K. Rajapakse of No. 6/A, 2nd Cross Street, Uyanwatta, Matara;
 - (iii) a petition dated 01.04.2016 from Mr. H. H. S. Grashan de Silva of No. 331/15, Hittatiya West, Matara;
 - (iv) a petition dated 22.04.2016 from Mr. K. G. Ranjith Wanaraja of “Methsan”, Wehalla, Urugamuwa, Matara;
 - (v) a petition dated 22.04.2016 from Mrs. K. V. D. R. Dias of No. 121, Sunanda Mawatha, Walgama, Matara;
 - (vi) a petition dated 22.04.2016 from Mr. P. B. Tenison of “Wasana”, Pokunuwatta, Pelena, Weligama;
 - (vii) a petition dated 31.03.2016 from Mr. S. B. Leelarathne of Senasumgoda, Bengamuwa; and
 - (viii) a petition dated 11.01.2016 from Mr. Y. U. S. Peiris of No. 130/2, Kahanthota Road, Pittugala, Malabe.

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

(At 11.00 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

4. National Research Council of Sri Lanka Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Science, Technology and Research moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Science, Technology and Research moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.29 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.15 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.35 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Megapolis and Western Development moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p. m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.57 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Science, Technology and Research 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 Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 13 were agreed to.

Clause 14

The Minister of Science, Technology and Research moved an amendment to leave out lines 24 to 29 (both inclusive) in page 6 and insert,—

“to facilitate, coordinate, supervise and monitor research relating to science and technology in respect of grants provided to higher education institutions, public sector research institutes and other government institutes so as to ensure the efficient utilization of government investments in research.”

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 15 to 29 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 Science, Technology and Research 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.

5. Adjournment (Conditions of IMF Loan Agreement) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.55 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, July 08, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.