



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 08, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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
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- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- 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. (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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

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. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

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. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
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. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharooof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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 inform that in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled “**Registration of Persons (Amendment)**” on 07th July 2016.”

II

“I wish to inform that in terms of paragraph 8 (d) and (e) of the Resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19th December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. Sirinal de Mel from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy and nominated the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe to serve in the said Committee.”

III

“I wish to inform that in terms of paragraph 8 (d) and (e) of the resolution adopted by the Parliament on 19th December 2015, the Committee of Selection has discharged the Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe from the membership of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services and nominated the Hon. Sirinal de Mel to serve in this Committee.”

IV

“I wish to inform that in terms of Standing Order 129(c) of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, to serve in the

Committee on Public Enterprises in place of the Hon. Velu Kumar, who had tendered his resignation.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Planning for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2013/2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations on the draft Statute of the Sabaragamuwa Province entitled, “Sabaragamuwa Provincial Tourist Bureau” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media, presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on the matters relating to, “The Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections” , “Regulations under the Judicature Act” and “Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act” referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —

- (i) a petition dated 16.05.2016 from Mr. Densil Lalith Abeysuriya of No. 90/16, Welinton Park, Welisara, Ragama;
- (ii) a petition dated 06.06.2016 from Mrs. N. L. Chandrasekara of No. 28/9, Khemananda Mawatha, Muwagama, Ratnapura;
- (iii) a petition dated 03.05.2016 from Mrs. Padmanadan Jeyamalini of Koviladi, Thambalagamuwa;
- (iv) a petition dated 16.05.2016 from Mr. Rohan Ponnaiya of No. 615/26, Rajagiriya Gardens, Rajagiriya ;
- (v) a petition dated 07.06.2016 from Ms. S. M. C. Dilrukshi Somapala of No. 1721/ B, Padavi Sripura;
- (vi) a petition dated 18.05.2016 from Mr. S. M. Heenbanda of R-96, Unit-16, Wendrasanpura, Kantale;
- (vii) a petition dated 18.05.2016 from Mr. W. A. D. Siriwardene of No. 43, Pepiliyana Road, Gangodawila, Nugegoda; and
- (viii) a petition dated 16.05.2016 from Mr. Wasudevan Rasaiya of Hurihelapathana Private Limited, Hurihelapathana, Harankahawa.

(2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —

- (i) a petition dated 22.05.2016 from Mr. Amarabandra Gunasekara of No. 2/18, Gamsabha Road, Kalegana, Galle;
- (ii) a petition dated 08.05.2016 from Mr. Berty Kumarapperuma of Sitinamaluwa, Thangalle;
- (iii) a petition dated 22.06.2016 from Mr. J. M. D. Wijeweera of No. 31/22, 1st Lane, Temple Road, Maharagama;
- (iv) a petition dated 26.05.2016 from Ms. K. Dissanayake of No. 160/47, Lake Road, Battaramulla;
- (v) a petition dated 31.05.2016 from Mr. Ranjith Samarawickrama of No. 23, “Hydramani Niwasa”, Manajjawa, Ambalantota; and
- (vi) a petition dated 21.04.2016 from Mr. W. G. M. M. N. Lakshitha of “Ananda”, Kudawella North, Nakulugamuwa.

(3) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —

- (i) a petition dated 09.05.2016 from Mr. H. M. Iphami of No. 267/2, Main Street (Parana Kade), Weligama;
- (ii) a petition dated 01.02.2016 from Mr. J. C. L. Bandara of No. 52/2, 1st Cross Street, Pagoda, Nugegoda ;
- (iii) a petition dated 14.05.2016 from Mr. K. U. R. Fernando of No. 297, Horana Road, Wekada, Panadura ;
- (iv) a petition dated 30.04.2016 from Mr. Kanthi Samarasinghe Gunasekara of “Kanthi”, Nadugala Junction, Nadugala, Matara; and
- (v) a petition dated 26.04.2016 from Mr. L. H. Sirisena of Lunukalapuwa Road, Kottagoda.

(4) Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne presented —

- (i) a petition dated 07.03.2016 from Mr. M. H. Mohomed Ali of No. 106/01, Alhilaipura, Thabala, Polonnaruwa; and
- (ii) a petition dated 30.05.2016 from Mr. W. M. P. B. Weerasinghe of No. 18/2, Yaya 06, New Town, Medirigiriya.

(5) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 24.05.2016 from Mr. D. Victor Ratnayake of Diggaha Koratuwa, Karaputugala, Kamburupitiya;
- (ii) a petition dated 11.05.2016 from Mrs. H. H. Swarna of Pahala Aramba, Puhulwella, Kirinda;
- (iii) a petition dated 17.05.2016 from Ms. K. K. Piyawathie of Kasthurigewatte, Udupila, Mirissa;
- (iv) a petition dated 11.05.2016 from Ms. Lakmali Liyanage of No. 55/A/14, Isuru Uyana, Wethara, Polgasowita;
- (v) a petition dated 25.05.2016 from Mr. Palitha Ranasinghe of “Ranasiri”, Ganhala Road, Maramba, Akuressa;
- (vi) a petition dated 03.04.2016 from Mrs. Thilaka Ranaweera of “Thilanka”, Godellawatta, Gombaddala, Matara;
- (vii) a petition dated 25.05.2016 from Mr. W. H. Mersian of Weliketiya, Maliduwa, Akuressa; and
- (viii) a petition dated 27.05.2016 from Mr. W. K. Wijesinghe of No. 40 A, Pragathi Mawatha, Walgama, Matara.

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

(At 10.57 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

5. Value Added Tax (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,—
“Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002.”

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. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That the Government Business do have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20th July 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act : The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1926/46 of 6th August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(At 1.30 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.55 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Administration and Management moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.04 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Judicature Act : The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 45 of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/34 of 18th February 2016, which were presented on 08.03.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Mediation Board (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister 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 took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 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 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.

11. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.25 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.