



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 86.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

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. 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. 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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. 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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

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. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational
Training

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions
Relations

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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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. 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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana 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. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
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. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the First Instalment – Parts IX and X, Third Instalment – Part VI, Fifth Instalment – Parts VIII and IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013; and the Second Instalment – Parts XI and XII, Fifth Instalment- Parts IV and V of the Report of the Auditor –General for the Financial Year 2014; in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 122 and VII A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1939/4 of 02nd November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22nd June 2016.

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

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine 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.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Skills Development Fund Limited 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.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Puttalam 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.

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

(i) Annual Report of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital for the year 2013; and

(ii) Performance Report of the Department of Ayurveda for the year 2013;

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Public Trustee for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. 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 regarding three Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance, presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on the Bill entitled, “Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment)” referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy regarding the Rules Under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah presented a petition dated 27.01.2016 from Mr. A. R. F. Ariff of No. 181, Sahibu Road, Kalmunai-06.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva presented a petition dated 15.03.2016 from Mrs. Prema de Silva of No. 50/4, Rupasiri Mawatha, Mirihana, Nugegoda.
- (3) Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana presented a petition dated 14.03.2016 from Mr. W. M. Dayarathne Ambogama of No. 2626, Stage-3, Anuradhapura.
- (4) Hon. S. Shritharan presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 14.10.2015 from Mr. A. Rasiah of No.36, Pandarakulam Lane, Nallur, Jaffna; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 19.05.2016 from Mr. S.R. Rasalingam of No. 88/6, Point Pedro Road, Jaffna.
- (5) Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage presented a petition dated 13.05.2016 from Ms. H. M. K. K. Karalliyadda of No.71, New Melfort Housing Scheme, Pussellawa.
- (6) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 01.03.2016 from Ms. Agnus C. W. Jayasekara of Elithuduwa, Majuwana – Keradewala;
 - (ii) A petition dated 06.02.2016 from Mr. Ajith Kumara Ekanayake of Walawwatta, Ganegama South, Baddegama;
 - (iii) A petition dated 20.05.2016 from Ms. Diana Kariyawasam of No. 29, Udawelivitiya, Ga / Nagoda;
 - (iv) A petition dated 13.09.2015 from Mr. M. G. Shantha of Maharuppa watta, Puwakgasara, Karametiya, Kirama;
 - (v) A petition dated 06.02.2016 from Mr. N. K. M. Keerthisara of “Ravindra”, Keppitiyagoda, Nagoda, Galle;
 - (vi) A petition dated 26.02.2016 from Mrs. N. P. K. Indralatha of Secretary, “Dakunu Palath Sri Lanka Eksath Nidahas Pusthakala Sahaya Sangamaya”, Public Library, Ahangama; and
 - (vii) A petition dated 04.02.2016 from Mr. P. H. Nandana of Dimbulduwa, Kuleegoda.

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

4. Universities (Amendment) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,— “Bill to amend the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 09, 2016 and to be printed and to be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

5. Draft Statute of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Tourist Bureau : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the Provisions of the Standing Order No. 46 A (3) (a) and (b) of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations an extension of time till 09th August, 2016 to submit its report to the Parliament on the Draft Statute of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Tourist Bureau which was referred by Mr. Speaker on 02nd December 2015.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Rules under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act : The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy moved,— That the Atomic Energy (Licence) Rules No. 1 of 2015 and the Atomic Energy (Notification of Intention to Conduct a Practice) Rules No. 1 of 2015 made by the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC) under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act, No. 40 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/27 of 21st July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

7. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/27 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kuamrasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/28 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1970/9 of 07th June 2016, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.00 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, July 22, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.