



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 87.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 22, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

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

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. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

Hon. Nirosan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
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. 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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda 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. 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. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcements : -

I

“I wish to inform that I have in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the following Bill on 21st July 2016:-

Mediation Board (Amendment)”

II

“I wish to inform that in terms of Standing Order No. 128A of the Parliament, and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 08th October 2015 and further to the announcement made by the Mr. Speaker on 09th October 2015, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Eran Wickramaratne to serve in the Committee on High Posts.”

III

“I wish to inform that in terms of Standing Order No. 128 of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by 04th November 2015 and further to the announcement made by the Mr. Speaker on 21st November 2015, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Wajira Abeywardana to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority for the year 2012 and moved that the said Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands presented the Annual Performance Report of the Land Commissioner General's

Department for the year 2015 and moved that the said Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade for the year 2015 and moved that the said Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka presented a petition dated 06.05.2016 from Mr. M. G. Ariyawansa of “Samara Niwasa”, Buluwana, Pitabeddara.
- (2) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 02.02.2016 from Mr. J. P. Sumathipala of No. 15, Mahagalwewa, Suriyawewa; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 05.05.2016 from Mr. Moratu Hewage Donalsiri of Kapuhena, Unakooruwa, Thangalle.
- (3) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 28.10.2015 from Mrs. K. W Devika Priyadarshani of No. 226/10 A, Richmond Hill Road, Galle; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 30.11.2015 from Mrs. P. M. Fawzia of No.117/1, Abdul Azees Mawatha, Kurunduwatta, Ginthota.
- (4) Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan presented a petition dated 21.03.2016 from Mr. Anthony Croos Marian Croos of Arippe, Chilavathurai, Mannar.
- (5) Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor presented a petition dated 08.06.2016 from Mr. M. Z. Munas Kariapper of Court Road, Samanthurei.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Deterioration of Economy and Social Standards of the Country) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.37 a. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.55 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.50 p. m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.06 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.43 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.05 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, August 09, 2016.