



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 10, 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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- 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. 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. (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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
- 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. 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
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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. Niroshan 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
- 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
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- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Duneshe 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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural 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. 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. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic 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. 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. Velu Kumar
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. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
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. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
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. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2013;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tourism Development Fund for the year 2013;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management for the year 2013; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the year 2013.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Reports of the Department of Labour for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department for Registration of Persons 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.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented, the Performance Report of the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media 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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on behalf of the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Chairperson of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources on the Bill entitled, “Animal Feed (Amendment)” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Tilak Marapana, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on the Bill entitled, “Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions)” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Palitha Range Bandara presented –
 - (i) A petition dated 02.05.2016 from Mr. B. K. A. L. R. Mathurata of Hengamuwa watta, Hengamuwa, Kobeigane;
 - (ii) A petition dated 22.02.2016 from Ms. L. P. D. Lakshani Nimeshika Jayasuriya of No. H.01.A, Palathuru Gammanaya, Inginititiya; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 13.06.2016 from Mrs. T. B. Dayawathie of 8th Post, Anuradhapura Road, Thabbowa.
- (2) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri presented a petition dated 27.06.2016 from Mr. Agampodi Ajith Laksri Mendis of No. 12, Race Course Grounds Road, Boossa.
- (3) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented a petition dated 22.06.2016 from Mr. J. Dayananda of “Wasantha”, Dambagolla Road, Galewela.
- (4) Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera presented a petition dated 04.04.2016 from Mrs. B. Mangala Jayanthi of No.106, Weliaragoda, Thissamaharama.
- (5) Hon. Vijitha Berugoda presented a petition dated 14.06.2016 from Ms. R. D. Nagodavithana of No.1 C, Ocean Tower, Station Road, Colombo 04.
- (6) Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran presented a petition dated 16.02.2016 from Mr. Kanapathipillai Thawarasa of No.19, Daniel Square, Thimilathivu, Batticaloa.
- (7) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 20.06.2016 from Mrs. M. K. Iranganie of No. 383/1, Biyagama Road, Pethiyagoda, Kelaniya.
- (8) Hon. Hector Appuhamy presented a petition dated 10.09.2015 from Mr. B. A. P. Damian Guys of Asiri Mawatha, Mudukatuwa, Marawila.

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

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Nihal Galappaththi moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the North Western Association for Restraint of Heart Disease.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament to the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine for report.

5. Regulations under the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act : The Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2nd July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.45 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.57 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March 2016.