



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 91.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, August 12, 2016 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

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. 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. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

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

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
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. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. 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. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Finance Commission for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2014 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 Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat, Kurunegala 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 Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa 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.

(6) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report and Accounts of Local Loans and Development Fund for the year 2012 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. S. B. Nawinne presented a petition dated 29.03.2016 from Mr. I. B. A. K. Jayathilake of No. 259, Ingurugamuwa, Auwlegama.
- (2) Hon. Chandima Weerakkody presented—
 - (i) petition dated 09.10.2015 from Mr. Binduhewa Sumanadasa of Eeriyagahadola, Batapola; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.06.2016 from Mr. Thilak Edirirathne of No. 17, National Housing Complex, Hirimbura, Galle.
- (3) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 28.04.2016 from Mr. W. G. Jagath Prasanna of No. 281/1, Mihindu Mawatha, Beliatta.
- (4) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented –
 - (i) A petition dated 10.06.2016 from Mrs. A. P. Lalitha Malini of “Sanduni Niwasa”, Waguruowita, Ihala Maliduwa, Akuressa;
 - (ii) A petition dated 29.06.2016 from Mr. D. Arachchige of No. 57/10, Sri Rathanapala Mawatha, Matara;
 - (iii) A petition dated 29.06.2016 from Mr. Gunadasa Samarasekara of “Mihira II”, Dandeniya, Urugamuwa; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 24.06.2016 from Mr. K. H. P. Silva of No. 119/1, Dharmarama Mawatha, Fort, Matara.
- (5) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe presented a petition dated 20.06.2016 from Mrs. K. H. M. P. U Abeywickrema of No.141/5, Kegalle Road, Imbulgasdeniya.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 11.08.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 9.30 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.

(At 10.17 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

4. Adjournment (Problems faced by Sri Lankans Employed Abroad) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Foreign Employment moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.45 a. m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair)

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. A. A. Wijethunga moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair)

The Minister of Foreign Employment moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.20 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair)

The Minister of Foreign Employment moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.45 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.