



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, August 23, 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. 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. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

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. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

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

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. 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

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

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. 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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
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. 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 Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal 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. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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 announcement: -

“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 Bills on 23rd August 2016:-

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions); and
Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment)”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Sri Lanka Railway for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Council for Elders for the year 2014 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,—

(i) the Performance Report of the Department of Information Technology Management for the year 2015; and

(ii) the Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy of General Treasury for the year 2015;

and moved that these reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana the Performance Report of the Legal Draftsman's Department for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on the matters relating to "Eight Orders under the Special Commodity Levy Act", "Resolution under the Customs Ordinance" and "Four Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act" referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented a petition dated 17.06.2016 from Mr. N. Samaraweera of No. 333/6, Ridiyagama Road, Gallaalithota, Ambalanthota.
- (2) Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha presented a petition dated 26.10.2015 from Mr. M. A. S. D. Perera of No. 561, Nindahena, Gothatuwa, Angoda.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 09.07.2016 from Mrs. H. B. Ranjani Hitibandara of No. 1/56 A, Walikanada Niwasa, Yatawaththa, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 29.06.2016 from Mr. S. Nihal Fernando of No. 65/K, Sri Seelawansa Nahimi Mawatha, Sooriyapaluwa, Kadawatha.
- (5) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 19.04.2016 from Ms. S. D. N. Vinodani of No. C 3/20, National Housing Scheme, Maligawatte, Colombo-10.
- (6) Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah presented a petition dated 27.06.2016 from Mr. A. Kandasamy of Mahasivam, Neervely West, Neervely.
- (7) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 06.04.2016 from Mr. G. L. A. Kolonne of No. 102/1, Main Street, Battaramulla;
 - (ii) A petition dated 27.06.2016 from Mrs. H. A. Indrani of Dolagawahena, Walbulugahahena, Puhulhena, Yatiyana; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 23.06.2016 from Mr. K. H. Sunil of No. 40, Yowungama, Kahagala, Kamburupitiya.
- (8) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana presented a petition dated 06.02.2016 from Mr. G. H. G. Prasad Chaminda of Mahagoda, Hegoda, Bussa.
- (9) Hon. Ashoka Priyantha presented a petition dated 14.02.2016 from Mr. N. Bernard Kosman Fernando of “Kusum”, Paragahawatta Road, Naththandiya Road, Marawila.
- (10) Hon. Chandima Gamage presented a petition dated 15.12.2015 from Mr. M. M. Rajapakshe of No. 83, Ambagahawewa-213/(Thulana), Miminnawala, Kahatagasdigiliya, Anuradhapura.
- (11) Hon. Sisira Jayakody presented a petition dated 14.06.2016 from Mrs. Thilangani Herath of No. C 7, Ocean Tower, Station Road, Colombo - 04.
- (12) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 24.06.2016 from Mr. K. A. D. Wickramasena of S. O. M.-1 (7-8), Old Camp, Embilipitiya.
- (13) Hon. Piya Nishantha De Silva presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 11.03.2016 from Mr. A. Dharshana Fonseka of “Aruna”, Sri Dheerananda Mawatha, Mahawaskaduwa, Waskaduwa; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 27.01.2016 from Mr. Nimal Wickramaarachchi serving in the Boralessgamuwa Maha Vidyalaya, Boralessgamuwa.

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

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana seconded by Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Samata Sarana Sahana Sewa Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri seconded by Hon. K. K. Piyadasa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sathya Sri Ghanapathi Bhakthi Jana Sewa Foundation.”

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 Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

7. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill : Second Reading.

Bill, by leave withdrawn.

(At 3.20 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair)

8. Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.25 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.15 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs 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 21 were agreed to.

Clause 22

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 8 and insert,—

“to a fine not less than fifty thousand rupees and not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand rupees;”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 26 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 with Amendments.

The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill, as amended be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

9. Adjournment (Tamil prisoners detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 6.31 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair)

And it being 7.30 p. m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Chairman of Committees without Question put.

The Parliament accordingly adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.