



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 93.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 24, 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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. 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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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. 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. 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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce 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. 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. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

Hon. Dunesh 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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign 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. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

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. 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. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
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. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

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. (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. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
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 the Annual Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1968/19 of 26th May 2016 and moved that this Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries 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.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on the matter related to “Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203)” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management on the Bill entitled, “Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment)” referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera on behalf of the Hon. Vadivel Suresh, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on the matters related to “Regulations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131).”, “Two Orders made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978” and “an Order made under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978” referred to the said Committee.

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

(4) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on the matters related to “Performance Report of the Department of the Law Commission for the year 2015” and “Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2015” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 07.07.2016 from Mrs. A. Sunethra Priyadarshani of No. 117, Stage II, Tri./Mahadivulwewa;
 - (ii) A petition dated 17.06.2016 from Mrs. M. K. Malani Gunawardene of No. 15, Parakrama Mawatha, Kanthale;
 - (iii) A petition dated 27.07.2016 from Mrs. R. M. S. Ranasinghe of No. 88, Gnanalankara Mawatha, Gatangama, Rathnapura; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Mrs. Rathnaseeli Somawansa of No. 45/2, Sapumal Place, Galle.
- (2) Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana presented a petition dated 08.06.2016 from Mr. W. Siriwardene of No. 2/6, Collins Crescent, Ratnapura.
- (3) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 01.02.2016 from Mr. N. M. A. B. Nawarathna serving in the NE/Siri Vajiragnana Maha Vidyalaya, Hawa-Eliya, Nuwara Eliya; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 05.01.2016 from Mr. W. P. Sunil serving in the CP/W/ Kotambe Maha Vidyalaya, Rupaha.
- (4) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 08.08.2016 from Mr. L. A. Kamal Shantha of No. 248/12, Dammodaya Mawatha, Pothuvil Road, Monaragala.
- (5) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 09.07.2016 from Mr. E. M. S. B. Ekanayake of No. 273/5, Katugastota Road, Kandy;
 - (ii) A petition dated 25.07.2016 from Mr. Lalith Kumara Dullewa of No. 07, Pepiliyana Road, Nugegoda; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 09.07.2016 from Mr. M. W. B. D. Wimalasiri of No. 23, Sri Amarawansa Mawatha, Bathalawatte, Peradeniya.
- (6) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented a petition dated 08.08.2016 from Mr. D. A. D. Athukorala of No. 20, Thapovanarama Road, Maththumagala, Ragama.

- (7) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
- (i) A petition dated 03.07.2016 from Mr. H. M. Muthubanda of No. 41/D, Marukona, Ukuwela;
 - (ii) A petition dated 29.06.2016 from Mrs. H. M. Nandana Menike Hennayaka of “Prarthana”, Bogambara, Kaikawala; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 12.07.2016 from Mr. W. W. K. K. Padmasiri of No. 99, Moragolla Waththa, Dambuluoya, Dambulla.
- (8) Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera presented a petition dated 01.08.2016 from Mr. H. M. R. G. B. Abeysingha of Hepola, Diyakobala, Bibila.
- (9) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) A petition dated 03.08.2016 from Mrs. A.R. Chandrani of Deegalahena, Deegala, Lenama, Akuressa;
 - (ii) A petition dated 01.08.2016 from Mr. G. G. Bantis of Kongahawaththa, Athureliya, Akuressa;
 - (iii) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Mr. H. V. P. Amaradasa of Sithumina Uyana, Nayamulla, Morawaka; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 03.08.2016 from Mrs. K. G. Wijesingha of No. 211 A, Madakumbura, Karadeniya.
- (10) Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah presented a petition dated 07.06.2016 from Dr. M. Velauthan of No. 66, Ellatota, Bandarawela.
- (11) Hon. Mohamed Navavi presented a petition dated 15.02.2016 from Mr. M. S. M. Thowfeek of No. 13, 2nd Cross Street, Puttalam.
- (12) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 15.06.2016 from Mr. R. M. Wimalaratne serving in the Ministry of Prisons Reforms and Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs, No. 146, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

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

4. Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No.18 of 2011.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 06, 2016 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

(At 2.40 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair)

5. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1950/30 of 20th January 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

The Minister of Primary Industries moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma seconded by Hon. Hector Appuhamy moved,— That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p. m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri seconded by Hon. Edward Gunasekara moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.40 p. m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1951/28 of 28th January 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1956/10 of 29th February 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Finance moved,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1957/5 of 8th March 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1960/59 of 01st April 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1966/26 of 12th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/57 of 20th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/22 of 16th June 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/23 of 16th June 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1964/70 of 29th April 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2) : The Minister of Finance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1965/2 of 02nd May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/5 of 16th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4) : The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/52 of 19th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Adjournment (Increase of National Schools on Electoral Basis) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.06 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.40 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.