



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, February 08, 2017 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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 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 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. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- 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. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. Niroschan 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- 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. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

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. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. 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. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping 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. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera 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. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
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. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Annual Report of the Finance Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (ii) the Annual Report of the Defence Services Command and Staff College for the Year 2014 and moved that this report 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,—

- (i) 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. 1996/10 of 06th December 2016; and

- (ii) 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. 1992/29 of 10th November 2016;

and moved that these Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Condominium Management Authority 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 the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3 (4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to the exemptions to be granted in respect of the proposed project and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/26 of 06th December 2016 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2004/29 of 30th January 2017 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprise presented the Third Report of the Committee on the Public Enterprise.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) Hon. Vadivel Suresh, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the Committee on Education and Human Resources Development on “Orders under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978” and “Order under Section 25A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978” which were referred to the said committee.

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

(3) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “Note on the Supplementary Allocations given from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities provisions made under the Department of National Budget as per the Introduction Note of the Annual Estimates” “Resolution of Commission to investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account – 2016 (Subject No. 01002)”, “Resolution under the Customs Ordinance”, “Order under the Excise Ordinance”, “Notification under the Excise Ordinance” and “Regulations under the Import and Exports (Control) Act” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena presented a petition dated 16.10.2015 from Mr. R.A. Sujeewa of No. 32, Sappuwaththa, Welewaththa, Moneragala.
- (2) Hon. E. Saravanapavan presented a petition dated 02.10.2016 from Mr. K. Vadivelunathan of Gnanavairavar Kovil Veethy, Near Thundivairavar Kovil, Urumpirai East, Urumpirai.

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

(At 2.39 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana seconded by Hon. Sisira Jayakody moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the International Women’s and Children’s Rights Council.”

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 Women and Child Affairs for report.

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Sisira Jayakody seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Kelaniya Ashokarama Silumini 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 Buddhasasana for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Malith Jayathilake seconded by Hon. Mujibur Rahuman moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Heart to Heart Trust Fund”

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.

7. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Malith Jayathilake seconded by Hon. Mujibur Rahuman moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Polonnaruwa Buddhist Society”

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 Buddhasasana for report.

8. Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.06 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.45 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana 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.

Clause 1

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out the figure “January 1, 2016” and substitute the figure “January 8, 2017” therefor.

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.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out the words “January 1, 2016” and substitute the words “January 8, 2017” therefor.

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.

Clause 3 was 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 Higher Education and Highways moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

9. Adjournment (Lands Occupied by Security Forces in Keppapulavu) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 6.27 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.04 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, February 09, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of March 08, 2016.