



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 144.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, February 07, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

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. 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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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. 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. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. 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. 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

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. (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. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare
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. Ananda 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. 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. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

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. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
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. 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
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Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements :-

I

“Motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. K. Kader Masthan, MP, in Parliament on 09th December 2016 to the Committee on Privileges.”

II

“Motion may be moved to refer the question of privilege raised by the Hon. Kumara Welgama, MP, in Parliament on 26th October 2016 to the Committee on Privileges.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Reports of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for the Years 2012, 2013 and 2014 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Botanic Gardens for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Research Council 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 30 read with Section 33 of the of the National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 relating to prohibition of the manufacture or sale of tobacco products which are prescribed and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1982/33 of 01st September 2016 and amended by Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/22 of 15th December 2016 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice under Section 7(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013 relating to the duration of the said Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2002/28 of 18th January 2017 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera presented —

- (i) a petition dated 28.09.2016 from Mr. R.I.B. Semasinghe Banda of No. 141, Railway Quarters Road, Maho; and
- (ii) a petition dated 28.09.2016 from Mr. R.J.M. Wijerathne of Korakahapokuna, Weerapokuna.

(2) Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah presented a petition dated 21.11.2016 from Mr. M.A. Ajith Cooray of Conservator, District Forest Office, Batticaloe.

(3) Hon. C. B. Rathnayake presented a petition dated 23.08.2016 from Mr. I.P.R.S. Gunarathne of No. 172, Polwatta Road, Pamunuwa, Maharagama.

(4) Hon. Edward Gunasekara presented—

- (i) a petition dated 24.10.2016 from Mr. A.A.S. Ariyapperuma of No. 181/3, Ja Ela Watta, Adiambalama;
- (ii) a petition dated 23.08.2016 from Mrs. D.P. Kamani Jayasena of No. 08, Kerase Waththa, Korase, Udugampola; and
- (iii) a petition dated 08.11.2016 from Mrs. P.C.S. Weerasuriya of No. 448 N 6, Ehelagahahena, Pethiyagoda, Gampaha.

(5) Hon. A. A. Wijethunga presented a petition dated 17.11.2016 from Mr. H.B.G. Ranadheera of No. 110, Goodshed Road, Rathnapura.

(6) Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero presented a petition dated 29.09.2015 from Mr. W.D.C.P. Wijegunawardene of No. 245/2, Hill House Garden, Dehiwala.

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

4. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act : The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 164 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Signs, Signals, Symbols and Road Markings) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/21 of 12th November 2015, which were presented on 09.01.2017, be approved.

(At 3.36 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Administration and Management moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.28 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Protests Inconveniencing the Public) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.01 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Wednesday, February 08, 2017.