



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 143.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, January 27, 2017 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

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

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. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

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

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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

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

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

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. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, 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 —

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/47 of 30th December 2016; and
- (ii) 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. 1993/34 of 18th November 2016;

and moved that these Regulations and order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 20.07.2016 from Mrs. S. A. Nandawathi serving in Base Hospital, Horana.
- (2) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented a petition dated 02.12.2016 from Mrs. T. T. S. Hemali of No. 31 B, Walaswewa, Galewela.

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

3. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. M. H. Mohamed, former Speaker of Parliament and ex-Member of Parliament.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Deputy Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. M. H. Mohamed, former Speaker of Parliament and ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

4. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.45 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, February 07, 2017.