



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 142.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10.30 a. 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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

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. (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. 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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

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

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. 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. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
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. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

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 Performance Reports of the Department for Registration of Persons for the Years 2011 and 2012 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) The Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the Year 2013; and
- (ii) The Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the Year 2013;

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/52 of 11th November 2016 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. M. H. M. Salman, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on behalf of Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Chairman of the said Committee, presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on “Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203)”, “Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2013” and “Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on behalf of Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, Chairman of the said Committee, presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on the “Divineguma (Amendment) Bill” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne presented a petition dated 24.10.2016 from Mr. R.Y.K. Priyantha Kumara serving in Kuruwita Prison, Kuruwita.
- (2) Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie presented a petition dated 18.09.2016 from Mrs. M.A. Neeta of No. 395, Mathugama Road, Nagoda, Kalutara.
- (3) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 25.10.2016 from Mr. Buddika Sampath Jayathilake of “Sela Sewana”, Kailantha, Urugasmanhandiya.
- (4) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 07.11.2016 from Mr. R. Bandula of No. 360/L, Awariyawatta Road, Batagama North, Ja-Ela.

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

4. Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne, M. P. on 07th December, 2016 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Medical (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.05 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The of Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.07 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.19 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine 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 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 5 to 7 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:—

"Amendment of 3. Section 43 of the principal enactment is
section 43 of hereby amended as follows :-".
the principal
enactment.

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

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to leave out lines 1 to 9 (both inclusive) in page 2.

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 3 to 4 were agreed to.

New Clause 2

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 4 in page 1 the following:—

"Amendment of
section 20 of
Chapter 105

2. Section 20 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended, by the insertion immediately after subsection (5B) thereof of the following subsection:-

"(5C) The registrar shall enter in a separate part of the register mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the name of every person who proves his claim to be provisionally registered as a dentist under section 43A, and, if that person is registered thereafter as a dentist under section 43, the registrar shall strike off the name of that person from such part of the aforesaid register, which contains the names of the persons provisionally registered as dentists.".

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, put and 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 Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine 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.

6. Adjournment (Lands Acquired by Coconut Development Authority in Karandai Village) : 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 6.30 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, January 27, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th January, 2017.