



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 07, 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction
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. 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. 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. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
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. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs
Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda 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. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
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

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,—

- (i) Ratification of the Paris Agreement on the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in New York on 09th May 1992;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Marine Environment Protection Authority for the years 2013 and 2014; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Central Environmental Authority for the year 2013;

and moved that the agreement and these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

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**.

3. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Duminda Dissanayake presented—

- (i) A petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mr. Ahamadu Neina Ehiya of No. 47, Kiriibbewa, Kahatagasdigiliya;
- (ii) A petition dated 30.10.2015 from Mr. D. G. Somarathne of No. 932, Anuladevi Mawatha, Vijayapura, Anuradhapura;
- (iii) A petition dated 19.11.2015 from Mrs. H. M. Engonona of No. 246/24, Airport Junction, Anuradhapura; and
- (iv) A petition dated 18.04.2016 from Mr. M. B. Nishshanka Gunarathne of No. 603/36, Kamkaru Mawatha, Mailagashandiya, Anuradhapura.

(2) Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen presented a petition dated 14.07.2016 from Mr. P. Sivagnanasundaram of No. 28, Thiruchvendur, Murugan Temple Road, Kalladi, Batticaloa.

(3) Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva presented a petition dated 22.06.2016 from Mr. O. K. D. Susith of No. 06, 2nd Lane, Government Quarters, Thalawathugoda Road, Pitakotte.

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

4. Nation Building Tax (Amendment) : The Minister of Finance presented,—
“Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 1) : 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 Sections 122 and VII A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1939/4 of 02nd November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22nd June 2016, which were presented on 21.07.2016, be approved.

(At 2.50 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.50 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.00 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No. 2) : 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 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.21 p. m. Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda took the Chair.)

7. Adjournment (Provision of State Land to Estate Workers) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 6.35 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 7.30 p. m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Chairman of Committees without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, September 08, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.