



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 98.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 08, 2016 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. 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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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. Piyanika Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

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. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
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. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“I wish to inform that I have in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the following Bills on 07th September 2016:-

Animal Feed (Amendment); and

Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment).”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2015.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the,—

- (i) Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat of Ratnapura for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Nuwara Eliya for the year 2015.

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the,—

- (i) Annual Report of the Coconut Cultivation Board for the year 2013; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Limited for the year 2013/2014.

and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources on “Paris Agreement on Climate Change” referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

(1) Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara presented —

- (i) A petition dated 20.03.2016 from Mr. A. U. Manamperi of No. 49/1, Keppetipola Road, Badulla;
- (ii) A petition dated 10.03.2016 from Mrs. C. T. S. Senevirathna of No. 183, Block 70, Ethimale Wewa, Monaragala; and
- (iii) A petition dated 04.05.2016 from Mr. M. M. Muthubanda of Wawe Pitiya, Siripura, Athimale Wewa, Monaragala.

(2) Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne presented a petition dated 04.07.2016 from Mr. K. H. Chatura de Silva of No. 128/4, Jaya Samaru Puraya, Nalladarankattuwa.

(3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 30.07.2016 from Mr. P. G. Nimal Thilakarathna of No. 110, Udupihilla, Matale.

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

5. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Issues arisen in the field of Arts) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.10 a. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.40 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.10 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 2.55 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.05 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.15 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar seconded by Hon. K. K. Piyadasa moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.30 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p. m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, September 09, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.