



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 99.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 09, 2016 at 10.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

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

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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

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. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Dunes Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, 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. 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. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
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. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
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. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2013, 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) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/28 of 29th June 2016 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Budget 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 Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget - 2016 as at 10.08.2016 for the year 2016 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 16 of 2015.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera presented a petition dated 22.03.2016 from Mr. Rashid Caffoor of No. 39, St. Mary's Mawatha, Mount Lavinia.
- (2) Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 27.06.2016 from Mr. A. Selasteen Ruban of No. 525/8, Trincomalee Road, Batticaloa; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 01.07.2016 from Mr. M. C. A. Razeed of Kapurady Road, Kathankudy.
- (3) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 01.04.2016 from Mr. S. E. J. Fernando of No. 30, Mangala Road, Kurana 3, Negambo.
- (4) Hon. Duleep Wijesekera presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 27.06.2016 from Mr. J. G. Gunadasa of No. 629/167, Thewatte Road, Ragama; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 31.07.2016 from Mr. N. A. Jayawardhana of No. 612, Sapugaskanda Road, Gonawala (W.P.).

- (5) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented —
- (i) A petition dated 30.04.2016 from Mr. D. R. Dayawansa Perera of No. 127 C, Adarsha Mawatha, Mahawila, Panadura;
 - (ii) A petition dated 15.07.2016 from Mr. J. Munasinghe of No. 238/24, Pahanwatte II, Galketamulla, Dodangoda;
 - (iii) A petition dated 11.05.2016 from Mr. K. K. Yasawardene of Yatadolawatta, Mathugama;
 - (iv) A petition dated 11.05.2016 from Mr. K. K. Yasawardene of Yatadolawatta, Mathugama; and
 - (v) A petition dated 20.06.2016 from Mr. M. S. Ibrahim of No. 282/1, Modara Road, Egoda Uyana, Moratuwa.
- (6) Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha presented a petition dated 05.08.2016 from Mr. B. V. C. P. Samarasinghe of No. 27, Ganepalla Road, Thunkida, Theligama, Kithulgala.
- (7) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented a petition dated 09.08.2016 from Mrs. P. Sabura Umma of Athihari Road, Pasarichchenai, Pottuvil - P/19.
- (8) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented —
- (i) A petition dated 10.08.2016 from Mr. Chandrasiri Ranadheera of Pathinawaththa, Sri Gunarathana Mawatha, Kalahe, Wanchawala; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 16.07.2016 from Mrs. D. K. Aluthge of No.138, Gampola Road, Nawalapitiya.
- (9) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 06.05.2016 from Mr. Sudantha Rathnayaka serving in B/Mahiyangana National School, Mahiyangana.
- (10) Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera presented a petition dated 16.06.2016 from Mr. R. M. M. Dinusa Asanka Chandrasiri serving in the Office of the Director of Irrigation, Monaragala.
- (11) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 05.08.2016 from Mrs. Abdul Rasidu Fasima Rali of No. 52/D, Ambagahawaththa, Atulugama, Bandaragama.

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

3. Medical (Amendment) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine presented,— “Bill to amend the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105).”

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.

4. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Government Business do have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 156 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. 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 4.00 p.m.. At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Ratification of the Paris Agreement : The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That the Ratification of the Paris Agreement on the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted in New York on 09th May 1992, which was presented on 07.09.2016, be approved.

(At 12.15 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.16 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.47 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 3.45 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment : And it being past 4.00 p. m. the Parliament was at 4.04 p. m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.