



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 22, 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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

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. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious 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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Actg. 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 announce to the House that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled ‘**Nation Building Tax (Amendment)**’ which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that neither the Bill as a whole nor any of its provisions thereof is inconsistent with the Constitution.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings."

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Development Lotteries Board for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the People's Bank for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period from 01st January 2016 to 07th April 2016 for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on "Performance Report of the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media for the year 2015", "Performance Reports of the Attorney General's Department for the years 2014 and 2015", "Performance Reports of the Legal Draftsman's Department for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015", "Annual Report of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., for the year 2013", and "Annual Report of the Independent Television Network Ltd., for the year 2013" referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne presented a petition dated 29.09.2015 from Mr. L. K. Perera of Mahaduwegama, Gal Dekka Road, Uggalboda, Kalutara-South.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Range Bandara presented a petition dated 07.07.2016 from Mr. N. W. P. Joseph Perera of No. 60/2, Fishery Village, Maduruoya.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 04.08.2016 from Mr. W. G. Ranjith Walakumbura of No. 139, Gurulawela, Ukuwela, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Mr. A. P. J. D. Amarasinghe of No. 218/A, Pelapitigama, Bokalagama;
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.03.2015 from Mr. I. D. S. K. Premanayake of Raja Maha Vihara Mawatha, Eheliyagoda;

- (iii) A petition dated 29.06.2016 from Ms. P. Sanoja Madushani Fernando of No. 24/D, Peramuna Mawatha, 3rd Lane, Eldeniya, Kadawatha; and
- (iv) A petition dated 26.07.2016 from Ms. W. A. D. Dushmanthi of No. 305/1 C, Ihala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.
- (5) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented a petition dated 08.07.2016 from Mrs. Pushpa Sanjeewani Godabeddage of “Pushpasiri”, Idamegama, Werallagama.
- (6) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 29.07.2016 from Mrs. C. Wanigasekara of “Badra”, Ihala Vitiyala, Karagoda, Uyangoda;
 - (ii) A petition dated 15.08.2016 from Mr. Lanka Dikkumbura of No. 17/5, Wanarathnana Road, Mount Lavinia;
 - (iii) A petition dated 03.08.2016 from Mr. M. J. M. Rifkhan of Ampitiyawaththa, Kirinda, Puhulwella; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 02.08.2016 from Mr. R. Lionel Silva of No. 03, National Housing Scheme, Kuruduawaththa, Walliwila, Weligama.
- (7) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 10.08.2016 from Mr. W. N. A. D. N. Weerasinghe of No. 245 / A, Kossinna, Ganemulla.
- (8) Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented a petition dated 11.08.2016 from Mr. R. A. C. S. Jayawardhana of No. 20, Colombo Road, Yatiyanthota.

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

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

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 11.43 a. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.35 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.55 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe seconded by Hon. S. Viyalanderan moved,—That Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.35 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.56 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways 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.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Adjournment (Peaceful Resolution to the Syrian Conflict): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.25 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.54 p. m. adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, September 23, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.