



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 103.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 23, 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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

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

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

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
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. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
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. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on the Bill entitled “**Nation Building Tax (Amendment)**” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

Hon. Abdul Haleem presented a petition dated 30.08.2016 from Mr. M. L. M. Sabry of No. 45/5, 2nd Lane, Mavilmada Road, Kandy.

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

4. Votes of Condolence : (i) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. D. M. Gunasekera, ex- Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. D. M. Gunasekera, ex- Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

Suspension of Sitting

11.53 a. m.

The sitting was suspended until 1.30 p.m.

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The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

(ii) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. Indika Gunawardena, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Indika Gunawardena, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

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 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Malith Jayathilake seconded by Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Rajitha Kodithuwakku Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament, to the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare for report.

7. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.42 p. m. adjourned until 1.00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 04, 2016.