



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 105.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, October 05, 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. (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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

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. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

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

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

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

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. Dunes 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. 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. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare
Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
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. 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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
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. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the,—

- (i) 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 University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1979/20 of 09th August 2016; and
- (ii) 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 University of Wayamba, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/76 of 01st July 2016;

and moved that these Orders 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 Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd., for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations on “Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Employment for the year 2015” and “Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the year 2013” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Malith Jayathilake, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security on, “Annual Report of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the Year 2013”, “Performance Reports of the Sri Lanka Police Department for the years 2013 and 2014” and “Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development for the year 2015” referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Reports under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament : The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands presented the Report under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)”.

Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, October 06, 2016.

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 29.06.2016 from Mr. Ariyaratne Athukorala of Thudugala House - 5, Dodangoda;
 - (ii) A petition dated 15.07.2016 from Mrs. M. Chandrakanthi Jinadasa Ranasinghe of “Sugatha”, Roundabout Road, Pothupitiya, Wadduwa; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 04.08.2016 from Mr. Nevil Dilip Kumara Kahatapitiya of No.90/1, Uyanwaththa, Warakagoda, Neboda.
- (2) Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne presented a petition dated 12.07.2016 from Mr. W. M. Greshan Sunil of No.30, Dimuthugama, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa.

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

5. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1) : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved that the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/5 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

(At 2.30 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by the Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.30 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantations Industries moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.30 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved that the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/6 of 13th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved that the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/21 of 28th June 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved that the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1975/40 of 12th July 2016, which was presented on 26.08.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Wage Increase of Plantation Workers) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.00 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, October 06, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 08th March, 2016.