



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 107.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 07, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

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

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. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 the Parliament that I have received a copy of the petition filed at the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution in respect of the Bill entitled ‘Value Added Tax (Amendment)’.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Central Environmental Authority for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on the Bill entitled “Medical (Amendment)” referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on, “Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority for the year 2013”, “Annual Reports of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the years 2012 and 2013”, “Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year 2013”, and “Regulations made under the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No. 35 of 2007” referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) A petition dated 16.08.2016 from Mr. Dhanapala Munasingha of No. 01, Hasareligama, Urubokka; and
- (ii) A petition dated 11.08.2016 from Mr. H. B. Niroshan Chaminda Dhanapala of “Saman”, Medagoda, Kamburugamuwa.

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

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 20(7) of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on October 25th Tuesday, 26th Wednesday, 27th Thursday and 28th Friday 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Tuesday 25th October 2016 shall be 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Wednesday 26th October 2016 shall be 10.30 a.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.

9. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Thursday 27th October 2016 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 5) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 28th October 2016 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.

11. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 6) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 20th October 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.35 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

12. Reserving suitable grazing land for cattle : Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff seconded by Hon. Douglas Devananda moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable grazing land in the Trincomalee district be declared, reserved, and published in the Gazette, since there are roughly 250,000 animals there that need grazing land and the Government policy of increasing the milk production is hindered by the non availability of dedicated grazing land in the district. [P.143/'15]

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.54 a. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Making use of Government Schools and Universities for education units, during vacations : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,— That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non Government Organizations, Chambers of Commerce and community based organizations during school holidays and afternoon sessions and University vacations. [P.8/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Filling the vacancies of the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service prevailing in the Northern Province Department of Education, based on the seniority and merit and placing the selectees in Grade III exempting them from the competitive exam : Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper analysis should be made in regard to the filling of vacancies in the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service in the Department of Education, Northern Province and the officers in Sri Lanka Principals Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who are engaged in the relevant duties should be appointed to the aforesaid positions based on their seniority and merit, and they should be placed in Grade III of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service exempting them from the requirement of sitting for the competitive exam. [P.162/'15]

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Adjournment (Allocation of Budgetary Provision for Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Programmes) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.53 p. m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.30 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.