



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, October 27, 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. (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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

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

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

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

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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping
Affairs

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Heshan Withanage

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. E. Saravanapavan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Actg. Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

**Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Chairman of
Committees took the Chair.**

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Human Resources Development Council of Sri Lanka for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Customs for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Research Board for the year 2013 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—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year 2012; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority for the year 2014.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Condominium Management Authority 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.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Sports Development for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera presented—

- (i) A petition dated 08.09.2016 from Mr. H. M. G. N. K. Kaluhendiwala of Nugahapola Walawwa, Paldeniya, Mahawela;
- (ii) A petition dated 19.09.2016 from Mr. K. L. D. R. R. Devapriya of Malwatta, Siyabalagamuwa, Maspotha, Kurunegala ; and

- (iii) A petition dated 11.01.2016 from Mr. R. D. Nimal of Ihala Karambe, Weerapokuna.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 17.09.2016 from Mr. G. A. Samantha Kumara of In front of School, Iththapana;
 - (ii) A petition dated 30.09.2016 from Mr. Gamage Jayathissa of No. 69, Thotamunaperuwa, Pelawatta;
 - (iii) A petition dated 03.10.2016 from Mrs. K. M. A. Chithraranmali of No. 502, “Siri Sewana”, Yakupitiya Bellana, Mathugama ; and
 - (iv) A petition dated 12.09.2016 from Mr. N. Rohana Kasthuri of No.128, 2nd Street, Kolaniya, Kaluthara South.
- (3) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 20.09.2016 from Mr. A. H. Dayananda of No. 78/15, Mulana Godawatta, Maitipe II Lane Karapitiya, Galle; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.07.2016 from Mrs. M. H. M. Amarakoon serving in Zonal Educaation Office, Sri Jayawardanapura, Battaramulla.
- (4) Hon. Anura Dissanayaka presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 11.09.2016 from Mr. A. K. Mahendran of No. 64, Ariyagama, Hatton; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 03.08.2016 from Mr. A. P. B. Daluwaththa of No. 140/2, Kirimetiyyagara, Kadawatha.
- (5) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 18.09.2016 from Mrs. Nirani Samarasingha of No. 295, Henakaduwa, Tangalle;
 - (ii) A petition dated 14.09.2016 from Mr. P. B. Aththanayake of “Muditha”, Beddekumbura, Sprinweli; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 03.10.2016 from Mr. R. Menikgamaarachchi of No. 410/17, Kelanimulla, Mulleriyawa New Town.
- (6) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri presented a petition dated 15.08.2016 from Mr. H. M. Thennakoon of Maragahakandura, Diyakobala, Bibila.

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

3. Business of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That for the purpose of the proceedings of the Appropriation Bill (2017), Standing Order No.70 (1) of the Parliament shall operate with the substitution of the words “Twenty-five” for the words “Twenty-six”.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Business of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 11th Friday, 12th Saturday, 15th Tuesday, 16th Wednesday, 17th Thursday and 18th Friday, 2016 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” from November 12th Saturday to 17th Thursday, 2016 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.: Provided that 6.30 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 11th November, 2016 for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.: Provided that at 6.30 p.m. paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No.3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 70(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday 18th November, 2016 for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sittings of the Parliament (No.4) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising on Friday 28th October, 2016, do adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 10th November, 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (l) (m) and (s) of sub section 61(1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/11 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.34 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.12 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 5.40 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/41 of 12th December 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

12. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries under Section 61(1)(h) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1904/10 of 03rd March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

13. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

14. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.6) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(l) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

15. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.7) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/6 of 20th July 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

16. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.8) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

17. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.9) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

18. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.10) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

19. Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.11) : The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/7 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

20. Adjournment (Increase of Number of Divisional Secretariats in Nuwara Eliya District) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved, — That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.20 p.m. Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.05 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, October 28, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 07th October, 2016.