



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 112.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 28, 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. 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. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

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. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

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

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

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

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

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

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

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Progress Report of the Civil Security Department for the year 2015 and Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2015 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts 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.

(5) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Disaster Management presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Meteorology for the year 2015 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.

(7) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Arthur C Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies for the year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget-2016 as at 23.09.2016 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 16 of 2015.

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

(9) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology for the years 2012 and 2013 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Regional Development 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.

(12) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) for the year 2012 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises regarding the issue of Treasury Bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka during February 2015 to May 2016, for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament.

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

3. Petitions :

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented —

- (i) A petition dated 26.09.2016 from Mr. K. P. A. Biyankara Perera of No. 40/3, Wewa Road, Katukurunda, Kaluthara South;

- (ii) A petition dated 04.04.2016 from Mr. M. K. Sugath Priyantha of Malwatta Road, Ugalbada, Kaluthara North; and
- (iii) A petition dated 07.09.2016 from Mrs. Seetha Ranjani Sirikumara of No. 210/11, Horana Road, Wekada, Panadura.

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

4. Votes of Condolence : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. G. N. Mahasen Pelpola, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Deputy Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of the Hon. G. N. Mahasen Pelpola, 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.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. S. L. Gunasekera, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Presiding Member announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of the Hon. S. L. 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.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. K. N. Choksy, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Presiding Member announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of the Hon. K. N. Choksy, 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. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.20 p. m. adjourned until 2.00 p. m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 27th October, 2016.