



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 114.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 11, 2016 at 9.30 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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and Management

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

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. 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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
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. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

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. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharooft
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
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. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

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“I wish to inform that Mr. Speaker has, in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the following Bills:—

on 01st November 2016:-

Value Added Tax (Amendment); and

on 07th November 2016:-

Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment);

Nation Building Tax (Amendment); and
Appropriation (Amendment); ”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways for the Year 2015 and moved that this report 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 & Accounts of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation for the Year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Power & Renewable Energy on the recommendations of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1975/44 of 13th July 2016 and moved that these regulations 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 Performance Reports of the Department of Buildings for the Years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and moved that these reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. S. B. Dissanayake presented a petition dated 10.08.2016 from Mr. W. S. Botheju of No. 942, Parakum Mawatha, Pannipitiya Road, Baththaramulla.
- (2) Hon. Lakshman Kiriella presented a petition dated 22.08.2016 from Mr. W. M. Arthur Aluvihare of No. 31, Medagoda, Galagedara.
- (3) Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka presented a petition dated 31.08.2016 from Mrs. Lanka Buddhini Gallage of 11th Post, Siththarawaththa, Elpitiya.

(4) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented—

- (i) A petition dated 12.08.2016 from Mr. D. M. Prasanna Kumara of No.67 R, 1st Stage, Mahadivulwewa, Trincomalee; and
- (ii) A petition dated 04.10.2016 from Mr. R. Gunarathne of Ganga Addra Hena, Udakarawita.

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

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake seconded by Hon. Heshan Withanage moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Insurance Institute.”

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.

5. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (First Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on Question (10th November, 2016).

“ That the Bill be now read a second time”

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Disaster Management moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.25 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Higher Education moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.11 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 6.10 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p. m. the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

6. Adjournment (Absorption of Volunteers Engaged in Teaching in North and East into Teachers' Service) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

And it being 7.00 p. m. the Parliament was at adjourned by the Deputy Chairman of Committees without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Saturday, November 12, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 27th October, 2016.