



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 115.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 12, 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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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

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. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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

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

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

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. K. Thurairatnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Employees' Trust Fund Board 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,—

(i) Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the Year 2015; and

(ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Buddhasasana for the Year 2015.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the Year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Police Department 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. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 03.10.2016 from Mr. N. S. Mathagadeera of Gunathilake Mawatha, Weligaha Pittaniya, Walgama, Matara.
- (2) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented a petition dated 20.10.2016 from Mr. K. A. U. S. Kumara of No. 109/1, Mathugama Road, Yatadolawatta, Mathugama.
- (3) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 13.09.2016 from Mr. E. D. B. C. Sirisena of No. 147, Walpola, Ragama; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 05.09.2016 from Mrs. M. V. S. Mallehege of No. 408 C, Horagolla, Ganemulla.

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

3. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Second 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 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.57 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Employment moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.34 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p. m. the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

4. Adjournment (Development of Hamilton Canal) : The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 7.00 p. m. the Parliament was at adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 27th October, 2016.