



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 117.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 9.30 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. 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. 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. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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. (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. (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. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

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. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

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

Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

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

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

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. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
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Hon. Sirinal de Mel
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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. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
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. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the National Education Commission for the Year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands presented the Annual Report of the Tourism Development Fund for the Year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance 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 Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Education 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.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the Year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented a petition dated 20.09.2016 from Mr. A. Albert of No. 451, Old Negambo Road, Dandugama, Ja-Ela.
- (2) Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 19.08.2016 from Mrs. Rajaratnam Walarmathy of No.71, Holbrook Bazar, Agarapatana; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 18.08.2016 from Dr. S. Thirunaukarusu of No. 15, Bandarakulama Street, Nallur, Jaffna.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 19th Saturday, 21st Monday, 22nd Tuesday, 23rd Wednesday, 24th Thursday, 25th Friday, 26th Saturday, 28th Monday, 29th Tuesday, 30th Wednesday, 2016 and December 01st Thursday, 02nd Friday, 03rd Saturday, 05th Monday, 06th Tuesday, 07th Wednesday, 08th Thursday, 09th Friday and 10th Saturday, 2016 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. 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 19th Saturday to 24th Thursday, from 26th Saturday to 30th Wednesday, 2016 and on December 01st Thursday and from 03rd Saturday to 08th 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, at 6.30 p.m. the Standing Order No. 7(5) and (6) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. 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 sittings of Parliament on Fridays; 25th November, 2016 and 02nd and 09th December, 2016 allotted 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. the Standing Order No. 7(5) and (6) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. 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 Saturday 10th December, 2016 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2017)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 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.

7. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Fourth 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 11.03 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.25 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development moved,— That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.58 p. m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 3.40 p. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.25 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.08 p. m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

8. Adjournment (Employee Problems at Tea Research Institute, Rubber Research Institute and Mihin Lanka) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.40 p. m. adjourned until 9.30 a. m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 27th October, 2016.