



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 118.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 17, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

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

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

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

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Piyanakara 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

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

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

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. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

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. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
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. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
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. Kumara Welgama
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. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I have appointed the following Members to serve on the Select Committee of Parliament with the Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale as the Chairperson to look into and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto:—

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan”

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“I have appointed the following Members with the Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala as the Chairman to serve on the Select Committee of Parliament on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:—

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. V.S.Radhakrishnan
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. (Mrs) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Abdullah Maharoof
Hon. Buddika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. (Mrs) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon .S. Viyalanderan”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Excise Department for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Co-operative Development for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Official Languages for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Reconciliation and North and East Reconstruction.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi, Member of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on behalf of the Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chairman of the said Committee presented the Report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media on “Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice for the year 2015” and “Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute for the year 2013” referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri presented a petition dated 23.10.2016 from Mr. P. R. A. R. Fernando of No. 57, Ambatenna watta, Bandarawela.
- (2) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented a petition dated 14.05.2016 from Mr. Nimal D. Pathirage of No. 80, New Market, Oropuwaththa, Galle.

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

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. M. S. Thowfeek seconded by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka International Nature Loving Association.”

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.

6. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Fifth 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 11.05 a. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.32 a. m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.45 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development moved,— That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.30 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

The Minister of Regional Development moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.12 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation moved,— That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.02 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p. m. the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Friday, November 18, 2016.

7. Adjournment : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a. m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 27th October, 2016.