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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and 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. 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. 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. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

- 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. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 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. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Finance
- 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. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
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. 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. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
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Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
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Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
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Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
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. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
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Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Eighth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 104

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.22 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 4.35 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 5.13 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.03 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 302,704,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 225,514,000 for Head 104, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,789,594,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 8,517,700,000 for Head 104, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 237

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 86,145,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,300,000 for Head 237, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 239

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 437,867,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,050,000 for Head 239, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 252

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 939,052,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 114,231,000 for Head 252, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 280

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 97,577,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,463,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 110

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 788,447,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 227,950,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 49,372,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,280,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 228

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,381,756,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,842,550,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 229

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 664,644,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 608,500,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 230

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 107,262,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,200,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 231

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,468,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 850,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 233

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 241,209,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 93,600,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 234

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 159,867,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,655,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 235

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,335,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,950,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 192

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,962,436,000 for Head 192, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 863,490,000 for Head 192, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,203,957,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,365,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

2. Regulations under the Judicature Act : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of that Act and published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/7 of 16th May 2016, which were presented on 26.10.2016, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Adjournment (Sub-standard Bus Service) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.00 p.m. adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.