



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 122.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 22, 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. 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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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 Premajyantha**, Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- 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. 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. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 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. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

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. Piyankara 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. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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

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

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

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

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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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

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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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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 Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
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. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 Speaker presented the Eighth Instalment – Part V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012, the Eighth Instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013, the First Instalment – Parts IV, V, Second Instalment – Part XVII and Third Instalment – Part V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014 and the Fourth Instalment – Parts I, II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Presidential Secretariat for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the Committee on Public Finance on “Assessment of the Fiscal, Financial and Economic Assumptions of the Budget 2017”, referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera presented a petition dated 08.09.2016 from Mr. W. M. Ranathunga of No. 04 A, Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Nugasewanagama, Hali-Elā.
- (2) Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 29.09.2016 from Mr. B. A. R. Somasinghe of No. 102/2A, Rawathawatta Road, Moratuwa;
 - (ii) A petition dated 12.09.2016 from Mr. K. Karunasena of No. 2 B/33 A, Namaloya, Ampara ; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 13.09.2016 from Mr. Wijayarathne Sudasinghe of No. 320, Bakmeedeniya, Dehiattakandiya.

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

4. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Ninth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 126

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.05 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.20 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 1.55 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 2.15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.39 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 4.41 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 6.10 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,525,004,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 731,250,000 for Head 126, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 30,580,455,000 for Head 126, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,794,000,000 for Head 126, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 207

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 132,065,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,500,000 for Head 207, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 725,366,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 58,600,000 for Head 207, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 209

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 51,545,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,700,000 for Head 209, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 59,674,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 233,100,000 for Head 209, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 212

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,112,245,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 778,000,000 for Head 212, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 213

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 56,715,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 83,500,000 for Head 213, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 163

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 249,063,000 for Head 163, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,016,505,000 for Head 163, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 623,225,000 for Head 163, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,179,350,000 for Head 163, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 206

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 107,496,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,700,000 for Head 206, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 454,081,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 196,660,000 for Head 206, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 208

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 33,712,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,750,000 for Head 208, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 142,856,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 46,090,000 for Head 208, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 226

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,240,533,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 875,700,000 for Head 226, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 227

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 672,035,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 70,700,000 for Head 227, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

5. Adjournment (Delay in Passage of National Audit Bill) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.51 p.m. adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.