



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 127.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 28, 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. 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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu 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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education
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. 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. 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. 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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping 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. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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 Science, Technology and Research presented the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research & Development Centre of Sri Lanka for the Year 2014 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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Ayurveda Medical Council for the Year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented,—

- (i) the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board for the Year 2015; and
 - (ii) the Performance Report of the Department of Valuation for the Year 2015;
- and moved that these reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the Year 2014 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development for the Year 2015 and moved that this report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 31.08.2016 from Mr. B. V. D. G. Niranjana of No. 126/18, Old Puttalam Road, Thisawewa, Anuradhapura;
- (ii) a petition dated 01.09.2016 from Mrs. Dineesha Ediriweera of No. 11/3, Alakeshwara, Kotubamma Cross Street, Ethulkotte;
- (iii) a petition dated 05.09.2016 from Mr. N. S. P. A. Dharmapala of No.36, Mihiri Uyana, Madiha, Matara;
- (iv) a petition dated 30.07.2016 from Mr. P. B. R. Mullegama of No. 63, Ampitiya Road, Kandy; and
- (v) a petition dated 31.08.2016 from Mr. R. K. Anura of Mahamawatha Waththa, Paraduwa, Akuressa.

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

3. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Fourteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 122

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.16 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.43 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.55 p.m. the Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.35 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 5.16 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 909,384,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,878,700,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 462,690,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 247,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 210

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 203,147,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,450,000 for Head 210, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 211

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,895,098,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 106,100,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 114

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 288,575,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 294,300,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 606,250,000 for Head 114, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,185,393,000 for Head 114, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 306

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,571,340,000 for Head 306, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,316,600,000 for Head 306, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 307

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,916,429,000 for Head 307, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,120,200,000 for Head 307, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 176

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 255,255,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,090,700,000 for Head 176, Programme 02 (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 29, 2016.

4. Adjournment : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,—
That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.15 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a. m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.