



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 132.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, December 03, 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. (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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

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. 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. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development

Hon. Piyanara Jayaratne, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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. (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. 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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
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. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
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. 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. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Namal 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. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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 : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented,—

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1973/61 of 30th June 2016;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1976/4 of 18th July 2016;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1980/37 of 19th August 2016;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/46 of 24th August 2016;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1983/13 of 07th September 2016;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1984/26 of 15th September 2016;
- (vii) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1986/55 of 29th September 2016;

- (viii) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1986/66 of 30th September 2016;
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Sub Section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/9 of 07th November 2016;
- (x) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1979/45 of 12th August 2016;
- (xi) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1981/44 of 24th August 2016; and
- (xii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1984/25 of 14th September 2016.

and moved that these orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka presented —
 - (i) A petition dated 15.02.2016 from Mr. K. A. Samantha of No. 253/105, Tankiya Watta, Wewe Kele, Avissawella;
 - (ii) A petition dated 09.08.2016 from Mr. Laddu Dilip Sanjeewa of Korottagoda, Kalupe, Hikkaduwa; and
 - (iii) A petition dated 27.11.2015 from Mr. Liyanage Thilakarathne of No. 47/101, Rajasinghe Mawatha, Honiton Place, Avissawella.
- (2) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented—
 - (i) A petition dated 26.09.2016 from Mr. A. D. Piyasena of No. 03, School Lane, Niwanthidiya, Piliyandala; and
 - (ii) A petition dated 02.10.2016 from Mr. D. Karunadasa Perera of No. 18/27, Nikape, Dehiwala.

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

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 155

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

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

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

(At 2.00 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 3.08 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 4.02 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 5.30 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 264,713,000 for Head 155, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 75,850,000 for Head 155, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,940,000,000 for Head 155, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 26,510,460,000 for Head 155, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having been divided under Standing Order No. 43 of the Parliament as follows:— Ayes: 83; Noes: 36.

Head 312

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,866,857,000 for Head 312, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,649,256,000 for Head 312, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 313

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,489,338,000 for Head 313, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,222,728,000 for Head 313, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 314

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,203,883,000 for Head 314, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,196,126,000 for Head 314, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 315

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,476,737,000 for Head 315, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,618,114,000 for Head 315, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 316

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,586,686,000 for Head 316, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,291,257,000 for Head 316, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 317

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,526,120,000 for Head 317, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,621,430,000 for Head 317, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 318

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,898,711,000 for Head 318, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,922,040,000 for Head 318, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 319

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 19,195,250,000 for Head 314, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,463,951,000 for Head 314, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 321

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,361,202,000 for Head 321, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,742,740,000 for Head 321, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 162

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,267,472,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,550,000 for Head 162, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,135,000,000 for Head 162, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 311

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 179,207,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 211,400,000 for Head 311, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 166

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 174,713,000 for Head 166, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,009,475,000 for Head 166, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,414,740,000 for Head 166, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 332

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 142,978,000 for Head 332, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 104,300,000 for Head 332, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.34 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, December 05, 2016.

4. Adjournment (Pre-identification Methodology for Hired Vehicle Drivers) :

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Foreign Employment moved,—That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.38 p. m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kuamarasiri took the Chair.)

And it being past 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was at 7.04 p. m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Monday, December 05, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.