



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 136.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, December 08, 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. 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. 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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

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

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. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, Minister of Disaster Management

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

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, 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. 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. 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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. 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. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

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. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development
and Wildlife

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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

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. 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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda 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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
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. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

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 : (1) The Speaker presented the following Reports,—

- (i) The First, the Second, the Third and the Fourth Reports of the Constitutional Council submitted to the President in terms of Article 41G (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) The Progress Report of the Public Services Commission for the period of 01.01.2016 to 30.09.2016 in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 55(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) The Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the period of 11.12.2015 to 30.09.2016 in terms of Articles 41B (6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5(15) of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002, as last amended by the Act, No. 20 of 2016, relating to excluding the cost of any healthcare services from VAT, other than the fees paid to medical practitioners, medical consultation fees, channeling fees and hospital room charges, and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1991/17 of 01st November 2016 and moved that this Regulation be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Sections 4 and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1992/74 of 11th November 2016 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance and Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 19.11.2016 from Mr. P. G. P. K. Abeyrathne of No. 416/1, Kehelwala, Kiribathkubura.
- (2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake presented a petition dated 03.10.2016 from Mr. Anurasiri Abeyweera of No. 72/A, Doranagoda, Udugampola.
- (3) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented a petition dated 18.08.2016 from Mrs. S. R. G. Krisanthi of Waragoda Road, Kogalla.

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

3. Divineguma (Amendment) : The Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media on behalf of the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare presented,— “Bill to amend the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, January 09, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana seconded by Hon. Velu Kumar moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Hand to Stand Foundation.”

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.

5. Appropriation Bill (2017) - (Twenty Third Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 101

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.51 a.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 12.06 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 3.08 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 3.30 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

(At 5.06 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

(At 5.45 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 124,499,000 for Head 101, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,810,000 for Head 101, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 313,795,000 for Head 101, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 910,600,000 for Head 101, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 201

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 54,529,000 for Head 201, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,450,000 for Head 201, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 409,291,000 for Head 201, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 37,000,000 for Head 201, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 108

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 125,469,000 for Head 108, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,200,000 for Head 108, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 202

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 80,655,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,200,000 for Head 202, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 308

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,829,635,000 for Head 308, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 486,000,000 for Head 308, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 159

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 129,883,000 for Head 159, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 12,800,000 for Head 159, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 618,000,000 for Head 159, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 203

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 62,179,000 for Head 203, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,170,000 for Head 203, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

And it being 6.54p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, December 09, 2016.

6. Adjournment (Relief to People Affected by Uma Oya Development Project) :

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

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was at 7.18 p. m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a. m. on Friday, December 09, 2016 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 16th November, 2016.