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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 04, 2017 at 1.00 p. 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious
Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the
Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan
Heritage

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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments

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 Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Prison 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 Public Enterprise Development

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

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 Irrigation

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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 Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training

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. 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, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

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. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor

Hon. S. M. Marikkar

Hon. K. Kader Masthan

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan

Hon. Gamini Lokuge

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne

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. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarthiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. M. H. M. Salman

Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

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. Announcements by the Speaker : Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) (Amendment)’ on 03rd of July 2017 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Finance Commission, from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017, in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Sri Lanka Railway for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Galle for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat -Kurunegala for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Enterprise Development for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the HDFC Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2014.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from the Committees : (1) The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2013;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Ayurveda for the year 2013;

- (iv) Annual Report of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital for the year 2013;
- (v) Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2013;
- (vi) Annual Report of the Wijaya Kumaranatunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa for the year 2013;
- (vii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine for the year 2014;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation for the year 2013; and
- (ix) Annual Reports of the Homoeopathic Medical Council for the year 2011 & 2012;

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on 'Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill' and 'Regulation under the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978' which was referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services presented the Report of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Cement Corporation for the year 2012; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Lanka Layland Limited for the year ended 31st March 2013

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

4. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented a petition dated 06.03.2017 from Mr. M.A.D.F. Joseph of No. 92, Balagalawatta, Hendala, Wattala.
- (2) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna presented a petition dated 17.01.2017 from Mr. M.G.S.R. Dissanayaka of No. 462, Sri Perakum Mawatha, Batugewatta, Makola south, Makola.
- (3) Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka presented a petition dated 14.03.2017 from Mr. I. D. Premaratne of No. 151, Horana Road, Mahavila, Panadura.
- (4) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 30.03.2017 from Mr. M.A. Clarence Perera of No. 165, Jositawatta, Ekala, Ja-Ela; and

- (ii) a petition dated 15.05.2017 from Mrs. Manohari Kaluthanthri of No. 68/28, Isuru Mawatha, Yakkala.
- (5) Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake presented a petition dated 01.05.2017 from Mr. K.D. Nimal Jayantha of No. 116/4, Kurunduwaththa, Meegoda.
- (6) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 15.05.2017 from Mr. T.H. Karunadasa of No. 29-D, Pitiya Devala Road, Dharmashoka Mawatha, Aruppala, Kandy.

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

5. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne seconded by Hon. K.K. Piyadasa moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Bandula Lal Bandarigoda 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, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage for report.

6. Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 2.53 p.m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister Finance moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.17 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out lines 20 and 21 in page 1 and substitute the following:-

“any electoral district for any year, until the end of the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 and 11 in page 3 and substitute the following :-

“register of electors for nay electoral district and whose name has not”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out the line 13 in page 3 and substitute the following :-

“in writing to the registering officer within fourteen days of the”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out the line 15 in page 3 and substitute the following :-

“(b) The provisions of subsections (7) to (16) of section 14”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out the line 24 in page 3 and substitute the following :-

“of subsections (1) to (5) of section 15 of the Registration of”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 were agreed to.

Clause 8

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out the lines 7 to 17 (both inclusive) in page 5 and substitute the following :-

“Sri Lanka and who was forced or obliged to leave from his permanent residence at any time prior to May 18, 2009, as a result of any action of terrorist militant or other group, and continues to permanently reside in Sri Lanka outside his original place of residence;”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 14 were agreed to.

Preamble, Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Preamble, Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. Adjournment (Safeguarding Universal Adult Franchise) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Heshan Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.19 p.m. Hon. Heshan Withanage took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.34 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 05, 2017.