



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 50.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, February 11, 2016 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

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media
and the 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 the Leader
of the House of Parliament

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 and Welfare

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and
Management

Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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

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

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

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

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. Duneshe Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

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. (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. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

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. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda 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. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Heshu Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Gardihewa Sarath Chandralal Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General

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 Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media presented the Supplementary Allocations from the Budgetary Support Services and Contingency Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget - 2015 as at 31.12.2015 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014.

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

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented a petition dated 06.12.2015 from Mr. R. S. R. G. Mahinda of No. 336/6, Ridiyagama Road, Gallelithota, Ambalanthota.
- (2) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented a petition dated 01.10.2015 from Mrs. Lakshmi Kongahawattage of No. 33, C. P. De Silva Mawatha, Kaldemulla, Moratuwa.
- (3) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented a petition dated 25.10.2015 from Ms. E. Anulawathie of No. 156, Gampola Road, Lagamuwa, Kadugannawa.
- (4) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 19.12.2015 from Mr. Sarath Jayawardana of Badunuheyayawatta, Higuramulana, Weeraketiya.
- (5) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 01.11.2015 from Mr. R. A. Sarath Asela Perera of Paldeniya, Mahawela; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 21.12.2015 from Mr. S. L. M. Maharooof of No. 36, Ulpathapitiya, Kiula, Matale.
- (6) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 22.12.2015 from Mr. D. A. Basnayaka of “Sandasiri”, No. 176, Karathota, Hakmana;
 - (ii) a petition dated 04.11.2015 from Mr. E. S. Shantha of The Secretary, Scientific & Technical services officers' Association, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuvila;
 - (iii) a petition dated 01.12.2015 from Mr. J. R. S. Rupasinghe of No. F/226, Ranpokunugama II - Stage, Nittambuwa;
 - (iv) a petition dated 13.01.2016 from Mrs. Janaki Palliyaguru of Kappala Kumbura (Ovita), Hiththetiya Meda, Matara;
 - (v) a petition dated 12.01.2016 from Mrs. L. A. Krishanthi of Paluwawatta, Porathota, Akuressa;
 - (vi) a petition dated 23.11.2015 from Mrs. M. Suriyaarachchi of No. 16, Sujatha Uyana, Alawella Road, Matara;
 - (vii) a petition dated 23.11.2015 from Mrs. M. Suriyaarachchi of No. 16, Sujatha Uyana, Alawella Road, Matara;

- (viii) a petition dated 23.12.2015 from Mr. R. A. Sadasivam of Meddagoawatta, Thepudeniya, Nimalawa, Kananke Kadaveediya;
 - (ix) a petition dated 12.01.2016 from Ms. R. K. K. Isahara Madushani of No. 80, Vikumpaya, Algiriya, Thellijjawila; and
 - (x) a petition dated 09.12.2015 from Mr. W. A. Sarath of Namal Pedesa, Vihara Mawatha, Veherahena, Matara.
- (7) Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama presented a petition dated 23.12.2015 from Mr. H. W. A. Ranatunga of c/o Shri Subadrarama Viharaya, Temple Road, Kalmune.
- (8) Hon. S. M. Marikkar presented —
- (i) a petition dated 05.10.2015 from Mr. B. Nimalwansa Perera of No.2/1, Megoda Kolonnawa Road, Wellampitiya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 11.12.2015 from Mr. P. A. Thilakasiri De Alwis of No. 17/9, Keppetipola Mawatha, Kolonnawa.

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

3. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. K. Kader Masthan seconded by Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Jam’iyyathus Sahwa Al-Khairriyya (JASKA).”

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 Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for report.

4. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. K. Kader Masthan seconded by Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Lanka Sethsewa 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 Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine for report.

(At 2.20 p. m. Hon. Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

5. Regulation under the Wages Boards Ordinance : The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations under Section 63 of the Wages Boards Ordinance (Chapter 136), which was presented on 12.01.2016, be approved.

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p. m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.45 p.m. adjourned until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016.