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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice

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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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 and Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

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

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

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

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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic 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. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

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. 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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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. 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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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Vocational Training

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Management

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Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

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. 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. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

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
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Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
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Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
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. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
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. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
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Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
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. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
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. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
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

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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 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.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lucky Jayawardena, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on “Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill” which was 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 “Recommendations pertaining to the Expeditious and Efficient Administration of Criminal Justice”.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena presented a petition dated 17.05.2017 from Mr. H.L. Samantha Kumara of No. 124/12, Koratuwa Watta, Panadugama, Akuressa.
- (2) Hon. S. Viyalanderan presented a petition dated 10.03.2016 from Ms. T. Jeyalechchami of Beach Road, Kalawanchikudi.

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

4. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 19.09.2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second reading read.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.04 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.57 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

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

Suspension of Sitting

7.07 p.m.

The sitting was suspended until 7.51 p.m.

7.51 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes : 157,
Noes : 44, Abstain: 01.

AYES

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe	Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale	Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana	Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. John Amaratunga	Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera	Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama	Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka	Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam	Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella	Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
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Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe	Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna	Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Faizal Cassim	Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Dunes Gankanda	Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage	Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne	Hon. Sirinal de Mel
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Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri	Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Velu Kumar	Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne	
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Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne	Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna	Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan	Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Srisikandarasa	Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe	
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan	

NOES

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Dilum Amunugama	Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma	Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage	Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila	Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena	Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana	Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera	Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena	Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
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Hon. Arundika Fernando	Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Johnston Fernando	
Hon. S. Premarathna	

ABSTAIN

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out lines 8 to 12 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:-

“ Section by the substitution for the words "one week" of the words "four weeks" wherever those words appear in that Section;”

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 Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out lines 14 to 26 (both inclusive) in page 1 and substitute the following:-

" amended as follows:-

- (1) in Sub-section (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "one nomination paper setting out the names, of such number of candidates as is equivalent to the number of Members to be elected from that Administrative District, increased by three. Such nomination paper shall be substantially in form A set out in the First Schedule to this Act," of the words "two nomination papers setting out the names of the candidates contesting electorates, and the names of the candidates on the district list and the electoral list. Such nomination papers shall be substantially in the form prescribed by law:

Provided that in submitting such lists, each political party or independent group shall ensure that not less than one-sixth of the total number of candidates to be nominated on the electorate list, and not less than fifty *per centum* of the total number of candidates in the district list, shall be women candidates:

Provided further that, in the event that the number corresponding to one-sixth or fifty per centum as the case may be shall be an integer and fraction, the integer shall be deemed to be the applicable number:

Provided further that the Commissioner of Elections shall, by notice publish in the Gazette, simultaneously with the call for nominations, specify the number of women candidates to be nominated on each nomination list, in respect of each Administrative District.";

- (2) in Sub-section (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words "whose name appears first in the nomination paper" of the words, "who is the group leader";
- (3) in Sub-section (4) thereof, by the substitution for the words "first in such nomination paper" of the words, "first in the nomination paper setting out the names of the candidates on the district list";
- (4) in Sub-section (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words "such nomination paper" of the words, "the district list";
- (5) in Sub-section (7) thereof, by the substitution for the words "form A set out in First Schedule to this Act." of the words, "the form prescribed by law.".

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 4

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive) in page 2:-

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

Question that the Clause be deleted from the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 5 was agreed to.

New Clauses

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 26 in page 1:-

Insertion of
Section 3A to
the principal
enactment.

4. The following new Section is hereby inserted immediately after Section 3 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as 3A of that enactment:-

Delimitation
Committee.

3A. (1) There shall be a Delimitation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") appointed by the President within two weeks of the commencement of this Act, consisting of five persons representing the pluralistic character of Sri Lankan society, including professional and social diversity by Order published in the Gazette, one of whom shall be nominated by the President as the Chairman of the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall divide each Administrative District into such number of electorates as corresponds to Fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Members to be elected from such Administrative District in terms of Sub-section (3) of Section 3:

Provided that if the number corresponding to Fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Members to be elected from such Administrative District in terms of Sub-section (3) of Section 3 is an integer and a fraction, the number shall be rounded to nearest integer.

(3) The Committee shall assign names to each such electorate.

(4) In the division of Administrative Districts into electorates, the following factors shall be taken into consideration by the Committee:

- (a) Where it appears to the Committee that there is, in any area of an Administrative District, a substantial concentration of persons united by a community of interest, whether racial, religious or otherwise, but differing in one or more of these respects from the majority of the inhabitants of that area, the Committee may make such division of the Administrative Districts into electorates.
- (b) In making such division, the Committee shall have due regard to.
 - (i) the desirability of reducing to the minimum the disproportion in the number of persons resident in the several electorates of the Administrative Districts within the Province; and
 - (ii) the geographical and physical features of the electorates.

(5) Where the Committee is of the view that having taken into consideration the requirements specified in Sub-section (4), it is appropriate to create an electorate which shall be entitled to return more than one Member, the Committee shall create a multi Member electorate or electorates, as the case may be for any Administrative District.

(6) Each electorate within an Administrative District shall be entitled to directly return one or more Members, as the case may be, to a Provincial Council.

(7) The Committee shall fulfil its responsibilities and duties in terms of Sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this Section, within four (4) months of its appointment and thereafter submit its report to the Minister.

(8) The Committee shall endeavour to arrive at a consensus in deciding on the matters entrusted to the Committee.

(9) The Committee shall decide on the procedure to be followed in fulfilling its obligations.

(10) For the purpose of fulfilling its obligations in terms of this Section the Committee shall appoint such officers, experts, technical committees and sub-committees as may be necessary.

(11) The Committee shall submit its report to the Minister, who shall within two weeks of the receipt of such report, table it in Parliament for its approval by not less than two-thirds of the whole number of Members of Parliament (including those not present) voting in its favour.

(12) Where Parliament does not approve such report in terms of Sub-section (11) within one month of the tabling of the report, then the Speaker shall appoint a Review Committee consisting of five persons representing the major communities and headed by the Prime Minister.

(13) The Review Committee shall cause any alteration to be made to the names, numbers, and boundaries of any electorate.

(14) The Review Committee shall fulfil its responsibilities and duties in terms of Sub-section (13), within two (2) months of the Minister having referred the report for its consideration and thereafter submit its report to the President.

(15) Upon the receipt of the report of the Review Committee, the President shall by Proclamation forthwith publish the new number of electorates, the boundaries, names assigned to each electorate so created on the report submitted by the Review Committee.

(16) The total number of Members which each Administrative District is entitled to return shall comprise of:-

- (a) such number of Members as is equivalent to the number of Electorates within such Administrative District; and
- (b) such number of additional Members to be elected (hereinafter referred to as the 'additional Members') in order to ensure that the total number of Members elected from such Administrative District is equivalent to the number of Members to be elected from such Administrative District of the Province as determined by the Election Commission in terms of Sub-section (3) of Section 3.

(17) Any recognized political party or any group of persons contesting as independent candidates (hereinafter referred to as an "independent group") may for the purpose of any election of Members of Provincial Councils for any Administrative District, submit two nomination papers setting out-

- (a) the names of each candidate nominated in respect of each electorate (in this Act, hereinafter referred to as the 'Electorate List'), and
- (b) the names of additional candidates in respect of such Administrative District as is equivalent to the number of additional Members entitled to be elected from such Administrative District, increased by three (in this Act hereinafter referred to as the 'District List').

Replacement
of Section 18
of the princi-
pal enactment.

5. Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed, and the following new Section substituted therefor:-

Uncontested
election.

18. (1) Where the candidates of only one recognized political party or one independent group stand nominated for election, the returning officer shall declare the candidates on the electorate list of such party or group as having been elected as Members of that Provincial Council, and shall call upon the secretary of such recognized political party or the group leader of such independent group to decide, within such period as may be specified by the returning officer,

which of the candidates whose names appear in the District List shall be declared elected as additional Members of that Provincial Council. Where such secretary or group leader communicates his decision to the returning officer within the period specified by the returning officer, the returning officer shall declare such candidates elected as additional Members of that Provincial Council. Where such secretary or group leader fails to communicate his decision to the returning officer within the period specified by the returning officer, then such number of candidates, in the order in which their names appear in such district list, as is equal to the number of additional Members to be elected to that Provincial Council, shall be declared elected as Members. The provisions of 58B shall apply to such nominations. The provisions of Section 58B shall apply to any nomination made by such Secretary or group leader, as the case may be or to any declaration made by the returning officer under this Sub-section.

(2) The returning officer shall forthwith make a return which shall be substantially in the prescribed form, to the Commissioner who shall cause the names of the Members so elected to be published in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of
Section 22 of
the
principal
enactment.

6. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in Sub-section (1) of that Section-

(a) by the deletion of paragraph (b) of that Sub-section and the substitution therefor, of the following new paragraphs:-

"(b) the names of each political party or independent group contesting in each Administrative District, and the approved symbol allotted to each such party or group, and in the case of an independent group the words "Independent Group" and the distinguishing number if any, and-

(i) the names of candidates of each party or group contesting in respect of each electorate; and

- (ii) the names of the candidates of each party or group on the district list, in the same order as appears in the nomination paper submitted by such party or group;";
- (b) in paragraph (d) of Sub-section (1), by the deletion of the words "of the polling districts" and the substitution therefor of the words "electorate";
- (2) in Sub-section (3) thereof, by substitution, for the words "polling district" of the words "electorate".
- (4) by the substitution for Sub-section (4) of that Section, of the following:-

"(4) The polling station or stations for each electorate shall be situated within such electorate save where the returning officer, having regard to the special circumstances in any electorate, may decide upon a polling station outside such electorate. The location of the polling station shall be such as to cause the minimum inconvenience to the electors of the electorate:

Provided that the Elections Commission shall at all times have the power to direct that a polling station be established in respect of more than one electorate."

Amendment to Section 24 of the principal enactment.

7. Section 24 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in Sub-section (3) of that Section by the substitution for the words "regulations contained in the Second Schedule to this Act" wherever those words appear, of the words "prescribed by law".

Amendment to Section 28 of the principal enactment.

8. Section 28 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in Sub-section (1) of that Section as follows:-

- (1) in paragraph (a) of that Sub-section thereof, by the substitution for the words "form set out in the Third Schedule to this Act" of the words "form prescribed by law".
- (2) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of that Sub-section of the following paragraphs:-
 - "(b) the names of each political party or independent group contesting in each Administrative District, and the approved symbol allotted to each such party or group, and in the case of an independent group the words "Independent Group" and the distinguishing number if any, and

- (i) the names of candidates of each party or group contesting in respect of each electorate; and
- (ii) the names of the candidates of each party or group on the district list, in the same order as appears in the nomination paper submitted by such party or group."

Amendment to Section 30 of the principal enactment.	9. Section 30 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in Sub-section (2) thereof as follows:- (1) by the substitution for the words 'form C set out in the First Schedule to this Act' of the words 'form prescribed by law'. (2) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of that Sub-section of the following:- "(a) shall contain the approved symbol allotted to each political party or independent group contesting in the Administrative District, and the name of the candidates of each party or group contesting in respect of such electorate within such Administrative District;"
Amendment to Section 36 of the principal enactment.	10. Section 36 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in Sub-section (2) of that Section by the substitution for the words 'form D set out in the First Schedule to this Act' of the words 'form prescribed by law'.
Amendment to Section 37 of the principal enactment.	11. Section 37 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in Sub-section (1) of that Section for the words " voters in the Third Schedule to this Act and" of the words "voters and".
Amendment to Section 38 of the principal enactment.	12. Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- (1) in Sub-section (1) thereof, substitution for the words " voters in the Third Schedule to this Act, but" of the words "voters, but"; (2) in Sub-section (2) thereof- (a) in paragraph (a) of that Sub-section, substitution for the words " voters in the Third Schedule to the principal enactment may be" of the words "voters may be";

(b) in paragraph (b) thereof, by the substitution for the words "form set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Act" of the words "form prescribed by law".

Amendment to Section 41 of the principal enactment.

13. Section 41 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in Sub-section (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "in forms E, F and G set out in the First Schedule to this Act" of the words "in the forms prescribed by law".

Amendment to Section 43 of the principal enactment.

14. Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words "form H set out in the First Schedule to this Act" and "in form I in the First Schedule to this Act" of the words "form prescribed by law".

Amendment to Section 45 of the principal enactment.

15. Section 45 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in Sub-section (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words "form J set out in the First Schedule to this Act" of the words "in the forms prescribed by law".

Amendment to Section 46A of the principal enactment.

16. Section 46A of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) in Sub-section (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words "and the number of preferences secured by each candidate nominated by each such party or group" of the words "in respect of each electorate and in respect of the Administrative District as a whole";
- (2) in Sub-sections (6) and (7) thereof, by the substitution for the words "Administrative District" of the words, "Administrative District or electorate";
- (3) in Sub-section (8) thereof,
 - (a) by the substitution, for the words "and the preferences secured by each candidate nominated by each such party or group" of the words "in respect of each electorate and in respect of the Administrative District as a whole"; and
 - (b) by the substitution for the words "group and the preferences secured by each such candidate at the poll" of the words "group at the poll".

Amendment to Section 50 of the principal enactment.

17. Section 50 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) in paragraph (b) of Sub-section (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words "ballot boxes." of the words, "ballot boxes in respect of each electorate";
- (2) in Sub-section (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words "ballot papers", of the words "ballot papers in respect of each electorate".

- Amendment to Section 51 of the principal enactment.
18. Section 51 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-
- (1) in Sub-section (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words "guidance of voters in the Third Schedule to this Act." of the words "guidance of voters.";
 - (2) in Sub-section (7) thereof, by the substitution for the words "of the number of preferences indicated for every" of the words "in respect of the votes polled in respect of each electorate by the";
 - (3) by the repeal of Sub-sections (8), (9) and (10) thereof.
- Amendment to Section 53 of the principal enactment.
19. Section 53 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (h) thereof, by the substitution for the words "and the number of preferences secured by each candidate nominated" of the words "in respect of the votes polled in respect of each electorate".
- Amendment to Section 54 of the principal enactment.
20. Section 54 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "set out in the Second Schedule to this Act" and "returning officer" of the word, "prescribed by regulation" and "returning officer, so as to ensure the counting of votes in respect of each electorate separately", respectively.
- Amendment to Section 58 of the principal enactment.
21. Section 58 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-
- (1) in Sub-section (1) thereof-
 - (a) in paragraph (a) of that Sub-section thereof, by the substitution for the words "and the number of preferences indicated for each" of the words "in respect of the votes polled in respect of each electorate by the"; and
 - (b) by the substitution for paragraph (b), (d), (e) and (f) of that Sub-section thereof, of the following:-

"(b) The candidate belonging to the recognized political party or the independent group who obtained the highest number of votes in each electorate and who was nominated by such recognized political party or independent group in its nomination paper as its candidates for that electorate shall be declared elected as the Member of such electorate.

- (c) Where an equality of votes is found to exist between any two or more recognized political parties or two or more independent groups, and the addition of a vote would entitle the nominated candidate of one such recognized political party or independent group to be elected as the Member of such electorate, the determination of the recognized political party or independent group to which such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given, shall be made by lot drawn in the presence of the chief counting officer, in such manner as he shall determine."

(2) by the repeal of Sub-section (2) thereof.

Insertion of new Sections 58A and 58B in the principal enactment.

22. The following new Sections are hereby inserted immediately after Section 58 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as Sections 58A and 58B of that enactment:-

Election of Members of Provincial Councils. 58A (1) Upon the declaration under Section 58, the additional Members elected for all the electorates of the Administrative District shall be apportioned in the manner hereinafter provided for in this Section.

(2) The total number of valid votes received by all the candidates of each recognized political party and independent group in the Administrative District shall be divided by the total number of Members to be elected and returned to Provincial Council from such Administrative District. The number resulting from such division (any fraction not being taken into account) shall hereinafter in this Section be referred to as "the qualifying number".

(3) The aggregate of the votes received by the candidates of each recognized political party and independent group in the respective electorates shall then be divided by the qualifying number, in order to ascertain the number of persons entitled to be elected and returned as Members of the Provincial Council, from such Administrative District. Where the number ascertained by this method is an integer and a fraction, the integer shall be deemed to be the number for the purpose of this Sub-section.

(4) Upon ascertaining the number of candidates entitled to be elected and returned from such Administrative District, as Members of that Provincial Council, by each recognized political party or independent group, as the case may be, in terms of Sub-section (3), if it is found that the number of Members elected from such recognized political party or independent group from such Administrative District for that Provincial Council-

- (a) exceeds the number ascertained to be elected and returned as Members under Sub-section (3), then such overhang shall be determined by the Commissioner of Elections; or
- (b) falls short of the number ascertained to be elected and returned as Members under Sub-section (3), then such additional number of Members, shall be returned by the respective secretary of the recognized political party or leader of the independent group from the candidates on the Electorate List or the District List, other than the candidates who have been elected or are not qualified to be a Member.

(5) Where at the conclusion of ascertaining the number of Members to be returned by any recognized political party or independent group on the method specified in Sub-section (3), there remains a further number of Members to be returned under the proportional representation system as determined under Sub-section (4), such remaining number shall be allocated on the basis of the highest fraction received by each recognized political party or independent group, as ascertained under Sub-section (3).

(6) The returning officer shall inform the Secretary of the recognized political party or the leader of the independent group, as the case may be, which is entitled to return such number of Members as ascertained under Sub-section (3) of this Section, of the number of Members including women Members that such recognized political party or independent

group, as the case may be, is entitled to be elected and returned from the candidates of the Electorate List or the District List other than the candidates who have been elected or are not qualified to be Members. The Secretary or Group Leader as the case may be shall accordingly nominate the names of persons who are to be returned as Members under that Sub-section.

(7) The names of the candidates who are returned under this Section shall thereafter be declared by the returning officer of the respective Administrative District.

(8) The Commissioner shall ensure that twenty five per centum of the total number of Members to be elected and returned from each Administrative District within a Province shall be women Members;

provided that, where the number constituting twenty five *per centum* of the total number of Members is an integer and fraction, the integer shall be deemed to be the number which shall constitute twenty five *per centum* for the purpose of this Section:

Provided further that a Provincial Council constituted in terms of this Act, shall not be deemed to be unlawful only by virtue of an inability to comply with the provisions of this Sub-section.

Number of
Members to
be returned.

58B. (1) Where the number of Members elected from any recognized political party or independent group for an Administrative District results in an overhang and thereby exceeds the number ascertained to be elected and returned as Members under Sub-section (3) of Section 58A, the provisions of Sub-sections (3) and (4) of this Section shall not apply to such recognized political party or independent group.

(2) Where any recognized political party or independent group has received less than twenty per centum of the total number of votes polled in an Administrative District, then the provisions of Sub-sections (3) and (4) of this Section shall not apply to such recognized political party or independent group.

(3) the apportionment of women Members to be elected and returned from each Administrative District to each Provincial Council from the recognized political parties and independent groups other than the political parties and the independent groups referred to in Sub-sections (1) and (2) of this Section, shall be determined by the Elections Commission, taking into consideration the number of valid votes polled by the other recognized political parties and independent groups within such Administrative District, and the method of apportionment set out in Article 99A of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall mutatis mutandis apply thereto.

(4) Where the number of women Members elected for all electorates within an Administrative District from any recognized political party or independent group, is less than the number apportioned in terms of Sub-section (3) of this Section, then the shortfall in the number of Members shall be returned from among the women candidates in the Electorate List or the District List other than the women candidates who have been elected or are disqualified to be a Member."

Amendment of section 60 of the principal enactment. 23. Section 60 of the principal enactment is amended by the substitution for the words "form K set out in the First Schedule to this Act", of the words "the form prescribed by law".

Amendment of section 65 of the principal enactment. 24. Section 65 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-
(1) in Sub-section (2) thereof-

- (a) by the substitution for the words "of a person eligible under this Act for election as a Member" of the words 'any other candidate of the Electorate List or the District List other than the candidates who have been elected or are not qualified to be a Member';
- (b) by the substitution for the words "nomination paper submitted by that party or group for the Administrative District in respect of which the vacancy occurred, the candidate who has secured the highest number of preferences at the election of Members to that Provincial Council, next to the last of the Members declared elected to that Provincial Council from that party or group of the words the candidate next in the District List other than a candidate who has been elected or is not qualified to be a Member";

(2) by the repeal of Sub-section (3) thereof, and the substitution. therefor of the following new Sub-section:-

"(3) Where a vacancy occurs in the case of a woman Member of a Provincial Council under Sub-section (1) or (2) such vacancy shall be filled only by the nomination of a woman candidate from the relevant Electorate List or the District List other than the women candidates who have been elected or are not qualified to be a Member."

Repeal of
Schedules in
the principal
enactment.

25. The Schedules of the principal enactment are hereby repealed.

Amendment
of section
129 of the
principal
enactment.

26. Section 129 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression 'Members' of the following definition:-

"overhang" means the number of candidates elected from an Administrative District to a Provincial Council from any recognized political party or independent group in excess of the number such recognized political party or independent group is entitled to have elected in terms of paragraph (a) of Sub-section (4) of Section 58A of this Act;"

Question that the New Clauses be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Question that the New Clauses be added to the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government moved,— That the Bill, as amended be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes : 159,
Noes : 37.

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Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale	Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana	Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
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Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena	Hon. S. Premarathna
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Hon. Johnston Fernando	

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

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 8.54 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March 2016.