



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 26.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 08, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair 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 Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

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

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

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

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern
Development & Hindu Religious Affairs

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, State Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

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

Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources &
Disaster Management

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local
Government and Sports

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills
Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba
Development

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Public Administration &
Management and Law & Order

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology,
Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Deputy Minister of National Integration,
Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting 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 Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Motor Traffic for the year 2017 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Matale for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Badulla for the year 2017

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 Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 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 —

- (i) Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka for the year 2016;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Coconut Development Authority for the year 2016; and
- (iv) Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd. for the year 2015/2016.

and moved that these Reports 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 National Institute of Social 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. Nihal Galappaththi, 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,

- (i) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Galle for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (ii) Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Kegalle for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (iii) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Ampara for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (iv) Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Matara for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (v) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Polonnaruwa for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (vi) Performance Reports and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat of Anuradhapura for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (vii) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Hambantota for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (viii) Performance and Accounts Reports of the District Secretariat of Ratnapura for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (ix) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Nuwara Eliya for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (x) Performance & Accounts Reports of the District Secretariat of Gampaha for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xi) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Vavuniya for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xii) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Puttalam for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xiii) Performance Reports and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat of Badulla for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (xiv) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Moneragala District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xv) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of Jaffna District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xvi) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Kalutara District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xvii) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Mannar District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xviii) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Kandy for the year 2016;

- (xix) Performance and Annual Accounts Report of Kilinochchi District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xx) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of Mullaitivu District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xxi) Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat of Kurunegala for the year 2016;
- (xxii) Performance Report and Accounts of Trincomalee District Secretariat for the year 2016;
- (xxiii) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat of Batticaloa for the year 2016;
- (xxiv) Performance and Financial Report of the District Secretariat of Colombo for the year 2016;
- (xxv) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat of Matale for the year 2016; and
- (xxvi) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. C.B. Rathnayake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Report of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority for the year 2014;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the National Youth Services Council for the years 2013 and 2014;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2017;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Cultural Affairs for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report and Financial Statements of Tower Hall Theatre Foundation for the year 2012;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Department of Archeology for the year 2015;
- (vii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Museum for the year 2017;
- (viii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Buddhasasana for the year 2017;
- (ix) Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the year 2017; and
- (x) Performance Report of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year 2015

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(3) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Member of the Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the years 2015 and 2016; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade for the year of 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(4) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M.A. Sumanthiran, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on ,

- (i) Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill;
- (ii) Excise (Amendment) Bill; and
- (iii) Resolution for Emoluments and other Allowances being paid to the Chairpersons and Members of Independent Commissions

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. T. B. Ekanayake presented a petition dated 27.03.2018 from Mr. Wijesooriya Arachchige Thilakarathne of C1/2, Mottappuliya, Bodhiraja Mawatha, Rambukkana.
- (2) Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera presented a petition dated 04.07.2018 from Mrs. P. M. S. S. Premarathne of Ranketh Uyana, Alawwa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30(10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Apartment Ownership (Special Provisions) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

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

(At 2.17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Housing and Construction 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

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

Bill reported without Amendments.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

5. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No.1) : The Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 26 and Section 30 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Registration of Qualified Persons and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05th February 2018, which were presented on 17.07.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No.2) : The Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Sub-sections (1), (2) and (4) of Section 35 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Registration of Contractors and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05th February 2018 as amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/15 of 10th July 2018, which were presented on 17.07.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No.3) : The Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 45(2) of the Construction Development Industry Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 58 of the aforesaid act relating to Technical Auditing Procedure and Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2057/5 of 05th February 2018, which were presented on 17.07.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment : The Minister of Housing and Construction moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.06 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, August 09, 2018.