



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, September 05, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and
Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and
Community Development

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration &
Management and Law & Order

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

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development

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

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. K. Kader Masthan, Deputy Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Northern Development

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Hesha Withanage

Hon. S. Viyalanderan

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Associated Newspaper of Ceylon Limited for the year 2015 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 Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the year 2015 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—

- (i) Annual Report of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2016;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of Ruhuna for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya for the year 2016;
- (v) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology of University of Kelaniya for the year 2016; and
- (vi) Annual Report of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees: Hon. Tilak Marapana, the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges presented the First Report of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions:

(1) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —

- (i) A petition dated 17.07.2018 from Ms. D.M.D.N. Disanayeka of A/ Maithripala Senanayeka Central College, Medawachchiya;
- (ii) A petition dated 19.03.2018 from Mr. K.K.P. Kannangara of No. 392/3, Aluthgama Road, Mathugama; and
- (iii) A petition dated 10.07.2018 from Mr. S. M. Somarathna of “Rathnagaya“, Jeewana Road, Bangalawatta, Devalegama.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order 30(10) to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy presented the Bill to amend the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday September 18, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Leave to introduce Bill: Hon. Vijitha Herath seconded by Hon. Anura Dissanayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) to the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs for report.

6. Rules under the Post Office Ordinance: The Minister of Highways & Road Development and Acting Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs moved,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 7 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) relating to Postal Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/32 of 07th June 2018., which were presented on 20.06.2018, be approved.

(At 1.47 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 4.10 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to, the Parliament was at 4.56 p.m. adjourned by the Deputy Speaker without question put until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, September 06, 2018.