



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 41.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10.00 a.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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

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

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

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

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

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and
Southern Development

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. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

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

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

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

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

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

Hon. Dunesch Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

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

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

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

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Sustainable
Development, Wildlife and Regional Development

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce

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

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
Development and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

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. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanaka Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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. 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Chilaw Plantations Ltd. for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Reports of the Department of Community Based Corrections for the years 2016 and 2017 and moved that these Reports 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 National Evaluation Policy of Sri Lanka - 2018.

Ordered that the report do lie upon the Table.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Regional Development for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Kabir Hashim presented a petition dated 09.08.2018 from Mr. D.M. Samarasinghe of No. H 78, Siyambalawa, Hemmathagama.

(2) Hon. Sisira Jayakody presented a petition dated 11.09.2018 from Mr. P.D. Premathilaka of No. 148, Wanawasala, Kelaniya.

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

3. Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented the Bill to amend the Chemical Weapons Convention Act, No.58 of 2007.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday October 25, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

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. 27 of Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka: The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That this Parliament resolves that the under mentioned persons who are not Members of Parliament appointed to the Constitutional Council on the nomination of both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition under sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (1) and paragraphs (4) and (5) of Article 41 A of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and such nomination be approved by Parliament in terms of paragraph (5) of Article 41 A of the Constitution:—

1. Dr. Jayantha Dhanapala
2. Mr. Ahmad Javid Yusuf
3. Mr. Naganathan Selvakkumaran

(At 12.08 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 12. 28 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Highways & Road Development moved,— That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.44 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

Hon. Niroshan Perera, the State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That Hon. K. Thuraietnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.21 p.m. Hon. K. Thuraietnasingam took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order moved,— That Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.04 p.m. Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1): The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Imports and Exports (Control) regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2076/4 of 18th June 2018, which were presented on 17.07.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Imports and Exports (Control) regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2083/37 of 10th August 2018, which were presented on 18.09.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act: The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2081/10 of 24th July 2018, which was presented on 23.08.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Seize Traditional lands of Tamils under Mahaweli Development Scheme “L”): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.26 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan seconded by Hon. S. Shritharan moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.52 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa took the Chair.)

And it being past 6.30 p.m. the parliament was at 6.32 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, October, 12, 2018.