



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 34.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 07, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

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. 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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

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

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

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife
and Regional Development

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

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
Hon. Ajith P. Perera, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign 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. 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. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
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. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
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. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
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Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:-

“ I wish to inform that the following Members of Parliament have been appointed by the Speaker to serve in the Select Committee of Parliament chaired by the Speaker to study Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka and to make its recommendations to Parliament in order to ensure establishment of Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka:—

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,
Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan,
Hon. John Amaratunga,
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,
Hon. Rauff Hakeem,
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne,
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen,
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe,
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan,
Hon. Abdul Haleem,
Hon. Mano Ganesan,
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie,
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan,
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene,
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan,
Hon. Douglas Devananda,
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha,
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake,
Hon. Vijitha Herath,
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran.”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Deputy Speaker Presented—

- (i) The Fourth Instalment – Part XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) The First Instalment – Parts XX, XXI, XXIII and XXIV, Fourth Instalment – Parts V and VII and Sixth Instalment – Part XIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and

- (iii) The First Instalment – Part I and Tenth Instalment – Parts XIV and XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 01.07.2018 to 15.08.2018 under Section 6 (1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2017 and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Reports on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Department of Agrarian Development in the year 2016 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Business of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Government Business shall have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Ministerial Consultative Committees: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No.112 of the Parliament and the resolutions adopted by Parliament on 20th June 2018 and 17th July 2018, the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence and the Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Policies and Economic Affairs shall consist of eleven (11) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No.8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 20.06.2018, the hours of sitting of Parliament of this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Determination under the Constitution: The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— Whereas, the President has appointed Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe as the Auditor-General on 27.11.2015 in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council. In terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution, the salary to be paid to him shall be determined by the Parliament and shall be charged to the consolidated Fund.

And whereas, action will be taken to withdraw the resolution made by me in Parliament on 19.12.2017 in relation to this matter, and approval has been granted by the Cabinet decision dated 14.03.2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 03.03.2017 and Cabinet decision dated 05.12.2017 on the Note to the Cabinet dated 14.11.2017 submitted by the President, to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, the Auditor-General as follows;

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post, placing on the 08th salary step of SL - 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL-4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016 and to pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale ; and
- (c) To pay him a special monthly allowance of Rs. 50,000/- as personal to him in addition to salaries and other allowances which entitled to the post of Auditor-General by paying the special attention for Educational Qualifications, Service Experience as well as the salary of previous service of Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, as per the Cabinet decision dated 14.03.2017

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe, the Auditor- General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Medical (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development on behalf of the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.05 p.m. Hon. Bimal Ratnayake took the Chair.)

(At 4.36 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine 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.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 and 11 in page 1 and substitute the following:—

“referred to in subsection (1), (3) and (4) of section 39A;”;

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

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

“ඇඟිලි 39(අ) වන වගන්තියේ (2) වන උප වගන්තියේ සඳහන් විශේෂඥ දත්ත වෛද්‍යවරුන් විසින් තෝරා පත් කරගනු ලබන එක් සාමාජිකයෙක් යන තැනට පහත උපවගන්ති එකතු කළ යුතුය:—

ඉඉ 56 වන වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි ඖෂධවේදීන් විසින් තෝරාපත් කරගනු ලබන එක් උපාධිධාරී ඖෂධවේදී සාමාජිකයෙක්ද;

ඉඉඉ 60 ආ වැනි වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි අතරු වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයන් අතරින් තෝරාපත් කරගනු ලබන එක් උපාධිධාරී අතරු වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයෙක්ද;

ඉඉඉඉ(60)(ඒ) වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි පරිපූරක වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයන් විසින් තෝරා පත් කරගනු ලබන උපාධිධාරී පරිපූරක වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයෙක්;

ඊ සහ ඊඊ අමාත්‍යතුමා විසින් සාමාජිකයන් දෙදෙනෙකු නම් කරන අතර, එක් සාමාජිකයෙකු මාධ්‍යවේදියෙකු විය යුතු අතර, අනෙක් සාමාජිකයා මහ ජනතාව අතරින් තෝරා පත්කර ගත් අයෙකු විය යුතුය.”

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

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

“2. (මෙහි මින් මතු “ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තිය” යනුවෙන් සඳහන් කරනු ලබන) (105 වන අධිකාරය වූ) වෛද්‍ය ආඥාපනතේ 12 වන වගන්තියේ (1) වන උපවගන්තියේ (ඇ) ඡේදයට ඉක්බිතිව ම පහත දැක්වෙන ඡේද ඇතුළත් කිරීමෙන් එම වගන්තිය මෙයින් සංශෝධනය කරනු ලැබේ.

“(ඇ) 39 වන වගන්තියේ (1) වන, (3) වන සහ (4) වන උපවගන්තිවල සඳහන් විශේෂඥ වෛද්‍යවරුන් විසින් තෝරා පත්කර ගනු ලබන සාමාජිකයන් තිදෙනෙක් ද;

(ඇ) 39 අ වන වගන්තියේ (2) වන උපවගන්තියේ සඳහන් විශේෂඥ දන්ත වෛද්‍යවරුන් විසින් තෝරා පත්කර ගනු ලබන එක් සාමාජිකයෙක්;

ඉඉ 56 වන වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි ඖෂධවේදීන් විසින් තෝරා පත්කර ගනු ලබන එක් උපාධිධාරී ඖෂධවේදී සාමාජිකයෙක්;

ඉඉඉ 60 ආ වන වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි අතුරු වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයන් අතුරින් තෝරා පත්කර ගනු ලබන එක් උපාධිධාරී අතුරු වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයෙකු;

ඉඉඉඉ 60 එ වන වගන්තියේ සඳහන් ලියාපදිංචි පරිපූරක වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයන් විසින් තෝරාපත් කරගනු ලබන උපාධිධාරී පරිපූරක වෛද්‍ය වෘත්තිකයෙකු;

ඊ සහ ඊඊ අමාත්‍යතුමා විසින් සාමාජිකයන් දෙදෙනෙකු නම් කරන අතර, එක් සාමාජිකයෙකු මාධ්‍යවේදියෙකු විය යුතු අතර, අනෙක් සාමාජිකයා මහජනතාව අතරින් තෝරා පත්කර ගත් අයෙකු විය යුතුයි”.

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

Question that the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 4 (both inclusive) in page 2 and substitute the following:—

“Insertion of new Sections 39A, 39B, 39C and 39D in the principal enactment.	4. The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 39 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as sections 39A, 39B, 39c and 39D of that enactment:-”;
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 14 in page 4:—

“Registered medical or dental specialists entitled to practice in the respective field.	39D. Every medical or dental specialist registered under section 39B shall be entitled to practise the respective specialty in Sri Lanka and to demand and recover reasonable professional charges including the cost of medicines and surgical appliances supplied or other services rendered during the course of such practice”;
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Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara proposed an amendment in Sinhala text:—

“(1) “(අ) ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තිය යටතේ යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් වාක්‍යය එකතු විය යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

(2) “(ආ) නිශ්චිතව දක්වන සුදුසුකම් ඇති යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් වාක්‍යය එකතු විය යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

(3) “ ‘39අ.(1) වෛද්‍ය සේවා ව්‍යවස්ථා සංග්‍රහයේ නිශ්චිතව දක්වා ඇති පරිදි....’ යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් වාක්‍යය එකතු කළ යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

(4) “ ‘39අ.(2) වෛද්‍ය සේවා ව්‍යවස්ථා සංග්‍රහයේ නිශ්චිතව දක්වා ඇති පරිදි....’ යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් වාක්‍යය එකතු කළ යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තිය යටතේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

(5) “ 39අ.(3) ස්ථානයටද එලෙසම, පහත සඳහන් කොටස එකතු කළ යුතුය.

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තිය යටතේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’ ”

(6) “ 39අ.(3) හි ‘... උපාධි ආයතනයේ යෝග්‍යතා මිනුම් දණ්ඩ සපුරාලන යම් තැනැත්තකුට... ’ යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් කොටස එකතු විය යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

(7)“ (39ආ) උපවගන්තියේ (ඇ) හි ‘....ප්‍රතිතන සහතිකයක් ඉදිරිපත් කරන්නේ නම්,...’ යන ස්ථානයට පහත සඳහන් කොටස එකතු කළ යුතුය:

‘ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ VIII, VIII(අ), VIII (අඅ) යන කොටස්වලට අදාළ නොවන පරිදි’

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

Question that the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5

The Minister of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 3 (both inclusive) in page 5 and substitute the following:—

“Gazette No. 662/11, dated May 17, 1991, as may be amended from time to time and last amended by the Medical Service Minutes published in the Gazette No. 1883/17, dated October 11, 2014;”.

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.

Clauses 6 and 7 were agreed to.

New Clause

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara proposed the following New Clause in Sinhala text:—

“වෛද්‍ය සභාවේ සියළුම සාමාජිකයන්-ඉ සහ ඊ යන කොටස් හැර ඉතිරි සියලුම සාමාජිකයන් ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 20, 41, 56, 60 B සහ 60 G යන වගන්ති යටතේ ලියාපදිංචි සාමාජිකයන් විය යුතුය.”

Question that the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

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 Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

8. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act: The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines

Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Registration and Licensing of Medicines (fees) Regulations No. 2 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2052/33 of 05th January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Misuse of Public Funds by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in organizing Diplomatic Visits) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.42 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.22 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.