



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 42.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, October 12, 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

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence and Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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

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

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 Rajapakse, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

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

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

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

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

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

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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

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

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

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

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Deputy Minister of Environment

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

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

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. Siripala Gamalath

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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Arumugan Thondaman

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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. 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. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the First quarter of 2018 (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) Report presented by the National Police Commission for the period 2015-2018 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Reports do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development presented the Annual Report of the Sugarcane Research Institute for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Legal Draftman's Department for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi, on behalf of 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,

- (i) Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2015;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board for the year 2017;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Public Trustee for the year 2017;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 2017; and
- (v) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the years 2014 and 2015.

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Wajira Abeywardana presented —

- (i) A petition dated 13.12.2017 from Mrs. A.H.M. Fahmi of No: 30, Circular Rd, Galle; and
- (ii) A petition dated 01.04.2018 from Mrs. W. H. K. S. S. Hewage of No. 527, Galle Road, Walagedara, Balapitiya.

- (2) Hon. Navin Dissanayake presented a petition dated 23.05.2018 from Mr. B.M.R.K.Senanayake of 'Priyantha Niwasa', Pallewela, Rupaha, Udupussellawa Police Area.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
- (i) A petition dated 24.07.2018 from Mr. A.P.M.D.S. Karunarathna of No. 37, Maha Ambalangoda Road, Ambalangoda;
 - (ii) A petition dated 07.08.2018 from Mr. Annanda Ranjith Daluwatta of No. 148, Borala Road, Weligama;
 - (iii) A petition dated 09.08.2018 from Mr. B.G.B. Muthukumarana of No. 265, Pallimulla, Matara;
 - (iv) A petition dated 09.08.2018 from Mrs. L.B.W. Jayantha of No. 24/1, 'Jaya Niwasa', Nilwala Cross Road, Thotamuna - Matara;
 - (v) A petition dated 26.05.2018 from Mr. M.K. Buddhadasa Jayasekara of Siyambalagahahena, Kadurupokuna, Tangalle;
 - (vi) A petition dated 09.08.2018 from Mr. R. Nihal Rajapaksha of "Hansi", Wendesiwatta, Konegala, Hakmana; and
 - (vii) A petition dated 23.08.2018 from Mr. S.J. Palliyaguru of No. 13/18C, Ganga Mawatha, Weragampita, Matara.
- (4) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented a petition dated 07.08.2018 from Mr. S.H. Disanayeka of No. 43/B, R.B. 01, Pubudugama, Somapura.

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

4. 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.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1): 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 1.30 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. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 25th October, 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill: Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of City Planning and Water Supply moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.40 a.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.58 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 12.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Friday, 26th October, 2018.

8. Adjournment (150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.40 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.