



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 1.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 14, 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. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance & Economic
Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila, Minister of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane, Minister of International Trade and Investment
Promotion

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Arumugan Thondaman, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure
& Community Development

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

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern
Development and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Trade, Consumer, Co-operative Development &
Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs &
Justice

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation &
Official Languages

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

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

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake, Minister of Post and Telecommunication

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, Minister of Education & Higher Education

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Labour, Foreign Employment & Petroleum
Resources Development

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Housing & Social Welfare

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power & Renewable Energy

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, Minister of Tourism & Wild Life

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

Hon. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, Minister of City Planning & Water Supply

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda, State Minister of Environment

Hon. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Youth, Women & Child Affairs

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

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, State Minister of International Trade and
Investment Promotion

Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, State Minister of Mass Media & Digital Infrastructure

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, State Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

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

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage, Deputy Minister of Tourism & Wild Life

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

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, Deputy Minister of Cultural, Internal Affairs & Regional
Development (North Western)

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing & Urban Development

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

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Hon. S. Viyalanderan, Deputy Minister of Regional Development

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Daya Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
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Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Navin Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Premadasa
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharooof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
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Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
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Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 the Proclamation of His Excellency the President of 04th November, 2018.

1. The Secretary-General of Parliament read the following Proclamations of His Excellency the President by which Parliament was prorogued and the meeting was summoned :—

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Proclamations & C., by the President

PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this Proclamation, prorogue Parliament with effect from 12.00 noon on October 27, 2018 and hereby fix 16th day of November, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. for the commencement of the next session and summon Parliament to meet in the Chamber of Parliament, Sri Jayawardenapura.

Given at Colombo on this 27th day of October, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

By His Excellency's command,

UDAYA R SENEVIRATNE,
Secretary to the President.

At Colombo,
27th October, 2018.



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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations & C., by the President

PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

KNOW YE, that by virtue of the powers vested in me by paragraph (3)(i) of Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President, do by this Proclamation summon Parliament to meet at the Chamber of Parliament, Sri Jayawardanapura, on the Fourteenth day of November, Two Thousand and Eighteen at 10.00 a.m.

Given at Colombo, on this 04th day of November, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

By Order of His Excellency,

UDAYA R. SENEVIRATNE,
Secretary to the President.



2. Announcements by the Speaker: The Speaker made the following announcements:-

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“ I wish to announce the determination of the Supreme Court on the Bill titled ‘Counter Terrorism’ in respect of which petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that in terms of Article 123(1) of the Constitution that Clauses 4(a), 4(b) and 68(5) of the Bill violate Article 3 of the Constitution and Clause 93(3) of the Bill violates Articles 3 and 4 of the Constitution and could only become law if the number of votes cast in favour thereof amounts to not less than two-thirds of the whole number of Members (including those not present), is approved by the People at a referendum.

However, the Supreme Court has stated that the above inconsistencies would cease if the Clauses are amended as per the determination of the Court.

The Supreme Court has further determined that other Clauses of the Bill can be passed by simple majority of the Parliament.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today’s proceedings.”

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“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Finance’ on the 01st of November 2018 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

3. Suspension of Standing Orders of Parliament: Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, seconded by Hon. Vijitha Herath moved,— That this Parliament resolves that in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 135 of the Parliament one or more of the Standing Orders of the Parliament be suspended for today’s sitting.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Vote of No - Confidence on the Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Government: Hon. Anura Dissanayake seconded by Hon. Vijitha Herath moved,— Whereas the Gazette Extraordinary Nos. 2094/43, 2094/43A, and 2094/44 dated 26th October 2018 promulgated by His Excellency the President, and the purported acts and appointments referred to therein, are unconstitutional, and are null and void and of no force or effect in law;

That this Parliament resolves that on the aforesaid reasons, this House has no confidence on Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of Ministers and the government appointed on or after 26th October 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment : The Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; accordingly, the Speaker adjourned the Parliament at 10.26 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018 pursuant to the resolution of Parliament of this day.