



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 11.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, December 18, 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

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Dunes Gankanda
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Daya Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Navin Dissanayake

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
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. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
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. Indika Bandaranayake
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. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
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. (Dr.) M. L. A. M. Hizbullah
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
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 adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

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

I

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, M.P. and the Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, M.P., have been appointed as the Leader of the House of Parliament and as the Chief Government Whip respectively.”

II

“I wish to inform that the Parliamentary practice is that the group leader of the political party or the independent group with the largest number of MPs seated in the Opposition is recognized as the Leader of the Opposition. Abiding by that practice, since the United People’s Freedom Alliance is the recognized political party with the largest number of MPs seated in the opposition having withdrawn from the National Government, I consider to recognize the group leader of it as the Leader of the Opposition. Accordingly, I recognize Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, MP, the group leader of the United People’s Freedom Alliance as the Leader of the Opposition and also I have been informed that Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Member of Parliament has been appointed as the Chief Opposition Whip.”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Auditor-General for the year 2017 and the Annual Work Programme of the National Audit Office for the year 2019.

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

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2018 - 30.06.2018) of 2018 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) The Progress Report of the National Procurement Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) of 2018 in terms of Article 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) The Reports of the National Police Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2018 - 31.03.2018) and the Second quarter (01.04.2018-30.06.2018) of 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**.

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 19th December, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Adjournment (Abolition of the Executive Presidency): The Leader of the House of the Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 2.15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 3.29 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

And it being 4.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Deputy Chairperson of Committees without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of the Parliament on this day.