



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 23.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, February 06, 2019 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

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, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Non Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, State Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife & Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Faizal Cassim, State Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply

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

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government

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

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and
International Trade

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development &
Vocational Training

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

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. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
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 announcement:-

“ I wish to inform you that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of Parliament and the Resolutions adopted by Parliament on 08 and 11 January, 2019 the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection in addition to the Members announced on 11 January, 2019 to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business as per the Resolution adopted by Parliament on 05 February, 2019.

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Instalment – Part XXIII and Ninth Instalment – Part VII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (ii) Second Instalment – Parts V and VI and Tenth Instalment – Part XXXI 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 Reports do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No.2079/32 of 10th July 2018);
- (ii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No. 2092/8 of 08th October 2018); and
- (iii) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties (Gazette Extraordinary No.2097/36 of 15th November 2018)

and moved that these Resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Co-operative Employees Commission for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Textile Industry for the year 2017

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under Sections 6 and 10 of the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81)” which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table**.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage presented a petition dated 06.08.2018 from Mr. R. M. Aski of No. 115 C, Badur Mosque Road, Akkaraipattu - 01.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 06.09.2018 from Mr. A. F. S. De Soyza of Galle Road, Agathuduwa, Maha Induruwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.08.2018 from Mrs. A. S. Niroshini De Silva of “Ahinsa”, Delgas Handiya, Nahinna, Dodangoda;
 - (iii) a petition dated 16.09.2018 from Mr. K. G. Saman Priyantha of Miriswatte, Bentota;
 - (iv) a petition dated 05.06.2018 from Mr. M. B. De S. Jayathilake of No. 45/H/1/1, Kalalgoda, Pannipitiya; and
 - (v) a petition dated 09.09.2018 from Mr. N. W. K. S. Senanayake of Andiyawala, Baduraliya.
- (3) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera presented a petition dated 07.07.2018 from Mr. Dodampahala Hewage Jagath Sri Dharshana of No. 39, Tissa Road, Netolpitiya, Tangalle.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.10.2018 from Mr. B. S. Chandrasiri of No. 12, Police Quarters, Mihintale; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.09.2018 from Ms. Chandrika Ekanayake of 108 E, Moonamalgahawatte, Kudamaduwa Road, Honnantara (South), Piliyandala.

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

5. Leave to withdraw a Bill : Hon. Edward Gunasekara moved,— That leave be granted to withdraw the “Cancer Care Trust (Incorporation)” Bill introduced on 03rd May 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Transfer of Offenders Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Transfer of Offenders Act, No. 5 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/23 of 02nd October 2018, which was presented on 25.10.2018, be approved.

(At 2.25 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.18 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.10 p.m. Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera took the Chair.)

Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.40 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 4.50 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Debt Conciliation Ordinance: The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Sections 6 and 10 read with Section 63 of the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/31 of 03rd January 2019, which were presented on 22.01.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment : (Action Against Emergence of Fundamentalist Terrorist Activities): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe seconded by Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer moved,— That Hon. Hector Appuhamy do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.02 p.m. Hon. Hector Appuhamy took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.22 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.55 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, February 07, 2019.