



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 25.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, February 08, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution

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

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy

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. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Piyasena 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. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the First Report of the Constitutional Council submitted to the President in terms of Article 41G (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Sixth Instalment – Parts XXIV and XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) First Instalment – Part XXVIII and Fourth Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (iii) First Instalment – Parts V, VI and VII, Fifth Instalment – Parts I and II and Tenth Instalment – Parts XXV, XXVI and XXX 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.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. A. A. Wijethunga on behalf of Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations Under the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe on behalf of Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Sri Lanka Coastal Zone and Coastal Resources Management Plan – 2018, Prepared under Section 12(1) of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management Act, No. 57 of 1981” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Mujibur Rahuman on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the,—

- (i) Orders under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989;
- (ii) Orders under the Special Commodity Levy, Act, No. 48 of 2007;
- (iii) Order under Customs Ordinance;
- (iv) Notification under Excise Ordinance; and
- (v) Notifications under Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(4) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti on behalf of Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on the, —

- (i) Order under Section 14 (2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No.40 of 1979;
- (ii) Order under Section 14 (1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40 of 1979;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Imports and Export for the year 2017; and
- (iv) Performance Report and the Annual Accounts of the Department of Commerce for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented a petition dated 04.09.2018 from Mrs. P. G. Somawathie of No. 20, Erewula Junction, Kandalama, Dambulla.
- (2) Hon. Sirinal de Mel presented a petition dated 21.09.2018 from Mr. B. A. G. Perera of No. 590/82, Sri Bodhi Grama Lane, Wedamulla, Kelaniya.

- (3) Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena presented a petition dated 20.05.2018 from Mrs. K. M. S. K. Karunanayake of Zonal Education Office, Kuliyaipitiya.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 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.

5. 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 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20th February, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Report of Committee on Public Enterprises) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 11.59 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti seconded by Hon. Douglas Devananda moved,— That Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.05 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.36 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana seconded by Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.13 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti seconded by Hon. Nihal Galappaththi moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.21 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.44 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.