



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 28.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10.30 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. 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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. S. B. Nawinne

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 present this House, the Report of the Special Committee appointed by me under the Chairmanship of the Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Deputy Speaker, together with the Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, former Speaker, the Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, the Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera, the Hon. Bimal Rathnayake and the Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah as the Members of the said Committee to look into the matters pertaining to the incidents that took place on the floor of the House on Wednesday, the 14th, Thursday, the 15th and Friday, the 16th of November 2018 during the Sittings of Parliament.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Recommendations - 2019 to H. E. the President by the Finance Commission and moved that these Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Selacine Television Institute for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts for the year 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya for the year 2017;
- (iv) Annual Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of Science of University of Peradeniya for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine for the year 2017; and
- (vi) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of University of Peradeniya for the year 2017.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Local Loans and Development Fund for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Sections 115A read with Section 6A and Section 19A of the Trust Ordinance (Chapter 87) regarding Information relating to Express Trusts and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/10 of 28th January 2019 and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker, Chair of Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka presented the Interim Report of the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on the estimates 2018 including whether the allocation of money is in compliance with the policies of the Government which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 03.04.2018 from Mr. D. M. R. D. Dissanayake of No.17, Monerathenna, Welikanda.

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

5. Sitzings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 05th March 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. (Al-haj) A. H. M. Azwer, the late Hon. P. S. Soosaithasan and the late Hon. P. A. Jinadasa Niyathapala, ex-Members of Parliament.

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

(At 2.44 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of the Parliament on the deaths of the late Hon. (Al-haj) A. H. M. Azwer, the late Hon. P. S. Soosaithasan and the late Hon. P. A. Jinadasa Niyathapala, ex-Members of Parliament and directed the Secretary-General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) containing proceedings of the meeting to the members of their bereaved families.

7. Adjournment (Effects of Defence Agreements between Sri Lanka and the United States of America): The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

(At 4.11 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.54 p.m. adjourned until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 05, 2019, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.