



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 29.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, March 05, 2019 at 2.00 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 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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social
Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure &
Community Development

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and
Sports

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs

- 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. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance
- Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs
- 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. Ajith P. Perera**, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology
- Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence
- 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

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Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road Development
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance
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

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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

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Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
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. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
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Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
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. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
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
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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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Draft Budget Estimates of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Fiscal Year 2019.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Fiscal Management Report - 2019, issued under Sections 4 and 7 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 and moved that the said Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Appropriation Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, March 06, 2019.

4. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.17 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 06, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21st February 2019.