



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 15.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, January 09, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

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. 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. 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. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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 & Mass Media

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

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

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 Public Distribution and Economic Reforms

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Mohan Lal Grero
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
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. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
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. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Acting Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker: The Deputy Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 21 December 2018, to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders, with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 116.

Hon. Tilak Marapana

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne.”

II

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 21 December 2018, to serve in the House Committee, with the Speaker as the Chair, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 117(1).

Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. K.K. Piyadasa

Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra

Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera”

III

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 21 December 2018, to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 118 (1).

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Tilak Marapana
Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Mano Ganeshan
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman.”

IV

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 21 December 2018, to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 119 (1).

Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardena
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda.”

V

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated to serve in the Committee on Public Finance, by the Committee of Selection, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 8th January 2019.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
 Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
 Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
 Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
 Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
 Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
 Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
 Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
 Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
 Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
 Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail.”

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

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Part XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (ii) Fourth Instalment – Part XIII, Sixth Instalment – Part XXIII and Eighth Instalment – Part VI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (iii) First Instalment – Parts XXV and XXVII, Third Instalment – Part XI, Fourth Instalment – Part VIII, Fifth Instalment – Part VIII and Sixth Instalment – Parts III, XV, XVI and XVII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (iv) First Instalment – Parts II, III and IV, Third Instalment – Part II, Fourth Instalment – Part I and Tenth Instalment – Parts XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX and XXI 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 Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran on behalf of Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti corruption) and Media presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Recovery of Damages for the Death of a Person Bill; and
- (ii) Order under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe on behalf of Hon. Malith Jayathilake, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Chemical Weapons Convention (Amendment) Bill — Order for Second Reading read.

The State Minister of Defence on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 3.04 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,— That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.01 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Bill, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

5. Adjournment (Influence on Media Institutes) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.36 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019.