



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 16.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10.30 a.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. 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. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

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

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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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. 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 Public Distribution and Economic Reforms
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology
- 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
- 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. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy
- Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, State Minister of Social Empowerment
- 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. 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. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training
- Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**
- Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Mahindananda 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. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
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. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
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 Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2016;
and

(ii) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2016

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamuwa Development 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.

2. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of 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 Friday 11th January 2019 shall be 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.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.

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : 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 1.30 p.m. on Friday 11th January 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act : The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2088/28 of 11th September 2018, which was presented on 09.10.2018, be approved.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.53 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.24 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Recovery of Damages for the Death of a Person Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms 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.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 12 in page 1,—

“(a) the spouse ;”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8 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 with Amendments.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Adjournment : (Sinhala Medium Teacher Shortage in Northern Province):

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

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.40 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.08 p.m. adjourned until 1.30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.