



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 17.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, January 11, 2019 at 1.30 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. 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. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

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. (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. 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. 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. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Area Development
- 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
- Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**, State Minister of Social Empowerment
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. Vadivel Suresh**, State Minister of Plantation Industries
- Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs
- 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. Ajith Mannapperuma**, Deputy Minister of Environment
- Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping
-

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udayashantha 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. 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. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
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. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. Nimal Lanza

Hon. Gamini Lokuge

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Hesha Withanage

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne

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. Kanaka 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 announcement:-

“I wish to inform that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection on the 10th January 2019, to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 120(1) of the Parliament.

Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Wasantha Aluvihare
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Ravindra Smaraweera
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera”

2. Presentation of Papers: (1) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Polymer Science of Faculty of Applied Sciences in University of Sri Jayewardenepura and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/6 of 01st October 2018 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd. for the year 2016/17 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Legislative Standing Committee: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 113 of the Parliament, the Legislative Standing Committee shall consist of the Deputy Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees and Fourteen (14) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Committee on Parliamentary Business: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the Resolution adopted by Parliament on 08th January 2019, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and Seventeen (17) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, as per the decision taken on 10th January 2019, by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Committee on Public Petitions: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 122 of the Parliament, the Committee on Public Petitions shall consist of Nineteen (19) Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Backbencher Committee: The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 126.(2) of the Parliament, the Backbencher Committee shall consist of the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip, Eight (08) Backbenchers from the Government and Eight (08) Backbenchers from the Opposition to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following announcements were made by the Deputy Speaker:-

I

Legislative Standing Committee :

“ I wish to inform you that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 113(1) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following

Members have been nominated, with the Deputy Speaker as the Chair and the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee.

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe”

II

Committee on Parliamentary Business :

“ I wish to inform you that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip, by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. (Dr) Rajitha Senaratne
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Mano Ganeshan
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga”

III

Committee on Public Petitions :

“ I wish to inform you that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 122 (1) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions.

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. A.A. Wijetunga
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa”

IV

Backbencher Committee :

“ I wish to inform you that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 126 (1), (2) of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated with the Chief Government Whip as the Chair and the Chief Opposition Whip, by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Backbencher Committee.

Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. (Dr.) S.M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S.M. Marikkar
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Hesha Withanage ”

7. Order under the Extradition Law : 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 Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Turkey and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/77 of 13th July 2018, which was presented on 04.09.2018, be approved.

(At 2.40 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.57 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.