



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 21.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, January 25, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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, Kandyan 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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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. 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. Faizal Cassim, State Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

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

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

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

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

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 Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Sirinal de Mel

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
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: The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 39 and read with Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 relating to Temporary Registration of Foreign Contractors and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2085/19 of 23rd August 2018; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing and Construction under Section 38 and read with Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 relating to Procedures and Standards for Identified Construction Work and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2085/20 of 23rd August 2018

and moved that these Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Vijitha Herath, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Phosphate for the year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Institute of Post Harvest Technology for the year 2015;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Survey Department for the year 2017;
- (v) Performance Report of the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms for the year 2017;
- (vi) Performance Report of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the year 2017; and
- (vii) Performance Reports of the Land Title Settlement Department for the years 2016 and 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented a petition dated 28.11.2018 from Mrs. Mariyan Prisanthi Dasa of No: 60/26, C. M. Fernando Mawatha, Wattala.
- (2) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 03.10.2018 from Mrs. H. A. Gnanawathi of D-8, Morawewa North, Pankulama;
 - (ii) a petition dated 19.11.2018 from Mr. Hameer Batasha Uvais of Java Road, Kinniya -07; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 07.01.2019 from Ms. S. Shriyani Swarna Kumari of

Kalyanapura, Gomarankadawala.

(3) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —

- (i) a petition dated 13.09.2017 from Mr. J. H. N. Jayamaha of No. 91, Davulugala Road, Peradeniya; and
- (ii) a petition dated 03.09.2018 from Mr. T. M. Dharmadasa of No. 26, Middle Class Housing Scheme, First Lane, Badulla Road, Hali Ela.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : 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 this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.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.

5. Adjournment (Expedition of Holding Provincial Council Elections) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn. Question proposed and debated.

(At 12.00 noon the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila moved,— That Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.32 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.09 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra seconded by Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.09 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

6. No Quorum : And notice having being taken that a Quorum was not present, the Parliament was counted and a Quorum not being present, the Parliament was at 4.45 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put, under Standing Order 11 of the Parliament until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 05, 2019.