



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 30.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 06, 2019 at 9.30 a.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. 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. 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. 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. (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. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply
- Hon. Niroschan 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. (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

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. 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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Dunes Gankanda

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

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. 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. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
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. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle

Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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 Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Finance Commission for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

- (3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —
- (i) Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties.
(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2080/42 of 19th July 2018); and
 - (ii) Annual Report of the National Lotteries Board for the year 2016
- and moved that this Resolution and the Annual Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.
- Question put, and agreed to.
- (4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119 (4) of the Parliament with regard to the Report presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts regarding the performance of the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media in the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.
- Question put, and agreed to.
- (5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Sections 3 and 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2086/37 of 31st 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.
- (6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.
- Question put, and agreed to.
- (7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2106/7 of 16th January 2019 and moved that this Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.
- Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka presented a petition dated 08.10.2018 from Mr. D. Rathnayake of No. 72 A, Rathna Sevana, Thihagoda.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.10.2018 from Mrs. M. A. R. Senelatha of Kanana, Pannila;

- (ii) a petition dated 23.10.2018 from Mr. M. G. Danuka Pushpa Kumara of No. 4/1 A, Near Industrial Zone, Neboda Road, Nagoda; and
- (iii) a petition dated 21.10.2018 from Ms. S. M. Rasika Priyadarshani of Kandahena, Matugama.

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

3. Judicature (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms presented a Bill,— Bill to amend the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Appropriation Bill — (First Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (05th March 2019),—

“That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 10.40 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.01 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development moved,—That Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.38 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

The Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.09 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management moved,—That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Hon. S. M. Marikkar seconded by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.11 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Hon. Ishak Rahuman seconded by Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail moved,— That Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.55 p.m. Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Thursday, March 07, 2019.

5. Adjournment (Ensuring Sustainability of Government Institutions) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.22 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

And it being 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 07, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21st February, 2019.