



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 32.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, March 08, 2019 at 9.30 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 & Youth Affairs

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. 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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports

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

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs

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. Ravindra Samaraweera, Non Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. 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. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

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

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyanakara 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. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

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

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“I wish to inform Parliament that in terms of Standing Order 113 (2) of the Parliament, the Hon. Speaker has nominated the following co-opted Members to serve on Legislative Standing Committee for the consideration of the ‘Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)’ Bill:-

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
 Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
 Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
 Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
 Hon. Imran Maharroof
 Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
 Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan”

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“I wish to inform that the following Members have also been nominated to serve in the respective Ministerial Consultative Committees, by the Committee of Selection, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 112 of the Parliament and the Resolutions adopted by Parliament on 24th January 2019 and 05th February 2019.

1. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development - Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
2. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Lands and Parliamentary Reforms - Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
3. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development - Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
4. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development - Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
5. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs - Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
6. Ministerial Consultative Committee on National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs - Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
7. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Labour and Trade Union Relations - Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
8. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Science, Technology & Research - Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
9. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Economic Reforms and Public Distribution - Hon. S. Shritharan
10. Ministerial Consultative Committee on Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology - Hon. S. Shritharan”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Election Commission for the Third quarter (01.07.2018-30.09.2018) of the year 2018.

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

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board 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 Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2014/2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. K. K. Piyadasa, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented —

- (i) a petition dated 13.07.2018 from Mr. B. A. K. P. Jayasinghe of “Thushara”, Dikwella Road, Kudaheella South, Beliatta;
- (ii) a petition dated 21.09.2018 from Mr. H. K. Ajantha of No. 13/1, Wadiyagoda, Ranna;
- (iii) a petition dated 15.09.2018 from Mr. S. Senthil Kumar of Division No. 01, A. P. C. Road, Thambiluwil; and
- (iv) a petition dated 22.07.2018 from Mr. Vidanage Nandasiri of No. 523, Yaya 19, Kattakaduwa, Ranna.

(2) Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa presented a petition dated 30.09.2018 from Mr. E. Ruwan Nalaka, serve in H / Suriyawewa National School, Suriyawewa.

(3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented a petition dated 09.11.2018 from Mr. M. G. Tharindu Piyumal Rajapakse of No. 56/C, Unit 19, Agbopura, Kanthale.

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

5. Appropriation Bill — (Third 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.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.29 a.m Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,—That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.54 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.47 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.03 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,—That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.12 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Saturday, March 09, 2019.

6. Adjournment (Allowance for Persons with Special Needs and Increasing Number of Samurdhi Recipients) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

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 Saturday, March 09, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21st February, 2019.