



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 33.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, March 09, 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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development

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

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine

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

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. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame

Hon. Dilan Perera

Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That March 13th Wednesday, 14th Thursday, 15th Friday, 16th Saturday, 18th Monday, 19th Tuesday, 21st Thursday, 22nd Friday, 23rd Saturday, 25th Monday, 26th Tuesday, 27th Wednesday, 28th Thursday, 29th Friday, 2019 and April 01st Monday, 02nd Tuesday, 03rd Wednesday, 04th Thursday, 05th Friday, 2019 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)”.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of the motions agreed by Parliament on 21.02.2019, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on Saturday 09th March and Monday 11th March 2019 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)” from March 13th Wednesday 2019 to April 04th Thursday, 2019 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.:

Provided that, at 7.00 p.m. the provisions of the Standing Order 8(5) and (6) of the Parliament shall operate.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,—That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday, 05th April, 2019 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation Bill (2019)” shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Appropriation Bill — (Fourth 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 9.57 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.34 a.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.43 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake seconded by Hon. Susantha Punchinilame moved,—That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.20 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government moved,—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

And the debate stood adjourned: debate to be resumed on Monday, March 11, 2019.

7. Adjournment : The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.35 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on this day.