



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, March 18, 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 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. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian
Religious Affairs

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

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

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

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

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. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education

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. 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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
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. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
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. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal 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. (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 Wijesekara

Hon. Duleep Wijesekera

Hon. Hesha Withanage

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

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. Appropriation Bill — (Eleventh Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 122

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Gamini Lokuge proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.40 a.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.19 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

(At 3.10 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 4.08 p.m. Hon. Heshu Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 6.06 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

(At 6.38 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,088,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 52,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,955,000,000 for Head 122, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 286

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 405,700,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 79,300,000 for Head 286, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 287

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 421,000,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,500,000 for Head 287, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 288

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 250,800,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 77,000,000 for Head 288, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,441,500,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 246,200,000 for Head 288, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 327

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 384,000,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 36,000,000 for Head 327, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 194

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,178,735,000 for Head 194, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,010,550,000 for Head 194, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 101,425,000,000 for Head 194, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,291,925,000 for Head 194, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 219

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 79,275,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,000,000 for Head 219, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,177,750,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,490,000,000 for Head 219, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 54

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to insert the following, immediately preceding line 9 in page 12,—

“ Non Cabinet Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations

Recurrent	2,826,000,000
Capital	858,000,000

(The effect of this amendment is to provide provisions for the newly created Non Cabinet Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations in line with the Extraordinary Gazettes No. 2106/10 of 16.01.2019 creating Head 54, in the Appropriation Bill - 2019 and to transfer the provisions of the Head 221- Department of Labour and Head 328 - Department of Manpower and Employment to the Non Cabinet Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations from the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Social Empowerment.)”

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 115,845,000 for Head 54, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 32,780,000 for Head 54, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 116,155,000 for Head 54, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,220,000 for Head 54, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 193

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 10 to 16 in page 35,—

“(The effect of this amendment is to, delete the Head 193 – Ministry of Labour & Trade Union Relations and Social Empowerment and transfer funds to the Head 124 – Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment and Head 54 - Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations; transfer the provisions of the Head 216 – Department of Social Services, and Head 331– Department of Samurdhi Development from this Ministry to the Ministry of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment and transfer the provisions of the Head 221– Department of Labour and Head 328 – Department of Manpower and Employment from this Ministry to the Non Cabinet Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations.)”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 221

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 1 to 3 in page 36 and insert under the new Head 54 in page 12,—

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,133,250,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 718,610,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,073,750,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 57,390,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 328

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 4 and 5 in page 36 and insert under the new Head 54 in page 12,—

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 387,000,000 for Head 328, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,000,000 for Head 328, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 7.52 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

2. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (2014) :

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 10.08.2018 under Section 30(1) of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No.33 of 2013, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (2015) :

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 10.08.2018 under Section 30(1) of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No.33 of 2013, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Occupational Safety & Health Institution (2014) :

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Non Cabinet Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Occupational Safety & Health Institution together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.04.2017 under Section 18 of the National Occupational Safety & Health Institution Act, No. 38 of 2009 and 154(6) of the Constitution, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment : The Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.53 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.