



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 45.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9.30 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 and Youth Affairs

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

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

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

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. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
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. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
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. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
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. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Nimal Lanza
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. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
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 Reports from Committees : Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Performance Reports of the Presidential Secretariat for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) Performance Reports of the Prime Minister's Office for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (iii) Annual Reports of the Audit Service Commission for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Performance Reports of the Delimitation Commission for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (vi) Performance Appraisal Report of the Election Commission for the year 2017; and
- (vii) Performance Report of the National Procurement Commission for the year 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 01.02.2019 from Mrs. G. D. Chandrawathie of No. 75, Weragolla, Puwakpitiya;
 - (ii) a petition dated 10.10.2018 from Mr. J. Kariyawasam of No. 1580/8, Horahena Road, Kottawa, Pannipitiya; and
 - (iii) a petition dated 10.01.2019 from Mr. S. H. Sirisena Rodrigo of No. 1/16, Salawa, Kosgama.
- (2) Hon. Douglas Devananda presented a petition dated 23.01.2019 from Mr. Moses Judeness of Kallikattaikkadu, Uyilankulam.
- (3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 19.02.2019 from Mrs. A. H. Nandaseeli of No. 04, Palayuththu, Kandy Road, Trincomalee; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 24.01.2019 from Mr. W. D. G. N. Rupasinghe of "Magosa Terrace", Peduru Kotuwa, Trincomalee.

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

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 114

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.31 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 11.33 a.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

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

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 3.27 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

(At 4.28 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

(At 5.31 p.m. Hon. K. Thuraiaretnasingam took the Chair.)

(At 6.18 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 298,350,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,000,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 14,236,150,000 for Head 114, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,306,800,000 for Head 114, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 306

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,070,450,000 for Head 306, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 21,129,200,000 for Head 306, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 307

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,315,000,000 for Head 307, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,814,000,000 for Head 307, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 176

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 311,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,266,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 548,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,738,600,000 for Head 176, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

4. Annual Report and Accounts of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited (2016) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 22.05.2018 under Section 163(2) of the Companies Act, No.07 of 2007, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Strengthening of Laws to Protect Forests) : 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. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.54 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.25 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.