



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, April 01, 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. 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. (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. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills 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. (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. Ajith P. Perera, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology
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. Faizal Cassim, State Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
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. 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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
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 Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
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Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Vijitha 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

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

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, Member of Parliament, has been discharged from the Committee on Public Petitions and nominated the Hon. Kanaka Herath, Member of Parliament, to serve in that Committee, by the Committee of Selection on 28th March 2019, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 127 (3) of the Parliament.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development presented the —

- (i) Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Milco (Private) Limited in the First Report (From 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017) presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Enterprises; and
- (ii) Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on National Livestock Development Board in the First Report (From 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017) presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Enterprises

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Sri Lanka Transport Board in the First Report (From 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017) presented to Parliament by the Committee on Public Enterprises and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Childcare Services for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Attorney General's Department for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Community Based Corrections for the year 2018

moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 10.01.2019 from Mrs. M. Pemawathie of Demaliya Gedara, Gajanayaka Gama, Hakuruwela.

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

4. Appropriation Bill — (Twenty First Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee .

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 110

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.30 a.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

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

(At 1.50 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 3.03 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 3.37 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 4.07 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 4.51 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

(At 6.13 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 6.31 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 973,805,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 161,110,000 for Head 110, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 205

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 65,050,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,500,000 for Head 205, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 228

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,112,150,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,021,670,000 for Head 228, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 229

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,433,100,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 208,400,000 for Head 229, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 230

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 132,670,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 37,500,000 for Head 230, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 231

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 22,410,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,150,000 for Head 231, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 232

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,614,500,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 323,000,000 for Head 232, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 233

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 391,300,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 108,500,000 for Head 233, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 234

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 182,320,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,270,000 for Head 234, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 235

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,640,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,450,000 for Head 235, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 326

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 296,870,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 16,450,000 for Head 326, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 130

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,334,740,000 for Head 130, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,897,000,000 for Head 130, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 851,220,000 for Head 130, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,060,600,000 for Head 130, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 253

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 208,834,000,000 for Head 253, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 64,000,000 for Head 253, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 304

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 286,520,000 for Head 304, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 190,000,000 for Head 304, 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, April 02, 2019.

5. Regulations under the Trust Ordinance : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Sections 115A read with Section 6A and Section 19A of the Trust Ordinance (Chapter 87) regarding Information relating to Express Trusts and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/10 of 28th January 2019, which were presented on 22.02.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That 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, which was presented on 06.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Judicature (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

8. Adjournment (Non Implementation of Proper Taxation on Steel Factories) :

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.54 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.20 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 02, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.