



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 59.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 09, 2019 at 10.30 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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba
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. 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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne**, Acting Minister of Finance
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution
- Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence
- 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. Nirosan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- 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. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
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. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
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 Papers : (1) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Regulations made by the President under Section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2121/1 of 29th April 2019.

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

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Land Use Policy Planning Department for the year 2018; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Land Commissioner General's Department for the year 2018

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on District Secretariat-Kegalle in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period From 06.06.2017 to 08.12.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 21.02.2019; and
- (ii) Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on District Secretariat-Matale in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period From 06.06.2017 to 08.12.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 21.02.2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Animal Production and Health for the year 2018; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2016

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research for the year 2018; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission for the year 2016

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —

- (i) a petition dated 05.03.2019 from Mr. A.L. Ashoka Shanthi Kumara of No. 1014/B, Andamkulam, Kandy Road, Trincomalee;
- (ii) a petition dated 15.03.2019 from Mrs. B.A. Malani Kusumalatha Balasuriya of No. 247/B, Trincomalee Road, Kanthale;
- (iii) a petition dated 31.12.2018 from Mr. E.A.R. Ekanayaka of No. 162/4, Chilaw Road, Kochchikade;
- (iv) a petition dated 13.03.2019 from Mrs. G.G. Priyani Dias Gunasekara of No. 07, 4th Lane, New Town, Ambilipitiya;
- (v) a petition dated 01.03.2019 from Mr. M. Chandana Udaya Kumara of No. 781, Champa Mawatha, Andamkulam, Trincomalee; and
- (vi) a petition dated 14.03.2019 from Mr. Ponnasamy Jeyakumar of Konesapuri, Nilaveli, Trincomalee.

(2) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 17.03.2018 from Mrs. Pathiranage Priyanka Kumudini of No. 258, Sapumal Uyana, Mawala South, Wadduwa.

(3) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —

- (i) a petition dated 17.12.2018 from Mr. A.B. Fareed of No. 46, Athkam Niwasa, Elabadagama, Pannala;
- (ii) a petition dated 21.01.2019 from Mr. L.G. Tissa of Magurumaswila, Walallawita; and
- (iii) a petition dated 06.01.2019 from Mr. W.G. Nimal Chandrasiri Rudrigo of No. 805 D, Near Samanala Uyana, Niwithigala Road, Weththewa, Mathugama.

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

3. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1) : The Acting Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/30 of 03rd January 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(At 11.40 a. m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.38 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake seconded by Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.18 p. m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 5.30 p. m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/65 of 01st February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/15 of 07th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2109/20 of 08th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/58 of 24th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/48 of 02nd March 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulation under the Foreign Exchange Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/25 of 28th February 2019, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Resolution under the Customs Ordinance : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 29.03.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/2 of 05th March 2019)

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment (Drafting a Common Frame Work of Laws for All Communities in Sri Lanka) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.51 p. m. adjourned until 10.30 a. m. on Friday, May 10, 2019.