



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 60.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10.30 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. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure &
Community Development

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

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

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. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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 & Economic Affairs

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

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. 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. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna

Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Vijitha 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the Fourth quarter (01.10.2018-31.12.2018) of 2018 in terms of Articles 41B (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Treasury Operations for the year 2018 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the 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 Northern Provincial Council, Eravur Urban Council, Kaluthara Pradeshiya Sabha, Kaththankudy Urban Council, Colombo Municipal Council, Southern Provincial Council and Panadura Urban Council 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 this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Department of Registrar of Companies for the year 2017

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Institute of Post Harvest Technology for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms 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 Paddy Marketing Board in the First Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 24.01.2019 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the the 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 Department of Motor Traffic 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 this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Niroshan Perera presented —

- (i) a petition dated 27.02.2019 from Mr. A.S.A. Krishanthas of No. 35/1F, Negombo Circular Road, Dankotuwa;
- (ii) a petition dated 23.12.2018 from Mr. M.George Oshinton of Punapitiya, Udappuwa, Chilaw; and
- (iii) a petition dated 03.01.2019 from Mr. W.N.A. Sarath Lakshman Weerasinghe of E/Thabbowa, Naththandiya.

- (2) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 13.09.2018 from Mr. S. Wijerathna of No. 92, Richmond Hill Road, Galle.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of Sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Leave to withdraw a Bill : Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake moved,— That leave be granted to withdraw the “Sri Lanka Institute of Interior Designers (Incorporation) (Amendment)” Bill introduced on 05th April 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Current situation of the country after the unexpected terrorist attack on Sunday, the 21st of April 2019) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Order read for resuming; Adjourned debate on question (07th May 2019).

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

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

The Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development moved,— That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.45 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development moved,— That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.40 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs moved,— That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.55 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

The Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development moved,— That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.36 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 6.16 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

At 7.00 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day by the Deputy Speaker without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.