



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 53.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, April 04, 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence and Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs

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. 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. (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. 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. Alawathuwalla**, 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. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy
- 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. (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. 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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

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. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Dunes Gankanda

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

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Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
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Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
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. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
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. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
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. 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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 relating to International Sovereign Bonds and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2112/17 of 27th February 2019 and moved that this Regulation be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees: (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, 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 office of the Cabinet Ministers for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Posts, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs for the year 2017; and
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Posts for the year 2017

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the Second Report of the said Committee (From 23.02.2018 to 12.10.2018) for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(3) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on, "Supplementary Estimates No. 1 to 31 of 2019" which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 08.02.2019 from Mr. W.T. Jayaratne of No. 206/4, Helaudawatte, Krindiwela.
- (2) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna presented a petition dated 06.02.2019 from Mr. W.A.N.I. Wickremasinghe of No. 336/4, Sarathchandra Place, Nawala.

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

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

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 103

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 10.17 a.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 11.40 a.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 1.18 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 2.10 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

(At 3.53 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 5.20 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

(At 6.13 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,803,800,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 5,859,350,000 for Head 103, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 6,471,000,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 809,250,000 for Head 103, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 211

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,851,950,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 142,250,000 for Head 211, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 222

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 153,771,000,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,724,000,000 for Head 222, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 223

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 53,005,000,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,935,380,000 for Head 223, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 224

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 38,214,000,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 7,760,000,000 for Head 224, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 225

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 69,826,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,850,000,000 for Head 225, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 320

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 18,367,050,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 244,000,000 for Head 320, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 325

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 75,000,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 360,000,000 for Head 325, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 160

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 430,835,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 288,550,000 for Head 160, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 3,845,000,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 35,236,380,000 for Head 160, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 283

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,376,500,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 827,500,000 for Head 283, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 291

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 234,045,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 760,900,000 for Head 291, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

At 7.16 p.m. the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to Parliament.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Friday, April 05, 2019.

5. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.16 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, April 05, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 09th March, 2019.