



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 69.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1.00 p.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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial
Councils & Local Government

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and
Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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 and Rural Economic Affairs

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. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine
- 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, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and 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. Ruwan Wijewardene**, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & 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. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply
- Hon. Niroshan 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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Edward Gunasekara**, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms
- Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
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Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
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Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
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. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
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Hon. Shantha Bandara
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Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
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Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

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. Nimal Lanza
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
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Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
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Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka 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

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform that I have endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled ‘Tea Research Board (Amendment)’ and ‘Institute of Valuers of Sri Lanka (Amendment)’ on the 18th of June 2019 in terms of the Provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) Second Instalment – Part XIX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2011;
- (ii) Second Instalment – Part XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012;
- (iii) Second Instalment – Part XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (iv) Third Instalment – Part XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (v) Second Instalment – Parts XIV, XV, XVI and XVII and Ninth Instalment – Part III of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Police Commission for the year 2017 and moved that the 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 Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Performance Report of the Department of Public Enterprises for the year 2018;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Fiscal Policy for the year 2018; and
- (iii) Performance Report of the Department of Development Finance for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Galle for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Matale for the year 2018; and
- (iii) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Badulla for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the National Institute of Plantation Management for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Plantation Industries for the year 2018.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development presented the Annual Report of the Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd. for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development 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 the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development in the Second Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts for the period from 23.02.2018 to 12.10.2018 which was presented to Parliament on 04.04.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Transport Commission for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(12) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (Amendment)

Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Megapolis & Western Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.14 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.07 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.21 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Megapolis & Western Development 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 Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 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 Megapolis & Western Development moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

4. Adjournment (Securing the Living Standard of Labourers in Horana Millewa Estate) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.05 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.06 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019.