



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 71.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 21, 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. 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. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone
Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

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. 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. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road Development
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
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. Faizal Cassim
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

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

“I wish to inform that the Speaker has endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Motor Traffic (Amendment)’ on the 20th 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 Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Police for the year 2018; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Ltd for the year 2014/2015

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Bank of Ceylon for the year 2017; and
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Valuation for the year 2018

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) 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 the Western Provincial Council, Matale Municipal Council, Galenbindunuwewa Pradeshiya Sabha and Trincomalee Urban Council 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.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Ceylon Electricity Board for the year 2016;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board for the year 2016; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year 2017

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of National Physical Planning for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) 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 Irrigation and Water Resources Management in the First Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament 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 the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) 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 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute in the First Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament 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 the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation 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.

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

(i) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 2018; and

(ii) Annual Report of the National Institute of Education for the year 2016

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Social Services for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts presented the Third Report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament regarding the Financial and Performance Evaluation of the State Institutions, Provincial Councils and Local Authorities based on the Computer Management Information System – Financial Year 2017.

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

(2) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the “Report on the Observations on the Batticaloa Campus (Pvt.) Ltd.” which was compiled by the Sub Committee on Higher Education of the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Niroshan Perera presented a petition dated 30.03.2019 from Mr. S. A. P. D. Siyambalapitiya of Antonwheel Watta, Rajakadaluwa.

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

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the Parliament shall sit on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 2019 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 27th June 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 27 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 48 of 1979 read with the provisions of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/3 of 13th May 2019, which were presented on 21.05.2019, be approved.

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

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 2.45 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,—That Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.23 p.m. Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah took the Chair.)

Hon. Hector Appuhamy seconded by Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.12 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Strengthening and Resource Allocation of Plantation School Unit under the Ministry of Education) : 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 7.10 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.