



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 73.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 28, 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. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government

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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

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. 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. (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. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. Malith Jayathilake

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka

Hon. Douglas Devananda

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharooft
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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

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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka 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.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for the year 2017 and moved that the Report 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 Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy 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 National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority 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.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Hector Appuhamy presented a petition dated 21.02.2019 from Mr. W. M. M. A. Indika Wijekoon of “Wilba Gedara”, Bandarakoswatta.

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

3. State Land (Special Provisions) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented,— “Bill to grant absolute title to state lands held by citizens who are holders of grants or instruments of disposition; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, July 09, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 21.06.2019, 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 4.30 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation under Section 117 read with Section 13 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2087/27 of 06th September 2018, which were presented on 24.05.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Issues in Transport Sector) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha seconded by Hon. Sisira Jayakody moved,—That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.46 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

Hon. Sisira Jayakody seconded by Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna moved,—That Hon. Vijitha Berugoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.41 p.m. Hon. Vijitha Berugoda took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.24 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 09, 2019.