



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 72.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic 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, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

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. 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. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Deputy Minister of Industry & Commerce

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. Faizal Cassim

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

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. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
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. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
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

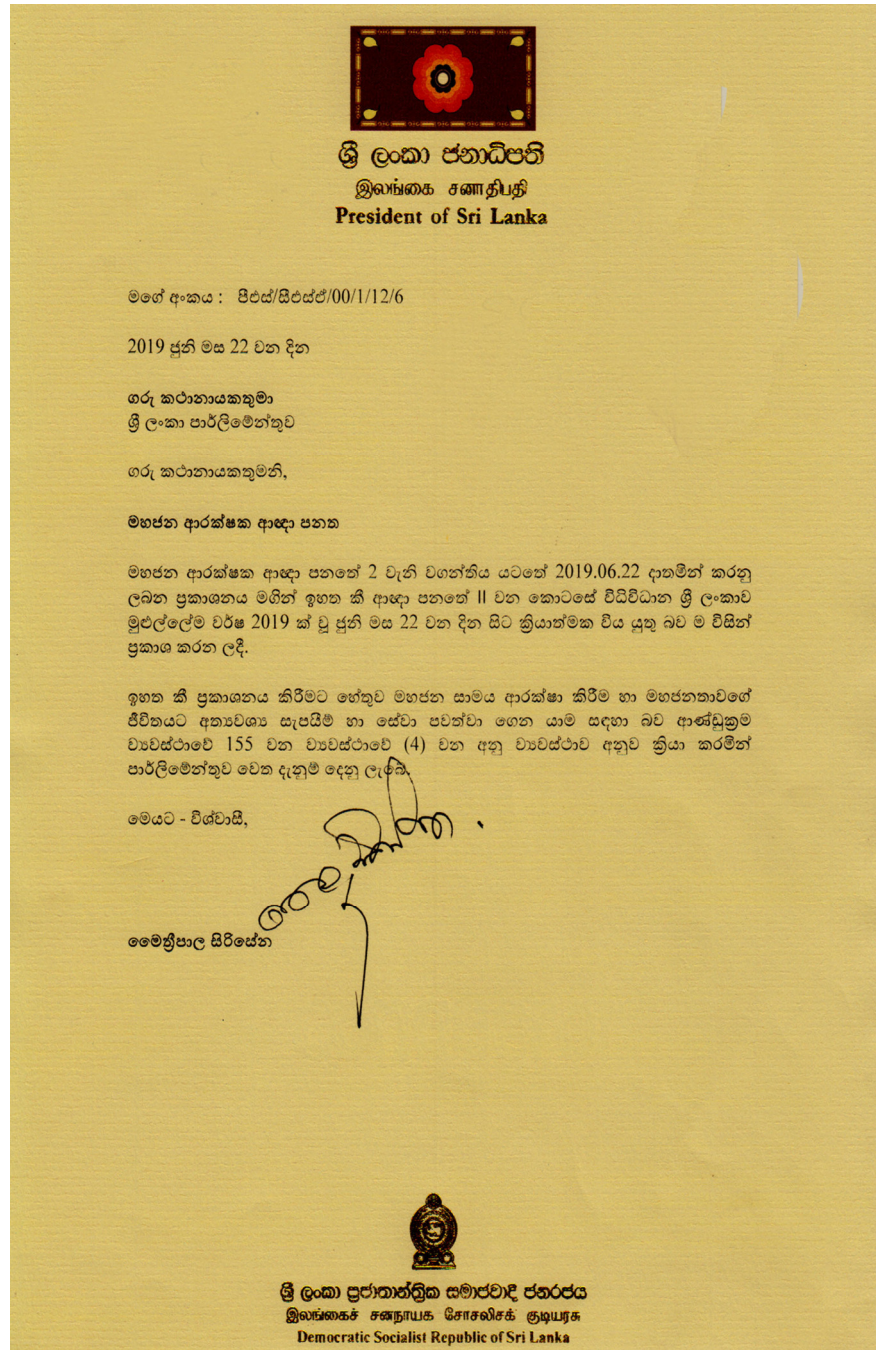
Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

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

1. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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

“In terms of Standing Order 51(3)(a), I wish to announce that a communication has been received from the Uva Provincial Council seeking to consult Parliament on the ‘Draft Statute of Tourism Development Bureau of Uva Provincial Council’.

This Communication be referred to the Legislative Standing Committee.

Copies of the Draft Statute have been distributed among Members of Parliament.”

3. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Marine Environment Protection Authority for the year 2016 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.

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

(i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development for the year 2018; and

(ii) Performance Report of the Department of Buddhist Affairs for the year 2018

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Anuradhapura for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Tea Board 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development 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.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Archaeology for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Construction Industry Development Authority for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Buildings for the year 2017

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Postal Department for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/3 of 05th March 2019; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/4 of 05th March 2019

and moved that those Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission amending the name of Department of Physics as Department of Physics and Electronics and the name of Department of Botany as Department of Plant and Molecular Biology in the Faculty of Science of the University of Kelaniya and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/45 of 27th March 2019; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission amending the Order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1567/23 of 19th September 2008 which specifies the Faculties and Departments of the University of Ruhuna and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/12 of 18th February 2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) 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 Department of Co-operative 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.

4. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the “Report on the Circular issued by the Ministry of Education for the admission of Grade 1 students” which was compiled by the Sub Committee on Education of the said Committee.

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

5. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance : 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 Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 22nd June, 2019, be approved.

(At 11.49 a.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 2.28 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga seconded by Hon. Vijitha Berugoda moved,—That Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.37 p.m. Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera took the Chair.)

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.29 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 6.15 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

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

And it being past 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was at 6.41 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21st June, 2019.