



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 80.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10.30 a.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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Ranjan Ramanayake, State Minister of Highways & Road Development

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Dilum Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
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. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
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. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the National Insurance Trust Fund for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/19 of 14th May 2019

and moved that the Report and the Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Archaeology for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation presented the Performance Report of the Department of Sri Lanka Railway 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.

(5) The Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Higher Education and Highways under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission with regard to the establishment of a Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies in the Faculty of Humanities of University of Kelaniya and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2069/16 of 01st May 2018;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 20(4)(b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, with regard to the revocation the order of appointment of the Competent Authority in lieu of Vice-Chancellor of South Eastern University, Sri Lanka with effect from August 09, 2018 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2111/13 of 18th February 2019;
- (iii) 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 with regard to the establishment of a Department of Marketing Management in the Faculty of Management and Commerce of South Eastern University, Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2126/10 of 03rd June 2019; and
- (iv) 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 with regard to the establishment of a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Music of University of the Visual and Performing Arts and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2126/11 of 03rd June 2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development presented the Annual Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Wholesale Establishment for the year 2014 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development presented the Annual Report of the Industrial Development Board for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 10.03.2019 from Mr. M. H. A. B. K. Jayaratne of “Sirisara”, Kaikawala, Induruwa.
- (2) Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera presented a petition dated 01.06.2019 from Mr. D. M. Kamal Kulasinha of Mulkadakanda, Batagoda, Galpatha.
- (3) Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 24.02.2018 from Mr. D. M. A. S. Danasekara of No. 20, “Endarugoda Walawwa”, Pichchamalwatta, Gurudeniya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 05.05.2019 from Mr. Edwin Wijewickrema, Principal of Muruthawela Maha Vidyalaya, Walasmulla.
- (4) Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath presented a petition dated 10.06.2019 from Mr. M. A. P. Hemachandra of No. 175, Henpitagedara, Marandagahamula.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of 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 25th and Friday 26th July, 2019 shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Adjournment (New Constitution with National Consensus) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara seconded by Hon. Chandima Weerakkody moved,—
That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.38 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan seconded by Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.52 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Highways & Road Development moved,—That Hon. (Dr.)
(Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.31 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne seconded by Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah moved,—
That Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.55 p.m. Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi took the Chair.)

And it being past 6.30 p.m. debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Friday,
July 26, 2019.

The Parliament was at 6.31 p.m. adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Friday,
July 26, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.