



*(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)*

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## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**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. 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. 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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development

**Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education

**Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & 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. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research

- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, State Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**, State Minister of City Planning & Water Supply  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**, State Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Education  
**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. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage**, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources Development  
**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
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- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**  
**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**  
**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**  
**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**  
**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**  
**Hon. Piyasena Gamage**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana**  
**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**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. Johnston Fernando**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**

**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**  
**Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**  
**Hon. H. M. M. Harees**  
**Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**  
**Hon. Kanaka Herath**  
**Hon. Vijitha Herath**  
**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**  
**Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

**Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) 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 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the Ministry of Defence and Sri Lanka Air Force 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.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2117/48 of 04<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and moved that the Order be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the National Enterprise Development Authority 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.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development - Petroleum Resources Development Section for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Performance Reports of the Ministry of Disaster Management for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the National Building Research Organization for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (iii) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of Meteorology for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Disaster Management Centre for the year 2012;

- (v) Performance Report of the Ministry of Wildlife Resources Conservation for the year 2014;
- (vi) Performance Reports of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (vii) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (viii) Annual Performance Reports of the Department of National Botanic Gardens for the years 2016 and 2017;
- (ix) Performance Reports of the Department of Wildlife Conservation for the years 2014, 2016 and 2017; and
- (x) Annual Reports of the Botanical Gardens Trust Fund for the years of 2015 and 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Performance Report of the Ministry of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development for the year 2014;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandy Heritage for the year 2017;
- (iii) Performance Reports of the Department of Divineguma Development for the years 2014 and 2016;
- (iv) Performance Report of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year 2017;
- (v) Performance Reports of the Department of Social Services for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (vi) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board for the years 2015 and 2016;
- (vii) Annual Reports of the National Institute of Social Development for the years 2015 and 2016; and
- (viii) Annual Reports of the National Council for Elders for the years of 2015 and 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

### **3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 17.06.2019 from Mr. A. S. Wajdi Husain of No. 234, Kapuwatta, Dehipitiya, Weligala;
  - (ii) a petition dated 06.06.2019 from Mrs. Bhadra Mangalika Thissera, serves as the Deputy Director of District Land Reform Board, Colombo;

- (iii) a petition dated 17.06.2019 from Mr. P. V. A. D. Chathra Sampath of No. 396/4/C, Kotikawatta, Angoda; and
  - (iv) a petition dated 15.06.2019 from Mr. S. K. Suriyabandara of No. 408/24, Mount Pleasant Garden, Heeressagala Road, Bowalawatta, Kandy.
- (2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented —
- (i) a petition dated 02.06.2019 from Mr. A. G. P. Indradewa of No. 66/1, Ennapitiya Road, Tangalle; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 12.03.2019 from Mr. M. B. Sugathapala of No. 28/1, Raja Mawatha, Kandasuridugama, Katharagama.
- (3) Hon. Sisira Jayakody presented a petition dated 19.03.2019 from Mr. Sathischandra Edirisinghe of No. 545/2, Nungamugoda, Kelaniya.

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

**4. Business of the Parliament :** The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item No. 1 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.

**5. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019, be approved.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila seconded by Hon. Nimal Lanza moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.45 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.05 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage seconded by Hon. Shehan Semasinghe moved,—  
That Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.51 p.m. Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath took the Chair.)

Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi moved,—That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.38 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

The Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.24 p. m. Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna took the Chair.)

(At 5.52 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to. Parliament having divided as follows : Ayes: 42;  
Noes: 2.

The following Forty Two (42) Hon. Members of Parliament voted by using the electronic voting system under the Standing Order 47(2)(b) of the Parliament, as follows:—

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| G 001. Rauff Hakeem                 | Yes |
| G 005. Gayantha Karunatileka        | Yes |
| G 006. Lakshman Kiriella            | Yes |
| G 009. Tilak Marapana               | Yes |
| G 012. Rajitha Senaratne            | Yes |
| G 023. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara | Yes |
| G 028. Abdul Haleem                 | Yes |
| G 037. Ruwan Wijayawardene          | Yes |
| G 039. Lucky Jayawardana            | Yes |
| G 040. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen         | Yes |
| G 041. Dilip Wedaarachchi           | Yes |
| G 046. Eran Wickramaratne           | Yes |
| G 062. Lakshman Senewiratne         | Yes |
| G 069. H.M.M. Harees                | Yes |
| G 070. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana      | Yes |
| G 074. Anura Sidney Jayarathne      | Yes |
| G 075. K.K. Piyadasa                | Yes |
| G 076. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne    | Yes |
| G 077. A. A. Wijethunga             | Yes |
| G 079. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara     | Yes |
| G 088. Sujith Sanjaya Perera        | Yes |
| G 095. Mujibur Rahuman              | Yes |
| G 097. Thusitha Wijemanna           | Yes |

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| G 098. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna | Yes |
| G 101. Sandith Samarasinghe     | Yes |
| G 104. Ashu Marasinghe          | Yes |
| G 106. Mohamadu Nazeer          | Yes |
| G 115. Indika Anuruddha Herath  | Yes |
| O 021. Selvam Adaikkalanathan   | No  |
| O 023. Bandula Gunawardana      | Yes |
| O 030. Dilan Perera             | Yes |
| O 054. Susantha Punchinilame    | Yes |
| O 063. Sudarshini Fernandopulle | Yes |
| O 075. Nimal Lanza              | Yes |
| O 077. S. Shritharan            | No  |
| O 084. Ananda Aluthgamage       | Yes |
| O 094. Vijitha Berugoda         | Yes |
| O 104. Thenuka Vidanagamage     | Yes |
| O 105. Shehan Semasinghe        | Yes |
| O 106. Kanaka Herath            | Yes |
| O 107. D.V. Chanaka             | Yes |
| O 116. Kachana Wijesekara       | Yes |

The following Two (02) Hon. Members of Parliament cast their votes having being asked the names by the Secretary-General under the Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the Parliament as follows:—

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| G 060. A. H. M. Fowzie    | Yes |
| O 025. Hon. S. B. Nawinne | Yes |

**6. Adjournment :** And it being past 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was at 6.33 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 01, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.