



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 83.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, August 01, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth 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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

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. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Kanaka 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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Order declared by the President under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, making Public Transport Services for passengers or goods as essential public services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2133/65 of 27th July 2019 and moved that the Order be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Mass Media for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Merchant Shipping (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development presented,— “Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, August 08, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

3. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda seconded by Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill :—

“Bill to abolish the death penalty and to make consequential provisions.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament, to the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms for report.

4. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Senaraja Samaranayake, the late Hon. Abdul Razak Munsoor and the late Hon. V. K. Indika, ex-Members of Parliament.

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena seconded by Hon. Shantha Bandara moved,—That Hon. Kanaka Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 2.15 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of the Parliament on the deaths of the late Hon. Senaraja Samaranayake, the late Hon. Abdul Razak Munsoor and the late Hon. V. K. Indika, ex-Members of Parliament and directed the Secretary-General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) containing proceedings of the meeting to the members of their bereaved families.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 3.19 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 06, 2019.