



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 84.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, August 06, 2019 at 1.00 p.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. 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. 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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

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

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis & Western Development

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, State Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana, State Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, State Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development

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. Ajith Mannapperuma, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

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. 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. Abdullah Mahrooff, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
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. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
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. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan

Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
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Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
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 Speaker took the Chair.

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

“It is with great regret that I have to announce to Parliament the death of Hon. Salinda Dissanayake, Member of Parliament of the Kurunegala District. I desire on behalf of the Parliament to express the deep sense of loss that we have sustained, and our sincere sympathy with the members of the family of the Hon. Member.

The Vote of Condolence in this regard will be taken up in Parliament on a future date.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the University of Peradeniya for the year 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of University of Sri Jayawardenepura for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report & Statement of Account of the University of Moratuwa for the year 2017;
- (iv) Annual Report & Accounts of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (v) Annual Report of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the year 2017;
- (vi) Annual Report of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences for the year 2017;
- (vii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of University of Peradeniya for the year 2017;
- (viii) Annual Report of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute of University of Kelaniya for the year 2017; and
- (ix) Annual Report of the University of Colombo School of Computing for the year 2017

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority for the year 2015 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 Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 52(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Registration of Adjudicators and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/63 of 08th March 2019;
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Sections 53(2) and 54(1)(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Appeal Procedure and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/47 of 28th March 2019; and
- (iii) Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 55(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Information Secretariat and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/48 of 28th March 2019

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

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Chandima Gamage, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented a petition dated 10.05.2019 from Mrs. B. Suwandurugoda of No. 28, Wilgodawatta, Kurunegala.
- (2) Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma presented a petition dated 21.02.2019 from Mr. R. D. J. R. Priyadarshana of No. 48/15/01, Sirideranawatta, Yakkala.
- (3) Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage presented a petition dated 18.03.2019 from Mr. J. R. A. R. R. Ranatunga of “Wijaya Sri Niwasa”, Malangamuwa, Meethalawa, via Gampola.
- (4) Hon. Nimal Lanza presented a petition dated 03.05.2019 from Mr. Karunaratna Weeraman of “Dodamgana Housing Scheme”, New Town, Gothatuwa.
- (5) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 08.04.2019 from Mr. A. L. M. Rikaz Farook of No. 53-A, Mosque Road, Kalutara-South;

- (ii) a petition dated 03.04.2019 from Mrs. D. Lakshmi Dasanayaka of No. 656/28, Isurusiri Gardens, Thunandahena, Korathota, Kaduwela;
- (iii) a petition dated 10.06.2019 from Mr. K. M. Kiribanda of No. 365, Amunugama, Pothuhera, Kurunegala;
- (iv) a petition dated 18.06.2019 from Mr. O. M. D. Gemunu of No.276/4D, Jayanthi Mawatha, Himbutane;
- (v) a petition dated 30.03.2019 from Mr. Rajendra S. Wijesinghe of No. 88/5B, Cyril Janz Mawatha, Panadura; and
- (vi) a petition dated 08.04.2019 from Mr. W. L. A. D. M. Harshana of Ivudugoda, Yala, Aguruwathota.

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

5. Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Bill : Second Reading.

Bill by leave of the House withdrawn.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.30 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 07, 2019.