



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 85.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 07, 2019 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development

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

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

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

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. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, Non Cabinet Minister of Special Areas Development

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 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. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms
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. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyanaka Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
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. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
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Hon. E. Saravanapavan
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Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.**1. Announcements by the Speaker :** The Deputy Speaker made the following announcements:—

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“ I wish to inform Parliament that the Hon. Shantha Bandara, Member of Parliament has tendered his letter of resignation to resign from his Membership of Parliament to the Secretary-General of Parliament. The Letter of Resignation will now be read out by the Secretary-General of Parliament.”



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“I wish to inform that the Speaker has endorsed the certificate on the Bill entitled ‘Companies (Amendment)’ on the 06th of August 2019 in terms of the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Speaker presented the—

- (i) Third Instalment – Part X of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013;
- (ii) Third Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (iii) Second Instalment – Part XXX, Third Instalment – Part XI and Ninth Instalment – Part XII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (iv) Second Instalment – Part XXV, Third Instalment – Part XIII and Ninth Instalment – Parts IX, X and XI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016; and
- (v) Second Instalment – Parts XIX and XX, Third Instalment – Parts VII and VIII and Ninth Instalment – Parts IV, V and VI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the National Education Commission for the years 2014, 2015 & 2016 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2016/2017 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Housing Development Authority for the year 2015 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented a petition dated 19.03.2019 from Mr. P. W. G. Piyasena of No. 95 C, Pamunuwa, Handessa.
- (2) Hon. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma presented a petition dated 17.06.2019 from Mr. W. H. Wimalasena of Kolambewa, Gawaragiriya.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : 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 this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.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.

5. Adjournment (Takeover of Batticaloa Campus Private Limited) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.07 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana moved,— That Hon. Bimal Rathnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.03 p.m. Hon. Bimal Rathnayake took the Chair.)

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana seconded by Hon. Hector Appuhamy moved,— That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.56 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 08, 2019.