



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 78.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, July 23, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

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. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social
Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure &
Community Development

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

Hon. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and
Sports

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration, Disaster
Management and Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and 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. Ruwan Wijewardene, Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence

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. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Power & Renewable Energy

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. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

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. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
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. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
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. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
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. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa

Hon. D. M. Swaminathan

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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

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:—

“I wish to inform you that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 124 (1) of Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 26th February 2016, the following Members have also been nominated to serve in the Committee on High Posts, by the Committee of Selection as per the resolution adopted by Parliament on 12th July 2019;

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Douglas Devananda.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Election Commission for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Zoological Gardens for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Lady Lochore Loan Fund for the year 2017; and
- (ii) Mid - Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2019

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Coconut Cultivation Board 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Resolution under Section 3 of the Administrative District Act, No. 22 of 1955” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Orders under Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Department of Import and Export Control for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board for the year 2016; and
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade for the year 2018

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented —

- (i) a petition dated 27.04.2019 from Mr. M. A. Sunil Jayalath of No. 42, “Nadsa Houses”, Mahara, Gampola; and
- (ii) a petition dated 13.02.2019 from Mr. P. W. Neelarathna, Chief Inspector of Police serves at the Police Station, Theldeniya.

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

5. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) : Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe seconded by Hon. Chandima Weerakkody moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Holidays Act, No. 29 of 1971.”

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 Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) : Hon. Sunil Handunnetti seconded by Hon. Bimal Rathnayake moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Chartered Institute of Transport of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 8 of 2000.”

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 Transport & Civil Aviation for report.

(At 2.26 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

7. Resolution under the Administrative Districts Act : The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government moved,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 3 of the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 that:—

- (a) the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo specified in the First Schedule to the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 shall be altered by the inclusion of the reclaimed area of land known as “Port City Colombo” described in the Schedule hereto, within the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo; and
- (b) such reclaimed area of land shall be annexed to the Divisional Secretary’s Division of Colombo in the Administrative District of Colombo.

SCHEDULE

All that allotment land marked as Lot Nos. 2 to 7 known as the “Port City Colombo” depicted in Tracing No. CO/DSO/2019/370 dated 11.06.2019 prepared by the Surveyor General containing in extent of 446.6153 ha situated in Colombo, in the Western Province at the following connection points, and the allotment is bounded as follows:—

Connection Point-Western Boundary of the Colombo Divisional Secretary’s Division, Colombo District	East Coordinate	North Coordinate
Northern Connection Point	396913.476	492847.764
Southern Connection Point	397077.037	492290.222

(Reference Coordinate System: Sri Lanka Grid 1999)

1. Lot No 2 : Extent : 155.8376 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 1, Colombo Port and Chaithaya Road
 East - Lot No. 1, Colombo Port, Chaithaya Road, Indian Ocean and Lot No.7
 South - Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 7, 6 and 3
 West - Lot Nos. 6, 3 and 6

2. Lot No 3 : Extent : 15.0933 ha.

North - Lot No. 2
 East - Lot Nos. 2 and 6
 South - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
 West - Lot Nos. 4 and 6

3. Lot No 4 : Extent : 113.5311 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 3
 East - Lot Nos. 3 and 6
 South - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6
 West - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6

4. Lot No 5 : Extent : 14.7856 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
 East - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
 South - Lot No. 6
 West - Lot No. 6

5. Lot No 6 : Extent : 101.1038 ha.

North	-	Lot Nos. 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3 and 2
East	-	Lot Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2 and 7
South	-	Lot Nos. 2 and 7
West	-	Lot Nos. 2 and 7

6. Lot No 7 : Extent : 46.2639 ha.

North	-	Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 1, 6 and 2
East	-	Lot Nos. 1, 6, and 2 and Indian Ocean
South	-	Indian Ocean
West	-	Indian Ocean

The State Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.19 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna seconded by Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.16 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment (Payment of Pension and Other Allowances to Personnel in Civil Security Service) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media and State Minister of Defence moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.03 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.40 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.