



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 79.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 24, 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. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

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. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development

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. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

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

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. 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Education

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. Palitha Kumara Thewarapperuma, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

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. Piyanakara 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. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
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. 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. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka 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. Messages from the President : The Speaker read the following message received from the President:—



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President of Sri Lanka

My No. PS/CSA/00/1/12/6

July 22, 2019

Hon. Speaker
Parliament of Sri Lanka

Hon. Speaker,

Public Security Ordinance

By Proclamation dated 22.07.2019 made under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance, I have declared that the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance shall come into operation throughout Sri Lanka on 22nd July, 2019.

In compliance with paragraph (4) of Article 155 of the Constitution, I do hereby communicate to Parliament that the reasons for making the Proclamation as aforesaid is for the preservation of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Maithripala Sirisena



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

- (i) Performance Report of the Audit Service Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2019 - 31.03.2019) of 2019 in terms of Articles 41B(6) and 153H of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) Performance Report of the Delimitation Commission for the First quarter (01.01.2019 - 31.03.2019) of 2019 in terms of Article 41B(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority for the year 2016 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 Performance Report of the Ministry of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the National Sports Fund for the years 2015 and 2016 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Acting Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education presented the Annual Report of the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply & Higher Education - Higher Education Section 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.

(6) The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development presented the Annual Report of the Lanka Sathosa Limited for the year 2012 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Labour Studies for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Science, Technology & Research under Section 204 of the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 read with Sections 6, 9, 17, 18 and 25 of the aforesaid Act relating to implementation of the mechanism for royalty payments to rights holders of songs or musical works and empowering the Collective Societies and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/6 of 17th June 2019 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. John Amaratunga presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.07.2018 from Mr. H. Toni Jayantha Fonseka of No. 85, Taniya Watta, Rilaula, Kandana; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 27.02.2019 from Mrs. W. A. Champika Wijesuriya of No. 318 A, “Lakmal”, Malamulla, Panadura.
- (2) Hon. Ajith P. Perera presented a petition dated 05.10.2018 from Mrs. M. D. P. Gunathilaka Jayawardena of No. 338, Ovitiyagala, Horana.
- (3) Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 02.03.2019 from Mr. K. G. Suranga Sampath Bandara of Pilihudugolla, Hapugaslanda Road, Naula; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.04.2019 from Mr. K. M. P. Priyaranjana of No. P 51/A, Ududeniya, Nalanda, Matale.
- (4) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented a petition dated 27.04.2019 from Mr. S. Seneviratne of No. 92/3, Aluvihare, Matale.
- (5) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 21.03.2019 from Mrs. K. V. Kanthi Chandralatha of “Disna”, Paluwatta, Mawadavila, Rathgama; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 21.03.2019 from Mr. M. H. Seidu Umer of Paper Mill Road, Kawattamune, Ottamawadi.
- (6) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 06.05.2019 from Mr. H. A. V. A. Navaratna of Pussella, Parakaduwa;
 - (ii) a petition dated 04.04.2019 from Mr. Kahawalage Prabath Chaminda Perera of No. 95/14, Rakwana Road, Pelmadulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 06.05.2019 from Mrs. Kulandavelu Sakunthala of Division No. 6, Sambalthiv, Trincomalee; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 03.05.2019 from Mr. S. M. Jayathilaka of No. 132, Werawela, Welamboda, Gampola.
- (7) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 29.03.2019 from Mr. P. K. B. Gunathilake of House behind the Temple, Pallekandawala, Malsiripura;

- (ii) a petition dated 30.03.2019 from Mrs. P. H. Suramya Pradeepika of Aranya Road, Pallegama, Kolawenigama;
 - (iii) a petition dated 29.03.2019 from Mr. R. S. Munasinha of Rangama, Wellawa, Kurunegala; and
 - (iv) a petition dated 26.04.2019 from Mrs. Sumithra Weerasinghe of No. 7/5, Mawathgama, Homagama.
- (8) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 02.04.2019 from Mr. B. H. Nimal Chandrasiri of Hapugasthenne Hena, Hakahinna, Kottepola (Via Kegalle).
- (9) Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna presented a petition dated 06.05.2019 from Mr. M. F. Riffan of No. 120/91/A, Dole Road, Matale.

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

(At 2.03 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

4. Companies (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Deputy Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.07 p. m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Hon. D. V. Chanaka seconded by Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.57 p. m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.03 p. m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported without Amendments.

The Acting Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

5. Adjournment (Pension Anomaly) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.54 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019.