



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 86.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, August 08, 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. 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. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

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

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

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

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. 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 and Higher Education

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

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

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

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff, Deputy Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
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. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report on the Submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Department of Public Enterprises and Department of National Budget of the Ministry of Finance in the First Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017 which was presented to Parliament on 24.01.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 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.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill; and
- (ii) Wages Board (Amendment) Bill

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan presented —

- (i) a petition dated 21.03.2019 from Mr. M. M. M. Hanifa of CEB Road, Mawadichchena, Walachchena; and
- (ii) a petition dated 21.09.2018 from Mr. Sinnathamby Elayathamby (Elayarajah) of “Sri Giri”, Old Trincomalee - Batticaloa Main Road, Muthur -7.

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

4. Excise (Amendment) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented,—“Bill to amend the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52).”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No.1) : The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/3 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage seconded by Hon. D. V. Chanaka moved,—That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

Hon. Douglas Devananda seconded by Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera moved,— That Hon. K. Thuraiyethasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.09 p.m. Hon. K. Thuraiyethasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/4 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 27.06.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 3) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2117/46 of 04th April 2019, which was presented on 26.07.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.14 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, August 09, 2019.