



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 89.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, August 21, 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. 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. 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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

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

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

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

Hon. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum
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. 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. 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. 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. Karunarathna Paranawithana**, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama**
- Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**
- 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. 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. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
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. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year of 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Report of the said Committee regarding the Replacement of the Fleet of Aircraft of the Sri Lankan Airlines Limited and the Termination of the Agreement for the Acquisition of 08 Aircraft of A 350-900 Model entered into in the Years 2013 and 2014.

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

(2) Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

(i) Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011; and

(ii) Order under the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(3) Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare presented the Report of the said Committee on, “Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015” which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 27.01.2019 from Mr. D. A. Kodithuwakku of “Kapugama Gedara”, Baminiyanwila, Mamadala, Ambalanthota.

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

4. Ruhunu Economic Development Corporation of Sri Lanka : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development presented,—“Bill to provide for the establishment of the Ruhunu Economic Development Corporation of Sri Lanka for the purpose of identifying, formulating and co-ordinating the implementation of Economic Development Projects, Plans, Programmes or Schemes within the Ruhunu Development Area and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 03, 2019 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. 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 7.30 p.m. At 5.00 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament on the terrorist attacks that took place in different places in Sri Lanka on 21st April 2019 : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— In terms of Standing Order 102 of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament appointed by a resolution passed by Parliament on 22nd May 2019 to look into and report to Parliament on the terrorist attacks that took place in different places in Sri Lanka on 21st April 2019, an extension of time till 30th September 2019 to present its final report.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Legislative Standing Committee : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 51(3)(b) of the Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Legislative Standing Committee an extension of time till 30th September 2019 to submit its report to Parliament on the “Draft Statute of Tourism Development Bureau of Uva Provincial Council” which was referred to it by the Speaker on 27th June 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.37 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

8. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No.1) : The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices (Pricing) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/54 of 15th March 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.02 p.m. Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya took the Chair.)

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,—That Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.04 p.m. Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2) : The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medicines (Ceiling on Prices) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/35 of 15th May 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Adjournment (Salaries/ Cost of Living Allowance of Public and Private Sector Employees) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame seconded by Hon. Gamini Lokuge moved,—That Hon. Vijitha Berugoda do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.20 p.m. Hon. Vijitha Berugoda took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.53 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019.