



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 95.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 06, 2019 at 10.30 a.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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

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

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, State Minister of Primary Industries & Social Empowerment

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

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development & Vocational Training

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

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

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Dunes Gankanda
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Vijitha Herath

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 Annual Report of the Central Environmental 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.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Order declared by the President under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, making Public Transport Services for passengers or goods as essential public services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2138/10 of 27th August 2019.

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

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

- (i) Thirty Ninth Annual Report of the University Grants Commission for the year 2017;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of Jaffna for the year 2017;
- (iii) Annual Report of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura for the year 2017;
- (iv) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (Guarantee) Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2120/6 of 23rd April 2019;
- (v) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the National School of Business Management Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2121/43 of 02nd May 2019;
- (vi) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the S.L.T. Campus (Pvt) Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2121/44 of 02nd May 2019;

- (vii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College (Private) Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2121/45 of 02nd May 2019;
- (viii) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Private) Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2122/53 of 10th May 2019; and
- (ix) Order made by the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education under Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 recognizing the National School of Business Management Limited as a Degree Awarding Institute and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2125/47 of 29th May 2019

and moved that those Reports and Orders be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Finance : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance presented,— “Bill to amend the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018; to provide for the imposition of a Foreign Commercial Transactions Levy; and to provide for the matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 11.18 a.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.