



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 99.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, September 20, 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Non Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms and Public Distribution

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

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

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

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

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

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. Piyanakara Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
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. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara

Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. D. B. Herath
Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

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 Deputy Chairperson of Committees 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 119(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on the performance of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the year 2017 in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament on 21.06.2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources 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.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 164 of the aforesaid Act relating to Signs, Signals, Symbols and Road Markings and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/9 of 18th June 2019 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament :

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Institute of Environmental Professionals, Sri Lanka (Incorporation)” of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, October 08, 2019.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana presented a petition dated 01.07.2019 from Mr. S. Albert of No. 18/2, Annada Maithri Mawatha, II Lane, Maharagama.

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

4. Sitzings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of 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 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Legislative Standing Committee : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of 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 29th November 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.

6. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera, Member of Parliament.

(At 1.50 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of the Parliament on the death of Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera, Member of Parliament and directed the Secretary-General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) to the members of his bereaved family.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development moved,— That “Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.”

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.56 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

7. Adjournment (Solutions for Human-Elephant Conflict) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That “this Parliament do now adjourn.”

Question proposed, and debated.

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs moved,— That “Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.”

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.36 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs moved,— That “Hon. K. Thuraiyasingam do take the Chair.”

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.42 p.m. Hon. K. Thuraiyasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.06 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 08, 2019.