



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 103.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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. Harin Fernando, Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation

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

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. 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. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Vadivel Suresh, State Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Edward Gunasekara, Deputy Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
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 the Notification of Mr. Speaker of 07th November 2019, under the Standing Order 16 of the Parliament. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Secretary General of Parliament read the following Gazette Notification by the Speaker by which the Parliament was convened:—



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Government Notifications

NOTIFICATION BY MR. SPEAKER

Convening of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Monday, the 11th of November, 2019 at 11.30 a. m.

I, Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of Parliament do hereby notify that in pursuance of Standing Order 16 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, I have summoned the Parliament to meet on Monday the 11th of November 2019 at 11.30 a. m. having been requested so to do by the Hon. Prime Minister.

KARU JAYASURIYA,
Speaker.

Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte,
07th November, 2019.



2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2017/18 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the year 2018;
- (ii) Annual Report of the University of Colombo for the year 2018;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture of University of Peradeniya for the year 2018; and
- (iv) Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute of Technology of University of Moratuwa for the year 2018

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Reports 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 District Secretariats - Kegalle, Ampara and Trincomalee 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 those Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Kurunegala Plantations Limited for the year 2017 and moved that the Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization 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. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on the Bill entitled “National Innovation Agency” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : 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 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.. At 2.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03rd December, 2019.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Prevention of Offences relating to Sports Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports 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 Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 41 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 Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports moved,— That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, accordingly read the third time and passed.

7. National Innovation Agency Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs 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.

Clause 6

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 5, in page 6 :—

- “ (ix) an officer of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Education not below the rank of an Additional Secretary nominated by that Minister;
- (x) an officer of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Higher Education not below the rank of an Additional Secretary nominated by that Minister;
- (xi) the Director-General of the Department of Commerce or an officer not below the rank of a Director of that Department nominated by the Director-General;
- (xii) the Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission established under the Sri Lanka Inventors Incentives Act, No. 53 of 1979 or any Assistant Commissioner of that Commission nominated by the Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission; and”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs proposed another amendment to leave out lines 6 to 8 (both inclusive), in page 6 and substitute the following:—

- “ (xiii) the Chairperson or his nominee of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology; and”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs proposed another amendment to leave out lines 13 and 14 (both inclusive), in page 6 and substitute the following:—

“ or Finance nominated by the Minister and appointed by the President; and”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 13 were agreed to.

Clause 14

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs proposed an amendment to leave out lines 6 and 7, in page 10 and substitute the following:—

“postgraduate degree in science, technology or business administration with innovation as a subject, from a recognized University, with proven”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 28 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 with Amendments.

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs moved,— That the Bill, as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

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 1.55 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 03, 2019 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.