



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 4.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, January 09, 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister of Education and Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture

Hon. Johnston Fernando, Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, State Minister of Information and Communication Technology

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Public Management and Accounting

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Minister of Power

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, State Minister of Lands and Land Development

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka, State Minister of Wildlife Resources

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, State Minister of Water Supply Facilities
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, State Minister of Small & Medium Enterprise Development
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, State Minister of International Co-operation
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Social Security
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa, State Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Welfare
Hon. Nimal Lanza, State Minister of Community Development
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Export Agriculture
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, State Minister of Technology and Innovations
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, State Minister of Economy and Policy Development
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Housing

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. D. B. Herath
Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:—

“In terms of Standing Order 140 of the Parliament, I wish to announce to Parliament that I have re-nominated the Members of Parliament who had been included in the Panel of Chairs of Parliament and served during the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament to serve in the Fourth Session as well, and in place of the Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, M.P., and the Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, M.P., on account of their being appointed as State Ministers, I have nominated the Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage and the Hon. Malith Jayathilake to be included in the Panel of Chairs and serve in the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Ninth Instalment – Part XIV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015;
- (ii) Second Instalment – Parts XXVII and XXVIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;
- (iii) Second Instalment – Part XXIII and Ninth Instalment – Part XI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017;
- (iv) Second Instalment – Parts XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX and XXI, Third Instalment – Parts VII, VIII, IX and X and Ninth Instalment – Parts VI, VII, VIII and IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018; and
- (v) Tenth Instalment – Part XV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 1) : The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping 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 sitting 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 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2) : The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping on behalf of 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, 21st January, 2020.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. D. M. Jayaratne, the former Prime Minister and ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated himself with the sentiments expressed by both sides of the Parliament on the death of Hon. D. M. Jayaratne, the former Prime Minister and ex-Member of Parliament and directed the Secretary-General of Parliament to send a copy of the Official Report (Hansard) containing proceedings of this day to the members of his bereaved family.

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 4.37 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.