



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 3.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, January 08, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources and Minister of Lands & Land Development

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

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. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa, Minister of Small & Medium Business and Enterprise Development and Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management

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

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

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Services

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, State Minister of Human Rights and Law Reforms

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. Sanath Nishantha Perera, State Minister of Fisheries and Inland Fisheries Industry
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, State Minister of International Co-operation
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Social Security
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, State Minister of Mahaweli Development
Hon. Nimal Lanza, State Minister of Community Development
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Export Agriculture
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka, State Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara, State Minister of Tea Industry Development
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, State Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs
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. Kanaka Herath, State Minister of Ports Development Affairs

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. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail
Hon. T. B. Ekanayake
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. S. B. Nawinne
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. A. D. Premadasa
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. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharooof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan

Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
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 Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Deputy Chairperson of Committees presented the—

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Part IX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017;
- (ii) First Instalment – Parts IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI, Second Instalment – Parts V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV and XV, Third Instalment – Parts III, IV, V and VI, Fourth Instalment – Parts I and II, Fifth Instalment – Parts III and IV, Sixth Instalment – Parts II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII and Ninth Instalment – Parts II, III, IV and V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018; and
- (iii) Tenth Instalment – Part XIII 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.

(2) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the—

- (i) Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/63 of 06th December 2019;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/52 of 29th November 2019; and
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/60 of 06th December 2019

and moved that those Regulations and Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Report on the submission of observations and steps taken in terms of the Standing Order 120(4) of the Parliament with regard to the matters mentioned on Sri Lanka Ports Authority in the Third Report for the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the period from 01.03.2018 to 26.10.2018 which was presented to Parliament on 23.10.2019 and moved that Report be referred to the Committee on Public Enterprises.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Roads and Highways and Minister of Ports & Shipping presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment for the year 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. 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 sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 1.00 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.

3. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1) : Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe seconded by Hon. K. Kader Masthan moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Law, No. 1 of 1975.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

4. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) : Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero seconded by Hon. Sisira Jayakody moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to repeal the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act, No. 13 of 1951.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

5. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) : Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero seconded by Hon. Sisira Jayakody moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Marriages (General) Ordinance, No. 19 of 1907.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

6. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 4) : Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Marriage Registration Ordinance.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

7. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 5) : Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to introduce the Minimum Age of Marriage in Sri Lanka.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

8. Leave to introduce Bill (No. 6) : Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code (Section 627).”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament to the Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms for report.

9. Adjournment (Policy Statement made by His Excellency the President on 03rd January 2020) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

The State Minister of Water Supply Facilities moved,—That Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.55 p.m. Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne took the Chair.)

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana seconded by Hon. Velu Kumar moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.42 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera seconded by Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.45 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, January 09, 2020.