



(Eighth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 6.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

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

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Information and Mass Media and Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation

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. (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. 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. Dayasiri Jayasekara, State Minister of Industries

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. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Social Security
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Women & Child Affairs
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, State Minister of Mahaweli Development
Hon. Nimal Lanza, State Minister of Community Development
Hon. Gamini Lokuge, State Minister of Urban 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. 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. Ashok Abeysinghe
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. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Daya Gamage
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Navin Dissanayake
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Premadasa
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Vasantha Senanayake
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Manoj Hewagampalage
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform this House that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne, Member of Parliament resigning from his seat. The Letter of Resignation will be read now.”



13.01.2020

Secretary-General
Parliament of Sri Lanka
Battaramulla.

Dear Sir,

Resignation in terms of Article 66 (b) of the Constitution

I hereby resign as a Member of Parliament with effect from 20.01.2020.

I wish to thank you and your staff for the kind co-operation extended to me.

Yours truly,

(Dr) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Member of Parliament

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Orders under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469); and
- (ii) Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 15, 16 and 22 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 27 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Committee on Parliamentary Business : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 115 of the Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and twenty four (24) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Committee on High Posts : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 124(1) of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 12th July 2019, the Committee on High Posts shall consist of twenty five (25) Members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, as per the decision taken on 21st January 2020, by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

With the leave of the House, the following announcements were made by the Deputy Speaker:—

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Committee on Parliamentary Business

“I wish to inform that, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 115 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament this day, the following Members have been nominated with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business.

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran”

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Committee on High Posts

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 124 (1) of the Parliament and the resolution adopted by Parliament on 12th July 2019, the following Members have also been nominated to serve in the Committee on High Posts, by the Committee of Selection as per the resolution adopted by Parliament on 22nd January 2020.

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Arumugan Thondaman
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Faiszer Musthapha”

6. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 1) :

The Minister of Foreign Relations and Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations on behalf of the 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 moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 52(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Registration of Adjudicators and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/63 of 08th March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

(At 3.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage seconded by Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.00 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development moved,—That Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.25 p.m. Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 2) :

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture on behalf of the 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 moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Sections 53(2) and 54(1)(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Appeal Procedure and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/47 of 28th March 2019, which were presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 3) :

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture on behalf of the 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 moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 55(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Information Secretariat and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/48 of 28th March 2019, which were presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Adjournment (Prevention of Political Victimization and Provision of Relief to the Public) : The Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

The State Minister of Economy and Policy Development moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.51 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.27 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020.