



*(Ninth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 111.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana**, Speaker

**Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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**Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera**, Minister of Environment

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**, Minister of Mass Media

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of Parliament

**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana**, Minister of Trade

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**, Minister of Lands

**Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon**, Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government

**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva**, Minister of Labour

**Hon. Douglas Devananda**, Minister of Fisheries

**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**, Minister of Water Supply

**Hon. Johnston Fernando**, Minister of Highways and Chief Government Whip

**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**, Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation

**Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa**, Minister of Finance

**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**, Minister of Power

**Hon. Wimal Weerawansa**, Minister of Industries

**Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera**, Minister of Public Security

**Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna**, State Minister of Co-operative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products

**Hon. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development

- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control
- Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha**, State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion
- Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**, State Minister of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikkhu Education
- Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**, State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion
- Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries
- Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa**, State Minister of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy and Grains, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promoting, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture
- Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops including Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Related Industries and Export Promotion
- Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka**, State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion
- Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**, State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement
- Hon. S. Viyalanderan**, State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandary & Minor Economic Crop Cultivation
- Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**, State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development
- Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath**, State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Material Industries
- Hon. D. B. Herath**, State Minister of Livestock, Farm Promotion and Dairy & Egg Related Industries

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**Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala**

**Hon. Sampath Athukorala**

**Hon. Tissa Attanayake**

**Hon. Hector Appuhamy**

**Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**

**Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya**

**Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**

**Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**  
**Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan**  
**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi**  
**Hon. M. Udayakumar**  
**Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**  
**Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**  
**Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**  
**Hon. Akila Ellawala**  
**Hon. Lalith Ellawala**  
**Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren**  
**Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka**  
**Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam**  
**Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda**  
**Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**  
**Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**  
**Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga**  
**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka**  
**Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan**  
**Hon. Milan Jayathilake**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana**  
**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**  
**Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban**  
**Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva**  
**Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake**

**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha**  
**Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya**  
**Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte**  
**Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda**  
**Hon. Kins Nelson**  
**Hon. S. Noharathalingam**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. Nimal Piyathissa**  
**Hon. Niroshan Perera**  
**Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Nalin Fernando**  
**Hon. Harin Fernando**  
**Hon. Ashoka Priyantha**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi**  
**Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara**  
**Hon. Rohana Bandara**  
**Hon. Shantha Bandara**  
**Hon. Sudath Manjula**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharoof**  
**Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar**  
**Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff**  
**Hon. Mohomad Muzammil**  
**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**  
**Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara**  
**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka**  
**Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Ajith Rajapakse**

**Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse**  
**Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan**  
**Hon. Gamini Waleboda**  
**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana**  
**Hon. Madhura Withanage**  
**Hon. Hesha Withanage**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana**  
**Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC**  
**Hon. D. Weerasingha**  
**Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe**  
**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**  
**Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena**  
**Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne**  
**Hon. Rauff Hakeem**  
**Hon. Abdul Haleem**  
**Hon. Kabir Hashim**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath**  
**Hon. Samanpriya Herath**  
**Hon. Marjan Faleel**

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

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:—

“I wish to inform that I have under the provisions of Article 79 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, endorsed the certificate on the Bills entitled ‘Minimum Retirement Age of Workers’ and ‘Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment)’ on today, the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.”

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Fourth Installment – Part XVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018;
- (ii) Fourth Installment – Parts XV and XVI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019; and
- (iii) First Installment – Parts II, III, IV, V and VI and Fourth Instalment – Parts I, II and III of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020

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 Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Reports of the Homoeopathic Medical Council for the years 2015 and 2016 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Health.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Highways 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 Ministry of Ports and Shipping in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which was presented to Parliament and moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Question put, and agreed to.

**3. Presentation of Public Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 03.08.2021 from Ms. A. P. Kumarasinghe of Uttimaduwa, Anuradhapura; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 17.09.2021 from Mr. P. D. G. Samarasekara of No. 14, Media Housing Scheme, Thalangama - North, Battaramulla.
- (2) Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar presented a petition dated 20.07.2021 from Mr. E. J. A. Gai Fernando of No. 53, Mangala Road, Beruwala.
- (3) Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 29.03.2021 from Mr. A. S. Hettiarachchi of No. 160/4, Koswatta road, Nawala; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 08.03.2021 from Mr. H. K. Shantha Kumara of No. 07/A, Samapura, Ampara.
- (4) Hon. Tissa Attanayake presented a petition dated 22.10.2021 from Mr. E. M. D. P. K. Ekanayake of No. 305/A, “Siriniwasa”, Yakala, Pahala Bomiriya, Kaduwela.
- (5) Hon. Shantha Bandara presented a petition dated 30.09.2021 from Mr. J. A. Anil Premachandra Jayalath of Yahalegedara, Panadaragama.

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

**4. Appropriation Bill — (Fourth Allotted Day) :** Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (12<sup>th</sup> November 2021),—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 11.22 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.56 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.19 p.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake seconded by Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda moved,—That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.34 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

And it being 5.00 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Friday, November 19, 2021.

**5. Adjournment (Protection of Forests in Puttalam District) :** The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member, without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.