



(Ninth Parliament - First Session)

No. 90.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, August 06, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment

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

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

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena, Minister of Lands

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Labour

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

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Transport

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

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

Hon. Ajith Nivard Cabraal, State Minister of Money & Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms

Hon. Sisira Jayakody, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health

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

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

Hon. Jeevan Thondaman, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services

- Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake**, State Minister of Wildlife Protection, Adoption of Safety Measures including the Construction of Electrical Fences and Trenches and Reforestation and Forest Resource Development
- Hon. Arundika Fernando**, State Minister of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyrah Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification
- Hon. 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. Nimal Lanza**, State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure
- 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. Kanchana Wijesekera**, State Minister of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish & Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports
- 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. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**
- Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah**
- Hon. Amarakeerthi 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. J. C. Alawathuwala**
- Hon. M. Udayakumar**
- Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**
- Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda**
- Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna**
- Hon. Lalith Ellawala**

Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson

Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Nipuna 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. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan

Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe
Hon. C.V. Wigneswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

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 announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions by the Committee of Selection on 05th August 2021, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 127(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred due to the resignation of the Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda, From the Membership of Parliament.”

II

“I wish to inform that the Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs by the Committee of Selection on 05th August 2021, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 127(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred due to the resignation of the Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna, Member of Parliament, from the Membership of the said Committee.”

III

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Highways by the Committee of Selection on 05th August 2021, in terms of provisions of the Standing Order 127(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred due to the resignation of the Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda, from the Membership of Parliament.”

IV

“I wish to inform that the Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma, Member of Parliament, has been nominated to serve in the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Environment by the Committee of Selection on 05th August 2021, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 127(3) of the Parliament to fill the vacancy occurred due to the fact that the Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, M. P., has ceased to be a Member of Parliament.”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management Department for the year 2020.

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

(2) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services for the year 2020.

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

(3) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train Compartments and Motor Car Industry for the year 2020.

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

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs for the year 2020.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year 2020.

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

(6) The Minister of Public Security presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Public Security for the year 2020.

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

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. M. S. Thowfeek presented a petition dated 24.02.2021 from Mr. Kamidu Kamaldeen of No.11, Peruntheru, Kinniya 05.

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe presented a petition dated 04.07.2021 from Mr. R.M. Madduma Bandara of No. 15/B, 3rd Lane, 09th Mawatha, Nawagampura, Ampara.

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

4. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Government Business shall have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Ministerial Consultative Committees : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 112 (1) of Parliament and the decision taken on 05th August, 2021 by the Committee of Selection, the following Ministerial Consultative Committee be appointed to be designated, in addition to the Thirty (30) Ministerial Consultative Committees approved by the Parliament on 08th September 2020 and 07th January 2021:—

Ministerial Consultative Committee on Economic Policies & Plan Implementation

Above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall consists of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the relevant subject as the Chair, State Minister, Deputy Minister and five (5) other members of Parliament to be nominated by the Committee of Selection to discuss and report upon such matters as are referred to it.

The quorum of above Ministerial Consultative Committee shall be three (3) Members.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero seconded by Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Institute of Sport for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED).”

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 Youth & Sports for report.

7. Regulations under the Immigrants and Emigrants Act : Order read for resuming. Adjourned debate on question (08th July, 2021),— Motion made and question proposed that “Regulations made by the Minister of Defence under Section 52, read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) for rescinding the Immigrants and Emigrants Regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2126/13 of 03rd June 2019, which were presented on 23.06.2021, be approved.”

(At 11.36 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma seconded by Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.30 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene took the Chair.)

The Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.46 p.m. Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.16 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

The Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.09 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Adjournment (Empowerment of Children's and Women's Divisions in Divisional Secretariats) : The Minister of Highways moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.42 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.