



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 6.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

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

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila, Minister of Energy

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

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

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

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation

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

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

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Tanks, Reservoirs and Irrigation Development related to Rural Paddy Fields

- Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products
- Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**, State Minister of Coast Conservation & Low-Lying Lands Development
- Hon. Duminda Dissanayake**, State Minister of Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development
- Hon. Sanath Nishantha**, State Minister of Rural and Divisional Drinking Water Supply Projects Development
- 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. 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 Amarasureiya**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amaraseena**
- Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal**
- Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**
- Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura**
- Hon. Akila Ellawala**
- Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren**
- Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka**
- Hon. Faizal Cassim**
- Hon. Lakshman Kiriella**
- Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda**
- Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara**
- Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**
- Hon. Velu Kumar**
- Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku**

Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
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. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

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

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for the year 2020.

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

(2) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Reports of the National Institute of Business Management for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation 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 Wildlife & Forest Conservation 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.

(4) The Minister of Highways presented the Performance Report of the State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development & Community Health for the year 2020.

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

(5) The Minister of Highways presented the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sri Lanka Press Council for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Mass Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Highways presented the—

- (i) Annual Report of the Lanka Leyland (Private) Limited for the year 2017/2018; and
- (ii) Annual Reports & Accounts of the Mantai Salt Limited for the years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Justice 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 Justice 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.

(8) The Minister of Justice presented the Reparations Policies & Guidelines formulated by the Office for Reparations in Compliance with Section 2(a) read with Section 11(1)(g) of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018 and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

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

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Chair of the Committee on Public Finance presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Provincial Councils (Transfer of Stamp Duty) (Amendment) Bill; and
- (ii) Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008

which were referred to the Committee.

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

3. Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Labour moved,—That Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.30 a.m. Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.23 p.m. Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan took the Chair.)

The Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.49 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

And it being 4.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

4. Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 4.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

5. Judicature (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 4.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

6. Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 4.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

7. Provincial Councils (Transfer of Stamp Duty) (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Justice on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question proposed and debated.

And it being 4.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; Debate to be resumed on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

8. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.50 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022.