



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 25.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10.00 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

Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing

Hon. Dilum Amunugama, Minister of Transport and Minister of Industries

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa, Minister of Mass Media

Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana, Minister of Health

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, Minister of Ports & Shipping

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, Minister of Water Supply

Hon. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, Minister of Education and Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris, Minister of Foreign Affairs and State Minister of Defence

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Public Security, Minister of Tourism and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Labour

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Energy and Minister of Power

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, Minister of Youth & Sports

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, Minister of Trade and Minister of Samurdhi Development

Hon. Kanaka Herath, Minister of Highways

Hon. Kapila Athukorala, State Minister of Development of Minor Crops Plantation
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Education
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe, State Minister of Cultural & Performing Arts
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar, State Minister of Estate Housing & Community Infrastructure
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Transport
Hon. Siripala Gamalath, State Minister of Mahaweli
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan, State Minister of Rural Roads Development
Hon. D. V. Chanaka, State Minister of Tourism and State Minister of Fisheries
Hon. Sisira Jayakody, State Minister of Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, State Minister of Irrigation
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda, State Minister of Health
Hon. Sanath Nishantha, State Minister of Water Supply
Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Plantation
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Trade
Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Promoting the Production of Organic fertilizer and Advanced Technology Agriculture
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. K. Kader Masthan, State Minister of Rural Economic Crop Cultivation & Promotion
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff, State Minister of Textile Industry & Local Apparel Products Promotion
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Industries
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara, State Minister of Cooperative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection
Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Youth & Sports
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Housing
Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan
Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala
Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Rohitha Abegunawardhana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Tiran Alles
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
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. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. Jayarathna Herath
Hon. Vijitha Herath
Hon. Samanpriya Herath
Hon. Marjan Faleel
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:—

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“I wish to inform that I have nominated the following Members of Parliament as the Co-opted Members to serve in the Legislative Standing Committee for consideration of the Bill entitled ‘Contempt of Courts’, in terms of Standing Order 113(2) of the Parliament:—

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar

Hon. Dilan Perera

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda”

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“I wish to inform that the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, M.P., as the Leader of the House of Parliament and the Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, M.P., as the Chief Government Whip have been appointed with effect from the 18th of April 2022 for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.”

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Chair of the Legislative Standing Committee presented the Report of the said Committee on the Bill entitled, “Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation)” which was referred to the Committee, together with the Minutes of proceedings.

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

Bill, as reported by Legislative Standing Committee, to be considered on Wednesday, 20th April 2022.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma presented a petition dated 20.02.2022 from Mr. W. W. Premadasa of Udaha Angahawatta, Pahala Keeripitiya, Urubokka.
- (2) Hon. Wimal Weerawansa presented a petition dated 22.04.2021 from Mrs. A. A. T. N. Gallehera of No. B/3/12, Elliot Place, Borella.

- (3) Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe presented a petition dated 22.01.2022 from Mr. W. Weerasinghe of Handamagama, Wellawa.
- (4) Hon. Sampath Athukorala presented a petition dated 03.11.2021 from Mr. S. M. Vithanachchi of “Siri Perakum”, Horangalla, Thalgaswala.

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

Suspension of Sittings

At 11.41 a.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 11.55 a.m.

At 11.55 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

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

4. Privilege : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda, M.P. on 10th March, 2022 in Parliament to the effect that privileges of the Members of Parliament have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges under the provisions of Standing Order 118 of the Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Regulations under the Medical Ordinance : The Minister of Health moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council under Section 72 read with Section 19(a) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2259/54 of 24th December 2021, which were presented on 08.03.2022, be approved.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.40 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Regulations under the Convention against Doping in Sport Act : The Minister of Health on behalf of the Minister of Youth & Sports moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Youth & Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention against Doping in Sport Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2263/2 of 18th January 2022, which were presented on 08.03.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.28 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.