



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 30.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 05, 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 and 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. Wimalaweera Dissanayake, Minister of Wildlife & Forest Resources

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. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice and State Minister of Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation

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 and State Minister of Education Reforms

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. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Highways

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. Lohan Ratwatte, State Minister of Gem & Jewellery related Industries and State Minister of Urban Development

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. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
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. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
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. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
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. Palani Thigambaram
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. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
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. Johnston Fernando
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. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Ajith Rajapakse
Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
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. (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. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Kabir Hashim
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. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the—

- (i) Fourth Instalment – Part XXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018;
- (ii) Fourth Instalment – Part XXIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2019; and

- (iii) Fourth Instalment – Part XVIII, Fifth Instalment – Parts II and III and Sixth Instalment – Parts III, IV, V, VI, and VII 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 Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils presented the Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils presented the Annual Report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the year 2021.

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

(4) The Minister of Youth & Sports presented the Annual Report of the National Sports Fund for the year 2019 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Youth & Sports.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath, Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Report of the Second Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises for the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the **Table** and be printed.

3. Presentation of Public Petitions :

(1) Hon. Arundika Fernando presented —

- (i) a petition dated 27.04.2021 from Mr. A. S. A. Krishanthus of No. 35/1/F, Negombo Circular Road, Dankotuwa;
- (ii) a petition dated 24.11.2020 from Mr. K. K. U. J. N. Perera of Marsaleen Mawatha, Horagolla, Marawila; and
- (iii) a petition dated 07.04.2021 from Mr. R. M. K. B. Rathnayake of No. 375/2/B, Medawala Road, Hedeniya, Werellagama, Kandy.

(2) Hon. Vijitha Herath presented a petition dated 30.01.2022 from Mrs. N. Himali Pradeepa Disanayaka of Sandaru Araliya Lane, Thihagoda, Matara.

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

4. Election of Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees : Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva proposed the name of Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara proposed the name of Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar for the Office of the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees which motion was seconded by Hon. Lakshman Kiriella.

In pursuance of Standing Order 6 of the Parliament read with Standing Order 4(c) of the Parliament, House proceeded to elect a Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees by ballot.

After having counted the ballot papers, the Speaker announced the results of the ballot as follows :—

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya	148 Votes
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar	65 Votes
Ballot rejected	03 Votes

The Speaker declared that Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya has been duly elected as the Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees.

5. Sitzings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 19th January 2022, the hours of sitting of Parliament on this day shall be 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna seconded by Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Kidney and Diabetes Lions Hospital Trust.”

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 Health for report.

7. Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill : Order for consideration read.

Bill, as amended in the Legislative Standing Committee Considered.

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the amendments made by the Legislative Standing Committee be agreed to.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

(At 1.32 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.31 p.m. Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam took the Chair.)

The Minister of Water Supply moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.30 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

8. Adjournment : And it being 5.30 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, May 06, 2022.