



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 31.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, May 06, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

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. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, Minister of Ports & Shipping

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

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

Hon. Kanaka Herath, Minister of Highways

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. Rohana Dissanayaka, State Minister of Provincial Councils & Local Government

Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda, State Minister of Health

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. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Industries

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara, State Minister of Cooperative Services, Marketing Development and Consumer Protection

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. 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. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura

Hon. M. Udayakumar

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Nalin Fernando
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Rohana Bandara
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
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. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
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. Hessa Withanage
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
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. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Public Security and Minister of Tourism presented the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2274/42 of 09th April 2022 and moved that those Regulations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Sittings 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.

The Minister of Education and Minister of Plantation Industries moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.34 a.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

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

The State Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,—That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.27 p.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

Suspension of Sittings

At 3.04 p.m.

The Sitting was then suspended until 3.30 p.m.

At 3.30 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed. The Speaker took the Chair.

3. Adjournment : Parliament was at 3.32 p.m. adjourned by the Speaker without Question put, in terms of Standing Order 81 of the Parliament.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.