



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 27.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Deputy Speaker and the Chair 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. (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. (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. 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. 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. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
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. Mano Ganesan
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek

Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Duminda 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. Charles Nirmalanathan
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. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
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. 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. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
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. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
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Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
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Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. Rauff Hakeem
Hon. Abdul Haleem
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 Reports under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament :

The Minister of Youth & Sports presented the Report under Standing Order 52(6) of the Parliament on the Bill entitled “Institute of Sports for Peace, Education, Empowerment and Development (SPEED) (Incorporation)”.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Friday, April 22, 2022.

2. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1) : The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2255/8 of 23rd November 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2) : The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Sections 2(3) and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2259/9 of 21st December 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3) : The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2260/72 of 31st December 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4) : The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/15 of 11th January 2022, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Transport and Minister of Industries moved,—That Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.36 p.m. Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports & Shipping moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.14 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Tourism and State Minister of Fisheries moved,—That Hon. Ajith Rajapakse do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.59 p.m. Hon. Ajith Rajapakse took the Chair.)

6. Adjournment : The Minister of Public Security and Minister of Tourism moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to; Parliament was at 4.45 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member until 10.00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022.