



(Ninth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 39.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation

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.) Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

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

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga, Minister of Urban Development and Housing and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe, Minister of Irrigation and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Lalith Ellawala
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. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. Udaya Gammanpila
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Milan Jayathilake
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne

Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. (Prof.) Channa Jayasumana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Premalal Jayasekara
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Shan Vijayalal De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Sanath Nishantha
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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Uddika Premarathne
Hon. Rohana Bandara

Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
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. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara
Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
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. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC

Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. John Seneviratne

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne

Hon. Rauff Hakeem

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath

Hon. D. B. 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Deputy Speaker made the following announcement:—

“I wish to inform this House that the Secretary-General of Parliament has received the Letter of Resignation from the Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksha, Member of Parliament.

The Letter of Resignation will be read now.”

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2. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/33 of 08th June 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979.

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

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath, Chair of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Third 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.

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented a petition dated 28.03.2022 from Ms. I. M. K. R. Gunawardane of No. 26, 7th Post, Malgalla, Thalangalla, Galle.
- (2) Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 20.02.2022 from Mr. D. M. U. P. Disanayaka of No. 96/1, Pol Amba Kotuwa, Walala, Menikhinna; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 14.03.2022 from Mr. K. P. Welikannage of No. 147/4, Dharmashoka Mawatha, Kandy.
- (3) Hon. Madhura Withanage presented a petition dated 03.03.2022 from Mr. P. T. Jayawardhana of No. 50/5, Angampitiya Road, Ethul Kotte, Kotte.

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

5. 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.

6. Leave to introduce Bill : Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda seconded by Hon. Anupa Pasqual moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Saweera Foundation.”

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 Sports and Youth Affairs for report.

7. Votes of Condolence : The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils moved the Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. Amaraakeerthi Athukorala, Member of Parliament of the Ninth Parliament.

The Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils moved,— That Hon. Shantha Bandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.25 a.m. Hon. Shantha Bandara took the Chair.)

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

Hon. Shantha Bandara seconded by Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura moved,— That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.42 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

(At 4.13 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Vote of Condolence on the late Hon. Amaraakeerthi Athukorala to be resumed on a future date.

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

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.