



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 8.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 01, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

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

Hon. Angajan Ramanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration,
Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government

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

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. Douglas Devananda, Minister of Fisheries

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

Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education and Leader of the House of
Parliament

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

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

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and
Constitutional Reforms

Hon. Vidura Wikramanayaka, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural
Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. M .U. M. Ali Sabry, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala

Hon. Sampath Athukorala
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Hector Appuhamy
Hon. Wajira Abeywardana
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola
Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi
Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura
Hon. M. Udayakumar
Hon. (Dr.) Major Pradeep Undugoda
Hon. Akila Ellawala
Hon. Selvarajah Kajendren
Hon. Govindan Karunakaram
Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam
Hon. Faizal Cassim
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda
Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara
Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmale Kumarasinghe
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda
Hon. Mano Ganesan
Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage
Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi
Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka
Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene
Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Kulasingam Dhileeban
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva
Hon. Palani Thigambaram
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. Sarathi Dushmantha
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. H. Nandasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Sanath Nishantha
Hon. Kins Nelson
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Anupa Pasqual
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera

Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi
Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa
Hon. (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan
Hon. M. Rameshwaran
Hon. Nimal Lanza
Hon. Waruna Liyanage
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
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. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
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. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. (Prof.) Charitha Herath
Hon. D. B. 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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Report of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2020 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Performance Report of the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development for the year 2021;
- (ii) Annual Performance Report & Accounts of the Department of Pensions for the year 2021;
- (iii) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2021;
- (iv) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services for the year 2021;
- (v) Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for the year 2021;
- (vi) Report of the Commissioner of Elections on the Local Authorities Election Conducted in the year 2011 in Three Stages (Volume I & II);
- (vii) Report of the Commissioner of Elections on the Provincial Councils Elections held in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
- (viii) Report of the Commissioner of Elections on the Presidential Election held in the year 2015.

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

(3) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Performance Report of the State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation for the year 2021.

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

(4) The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation presented the Annual Report of the Paddy Marketing Board for the year 2016 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Agriculture.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Reports of the Ceylon Ceramics Corporation for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and moved that those Reports be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Export Agriculture for the year 2021.

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

(7) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Environment for the year 2021.

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

(8) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the—

- (i) Performance Reports of the Department of Co-operative Development for the years 2019 and 2020; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Department of Commerce for the year 2021.

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

2. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 19.04.2022 from Ms. M. D. S. S. Ariyawansa of 152 C, Kataliyanpalla Road, Kahangama, Rathnapura.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya presented a petition dated 28.06.2022 from Mr. Chandima Perera Gunasena of “Priyanka”, Gathara, Kamburupitiya, Matara.

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

3. Appropriation (Amendment) Bill : Order read for resuming the Adjourned debate on question (30th August 2022).

That the Bill be now read a Second Time.

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

The Minister of Fisheries moved,— That Hon. Hesha Withanage do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 11.48 a.m. Hon. Hesha Withanage took the Chair.)

(At 1.17 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries moved,— That Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.51 p.m. Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and Minister of Irrigation moved,— That Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.51 p.m. Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara took the Chair.)

And it being past 5.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Friday, September 02, 2022.

4. Adjournment : And it being past 5.30 p.m. Parliament was at 5.38 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament this day.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, September 02, 2022, pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 29th August, 2022.