



(Ninth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 36.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana, Speaker

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. Tiran Alles, Minister of Public Security

Hon. Naseer Ahamed, Minister of Environment

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Seetha Arambepola, State Minister of Health

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, State Minister of Transport

Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage, State Minister of Tourism

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, State Minister of Defence

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara, State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion

Hon. Arundika Fernando, State Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, State Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Shantha Bandara, State Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, State Minister of Piriven Education

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera, State Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises
Development

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, State Minister of Irrigation

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local
Government

Hon. S. Viyalanderan, State Minister of Trade

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath, State Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. D. B. Herath, State Minister of Livestock Development

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah

Hon. Kapila Athukorala

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Attorney at Law

Hon. Sampath Athukorala

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. M. Udayakumar

Hon. Govindan Karunakaram

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law

Hon. Faizal Cassim

Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Attorney at Law

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri

Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku

Hon. Udaya Gammanpila

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi

Hon. Udayakantha Gunathilaka

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Janaka Bandara Thennakoon
Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake
Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya
Hon. Isuru Dodangoda
Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law
Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena
Hon. (Dr.) Gayashan Nawananda
Hon. Asanka Navarathna
Hon. S. Noharathalingam
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. Nimal Piyathissa
Hon. (Prof.) G. L. Peiris
Hon. Dhammika Perera
Hon. Niroshan Perera
Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. G. G. Ponnambalam
Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara
Hon. Sudath Manjula
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff
Hon. Mohomad Muzammil
Hon. Nipuna Ranawaka
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha
Hon. (Dr.) Thilak Rajapakshe
Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Gamini Waleboda
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana
Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law
Hon. Hesha Withanage
Hon. (Prof.) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe, PC
Hon. D. Weerasingha
Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera
Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena
Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi
Hon. John Seneviratne
Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senarathne
Hon. Jayarathna 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. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcements:—

I

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 119 of Parliament and the motion adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Accounts, as per the motion adopted by Parliament on 18th October 2022:—

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Velu Kumar”

II

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 120 of Parliament and the motion adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Enterprises, as per the motion adopted by Parliament on 18th October 2022:—

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya”

III

“I wish to inform that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 121 of Parliament and the motion adopted by Parliament on 29th August 2022, the following Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Finance, as per the motion adopted by Parliament on 18th October 2022:—

Hon. (Dr.) Nalaka Godahewa

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura”

2. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Education presented the Annual Report of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute for the year 2018 and moved that the Report be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Education.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Urban Development and Housing presented the Order made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2301/33 of 12th October 2022 and moved that the Order be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

Question put, and agreed to.

3. Presentation of Reports from Committees : Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon, on behalf of the Chair of the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Annual Report of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board for the year 2019; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Ranaviru Seva Authority for the year 2019

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

4. Presentation of Public Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Udaya Gammanpila presented a petition dated 28.03.2022 from Mr. P. A. K. Gananath of No. 142/47, 2nd Lane, Kahatagahawatta, Dibbedda, Panadura.
- (2) Hon. Hector Appuhamy presented a petition dated 31.10.2022 from Mr. A. M. Dharmasiri of Uthuru Kirimatiyana, Lunuwila.
- (3) Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera presented a petition dated 12.09.2022 from Mr. P. U. P. Kumara de Silva of No. 65, Station Road, Balapitiya.
- (4) Hon. Karunadasa Kodithuwakku presented a petition dated 30.10.2022 from Mrs. S. P. Anusha Shyamali of Tharanga, Hallala, Weligama.

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

5. Recovery of Possession of Premises Given on Lease : The Minister of Education on behalf of the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms presented,—“Bill to provide for the procedure relating to the recovery of possession of premises given on lease under a lease agreement; to regulate the recovery of arrears of lease rentals, service charges and liquidated damages; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Saturday, December 03, 2022, be printed and be referred to the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms.

6. Business of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That November 23rd Wednesday, 24th Thursday, 25th Friday, 26th Saturday, 28th Monday, 29th Tuesday, 30th Wednesday, 2022 and December 01st Thursday, 02nd Friday, 03rd Saturday, 05th Monday, 06th Tuesday, 08th Thursday, 2022 be allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2023).

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on allotted days for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2023) from November 23rd Wednesday to 30th Wednesday, 2022 and December 01st Thursday to 06th Tuesday, 2022 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Sitzings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 75(2) of the Parliament, the hours of the sitting of Parliament on Thursday, 08th December, 2022 allotted for consideration of the “Appropriation” Bill (2023) shall be 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.. At 5.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 10.21 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

9. Appropriation Bill — (Fifth Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (14th November 2022),—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 12.01 p.m. the Deputy Chairperson of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Transport moved,—That Hon. Samanpriya Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.21 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.11 p.m. Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation moved,—That Hon. Samanpriya Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.34 p.m. Hon. Samanpriya Herath took the Chair.)

And it being 5.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Monday, November 21, 2022.

10. Adjournment (Release of Lands in Ampara District to Permit Holders) : The Leader of the House of the Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

And it being 6.00 p.m. Parliament was adjourned by the Presiding Member without Question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 10th November, 2022.