



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 178.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, July 05, 2017 at 1.00 p. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the Chief Government Whip

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

- Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments
- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development
- Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**, State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah**, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement
- Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

- Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media
Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
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Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Velu Kumar
Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne
Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
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Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
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Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
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Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
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Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
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Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
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Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary-General of Parliament

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Mr. Tikiri K. Jayathilake, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Presentation of Papers : (1) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) Report on Financial Performance of the First Quarter of 2017 (Summary of the Total); and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka for the year 2015.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Manpower and Employment for the year 2014 moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to

(3) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) Performance and Accounts Report of the District Secretariat - Ratnapura for the year 2016;
- (ii) Performance Report and Accounts of the District Secretariat - Matara for the year 2016; and
- (iii) Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Anuradhapura for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to

(5) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Performance Report of the Department of Public Trustee for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to

(6) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Report of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Inland Revenue : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Mass Media presented,— That the Bill to provide for the imposition of Income Tax for any year of assessment commencing on or after April 1, 2017.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 18th July, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

3. Ceylon German Technical Training Institute : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training presented,— Bill to provide for the establishment of the Ceylon German Technical Training Institute; to specify the powers, duties and functions of the Institute; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 18th July, 2017 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

4. Business of Parliament : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved,— That this Parliament resolves that a division in Parliament during this session may also be taken using the Electronic Voting System subject to the Provisions of the Standing Orders of the Parliament Nos. 42, 43 and 44.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption : The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(At 2.33 p.m. Hon. Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.13 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.22 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Adjournment (Gaining Political Advantage through Environmental Hazards caused by Projects such as Uma Oya) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.18 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, July 06, 2017 pursuant to the Resolutions of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.