



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 184.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10.30 a. 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. 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. 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. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Minister of Sports

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

Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
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. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
Hon. Chandima Weerakkody, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
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. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
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. Kabir Hashim, Minister of Public Enterprise Development
Hon. P. Harrison, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence
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. 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. Dunesh Gankanda, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and
Wildlife

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policies and Economic
Affairs

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of
Buddhasasana

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Skills Development and
Vocational Training

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

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Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
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Hon. Mohamed Navavi
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Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Vijitha 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) Speaker presented the,—

The Second Instalment – Part XVII and Fourth Instalment – Part VIII, of the Report of the Auditor – General for the Financial Year 2011;

The First Instalment – Parts XV and XVI, Second Instalment – Parts XXII and XXIV, Third Instalment – Parts VII and VIII and Fourth Instalment – Part XI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2012;

The First Instalment – Part XVI and Fourth Instalment – Part XIII of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2013;

The First Instalment – Parts XIII and XIV and Fourth Instalment – Part XIII and Sixth instalment – Parts XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014; and

The First Instalment – Parts X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV and XV, Fourth Instalment – Part VII, Fifth instalment – Parts V and VI, Sixth instalment – Parts I and II and Eighth instalment – Part I of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of Sri Lanka National Freedom From Hunger Campaign Board for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie presented a petition dated 12.05.2017 from Mrs. A.M.P. Sebastiampillai of No. 23 B, 4/3, Vandervert Place, Dehiwala.
- (2) Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 17.07.2017 from Mr. Amara Malwaththa Peiris of No. 19, Keppetipola Road, Badulla; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 04.07.2017 from Mrs. B.W. Gnanawathie of Kotuwe Gedara, Ambadandegama, Bandarawela.
- (3) Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa presented a petition dated 03.07.2017 from Mr. K.L. Siripala of “Nilmini”, Kimbi Ela, Baddegama.
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna presented a petition dated 22.04.2017 from Mr. G.M. Devapriya Muhandiram of Pahala Madugasthenna, Malmaduwa Pahala, Malmaduwa.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 25A of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

3. Sittings of the Parliament (No.1): The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Sittings of the Parliament (No.2) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on August 04th Friday, 2017 and the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 12.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3) : The Leader of the House of Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Friday 04th August 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on Question (27th July, 2017),—

“That this Parliament resolves that the proclamation made by the President in the form of an order under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979 which was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/23 of 25th July 2017 throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 25th July 2017 declaring the services of any Public Corporation or Government Department or Local Authority or Co-operative Society or any branch thereof being a Department or Corporation or Local Authority or Co-operative Society, which is engaged in supply or distribution of fuel including petroleum products and gas and all services, work, labour of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with the discharge, carriage, landing, storage, delivery and removal of oil or fuel from vessels within any port as defined for the purposes of the Customs Ordinance, considering that those services are essential to life of the community and are likely to be impeded or interrupted, be approved. (Presented to the Parliament on 26th July 2017.)”

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Parliament adjourned accordingly at 11.45 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 4th August, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.