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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, September 21, 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. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and the
Chief Government Whip

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. 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. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan
Heritage

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

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha, 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 and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- 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. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
- Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- Hon. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- Hon. Niroshan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- 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. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
- Hon. Vasantha Senanayake**, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 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. (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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment

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

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management

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

Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs

Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

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

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

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekera

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

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
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
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Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda

Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheśwaran
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
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. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah

Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

Hon. Indika Anuruddha 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) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Performance Report of the Attorney General's Department for the year 2016;
- (ii) Performance Report of the Legal Draftsman's Department for the year 2016; and
- (iii) Performance Report of the Government Analyst's Department for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti-corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969;
- (ii) Order under Section 2 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No.11 of 1972;
- (iii) Performance Report of the Ministry of Special Assignments for the year 2016;
- (iv) Annual Reports and Accounts of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund for the years 2010 and 2011;
- (v) Annual Report of the State Mortgage and Investment Bank for the year 2014; and
- (vi) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Savings Bank for the year 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. Bandula Gunawardane presented a petition dated 12.07.2017 from Mr. M.I. Ashoka Jayarathna of No. 976, Kotte Road, Ethul Kotte.
- (2) Hon. Nihal Galappaththi presented a petition dated 20.06.2017 from Mr. R.M. Weerasekara of Panangegoda, Menama, Aranayaka.
- (3) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented a petition dated 28.07.2017 from Mr. Vipula Rathna Hettige of Hettigewatta, Kokmaduwa, Weligama.
- (4) Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor presented a petition dated 24.07.2017 from Mr. S.M.M.S. Moulana of Zonal Education Office, Kalmunei.

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

(At 10.51 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

4. Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (8th March 2017).

Question again proposed, and debate resumed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.19 p.m. Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake took the Chair.)

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

(At 4.19 p.m. Hon. Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.40 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Presiding Member took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 2 and substitute the following:-

“ (c) to promote the integration and maintain the equipoise of environmental,”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 22 in page 2:-

“ (i) the Secretary to the President;”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 20 in page 3 :-

“ Provided however, in the event a matter pertaining to any Provincial Council is taken up for discussion at any meeting of the Council, the member nominated by such Provincial Council shall have the power to participate at such meeting.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out line 25 in page 3 and substitute the following:-

“ science, economics, environmental science or social science and possess”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to insert the following immediately after line 32 in page 4:-

“ (3) The Council shall hold its meetings once in every three months in every year.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 9 were agreed to.

Clause 10

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out line 15 in page 7 and substitute the following:-

“, awareness and eradication of poverty;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out line 17 in page 7 and substitute the following:-

“ mechanisms, audit mechanisms and all other matters relating;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out line 30 in page 7 and substitute the following:-

“ donations made to the Council. Such written approval shall not impose any obligation or condition;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 30 in page 7 and substitute the following:-

“(m) to co-ordinate with the project approving agencies to achieve the seventeen sustainable development goals;”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment to leave out line 12 in page 8 and substitute the following:-

“ Development shall be in force until the end of year 2030.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to leave out line 14 in page 8 and substitute the following:-

“ Strategy on Sustainable Development to the President and the Minister. The Minister”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed another amendment to insert the following immediately after line 4 in page 9 :-

“ (8) The Minister shall co-ordinate with other project approving agencies for the purpose of implementing the National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development.”;

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 28 were agreed to.

General Amendments

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment :-

by the substitution for the word “Sustainable” wherever it appears in the Bill, of the word “Sustainable”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clauses as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Long Title

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment:-

Delete the word “Sustainable” wherever it appears in the long title and substitute the word “Sustainable”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Long Title as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Title

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana proposed an amendment:-

Delete the word “Sustainable” and substitute the word “Sustainable”.

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Title as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Enacting Clause

Question that the Enacting Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Minister of Buddhasasana moved,— That the Bill, as amended be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

5. Adjournment (Urge Government of Myanmar to find solutions to problems of Rohingya People) : 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 6.57 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 22nd September, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on 08th March, 2016.