



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 209.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, November 10, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

**Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan**, Deputy Chairman of Committees

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

**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. 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. 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. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

**Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs

**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. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management

**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. Niroschan 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. 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. 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. (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. Susantha Punchinilame**, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and Management
- Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**
- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**
- Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**
- Hon. Velu Kumar**
- Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**
- Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**
- Hon. Chandima Gamage**
- Hon. Piyasena Gamage**
- Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**  
**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**  
**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Mohamed Navavi**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Arundika Fernando**  
**Hon. S. Premarathna**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. S. M. Marikkar**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**

**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheeswaran**  
**Hon. Bimal Rathnayake**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**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. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. M. H. M. Salman**  
**Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**

**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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new member :** Hon. Ihala Medagama Gamage Piyasena, Member for Galle Electoral District, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the **Table**.

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) Speaker presented —

- (i) The Performance Report of the Finance Commission for the Second quarter (01.04.2017-30.06.2017) and Third quarter (01.07.2017-30.09.2017) of 2017 in terms of Articles **41B (6)** of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) The Report of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for the First quarter of 2017 (01.01.2017 - 31.03.2017) in terms of Article **41B (6)** of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Army for the year 2016; and
- (ii) Annual Performance Report of the Sri Lanka Air Force for the year 2016.

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Excise Department of Sri Lanka for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Manpower and Employment for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Home Affairs presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the District Secretariat - Badulla 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.

(7) The Minister of Rural Economic Affairs presented the Annual Report of Milco (Pvt) Ltd. for the year 2014 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to

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

- (i) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation for the year 2012;
- (ii) Annual Reports of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board for the year 2012.

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

**4. Petitions :**

- (1) Hon. Lucky Jayawardana presented a petition dated 09.09.2017 from Mr. A.L.M. Jawufer of No 88, Pethiyagoda, Gelioya.
- (2) Hon. Buddhika Pathirana presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 18.09.2017 from Mr. E.K.D. Duminda of No. 330/L/03, National Flats, Lesli Ranagala Mawatha, Borella Colombo - 08; and

- (ii) a petition dated 27.07.2017 from Mr. R.A. Chaminda of No. 30, Jawana, Delgamuwa, Kuruwita.

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

**5. Leave to introduce Bill :** Hon. M.S. Thowfeek seconded by Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri moved,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the J. Sri Ranga Foundation.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Bill stood referred under Standing Order No. 47(5) of the Parliament to the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage for Report.

**6. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (First Allotted Day) :** Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question (09<sup>th</sup> November 2017).

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed, and debate resumed.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

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

The Minister of Sports moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.00 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife moved,—That Hon. Bimal Ratnayake do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.57 p.m. Hon. Bimal Ratnayake took the Chair.)

(At 5.29 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Lands moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardena do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.56 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.44 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

And it being 7.00 p.m. debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Saturday, November 11, 2017.



**7. Adjournment (Cadre Shortage in Health Sector of Northern Province) :**

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 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.