



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 212.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

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

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

- Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- 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. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- 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. 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. 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 Siyambalapatiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- 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. 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. 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. Palitha Range Bandara**, State Minister of Irrigation
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- 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. 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
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- 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. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment
- 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. Indika Bandaranayake**, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction
- Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka**, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure
- Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage**, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping Affairs
- Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and
Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. Nimal Lanza**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

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. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Siripala Gamalath

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah

Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
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. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Arundika Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
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. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijsekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijsekera
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
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Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
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 Reports from Committees : Hon. Chandima Gamage, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the Sub – Committee on Power and Renewable Energy of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy on “Long Term Power Generation Expansion Plan 2018-2037”.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

2. Petitions:

- (1) Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.08.2017 from Mr. L.A. Nishantha of No. 56, Malgampura, Seenimodara, Nakulugamuwa; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Mr. W.G.G.I. Galapaththi of No. 462/A, Gangasiripura, Debarawewa, Thissamaharama.
- (2) Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle presented a petition dated 07.09.2017 from Mr. Sirisinghe Amarathunga of No. 239/1, Wewagedara, Divulapitiya.
- (3) Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 23.09.2017 from Mr. D.M.S.B Dissanayake of No. 157/01, Metihakka, Matale;
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.08.2017 from Mr. G.G. Rathnayake of No. 128/1, Ihala Erawula, Dambulla;
 - (iii) a petition dated 21.08.2017 from Mrs. G.W. Nalika Dhammadinada de Silva of No. 38, Pansala Road, Warakakandawatta, Ukuwela;
 - (iv) a petition dated 08.08.2017 from Mr. J.A. Samantha Kumara of Upatissa Mawatha, Kandalama Wam Ela, Dambulla;
 - (v) a petition dated 05.09.2017 from Ms. K.B.A Nilmini Suraweera of Ulpatha Road, Pallegama, Dambulla;
 - (vi) a petition dated 14.09.2017 from Mr. K.M.P.P Rambanda Nawarathne of No. 136, Haththota amuna, Matale; and
 - (vii) a petition dated 02.09.2017 from Mrs. R.W.D.J.K. Gunathilaka of No. 163, Yatigalpoththa, Galewela.
- (4) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 05.12.2016 from Mr. N. Wijerathne of No. 721B/6, Udaya Mawatha, Gonawala, Kelaniya; and
 - (ii) a petition dated 12.09.2017 from Mr. Ranoj Deerarathne of No. 90/2, Nagoda Road, Kaluthara.

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

3. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Fourth Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming Adjourned debate on question (09th November 2017).

“ That the Bill be now read a second time”

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

(At 11.00 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Plantation Industries moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.01 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.06 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

Hon. Edward Gunasekara seconded by Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.21 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri seconded by Hon. Ashoka Priyantha moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.59 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put, and agreed to.

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

4. Adjournment (Statement Made by Lord Naseby on War Crimes in Sri Lanka) : 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 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 20th October, 2017.