



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

No. 222.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

### PRESENT :

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

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

**Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara**, Minister of Sports

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

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

**Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management

**Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development

**Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational  
Training

**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. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Public Enterprise  
Development

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

**Hon. Niroschan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

**Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance

**Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade

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

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

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

**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and  
Kandyan Heritage

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**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. D. V. Chanaka**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**

**Hon. Premalal Jayasekara**

**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Namal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. A. A. Wijethunga**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shriritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**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 Deputy Speaker took the Chair.**

**1. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation presented the Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations for the year 2016 and 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 Annual Report of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

**2. Presentation of Reports from Committees :** (1) Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations presented the Report of the said Committee on "Regulations under Section 2 of the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968" which were referred to the said Committee.

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

(2) Hon. (Dr.) Mrs. Thusitha Wijemanna, the Chairperson of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs for the year 2016; and
- (ii) the Annual Report of the National Child Protection Authority 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. Premalal Jayasekara presented a petition dated 16.08.2017 from Ms. S.M.S Pushpakumari of Siyane National College of Education, Veyangoda.
- (2) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti presented a petition dated 20.09.2017 from Ms. Darshani W. Kumbalathara of No.340, Waragodawatta, Kelaniya.

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

**4. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— Bill to provide for the investigation and imposition of Anti-Dumping Duties and Countervailing Duties with regard to products imported into Sri Lanka and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, December 04, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**5. Safeguard Measures :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce moved,— Bill to provide for the conduct of Investigations and the Application of Safeguard Measures on products imported into Sri Lanka; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, December 04, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**6. Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development moved,— Bill to amend the Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) Act, No. 59 of 1979.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Monday, December 04, 2017 and to be printed and be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

**7. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Fourteenth Allotted Day) :** Considered further in the Committee .

*(In the Committee)*

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Head 112

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera took the Chair.)

(At 3.22 p.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 4.15 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

(At 6.01 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 141,550,000 for Head 112, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 17,800,000 for Head 112, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,815,400,000 for Head 112, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 803,800,000 for Head 112, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 114

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 271,100,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,300,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 606,000,000 for Head 114, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 9,580,000,000 for Head 114, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 306

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,368,037,000 for Head 306, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 13,349,700,000 for Head 306, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 307

## Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,891,600,000 for Head 307, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,057,000,000 for Head 307, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Head 148

## Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 129,625,000 for Head 148, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

## Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 1,060,100,000 for Head 148, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 280

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 90,920,000 for Head 280, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 11,700,000 for Head 280, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Whereupon the Minister of Higher Education and Highways proposed that the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question put, and agreed to.

Committee report progress; to sit again on Monday, November 27, 2017.

**8. Annual Report and Accounts of the Employees' Trust Fund - 2014 :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Development Assignments and Minister of Foreign Affairs moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Employees' Trust Fund together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 12.11.2016 under Section 11 of the Employees' Trust Fund Board Act, No. 46 of 1980, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**9. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission - 2013:** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**10. Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board - 2012:** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**11. Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission - 2014:** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**12. Annual Report and Accounts of Civil Aviation Authority - 2014:** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Civil Aviation Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 05.12.2016 under Section 14(2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

**13. Annual Report and Accounts of National Transport Medical Institute - 2013 :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of National Transport Medical Institute together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.47 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.