



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 224.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9.30 a. m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and 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. 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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture

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. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child 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. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media
- Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister 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. 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. Dilan Perera**, State Minister of Highways
- 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. 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. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- 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. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

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. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping 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. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. D. V. Chanaka
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
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Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
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. Johnston Fernando
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. S. Premarathna
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
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. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarithiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. H. M. Salman
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

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 Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication presented the Report of the said Committee on,

- (i) Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971;
- (ii) Regulations under the Section 10 of the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972;
- (iii) Annual Report of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited for the year 2015;
- (iv) Annual Report of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. for the Year 2014/2015; and
- (v) Annual Report of the National Transport Medical Institute for the year 2014

Which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

(2) Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services presented the Report of the said Committee on Annual Reports of the National Paper Company Limited for the years 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

2. Petitions :

(1) Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala presented —

- (i) a petition dated 25.09.2017 from Mr. T.G.J.K. Ambatenna of No. 155, “Isurusiri Uyana”, Hidagolla; and
- (ii) a petition dated 10.08.2017 from Mr. U. Lalith Wijethunga of No. 66/44/1/1, Mirihana Road, Nugegoda.

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

3. Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Sixteenth Allotted Day) : Considered further in the Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Speaker took the Chair.

Head 106

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama proposed that the Programme be reduced by Rs. 10/-.

(At 11.06 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

(At 11.46 a.m. Hon. Kanaka Herath took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 2.10 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

(At 3.44 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 5.04 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

(At 6.04 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardena took the Chair.)

(At 6.51 p.m. the Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and negatived.

Question that the sum of Rs. 141,250,000 for Head 106, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 555,500,000 for Head 106, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 529,050,000 for Head 106, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 4,157,500,000 for Head 106, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 304

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 272,400,000 for Head 304, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 155,000,000 for Head 304, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 176

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 233,280,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 15,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,300,000,000 for Head 176, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 193

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 128,030,000 for Head 193, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 251,270,000 for Head 193, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 130,121,000 for Head 193, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 516,810,000 for Head 193, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 221

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 885,510,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 2,120,400,000 for Head 221, Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 728,590,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 90,600,000 for Head 221, Programme 02 (Capital Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Head 328

Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 348,950,000 for Head 328, Programme 01 (Recurrent Expenditure), be inserted in the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Programme 01 (Capital Expenditure)

Question that the sum of Rs. 31,100,000 for Head 328, Programme 01 (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 Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

4. Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1987/19 of 04th October 2016 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2018/3 published on 08th May 2017, which were presented on 17.10.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Regulations under the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 10 of the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972 relating to Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators (Structure of Charges) Regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2041/10 of 17th October 2017, which were presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

6. Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. - 2012/2013: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.03.2013 and presented on 28.01.2016 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. - 2013/2014: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.03.2014 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority - 2012: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 08.10.2015 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

9. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority - 2013: The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.06.2016 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

10. Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority - 2014 : The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 12.11.2016 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

11. Adjournment (Compensation for Lands Acquired for Access Road of Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question Proposed and debated.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 7.12 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.24 p.m. adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday November 29, 2017 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 15th November, 2017.