



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 239.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1.00 p.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. 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. S. B. Nawinne, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction

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

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, State Minister of Lands

Hon. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

- 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. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance
Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama, State Minister of Provincial Councils and Local
Government
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. 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. Manusha Nanayakkara, Deputy Minister of Foreign Employment
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame, Deputy Minister of Public Administration and
Management
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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
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. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. Piyanakara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Sirinal de Mel
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
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. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. S. Viyalanderan
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavaroatham Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
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 Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented the —

- (i) The Sixth Instalment – Part XXV of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2014;
- (ii) The Fourth Instalment – Part XI, Fifth Instalment – Part IX, Sixth Instalment – Parts XVI and XVII and , Eighth Instalment – Parts IV and V of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; and
- (iii) The First Instalment – Parts VIII, IX, X and XI, Third Instalment – Part VI, Fourth Instalment – Parts II and III, Fifth Instalment – Parts I, II, III, IV, V and VI, Sixth Instalment – Parts I and II, Eighth Instalment – Part II and Tenth Instalment– Parts I and II of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016;

in terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Higher Education and Highways presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for the year 2014;
- (ii) Annual Reports and Annual Accounts of the Postgraduate Institute of English of Open University of Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources Development.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Thripasha Limited for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the Mantai Salt Limited for the year 2012/2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Business and Commerce.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report and Annual Accounts of the Department of Commerce for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the National Film Corporation for the years 2013 and 2014 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Kanthale Sugar Industries Ltd for the year 2015 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented—

- (i) Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice, under Section 7 of the Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/27 of 28th November 2017; and
- (ii) Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, under Section 61 read with Section 60 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2050/34 of 21st December 2017.

and moved that these Rules and Regulations Report 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 : Hon. K. K. Piyadasa, Member of the Committee on behalf of Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on—

- (i) Securities Exchange Bill;
- (ii) Annual Report of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka for the year 2016;
- (iii) Order under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979; and
- (iv) Annual Reports of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board for the years 2013 and 2014

which were referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the said Report do lie upon the Table.

3. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie presented a petition dated 20.11.2017 from Mr. S. H. M. Rahumatulla of No. A. H. S. R. 8/B, Majid Pura, Malwatta, Samanthurai.
- (2) Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara presented a petition dated 17.11.2017 from Mr. M.A Senanayake of No. 288/2, Colombo Road, Galle.
- (3) Hon. Gamini Lokuge presented —
 - (i) a petition dated 16.10.2017 from Mr. K.A.H.K Perera of No. 224/2, Dummalamahara, Bokundara, Piliyandala; and

- (ii) a petition dated 18.09.2017 from Mr. Wijyantha Niranjan Perera Liyanage of No. 305 A, Udumulla, Mulleriyawa New Town.
- (4) Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma presented a petition dated 12.09.2017 from Mr. M.K.W. Wickramarathne of No. 6/10, First Lane, Old Road, Maharagama.

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

4. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Reports of Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and Inquire into the Issuance of Treasury Bonds and Presidential Commission on Serious Acts of Fraud, Corruption and Abuse of Power, State Resources and Privileges) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 1.38 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday February 21, 2018.