



*(Eighth Parliament - First Session)*

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## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10.30 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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**His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena**, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence, Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

**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. 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. 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. 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. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Development Assignments and Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- 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. 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
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- 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. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene**, State Minister of Defence
- 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. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management  
**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. 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. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports

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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**  
**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**  
**Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala**  
**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**  
**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**  
**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**  
**Hon. Velu Kumar**  
**Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne**  
**Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**  
**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**  
**Hon. Chandima Gamage**  
**Hon. Siripala Gamalath**  
**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**  
**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**  
**Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**  
**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**  
**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**  
**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**  
**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. M. S. Thowfeek**  
**Hon. Sirinal de Mel**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Salinda Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharroof**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe**  
**Hon. Ishak Rahuman**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**  
**Hon. Nimal Lanza**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi**  
**Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**

**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe**  
**Hon. Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan**  
**Hon. Muthu Sivalingam**  
**Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi**  
**Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran**  
**Hon. Vadivel Suresh**  
**Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah**  
**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 :** The Speaker presented the Tenth instalment – Special Audit Reports – Part VI of the Report of the Auditor-General, 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/32 of 09<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (ii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/32 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (iii) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/33 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017;

- (iv) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2046/14 of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017; and
- (v) Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2047/25 of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

and moved that these Orders be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Shrama Vasana Fund 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.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Lanka Sathosa Ltd for the years 2005/2006 and 2007 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Manufacturing and Services.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Thurusaviya Fund 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.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

## 2. Petitions :

- (1) Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale presented a petition dated 20.11.2017 from Mr. A.K. Senarath Kumara Ranasinghe of Open Prison, Kadurugasara, Thungkama, Embilipitiya.
- (2) Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi presented a petition dated 31.08.2017 from Mr. Suwada Hennadige Ariyadasa of Bodhiya Gedara, Sumeda Mawatha, Diya Ela, Nakulugamuwa.
- (3) Hon. Susantha Punchinilame presented —
  - (i) a petition dated 29.11.2017 from Ms. M. Rupa Violet Sisiliya Silva of No. 40/B, Munghenea Road, Maggona;
  - (ii) a petition dated 07.12.2017 from Mr. Soranalingam Sudanandan of No. 265, Old Kalmune Road, Nawatikuda, Batticaloa;
  - (iii) a petition dated 13.12.2017 from Mr. Velupillai Vishwanathan of Division No. 02, Nilaweli, Trincomalee;

- (iv) a petition dated 20.11.2017 from Mr. W. A Lalith Kumara of Zonal Office, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Trincomalee; and
  - (v) a petition dated 13.12.2017 from Mr. W.G. Lakshman Gunarathna of No. 82, Govijana Sewa Road, Thalathuoya.
- (4) Hon. Dunesh Gankanda presented a petition dated 12.10.2017 from Mr. E.M.W. Gunathilaka of Damme Road, Palawela, Rathnapura.
- (5) Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana presented a petition dated 04.12.2017 from Mr. Vijaya Gunawardhana of No. 36, Suramyia Mawatha, Wattegedara Road, Maharagama.
- (6) Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne presented a petition dated 16.10.2017 from Mr. H.D. Sumith Nandana Jayasekara of No. 43 A, Nawuththuduwa, Mathugama.
- (7) Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana presented —
- (i) a petition dated 10.07.2017 from Mr. Manoj Nuwan Kumara Maitipe of No. 245/19, Udumulla Watta, Second Lane, Maitipe, Galle; and
  - (ii) a petition dated 03.08.2017 from N.P.K. Illeperuma serving in Sri Lanka Institute of Higher Technology Education, Siridhamma Mawatha, Labuduwa, Galle.

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

**3. Votes of Condolence :** The Minister of Higher Education and Highways moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. (Prof.) W.A. Wiswa Warnapala, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. (Prof.) W.A. Wiswa Warnapala, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

**4. Votes of Condolence :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved the Votes of Condolence on the late Hon. Aelian M. Nanayakkara, ex-Member of Parliament.

The Speaker announced that he associated with the sentiments expressed by both sides of Parliament on the death of Hon. Aelian M. Nanayakkara, ex-Member of Parliament and ordered the Secretary General of Parliament to send copies of the Official Report (Hansard) of the relevant Meeting to the members of the bereaved family.

**5. Sittings of the Parliament:** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 06, 2018.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. Adjournment :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 2.51 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 06, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of this day.