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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

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. 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 Public Enterprise and Kandy Development 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. 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 Buddhasasana

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

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Minister of Public Administration and Management and Minister of Law and Order

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife

Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. Abdul Haleem, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs

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. Piyasena Gamage, State Minister of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero, State Minister of Higher Education

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, State Minister of Finance

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

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

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Finance and Mass Media

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

- Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha**, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana
- 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. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage
- Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen**, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

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- Hon. Hector Appuhamy**
- Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana**
- Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**
- Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena**
- Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**
- Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage**
- Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**
- Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**
- Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**
- Hon. Velu Kumar**
- Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran**
- Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**
- Hon. Chandima Gamage**
- Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**
- Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**
- Hon. Dinesh Gunawardana**
- Hon. Bandula Gunawardane**
- Hon. Edward Gunasekara**
- Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**
- Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

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Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
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. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran
Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
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Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
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Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
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Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
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Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

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 Papers : (1) The Speaker presented the First Instalment – Parts XII and XIII, Sixth Instalment – Parts VIII, IX and XIV and Tenth Instalment – Part VI 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 Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Transport Board for the year 2013 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Meteorology for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency for the year 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Sustainable Development and Environment and Natural Resources.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Presentation of Reports from Committees : (1) Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises presented the Fifth Report (From 01.03.2017 to 30.06.2017) of the said Committee for the First Session of the Eighth Parliament.

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

(2) Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri, the Chariman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development presented the Report of the said Committee on “Active Liability Management Bill” which was referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be now read a second time.

(At 2.19 p.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,—That Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.25 p.m. Hon. J.M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Committee on Friday, March 23, 2018.

4. Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/56 of 17th November 2017, which were presented on 19.02.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Tender for Supply of Food to Tri-forces) : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development moved,—That Hon. Velu Kumar do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.01 p.m. Hon. Velu Kumar took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 5.50 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.