



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 252.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, April 05, 2018 at 10.30 a.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 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. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

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

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Hon. Tilak Marapana, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development

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

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

- Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- 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 Higher Education and Highways
- Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
- Hon. Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka**, Minister of Regional Development
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- Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. Ajith P. Perera**, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
- Hon. Nirosan Perera**, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- Hon. A. D. Premadasa**, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs
- Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs
- Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan**, State Minister of Education
- Hon. Eran Wickramaratne**, State Minister of Finance
- Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe**, State Minister of International Trade
- Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne**, State Minister of Science, Technology and Research
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- 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. 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. H. M. M. Harees**, Deputy Minister of Sports
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Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeysekara
Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Nihal Galappaththi
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane
Hon. Edward Gunasekara
Hon. Sisira Jayakody
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thuraiatretnasingam
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi

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 Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Note on Supplementary Allocations from the Supplementary Support Services and Contingent Liabilities Project appearing under Expenditure Head No. 240 of the Department of National Budget for the period from 22.01.2018 to 28.02.2018 under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2017 and moved that this Note on Supplementary Allocations be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(2) The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 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.

(3) The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (anti - corruption) and Media.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the National Research Council 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.

(5) The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Performance Report of the Rubber Development Department 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 Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council for the year 2016 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development presented the —

- (i) Annual Report of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management for the year 2015; and
- (ii) Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2015

and moved that these Reports 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. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe on behalf of Hon. Chandima Gamage, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Energy presented the Report of the said Committee on,—

- (i) Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2014; and
- (ii) Performance Report of Ministry of Petroleum Resources Development for the year 2016

which were referred to the said Committee.

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

3. Petitions :

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara presented—

- (i) a petition dated 28.06.2017 from Mr. R.M. Sarathchandra Kumara of Tengal Pitiya, Medagama, Bibila; and
- (ii) a petition dated 26.01.2017 from Mr. W. Chandana Indrajith Perera of No. 10, Water Supply Place, Ampara.

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

4. National Defence Fund (Amendment) : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs presented the Bill to amend the National Defence Fund Act, No. 9 of 1985.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday April 19, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

5. Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government presented the Bill to amend the Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No. 15 of 1987.

The Bill was ordered to be read a second time on Thursday April 19, 2018 and to be printed and to be referred to the relevant Sectoral Oversight Committee.

6. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1) : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 14 and 30 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/6 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(At 11.04 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

7. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2) : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 143 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

8. Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.3) : The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development on behalf of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation moved,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 215A of the aforesaid Act relating to spot fine Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/9 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

Question put, and agreed to.

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

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 12.30 p.m. adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Friday April 06, 2018 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament of 08th March, 2016.