



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 1.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Tuesday, May 08, 2018 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson of Committees

His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Minister of Defence and Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms

Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Chief Government Whip

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development and Leader of the House of Parliament

Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries

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. Duminda Dissanayake, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management

Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

- Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development
- Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Buddhasasana
- Hon. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment
- Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara**, Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order
- Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- Hon. Tilak Marapana**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha**, Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports
- Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka**, Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development
- Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs
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- Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapatiya**, Minister of Power and Renewable Energy
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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 the Proclamation of His Excellency the President of 26th April, 2018. His Excellency's Procession having entered the Chamber of Parliament, His Excellency took the Chair at 2.21 p.m. in terms of Article 33(2)(b) of the Constitution.

1. The Secretary-General of Parliament read the following Proclamations of His Excellency the President by which Parliament was prorogued and the meeting was summoned :—

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Proclamations & c., by the President

PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA.

KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President, do by this Proclamation, prorogue Parliament with effect from the midnight of the Twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen and fix the Eighth day of May, Two Thousand Eighteen, as the date for commencement of the next session of Parliament.

Given at Colombo on this Twelfth day of April, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

By His Excellency's command,

AUSTIN FERNANDO,
Secretary to the President.



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PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

KNOWYE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70(4) of the Chapter XI of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President, do by this Proclamation summon Parliament to meet at the Parliament Hall, Sri Jayawardanapura, on the Eighth day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen at 02.15 p.m.

Given at Colombo on this Twenty Third day of April, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

By Order of His Excellency,

AUSTIN FERNANDO,
 Secretary to the President.



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PROCLAMATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Notice of Correction

THE Proclamation issued by *Gazette Extraordinary* Notification No. 2068/1 dated 23rd April, 2018 by virtue of the powers vested in HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT by Article 70 of Chapter XI of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, *i.e.*, "KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70(4) of the Chapter XI of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA, President, do by this Proclamation summon Parliament to meet at the Parliament Hall, Sri Jayewardenepura, on the Eighth day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen at 02.15 p.m." should be corrected to read as : "KNOW YE that by virtue of the powers vested in me by Article 70 of the Chapter XI of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA, President, do by this Proclamation summon Parliament to meet at the Chamber of the Parliament, Sri Jayewardenepura, on the Eighth day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen at 02.15 p.m."

AUSTIN FERNANDO,
Secretary to the President.

Presidential Secretariat,
Colombo 01,
April 26th, 2018.



2. Address by His Excellency the President : His Excellency the President addressed Parliament in terms of Article 33(2)(a) of the Constitution.

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

Question put, and agreed to.

The Parliament was at 3.05 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 09, 2018.