



(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 3.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairperson 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. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Agriculture

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

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

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Buddhasasana

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

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

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

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

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations

Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Ports and Shipping

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

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

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare, State Minister of Agriculture

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

Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake, State Minister of Mahaweli Development

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, State Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Plantation Industries

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. 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. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage, Deputy Minister of Petroleum Resources
Development

Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology,
Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana, Deputy Minister of National Integration,
Reconciliation and Official Languages

Hon. Muthu Sivalingam, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare & Primary Industries

Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City
Development

Hon. Hector Appuhamy

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

Hon. Kaveendiran Kodeeswaran

Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera

Hon. Chandima Gamage

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. D. V. Chanaka

Hon. Malith Jayathilake
Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa
Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne
Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon
Hon. M. S. Thowfeek
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Mohamed Navavi
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
Hon. S. M. Marikkar
Hon. K. Kader Masthan
Hon. Imran Maharoof
Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
Hon. A. A. Wijethunga
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. S. Shritharan
Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan
Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa
Hon. Rajavarothingam Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament
Hon. E. Saravanapavan
Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan
Hon. Annamalai Nadesu Sivasakthi
Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
Hon. Vadivel Suresh
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
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. Committee on Parliamentary Business : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 115 of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall consist of the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the House of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip and fifteen (15) other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Sittings of the Parliament : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 8(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.

3. Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 102, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report on the possibility of enabling Sri Lankans employed overseas to exercise their franchise in future elections and matters incidental thereto appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 17th November 2016, an extension of time till 20th November 2018 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the motion agreed to by the Parliament on 06th April 2016.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That in terms of Standing Order No. 102 of Parliament, this Parliament do grant the Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the expenses incurred by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the purchasing of the Office for the Sri Lankan Embassy in Brazil and the Office for the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, New York, USA, separately in respect of each premises appointed by the Hon. Speaker, on 23rd May 2017, an extension of time till 05th December, 2018 as the Committee is unable to report its findings to Parliament within the time limit granted by the Motion agreed to by Parliament on 09th February 2017.

Question put, and agreed to.

5. Adjournment (Address to Parliament by His Excellency the President Opening the Second Session of Eighth Parliament) : The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed, and debated.

(At 12.09 a .m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

The Minister of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 12.39 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,—That Hon. Shehan Semasinghe do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.40 p.m. Hon. Shehan Semasinghe took the Chair.)

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne seconded by Hon. K.K. Piyadasa moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.58 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The State Minister of Defence moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.31 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Ports and Shipping moved,—That Hon. Edward Gunasekara do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 4.20 p.m. Hon. Edward Gunasekara took the Chair.)

Hon. A. A. Wijethunga seconded by Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.10 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the Parliament was at 6.30 p.m. adjourned by the Presiding Member without question put.

Parliament adjourned accordingly, until 10.30 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018.