



*(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)*

No. 12.]

## MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Friday, June 08, 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

### PRESENT :

**Hon. Karu Jayasuriya**, Speaker

**Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri**, Deputy Speaker and the Chair of Committees

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

**Hon. Palany Thigambaram**, Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development

**Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs & Wayamba Development

**Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce

**Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs

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

**Hon. Mangala Samaraweera**, Minister of Finance and Mass Media

**Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine

**Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Social Empowerment

**Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare**, State Minister of Agriculture

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

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

**Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran**, State Minister of Child Affairs

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama**, State Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports

**Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi**, State Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs

**Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie**, State Minister of National Unity and Co-existence

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

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

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

**Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake**, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment

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

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**Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**

**Hon. Dilum Amunugama**

**Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma**

**Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare**

**Hon. (Dr.) S. M. Mohamed Ismail**

**Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**

**Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar**

**Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera**

**Hon. Chandima Gamage**

**Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila**

**Hon. Nihal Galappaththi**

**Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena**

**Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardane**

**Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera**

**Hon. S. M. Chandrasena**

**Hon. Sisira Jayakody**

**Hon. Malith Jayathilake**

**Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa**

**Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha**

**Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne**

**Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne**

**Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**

**Hon. Lucky Jayawardana**

**Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena**

**Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah**  
**Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam**  
**Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon**  
**Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa**  
**Hon. Anura Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka**  
**Hon. S. B. Dissanayake**  
**Hon. Douglas Devananda**  
**Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara**  
**Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan**  
**Hon. Buddhika Pathirana**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana**  
**Hon. K. K. Piyadasa**  
**Hon. Susantha Punchinilame**  
**Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle**  
**Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha**  
**Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda**  
**Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya**  
**Hon. Vijitha Berugoda**  
**Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor**  
**Hon. K. Kader Masthan**  
**Hon. Imran Maharooof**  
**Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff**  
**Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma**  
**Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe**  
**Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana**  
**Hon. Seeniththamby Yoheswaran**  
**Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero**  
**Hon. C. B. Rathnayake**  
**Hon. Lohan Ratwatte**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga**  
**Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera**  
**Hon. Mujibur Rahuman**  
**Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa**  
**Hon. Angajan Ramanathan**

**Hon. Gamini Lokuge**  
**Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne**  
**Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna**  
**Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri**  
**Hon. Duleep Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera**  
**Hon. Heshan Withanage**  
**Hon. S. Viyalanderan**  
**Hon. Kumara Welgama**  
**Hon. S. Shritharan**  
**Hon. Gnanamuthu Srineshan**  
**Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa**  
**Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera**  
**Hon. E. Saravanapavan**  
**Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala**  
**Hon. Shehan Semasinghe**  
**Hon. Sunil Handunnetti**  
**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. Official Oath or Affirmation by new Members :** Hon. Seeni Mohamed Mohamed Ismail, Member of Parliament made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law and signed the Book at the Table.

**2. Presentation of Papers :** (1) The Speaker presented —

- (i) The First Instalment – Part XXVII, Fifth instalment – Part VIII and Sixth Instalment – Parts XV, XVIII and XXI of the Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015; and
- (ii) The First Instalment – Part XIX, Fourth Instalment – Part IV and Sixth Instalment – Part IV 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 Reports do lie upon the Table and to be printed.

(2) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Prime Minister's Office for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(3) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(4) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Department of Public Finance for the year 2017 moved that this Report be referred to the Committee on Public Finance.

Question put, and agreed to.

(5) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance and Financial Report of the District Secretariat - Colombo for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(6) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Reports of the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka for the years 2014 and 2015 and moved that these Reports be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands.

Question put, and agreed to.

(7) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Report of the Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka 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.

(8) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of National Museum for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(9) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Office of the Chief Government Whip of Parliament for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Internal Administration and Public Management.

Question put, and agreed to.

(10) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Employment for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on International Relations.

Question put, and agreed to.

(11) The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms presented the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Sports Development for the year 2017 and moved that this Report be referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage.

Question put, and agreed to.

### **3. Petitions :**

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga presented —

- (i) a petition dated 17.02.2018 from Mr. D.M.A. Ranatunga of No. 442/C, Mahawatte, Negambo Road, Divulapitiya; and
- (ii) a petition dated 28.03.2018 from Mr. G. L. R. Mendis of No. 94/C/1, Thammita, Makawita.

The Petitions stood referred under Standing Order No. 30 (10) of the Parliament, to the Committee on Public Petitions.

**4. General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (Special Provisions) :** The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs presented the Bill to lay down the national policy relating to the absorption of students registered with the South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine to the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University established under the Sri John Kotelawala Defence University Act, No.68 of 1981 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

**5. Business of the Parliament :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That the Government Business shall have precedence this day.

Question put, and agreed to.

**6. National Defence Fund (Amendment) Bill :** Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs 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 10.30 a.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development moved,—That Hon. Mujibur Rahuman do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 1.45 p.m. Hon. Mujibur Rahuman took the Chair.)

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development moved,—That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 2.45 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

(At 4.17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

*(In the Committee)*

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Clause 4

Hon. Malith Jayathilake, the Chairman of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Security proposed an amendment to leave out line 6 in page 2 and substitute the following :—

“word ‘Defence’.”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs moved,— That the Bill as amended, be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended accordingly read the third time and passed.

**7. Adjournment (Formulations of Methodology for Regulation of Rural Banks) :** The Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms moved,— That this Parliament do now adjourn.

Question proposed and debated.

The Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs moved,—That Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 6.27 p.m. Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath took the Chair.)

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 7.09 p.m. adjourned until 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.