



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Thirty-first Day of July, 2020

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

All Honourable Members were present.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 30 July 2020 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members to the sitting of Parliament and all those watching the live broadcast and the live streaming of the proceedings.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CONSEQUENTIAL BILLS

The Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications, pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Friday, 17 July

2020, moved that the following consequential Bills be debated, voted upon and be passed –

1. Tax Administration (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
2. Income Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
3. Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
4. Stamp Duties (Repeal) Bill 2020;
5. Service Turnover Tax (Repeal) Bill 2020;
6. Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
7. Airport Departure Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
8. Customs (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
9. Customs Tariff (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
10. Excise (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
11. Reserve Bank of Fiji (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
12. Accident Compensation (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020; and
13. Local Government (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Motion agreed to.

The following Bills –

1. Tax Administration (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
2. Income Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
3. Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
4. Stamp Duties (Repeal) Bill 2020;
5. Service Turnover Tax (Repeal) Bill 2020;
6. Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
7. Airport Departure Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
8. Customs (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
9. Customs Tariff (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
10. Excise (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
11. Reserve Bank of Fiji (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020;
12. Accident Compensation (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020; and
13. Local Government (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020,

were enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

7. TELECOMMUNICATIONS (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

The Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament

passed on Wednesday, 29 July 2020, that the Telecommunications (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020 be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications Act 2008 (Bill No. 27 of 2020), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

8. FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

The Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament passed on Wednesday, 29 July 2020, that the Fiji National Provident Fund (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020 be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Fiji National Provident Fund Act 2011 (Bill No. 28 of 2020), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

9. BUSINESS LICENSING (REPEAL) BILL 2020

The Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament passed on Wednesday, 29 July 2020, that the Business Licensing (Repeal) Bill 2020 be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Business Licensing Act 1976 (Bill No. 29 of 2020), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

10. FIJIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

The Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament passed on Thursday, 30 July 2020, that the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020 be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 (Bill No. 30 of 2020), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

11. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

The following reports were tabled in Parliament and pursuant to Standing Order 38(2), the Hon. Speaker referred the reports to the following Standing Committees of Parliament –

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

1. Third Quarter Appropriation Statement for the period 1st February 2020 to 30th April 2020; and
2. Office of the Auditor-General report on the Performance Audit on the Administrative and Management of the Bus Fare Assistance through E-Ticketing for the School Children, Disabled and the Elderly.

Standing Committee on Economic Affairs

1. Fiji Development Bank 2019 Annual Report;
2. Investment Fiji 2017-2018 Annual Report; and
3. Investment Fiji 2018-2019 Annual Report.

Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights

1. Fiji Corrections Services 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs

1. Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport 2015 Annual Report;
2. Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport 2016-2017 Annual Report; and
3. Consumer Council of Fiji 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Standing Committee on Natural Resources

1. Department of Forestry 2014 Annual Report; and
2. Department of Forestry 2015 Annual Report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu, moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 31 August 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions to the week's sitting and congratulated the Members for passing the 2020–2021 National Budget.

Hon. Speaker reiterated the advisory from the Ministry of Health with respect to the life-saving measures and protocols that are in place nationwide and urged all Honourable Members and all those watching the live proceedings to adhere to the measures and protocols.

Hon. Speaker adjourned Parliament until Monday, 31 August 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.10 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

31st July, 2020.