



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Monday, Twenty-Sixth Day of July, 2021

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 except for the Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu.

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 Friday, 16 July 2021 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 and all those watching the live broadcast and the live streaming of the proceedings.

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members of the decision of the Business Committee –

- (a) the Shadow Minister for Economy in delivering the response to the Budget Address will speak for the same time as the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy;
- (b) exempt the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy from the ordinary speaking time limitations during his right of reply to the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill;
- (c) the Parliament will sit for extended hours and into the late nights;
- (d) limited breaks including lunch at the discretion of the Speaker; and
- (e) in the event, business for any given day is concluded earlier, that business be brought forward accordingly.

Hon. Speaker also informed the Honourable Members of the vacancy of seat in Parliament with respect to Hon. Niko Nawaikula.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that there were no Bills for consideration.

## 7. SECOND READING OF THE 2021–2022 APPROPRIATION BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 7 OF 2021)

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved that a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, two hundred and sixty six million, six hundred and ninety nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty seven dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2022 (Bill No. 7 of 2021) be read a second time.

Motion seconded.

The following Members contributed to the debate –

Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, Hon. Josaia Bainimarama, Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca, Hon. Selai Adimaitoga, Hon. Moses Bulitavu, Hon. Rosy Akbar, Hon. Viliame Gavoka, Hon. Parveen Bala, Hon. Anare Jale, Hon. Veena Bhatnagar, Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa, Hon. Dr Salik Govind, Hon. Inosi Kuridrani, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu, Hon. Semi Koroilavesau, Hon. Mikaele Leawere, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua, Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Alvick Maharaj, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Osea Naiqamu and Hon. Alipate Nagata.

Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu would deliver his budget response on Tuesday, 27 July 2021.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned the Parliament until Tuesday, 27 July 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.