



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Twenty-ninth 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. Adi Litia Qionibaravi.

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 Wednesday, 28 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 congratulated the Fiji National Sevens Team for the well-deserved win at the Olympics.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

7. RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY ON THE 2021–2022 APPROPRIATION BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 7 OF 2021)

Parliament resolved into Committee of Supply and resumed debate on the Heads in the Budget Estimates.

Members debated and voted on the following –

Head 22 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services

Amendment in the name of Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of Hon. Viliame Gavoka.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 22.

Head 22 agreed to unanimously.

Head 23 – Ministry of Housing and Community Development

Question put on Head 23.

Head 23 agreed to unanimously.

Head 24 – Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Question put on Head 24.

Head 24 agreed to unanimously.

Head 25 – Ministry of Youth and Sports

Question put on Head 25.

Head 25 agreed to unanimously.

Head 26 – Higher Education Institutions

Question put on Head 26.

Head 26 agreed to unanimously.

Head 30 – Ministry of Agriculture

Question put on Head 30.

Head 30 agreed to unanimously.

Head 31 – Ministry of Fisheries

Question put on Head 31.

Head 31 agreed to unanimously.

Head 32 – Ministry of Forests

Question put on Head 32.

Head 32 agreed to unanimously.

Head 33 – Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources

Question put on Head 33.

Head 33 agreed to unanimously.

Head 34 – Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport

Question put on Head 34.

Head 34 agreed to unanimously.

Head 35 – Ministry of Sugar Industry

Question put on Head 35.

Head 35 agreed to unanimously.

Head 37 – Ministry of Local Government

Amendment in the name of Hon. Aseri Radrodoro.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 37.

Head 37 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 40 – Ministry of Infrastructure and Meteorological Services

Question put on Head 40.

Head 40 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 41 – Water Authority of Fiji

Question put on Head 41.

Head 41 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 42 – Ministry of Waterways and Environment

Question put on Head 42.

Head 42 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 43 – Fiji Roads Authority

Question put on Head 43.

Head 43 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 49 – Peacekeeping Missions

Question put on Head 49.

Head 49 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 50 – Miscellaneous Services

Question put on Head 50.

Head 50 agreed to unanimously.

Mr Chair reiterated that Heads 51 and 52 are standing appropriations, sometimes called 'below the line' appropriations. He further stated that neither Head is voted upon because they must be paid and are therefore already catered for.

Mr Chair informed the Honourable Members, that they had completed the Estimates and that they would now move to considering the Schedules and Clauses of the 2020–2021 Appropriation Bill 2020 (Bill No. 13 of 2020) as required by Standing Order 101.

Mr Chair further advised Honourable Members that since the Estimates had not been amended, Standing Order 101 prevents any amendments being moved and made at that stage.

Standing Order 101(3) also prevents any debate on the questions.

#### Schedule 1

Question put.

Schedule 1 agreed to unanimously.

#### Schedule 2

Question put.

Schedule 2 agreed to unanimously.

#### Clause 1

Question put.

Clause 1 agreed to unanimously.

#### Clause 2

Question put.

Clause 2 agreed to unanimously.

#### Clause 3

Question put.

Clause 3 agreed to unanimously.

Mr Chair informed the Honourable Members that the Committee of Supply had concluded and resumed the Speaker's Chair.

8. THIRD READING OF THE 2021–2022 APPROPRIATION BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 7 OF 2020)

The Committee of Supply agreed to the 2021–2022 Appropriation Bill 2021 (Bill No. 7 of 2021) without amendment.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved the third reading of 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).

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

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), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

Hon. Speaker informed that Parliament had passed the 2021–2022 National Budget and thanked all Members for their contributions to the significant and integral process. Hon. Speaker also congratulated the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications on the successful passing of the 2021-2022 National Budget.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Parliament until Friday, 30 July 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 4.24 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

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