



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Twenty-ninth 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 Tuesday, 28 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 and all those watching the live broadcast and the live streaming of the proceedings.

6. MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 that –

- (a) the Telecommunications (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (b) the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (c) the Bill must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament;
- (d) the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament immediately after the vote on the consequential Bills for the 2020–2021 Budget tabled on 17 July 2020; and
- (e) that the time for the debate for the Bill be limited to ensure the Bill is debated and voted upon during this sitting of Parliament.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

7. MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 that –

- (a) the Fiji National Provident Fund (Budget Amendment) Bill 2020 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (b) the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (c) the Bill must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament;
- (d) the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament immediately after the vote on the consequential Bills for the 2020–2021 Budget tabled on 17 July 2020; and
- (e) that the time for the debate for the Bill be limited to ensure the Bill is debated and voted upon during this sitting of Parliament.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

8. MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 that –

- (a) the Business Licensing (Repeal) Bill 2020 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (b) the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (c) the Bill must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament;
- (d) the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament immediately after the vote on the consequential Bills for the 2020–2021 Budget tabled on 17 July 2020; and
- (e) that the time for the debate for the Bill be limited to ensure the Bill is debated and voted upon during this sitting of Parliament.

9. RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE 2020–2021 APPROPRIATION BILL 2020 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2020)

Parliament resumed debate on the second reading of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, two hundred and eleven million, nineteen thousand, one hundred and twenty one dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2021 (Bill No. 13 of 2020).

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum delivered his right of reply.

Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that pursuant to Standing Order 99(3) the 2020-2021 Appropriation Bill 2020 had been read a second time and without any question being put, the Bill and the Estimates stood referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY ON THE 2020–2021 APPROPRIATION BILL 2020 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2020)

Parliament resolved into Committee of Supply on a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, two hundred and eleven million, nineteen thousand, one hundred and twenty one dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2021 (Bill No. 13 of 2020).

Hon. Speaker vacated the Speaker's Chair and convened the Committee of Supply as Mr Chair.

Members debated and voted on the following –

Head 1 – Office of the President

Question put on Head 1.

Head 1 agreed to unanimously.

Head 2 – Office of the Prime Minister

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 2.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 2 agreed to.

Head 3 – Office of the Attorney-General

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Niko Nawaikula.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Anare Jale.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Amendment withdrawn.

Question put on Head 3.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 3 agreed to.

Head 4 – Ministry of Economy

Question put on Head 4.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 4 agreed to.

Head 5 – Ministry of iTaukei Affairs

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Amendment withdrawn.

Question put on Head 5.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 5 agreed to.

Head 6 – Ministry of Defence and National Security

Question put on Head 6.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 6 agreed to.

Head 7 – Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations

Question put on Head 7.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 7 agreed to.

Head 8 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Anare Jale.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 8.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 8 agreed to.

Head 9 – Independent Bodies

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Amendment withdrawn.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Viliame Gavoka.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 9.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 9 agreed to.

Head 13 – Independent Commissions

Question put on Head 13.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 13 agreed to.

Head 15 – Ministry of Justice

Question put on Head 15.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 15 agreed to.

Head 16 – Ministry of Communications

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 16.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 16 agreed to.

Head 17 – Ministry of Civil Service

Question put on Head 17.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 17 agreed to unanimously.

Head 18 – Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development

Question put on Head 18.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 18 agreed to unanimously.

Head 19 – Republic of Fiji Military Forces

Question put on Head 19.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 19 agreed to unanimously.

Head 20 – Fiji Police Force

Amendment in the name of Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 20.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 20 agreed to.

Head 21 – Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Mosese Bulitavu.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Amendment withdrawn.

Question put on Head 21.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 21 agreed to.

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. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 22.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 22 agreed to.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Committee of Supply and resumed the Speaker's Chair.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned the Parliament until Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 9.07 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

29th July, 2020.