



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Fourth Day of June, 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. Alexander O'Connor.

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, 3 June 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 of Parliament as well as those watching the live broadcast and the live streaming of the proceedings.

Hon. Speaker reminded all Honourable Members of the decision of the Business Committee with respect to the full sitting day beyond 12.30 p.m. to complete all business on the Order Paper.

Hon. Speaker ruled on the point of order raised by the Hon. Attorney-General on Thursday, 4 June 2021.

6. FIJI REVENUE AND CUSTOMS SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 4 OF 2021)

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Thursday, 3rd June 2021, that the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (Amendment) Bill 2021 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 Revenue and Customs Service Act 1998 (Bill No. 4 of 2021), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021 (BILL NO. 6 OF 2021)

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved a motion pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Thursday, 3rd June 2021, that the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2021 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 Customs Tariff Act 1986 (Bill No. 6 of 2021), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

8. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Vijay Nath moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Electricity Authority 2017 and Energy Fiji Limited 2018 Consolidated Report which was tabled on 8 August 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

9. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the following reports –

- (a) Review of the Office of the Auditor-General 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 5 September 2019; and
- (b) Review of the 2019 Annual Report Office of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji which was tabled on 31 August 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Vijay Nath moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Commerce Commission 2016 Annual Report which was tabled on 4 September 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Ports Corporation Limited 2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Roads Authority 2015 Annual Report, Fiji Roads Authority January–July 2016 Annual Report which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

13. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the following reports –

- (a) Review of Consumer Council of Fiji 2016–2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 21 November 2019; and
- (b) Review of Consumer Council of Fiji 2017–2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 23 March 2021.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

14. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Ministry of Education, Heritage and

Arts January–July 2016 Annual Report, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts 2016–2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

15. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the Review on the Follow-up of Selected 2016 Auditor-General's Reports for Various Sectors which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

16. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the Review of the COP 23 Presidency Trust Fund: Third Semi-Annual Report for the Period 1 May – 31 October, 2018 which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

17. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Vijay Nath moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Development Bank 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

18. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

The Hon. Speaker allowed the Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence the Hon. Dr Salik Govind to move that Parliament debates the Review of the Consolidated: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 2014 Annual Report; Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Report 2015; Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Report 2016—2017 which was tabled on 21 November 2019.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

19. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the Review of the 2016/2017 Audit Report on Statutory Authorities which was tabled on 17 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

20. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Higher Education Commission Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2016 which was tabled on 17 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

21. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Film Fiji Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2014; and Film Fiji Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2015 which was tabled on 17 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

22. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of the Fiji National University 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 18 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

23. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Vijay Nath moved that Parliament debates the Review of Fiji Financial Intelligence Unit 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 18 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

24. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the Review of the 2016/2017 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies and Commercial Statutory Authorities which was tabled on 18 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

25. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of Public Rental Board 2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 19 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

26. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the following reports –

- (a) Review of the Audit Report on Provincial Councils, Volume 1 which was tabled on 19 February 2020;
- (b) Review of the Audit Report on Provincial Councils, Volume 2 which was tabled on 3 September 2020; and
- (c) Review of the Audit Report on Provincial Councils, Volume 3 which was tabled on 23 March 2021.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

27. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the University of the South Pacific 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 20 February 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

28. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay moved that Parliament debates the Review of the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs 2016–2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 25 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

29. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Vijay Nath moved that Parliament debates the Review of Reserve Bank of Fiji Insurance 2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 25 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

30. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Saturday, 5 June 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

4th June, 2021.