



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Saturday, Fifth 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 expect 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 Friday, 4 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 reiterated to all Honourable Members that there must be strict compliance with all the rules and procedures of Parliament, including Standing Orders 28 and 29.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- (a) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights the Hon. Alvick Maharaj tabled the Committee's Report on the Review of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 50 of 2020).

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolutions of Parliament on 11 December 2020 and 22 March 2021, the Standing Committee has reported back. Hon. Speaker also informed all Honourable Members that the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 50 of 2020) would be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Monday, 7 June 2021.

- (b) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights the Hon. Alvick Maharaj tabled the Committee's Report on the Review of the Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 51 of 2020).

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolutions of Parliament on 11 December 2020 and 22 March 2021, the Standing Committee has reported back. Hon. Speaker also informed all Honourable Members that the Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 51 of 2020) would be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Monday, 7 June 2021.

- (c) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights the Hon. Alvick Maharaj tabled the Committee's Report on the Review of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 52 of 2020).

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolutions of Parliament on 11 December 2020 and 22 March 2021, the Standing Committee has reported back. Hon. Speaker also informed all Honourable Members that the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 52 of 2020) will be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Monday, 7 June 2021.

7. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Hon. Speaker advised that there were no Bills for consideration.

8. 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 Consolidated Oversight Report – Office of Auditor-General Reports 2010–2013 which was tabled on 25 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

9. 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 Consolidated Report on the Review of Ministry of Sugar Industry 2012–2016 Annual Report which was tabled on 26 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. 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 Report on the Performance Audit of Preparedness of Sustainable Development Goals which was tabled on 26 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. 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 Audit Report of the Municipal Councils for 2014–2017 which was tabled on 26 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. 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 Report of the Ministry of Defence and National Security Annual Report 2016–2017 which was tabled on 27 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

13. 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 Performance Audit Report on the Coordination of Actions on Elimination of Violence Against Women which was tabled on 27 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

14. 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 Report on the Performance Audit of the Effectiveness of Institutional Framework for Preventing Corruption which was tabled on 28 May 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

15. 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 Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2008–2015 Annual Report which was tabled on 1 September 2020.

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 Performance Audit Report on the Audit on Management of the Workers Compensation Trust Fund; the Audit of Social Welfare Scheme; and the Audit of the Fiji Procurement Office and the Construction Implementation Unit which was tabled on 1 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

17. 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 Airports 2017 Annual Report which was tabled on 2 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

18. 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 Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Industry Tribunal 2011–2015 Annual Report which was tabled on 2 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

19. 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 Museum 2016–2017 Annual Report; January–July 2016 Annual Report and the 2015 Annual Report which was tabled on 2 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

20. 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 Performance Audit Reports on Management of Rural Electrification Programme and Progress of Implementation of Policies and Strategies in the Fiji Forest Policy Statement 2007 which was tabled on 2 September 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 the Fiji National Sports Commission 2017–2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 2 September 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 Ministry of Youth and Sports 2017–2018 Annual Report which was tabled on 3 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

23. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources the Hon. Sanjay Kirpal moved that Parliament debates the Review of the Consolidated Annual Reports for the Ministry of Agriculture 2014 and 2015 which was tabled on 3 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

24. 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 National Fire Authority 2013 Annual Report which was tabled on 3 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

25. 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 Sugar Cane Growers Council 2007–2018 Annual Reports which was tabled on 10 December 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

26. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources the Hon. Sanjay Kirpal moved that Parliament debates the Review Report on the Petition for Government to Provide Reliable Safe and Affordable Shipping Services for the Lau Group which was tabled on 2 September 2020.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.



Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

27. 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 the General Administration Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016–2017 Financial Year which was tabled on 11 February 2021;
- (b) Review of the Audit Report on the Economic Services Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016–2017 Financial Year which was tabled on 10 February 2021;
- (c) Review of the Audit Report on Social Services Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016–2017 Financial Year which was tabled on 8 February 2021; and
- (d) Review of the Audit Report on the Infrastructure Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016–2017 Financial Year which was tabled on 9 February 2021.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

28. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Monday, 7 June 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.