



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Monday, Twenty-ninth day of November, 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. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua and 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 sittings of Parliament held on Friday, 24th September 2021, Friday, 22nd October 2021 and Monday, 22nd November 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. He also welcomed all those watching the live broadcast and the live-streaming of the proceedings from home, offices and electronic devices.

6. MOTION IN THE NAME OF THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, Foreign Affairs and Forestry the Hon. Josaia Bainimarama moved that the Parliament thanks His Excellency the President for his most gracious speech.

Motion was seconded by the Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu.

Debate ensued.

[Speakers: Prime Minister the Hon. Josaia Bainimarama, Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, Hon. Selai Adimaitoga, Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca, Hon. Rosy Akbar, Hon. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Parveen Bala, Hon. Viliame Gavoka, Hon. Veena Bhatnagar, Hon. Anare Jale, Hon. Dr Salik Govind, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Inosi Kuridrani, Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu.]

7. SUSPENSION MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved under Standing Order 6 that so much of Standing Order 23(1) be suspended to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

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

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

- (A) That the Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2021 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (B) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (C) That the Bill must not be referred to a Standing Committee or other committee of Parliament; and
- (D) That the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 2 December 2021, but that 1 hour be given to debate the Bill, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

9. MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, CIVIL SERVICE, COMMUNICATIONS, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

- (A) That the Hotels and Guest Houses (Amendment) Bill 2021 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (B) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (C) That the Bill must not be referred to a Standing Committee or other committee of Parliament; and
- (D) That the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 2 December 2021, but that 1 hour be given to debate the Bill, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. MOTION BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, CIVIL SERVICE, COMMUNICATIONS, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

- (A) That the Medicinal Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2021 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (B) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (C) That the Bill must not be referred to a Standing Committee or other committee of Parliament; and
- (D) That the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 2 December 2021, but that 1 hour be given to debate the Bill, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Tuesday, 30 November 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

29th November, 2021.