



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Thirtieth day of December, 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. Josaia Bainimarama, Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Rosy Akbar, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Niko Nawaikula, Hon. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Tanya Waqanika and Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

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 Monday, 29 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.

Hon. Speaker encouraged Honourable Members to utilise the services that the Fijian Elections Office Voter Registration team were providing during the sitting week.

6. MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 97

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved, pursuant to Standing Order 97, that the following Bills be restored to the Order Paper –

- 1) Code of Conduct Bill 2018 (Bill No. 33 of 2018);
- 2) Heritage Bill 2021 (Bill No. 3 of 2021); and
- 3) Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants Bill 2021 (Bill No. 35 of 2021).

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

7. MOTION IN THE NAME OF THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved that Parliament adopts the sitting calendar for the Year 2022.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

8. RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE MOTION BY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

Parliament resumed debate on the motion that the Parliament thanks His Excellency the President for his most gracious speech.

Debates ensued.

[Speakers: Hon. Mikaele Leawere, Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua, Hon. Virendra Lal, Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu, Hon. Alvick Maharaj, Hon. Simione Rasova, Hon. Alipate Nagata, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Osea Naiqamu, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa and Hon. Sachida Nand.]

9. 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 be suspended to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

30th November, 2021.