



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, First 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. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua and Hon. Tanya Waqanika.

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, 30 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 gadgets.

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that 1<sup>st</sup> December is World Aids Day and a day to remember the millions of people who had lost their lives to AIDS-related illnesses as the disease has been around for 40 years and continues to threaten the lives of many around the world.

Hon. Speaker also informed Honourable Members that as part of Parliament's health awareness initiatives, a team from Diabetes Fiji would be in Parliament to share more information about diabetes and they were accompanied by a team from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to offer NCD screening for Members as well as booster shots for COVID-19.

6. 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. Vijay Nath, Hon. Aseri Radrodro, Hon. Alexander O'Connor, Hon. Salote Radrodro, Hon. Viam Pillay, Hon. Niko Nawaikula, Hon. Dr Mahendra Reddy, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Hon. Lynda Tabuya, Hon. Rohit Sharma, Hon. Pio Tikoduadua, Hon. Jale Sigarara, Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau and Hon. George Vegenathan.]

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 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.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

9. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights the Hon. Alvick Maharaj tabled the Committee's report on the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants Bill 2021.

Hon. Speaker informed that pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Friday, 22 October 2021, the Standing Committee had now tabled its report and the Bill

would be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 2 December 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Thursday, 2 December 2021 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.