



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Twenty-fourth Day of March,  
2022

1. The House met at 7.30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members were present except for the Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Peceli Vosanibola 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 Friday, 11 February 2022 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 the Honourable Members and everyone watching the live broadcast of the proceedings from the comfort of their home and electronic device.

Hon. Speaker delivered his ruling on issues raised by the National Federation Party.

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

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved under Standing Order 6 that so much of the following Standing Orders be suspended –

- (a) Standing Order 68(1), to exempt the 2021–2022 Revised Budget Address by the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, the response from the Shadow Minister for Economy and the right of reply from the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, from the ordinary speaking time limitations;
- (b) Standing Orders 102 and 104 to 108, to expedite the 2021–2022 Revised Budget process through Parliament; and
- (c) Standing Orders 23(1) and 34, to allow the 2021–2022 Revised Budget process to take place today and tomorrow, to allow the Parliament to sit beyond ordinary sitting times and to limit the refreshments, lunch and dinner breaks today and tomorrow, to be determined by the Hon. Speaker so as not to unduly interrupt the business of the House.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

7. MOTION BY THE HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 51

Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Hon. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development moved that –

- (a) the following Revised 2021-2022 Budget be considered by Parliament without delay —
  - 1. Revised 2021-2022 Appropriation Bill 2022;
  - 2. Tax Administration (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
  - 3. Income Tax (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
  - 4. Value Added Tax (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
  - 5. Airport Departure Tax (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
  - 6. Environmental and Climate Change Adaptation Levy (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;

7. Customs (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
8. Customs Tariff (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
9. Financial Management (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
10. Employment Relations (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
11. Citizenship of Fiji (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
12. Surveyors (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
13. Real Estate Agents (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
14. Town Planning (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
15. Land Transport (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;
16. Lagilagi Housing Development Bill 2022;
17. Development of Informal Settlements Bill 2022; and
18. Medical and Dental Practitioners (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022;

- (b) Bills must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (c) Bills must not be referred to a Standing Committee or other committee of Parliament;
- (d) the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy begins the debate tonight, Thursday 24th March, 2022, by delivering the Revised 2021-2022 Budget Address;
- (e) the Leader of the Opposition be given a right of response to the Bills tomorrow, Friday 25th March, 2022;
- (f) debate on the Bills to proceed after the response by the Leader of the Opposition and be limited to three hours with a right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion; and
- (g) all the Bills to be debated and voted upon tomorrow, Friday 25th March, 2022.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

## 8. DELIVERY OF THE 2021–2022 REVISED BUDGET

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development delivered the 2021–2022 Revised Budget.

Hon. Speaker informed the Members that pursuant to the resolution of Parliament passed earlier, the Parliament would continue with the response from the Shadow Minister for Economy on Friday, 25 March 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum for delivering the 2021-2022 Revised Budget.

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members and adjourned Parliament until Friday, 25 March 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 11.41 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.