



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Twenty-fifth Day of March, 2022

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 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 Thursday, 24 March 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 all Honourable Members to the sitting of Parliament and those watching the live broadcast of the proceedings on from their home, office and electronic device.

The Hon. Speaker encouraged Honourable Members to utilise the voter registration services by the Fijian Elections Office team who were stationed at the

Level 2 foyer. The Hon. Speaker acknowledged the Supervisor of Elections and his team for heeding the Parliament's request.

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that the normal seating arrangement would revert in the April sitting.

## 6. RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE REVISED 2021-2022 BUDGET

Hon. Speaker advised Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolution of Parliament passed on Thursday, 24 March 2022, the Parliament would proceed with the resumption of debate on the Revised 2021-2022 Budget. Hon. Speaker reminded the Members that each Member could speak only once to the Revised Appropriation Bill and the Consequential Bills.

The following Members contributed to the debate –

Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, Hon. Josaia Bainimarama, Hon. Aseri Radrodro, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Mikaele Leawere, Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Salote Radrodro, Hon. Jone Usamate, Hon. Viliame Gavoka, Hon. Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Parveen Bala, Hon. Anare Jale, Hon. Alvick Maharaj, Hon. Niko Nawaikula, Hon. Veena Bhatnagar, Hon. Inosi Kuridrani, Hon. Dr Mahendra Reddy, Hon. Simione Rasova, Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca, Hon. Tanya Waqanika, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua, Hon. Selai Adimaitoga and Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum (right of reply).

Question put.

Motion agreed to.

The following Bills –

1. A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, three hundred and two million, nine hundred and fifty six thousand, one hundred and eighty seven dollars for the ordinary services of government for the year ending 31 July 2022 (Bill No. 6 of 2022);
2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Tax Administration Act 2009 (Bill No. 7 of 2022);
3. A Bill for an Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015 (Bill No. 8 of 2022);
4. A Bill for an Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991 (Bill No. 9 of 2022);
5. A Bill for an Act to amend the Airport Departure Tax Act 1986 (Bill No. 10 of 2022);

6. A Bill for an Act to amend the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy Act 2015 (Bill No. 11 of 2022);
  7. A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Act 1986 (Bill No. 12 of 2022);
  8. A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986 (Bill No. 13 of 2022);
  9. A Bill for an Act to amend the Financial Management Act 2004 (Bill No. 14 of 2022);
  10. A Bill for an Act to amend the Employment Relations Act 2007 (Bill No. 15 of 2022);
  11. A Bill for an Act to amend the Citizenship of Fiji Act 2009 (Bill No. 16 of 2022);
  12. A Bill for an Act to amend the Surveyors Act 1969 (Bill No. 17 of 2022);
  13. A Bill for an Act to amend the Real Estate Agents Act 2006 (Bill No. 18 of 2022);
  14. A Bill for an Act to amend the Town Planning Act 1946 (Bill No. 19 of 2022);
  15. A Bill for an Act to provide for the refund of monies paid for housing units constructed under the Lagilagi Housing Development Project and for related matters (Bill No. 20 of 2022);
  16. A Bill for an Act to amend the Medical and Dental Practitioner Act 2010 (Bill No. 21 of 2022);
  17. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Development of Informal Settlements in Fiji and for related matters (Bill No. 22 of 2022); and
  18. A Bill for an Act to amend the Land Transport Act 1998 (Bill No. 23 of 2022),
- Enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 4 April 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions to the Revised 2021-2022 Budget and congratulated the Government for the passing of the Revised Budget.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned Parliament until Monday, 4 April 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 10.18 p.m.

## **Speaker of Parliament**

## **Secretary-General to Parliament**

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