

### PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

## **MINUTES**

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Third 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. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Lynda Tabuya, Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua and Hon. Tanya Waqanika.

### 4. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u>

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu, moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 2 December 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 the comfort of their home, offices and electronic gadgets.

Hon. Speaker informed that it was 'International Day for Persons with Disabilities' and that in conjunction with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the Fijian Parliament had organised a half-day Open Day Programme for Persons with Disabilities.

# 6. <u>RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE MOTION BY THE HON. PRIME</u> <u>MINISTER</u>

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

The Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, Foreign Affairs and Forestry the Hon. Josaia Bainimarama delivered his right of reply.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

### 7. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

### 8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved that Parliament stands adjourned until Monday, 7 February 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their participation and contributions during the Parliamentary proceedings in the course of the sitting week and the year. He stated that 2021was particularly a difficult year for all and therefore thanked all Honourable Members for their perseverance and dedication in ensuring that Parliament's constitutional functions continued during the pandemic.

Hon. Speaker wished all Honourable Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2022.

Hon. Speaker declared Parliament adjourned until Monday, 7 February 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 10.27 a.m.

### **Speaker of Parliament**

### **Secretary-General to Parliament**

3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021.