



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Tenth day of May, 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 Honourable Members were present except for the Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Tanya Waqanika, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi and Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

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, 9 May 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, those in the public gallery and those watching the live broadcast of the proceedings. He also welcomed the PL 100 – Government and Politics students from the University of the South Pacific.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Social Affairs

- (a) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay tabled the Committee's Report on the annual review of the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) annual reports for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report is initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

- (b) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay tabled the Committee's Report on the annual review of Film Fiji annual reports for 2016/2017 and January to July 2016.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report is initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

- (c) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Viam Pillay tabled the Committee's Report on the annual review of the Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment annual reports for 2017-2018, 2016-2017, January – July 2016 and 2015.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report is initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that there were no Ministerial Statements.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that there were no Bills for consideration.

9. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the 'Review of the Office of the Auditor-General's (OAG) 2020 Annual Report and Assessing the Office of the Auditor-General's – Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) Performance Measurement Framework (Consolidated Report)' which was tabled on 9 February 2022.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. MOTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Alvick Maharaj moved that Parliament debates the 'Review of the 2018-2019 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies, Commercial Statutory Authorities and Other Entities and the 2018-2019 Audit Report on Statutory Authorities (Consolidated Report)' which was tabled on 10 February 2022.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. 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(1) be suspended to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. QUESTIONS

105/2022 Hon. Inosi Kuridrani asked the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, Foreign Affairs and Forestry – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the Ministry's plans to revitalise the Sugar Industry.

106/2022 Hon. Jale Sigarara asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the capital works being undertaken by the Fiji Museum to protect and preserve Fiji's history.

107/2022 Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the programme to improve the Navacikadrokadro crossing along Nalomate River in Wainunu, Bua.

- 108/2022 Hon. Sanjay Kirpal to ask the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the performance of Fijian exports and what were some of the commodity exports that increased in the past year.
- 109/2022 Hon. Mikaele Leawere asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress to designate 30 percent of Fiji’s marine areas as Marine Protected Areas according to the 5-year National Development Plan.
- 110/2022 Hon. George Vegnathan asked the Minister for Defence, National Security and Policing, Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on some of the Maritime Security Initiatives conducted by the Naval Unit of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.
- 111/2022 Hon. Jese Saukuru asked the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister update Parliament on the condition of the Golden Age Home facility at Lautoka.
- 112/2022 Hon. Joseph Nand asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the investment and support provided to Counter Ruck Pte Limited which owns and operates the Fijian Drua.

The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask Oral Question 108/2022. The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

10th May, 2022.