



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Twenty-sixth Day of July, 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. Rosy Akbar and Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi.

Virtual Attendance: Hon. Rohit Sharma.

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, 25 July 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.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum moved that the following Bills be considered by Parliament without delay –

1. Media Industry Development (Budget Amendment) Bill 2022 (Bill No. 45 of 2022); and
2. Water Authority of Fiji (Budget Amendment) Bill 2022 (Bill No. 46 of 2022).

That pursuant to Standing Order 51, that the Bills –

- (a) must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (b) must not be referred to a Standing Committee or other Committees of Parliament;
- (c) must be debated and voted upon by Parliament immediately after the vote on the 2022–2023 Appropriation Bill 2022; and
- (d) that the time for the debate be limited to ensure that the Bills tabled today are debated and voted upon during this week’s sitting of Parliament.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Votes cast –

Yes	–	22
No	–	15
Not Voted	–	13

Motion agreed to.

7. RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE 2022–2023 APPROPRIATION BILL 2022 (BILL NO. 27 OF 2022)

Parliament resumed debate on the Second Reading of a Bill to appropriate a sum of three billion, three hundred twenty million, two thousand, one hundred eighty four dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2023 (Bill No. 27 of 2022).

The following Members contributed to the debate –

Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa, Hon. Sachida Nand, Hon. Aseri Radrodro, Hon. Vijay Nath, Hon. Salote Radrodro, Hon. Alexander O’Connor, Hon. Simone Rasova, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Viam Pillay, Hon. Ratu Jone Seniloli,

Hon. Howard Politini, Hon. Pio Tikoduadua, Hon. Dr Mahendra Reddy, Hon. Tanya Waqanika, Hon. Veena Bhatnagar, Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Hon. Peceli Vosanibola, Hon. George Vegnathan, Hon. Mosese Bilitavu, Hon. Jone Usamate, Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Hon. Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Hon. Jale Sigarara and Hon. Parveen Bala.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 27 July 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 9.21 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

26th July, 2022.