



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Twenty-seventh 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. Parveen Bala, 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 Tuesday, 26 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.

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that the Business Committee had unanimously approved that during the Committee of Supply stage, voting would be done by acclamation.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

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 Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum delivered his right of reply.

Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that pursuant to Standing Order 99(3), the 2022-2023 Appropriation Bill 2022 (Bill No. 27 of 2022) had been read a second time and without any question being put, the Bill and the Estimates stood referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY ON THE 2022–2023 APPROPRIATION BILL 2022 (BILL NO. 27 OF 2022)

Parliament resolved into Committee of Supply 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).

Hon. Speaker vacated the Speaker's Chair and convened the Committee of Supply as Mr Chair.

Members debated and voted on the following –

Head 1 – Office of the President

Question put on Head 1.

Head 1 agreed to unanimously.

Head 2 – Office of the Prime Minister

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 2.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 2 agreed to.

Head 3 – Office of the Attorney-General

Question put on Head 3.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 3 agreed to.

Head 4 – Ministry of Economy

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 4.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 4 agreed to.

Head 5 – Ministry of iTaukei Affairs

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Filipe Tuisawau.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 5.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 5 agreed to.

Head 6 – Ministry of Defence, National Security and Policing

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 6.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 6 agreed to.

Head 7 – Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations

Question put on Head 7.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 7 agreed to.

Head 8 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Question put on Head 8.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 8 agreed to.

Head 9 – Independent Bodies

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 9.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 9 agreed to.

Head 13 – Independent Commissions

Question put on Head 13.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 13 agreed to.

Head 14 – Fiji Corrections Services

Question put on Head 14.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 14 agreed to.

Head 15 – Ministry of Justice

Question put on Head 15.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 15 agreed to.

Head 16 – Ministry of Communications

Question put on Head 16.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 16 agreed to.

Head 17 – Ministry of Civil Service

Question put on Head 17.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 17 agreed to.

Head 18 – Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 18.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 18 agreed to.

Head 19 – Republic of Fiji Military Forces

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Aseri Radrodro.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 19.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 19 agreed to.

Head 20 – Fiji Police Force

Question put on Head 20.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 20 agreed to.

Head 21 – Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 21.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 21 agreed to.

Head 22 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services

Amendment in the name of Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 22.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 22 agreed to.

Head 23 – Ministry of Housing and Community Development

Question put on Head 23.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 23 agreed to.

Head 24 – Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Question put on Head 24.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 24 agreed to.

Head 25 – Ministry of Youth and Sports

Question put on Head 25.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 25 agreed to.

Head 26 – Higher Education Institutions

Question put on Head 26.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 26 agreed to.

Head 30 – Ministry of Agriculture

Amendment in the name of Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 30.

Hon. Speaker called for the vote by acclamation.

Head 30 agreed to.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Committee of Supply and resumed the Speaker's Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned the Parliament until Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 7.08 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

27th July, 2022.