



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Third day of September, 2024

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. Vijay Nath, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal and the Hon. Alvick Maharaj.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Monday, 2 September 2024 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, those seated in the gallery and those watching the live proceedings on television and the internet.

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that the following written responses had been received and that copies were available on the Parliament's website –

- (a) the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran

Affairs the Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka, to Written Question 97 of 2023 asked by the Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure and Written Question 53 of 2024 asked by the Hon. Premila Kumar.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee on Economic Affairs

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna tabled the Committee's Review Report on Assets Fiji Pte Limited 2016-2019 Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic 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) Standing Committee on Social Affairs

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Consolidated Review Report on the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji 2021 and 2022 Annual Reports.

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) Standing Committee on Social Affairs

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the Fiji Airports 2021 Annual Report.

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

(a) The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs the Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded.

(b) The Minister for Fisheries and Forestry the Hon. Alitia Bainivalu delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded.

- (c) The Minister for Education the Hon. Aseri Radrodro delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Hem Chand and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded.

8. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 172/2024 Hon. Ratu Josai Niudamu asked the Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts – Can the Minister update Parliament on the status of the Review of the iTaukei Affairs Act.
- 173/2024 Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna asked the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister update Parliament on the National Policy on Healthy Catering and Sale of Food and Beverages and its Standard Operating Procedures.
- 174/2024 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the construction of crossings for Nakowaga village in Koroalau and Viani village in Navatu, Cakaudrove.
- 175/2024 Hon. Sashi Kiran asked the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on the justification to amend the Health and Safety at Work (General Workplace Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.
- 176/2024 Hon. Semi Koroilavesau asked the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry – Can the Minister inform Parliament how has the emphasis on replanting indigenous trees progressed considering that Fiji has concentrated on the introduction of high-value species in our country.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker welcomed the students and teachers from Moce Secondary School and thanked them for taking interest in Parliamentary proceedings.

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that due to the unplanned power shutdown, the automatic recording through the ITC infrastructure has been affected and as a result, the Parliament is unable to broadcast nor record the proceedings.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

3rd September, 2024.