



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Seventeenth day of July, 2025

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Lord's Prayer.
3. MEMBERS PRESENT
 - (a) The Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Shalen Kumar and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva conveyed their apologies to the Hon. Speaker for being unable to attend the sitting of Parliament.
 - (b) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) during the sitting of Parliament –

Hon. Siromi Turaga, Hon. Viliame Naupoto, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica and Hon. Ketan Lal.
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 Wednesday, 16 July 2025 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members, those in the public gallery and those watching the live proceedings on television and the internet.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

7. RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY ON THE 2025–2026 APPROPRIATION BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 10 OF 2025)

Parliament resumed the Committee of Supply on a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of four billion, two hundred fifty three million, thirty thousand, five hundred and sixty two dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2026.

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

Members debated and voted on the following –

Head 34 – Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications

Question put on Head 34.

Head 34 agreed to unanimously.

Head 7 – Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations

Question put on Head 7.

Head 7 agreed to unanimously.

Head 8 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ketan Lal.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 8.

Head 8 agreed to unanimously.

Head 9 – Independent Bodies

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Ketan Lal.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 9.

Head 9 agreed to unanimously.

Head 10 – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Inia Seruiratu.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 10.

Head 10 agreed to unanimously.

Head 12 – Ministry of Immigration

Question put on Head 12.

Head 12 agreed to unanimously.

Head 11 – Ministry of Information

Question put on Head 11.

Head 11 agreed to unanimously.

Head 13 – Independent Commissions

Question put on Head 13.

Head 13 agreed to unanimously.

Head 14 – Fiji Corrections Service

Question put on Head 14.

Head 14 agreed to unanimously.

Head 15 – Ministry of Justice

Question put on Head 15.

Head 15 agreed to unanimously.

Head 16 – Ministry of Policing

Question put on Head 16.

Head 16 agreed to unanimously.

Head 17 – Ministry of Civil Service and Public Enterprises

Question put on Head 17.

Head 17 agreed to unanimously.

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

Question put on Head 18.

Head 18 agreed to unanimously.

Head 19 – Republic of Fiji Military Forces

Question put on Head 19.

Head 19 agreed to unanimously.

Head 20 – Fiji Police Force

Question put on Head 20.

Head 20 agreed to unanimously.

Head 21 – Ministry of Education

Question put on Head 21.

Head 21 agreed to unanimously.

Head 22 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services

Question put on Head 22.

Head 22 agreed to unanimously.

Head 23 – Ministry of Housing

Amendment in the name of the Hon. Vijay Nath.

Amendment seconded.

Amendment debated.

Question put.

Amendment defeated.

Question put on Head 23.

Head 23 agreed to unanimously.

Head 24 – Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection

Question put on Head 24.

Head 24 agreed to unanimously.

Head 25 – Ministry of Youth and Sports

Question put on Head 25.

Head 25 agreed to unanimously.

Head 30 – Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways

Question put on Head 30.

Head 30 agreed to unanimously.

Head 31 – Ministry of Fisheries

Question put on Head 31.

Head 31 agreed to unanimously.

Head 32 – Ministry of Forestry

Question put on Head 32.

Head 32 agreed to unanimously.

Head 33 – Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources

Question put on Head 33.

Head 33 agreed to unanimously.

Head 35 – Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry

Question put on Head 35.

Head 35 agreed to unanimously.

Head 37 – Ministry of Local Government

Question put on Head 37.

Head 37 agreed to unanimously.

Head 38 – Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation

Question put on Head 38.

Head 38 agreed to unanimously.

Head 40 – Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport

Question put on Head 40.

Head 40 agreed to unanimously.

Head 50 – Miscellaneous Services

Question put on Head 50.

Head 50 agreed to unanimously.

Mr Chair reiterated that Heads 51 and 52 were standing appropriations or 'below the line' appropriations. He further stated that neither Head is voted upon as they must be paid and were already catered for.

Mr Chair informed the Honourable Members, that they had completed the Estimates and that they would therefore move to considering the Schedules and Clauses of the 2025–2026 Appropriation Bill 2025 (Bill No. 10 of 2025) as required by Standing Order 101.

Mr Chair further advised Honourable Members that since the Estimates had not been amended, Standing Order 101 prevented any amendments being moved and made at that stage.

Standing Order 101(3) also prevented any debate on the questions.

Schedule 1

Question put on Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 agreed to unanimously.

Schedule 2

Question put on Schedule 2.

Schedule 2 agreed to unanimously.

Clause 1

Question put on Clause 1.

Clause 1 agreed to unanimously.

Clause 2

Question put on Clause 2.

Clause 2 agreed to unanimously.

Clause 3

Question put on Clause 3.

Clause 3 agreed to unanimously.

Mr Chair informed the Honourable Members that the Committee of Supply had concluded and then he resumed the Speaker's Chair.

8. THIRD READING OF THE 2025–2026 APPROPRIATION BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 10 OF 2025)

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the Committee of Supply had agreed to the 2025–2026 Appropriation Bill 2025 (Bill No. 10 of 2025) without amendment.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics the Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad moved that the 2025–2026 Appropriation Bill 2025 (Bill No. 10 of 2025) be read a third time and be passed.

Question put.

Votes cast –

Yes	–	36
No	–	12

Motion agreed to.

A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of four billion, two hundred fifty three million, thirty thousand, five hundred and sixty two dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2026 (Bill No. 10 of 2025), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

Hon. Speaker informed that Parliament had passed the 2025–2026 National Budget and thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions to the significant and integral process. Hon. Speaker also congratulated the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics the Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad on the successful adoption of the 2025–2026 National Budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Friday, 18 July 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

17th July, 2025.