



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Twenty-sixth day of June, 2026

1. The House met at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

(a) The Hon. Sanjay Kirpal was absent.

(b) The Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Hon. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua, Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Viam Pillay conveyed their apologies for being unable to attend the sitting of Parliament.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Government Whip the Hon. Alitia Bainivalu moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 28 May 2026 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 extended a warm welcome to all Honourable Members, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, heads of International and Regional Organisations, the heads of corporate bodies and entities and the rest of the distinguished guests in the gallery, and those watching the live proceedings via television and the internet.

The Hon. Speaker emphasised the importance of the National Budget Address and the subsequent Budget Debates, describing them as key events in the Parliament's calendar and essential to fulfilling the Parliament's constitutional responsibilities.

6. FIRST READING OF THE 2026–2027 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2026)

The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel moved pursuant to Standing Orders 99 and 84(1), that the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 (Bill No. 13 of 2026) be read a first time. The motion was subsequently seconded.

The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development tabled four copies of the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026.

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that at its meeting on Tuesday, 23 June 2026, the Business Committee unanimously agreed to exempt the Minister for Finance from the usual speaking time limits for the Budget Address, and for his right of reply on Wednesday, 15 July 2026.

The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel delivered the National Budget Address.

A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum of four billion, two hundred thirty seven million, seventy three thousand, two hundred and fifty two dollars for the ordinary services of Government for the year ending 31 July 2027 (Bill No. 13 of 2026).

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that in accordance with Standing Order 84(1), the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 had been read for the first time and in accordance with Standing Order 99(3), the Appropriation Bill would be listed on the Order Paper for Second Reading on Monday, 13 July 2026.

7. CONSEQUENTIAL BILLS

Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel moved that the following consequential Bills for the 2026–2027 National Budget be considered by Parliament without delay –

1. Tax Administration (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
2. Income Tax (Budget Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2026;
3. Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
4. Customs (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
5. Customs Tariff (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
6. Excise (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
7. Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
8. Tourism Services Tax Bill 2026;
9. Fiji National Provident Fund (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
10. Reserve Bank of Fiji (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;
11. Exchange Control (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026;

12. Superyacht Charter (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026; and
13. Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 51, that the Consequential 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 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026; and
- (d) that the time for the debate be limited to ensure that these Consequential Bills tabled today are debated and voted upon in the sitting of Parliament beginning on Monday, 13 July 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Government Whip the Hon. Alitia Bainivalu moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 13 July 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. Speaker encouraged all Honourable Members of Parliament to utilise the next two weeks to prepare well for the upcoming Budget debate.

The Hon. Speaker expressed sincere gratitude to the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel, for delivering the 2026–2027 National Budget Address. Appreciation was also extended to all Honourable Members, distinguished guests, and those watching the live proceedings.

Parliament was then adjourned until Monday, 13 July 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

26th June, 2026.