



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

**of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Fifteenth day of July, 2026**

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. Viliame Naupoto, Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka, Hon. Joseph Nand and Hon. Sanjay Kirpal 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. Ketan Lal and Hon. Faiyaz Koya.
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 Tuesday, 14 July 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 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 DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF THE 2026–2027 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2026)

Parliament resumed debate on the Second Reading of 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.

The following Members contributed to the debate –

Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Siromi Turaga, Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu, Hon. Ifereimi Vasu, Hon. Jone Usamate, Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, and the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel, delivered his right of reply.

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that pursuant to Standing Order 99(3), the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 (Bill No. 13 of 2026) 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 2026–2027 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2026)

Parliament resolved into Committee of Supply on 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.

The 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

Question put on Head 2.

Head 2 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 38 – Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation

Question put on Head 38.

Head 38 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 25 – Ministry of Youth and Sports

Question put on Head 25.

Head 25 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 3 – Office of the Attorney-General

Question put on Head 3.

Head 3 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 4 – Ministry of Finance

Question put on Head 4.

Head 4 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 5 – Ministry of iTaukei Affairs

Question put on Head 5.

Head 5 agreed to unanimously.

### Head 6 – Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs

Question put on Head 6.

Head 6 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 and External Trade

Question put on Head 8.

Head 8 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 9 – Independent Bodies

Question put on Head 9.

Head 9 agreed to unanimously.

#### Head 10 – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

Question put on Head 10.

Head 10 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.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Thursday, 16 July 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 7.07 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.