



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Sixteenth 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. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka, Hon. Viliame Gavoka and Hon. Jese Saukuru 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. Inosi Kuridrani, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Viliame Naupoto, Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure and Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo.
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, 15 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. The Hon. Speaker also welcomed the officers from the UK Government Services.

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 2026–2027 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2026)

Parliament resumed the 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 reconvened the Committee of Supply as Mr Chair.

Members debated and voted on the following –

Head 12 – Ministry of Immigration

Question put on Head 12.

Head 12 agreed to unanimously.

Head 16 – Ministry of Policing and Communications

Question put on Head 16.

Head 16 agreed to unanimously.

Head 17 – Ministry of Civil Service

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

Amendment motion in the name of the Hon. Inia Seruiratu.

Amendment motion seconded.

Amendment motion debated.

Question put.

Amendment motion defeated.

Question put on Head 20.

Head 20 agreed to unanimously.

Head 21 – Ministry of Education

Amendment motion in the name of the Hon. Premila Kumar.

Amendment motion seconded.

Amendment motion debated.

Question put.

Amendment motion defeated.

Amendment motion in the name of the Hon. Premila Kumar.

Amendment motion seconded.

Amendment motion debated.

Question put.

Amendment motion defeated.

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

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 28 – Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics

Question put on Head 28.

Head 28 agreed to unanimously.

Head 30 – Ministry of Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry

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 34 – Ministry of Commerce and Business Development

Question put on Head 34.

Head 34 agreed to unanimously.

Head 35 – Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs, Culture, Heritage and Arts

Amendment motion in the name of the Hon. Alvick Maharaj.

Amendment motion seconded.

Amendment motion debated.

Question put.

Amendment motion defeated.

Question put on Head 35.

Head 35 agreed to unanimously.

Head 36 – Ministry of Public Enterprises

Question put on Head 36.

Head 36 agreed to unanimously.

Head 37 – Ministry of Local Government

Question put on Head 37.

Head 37 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

Amendment motion in the name of the Hon. Premila Kumar.

Amendment motion seconded.

Amendment motion debated.

Question put.

Amendment motion defeated.

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 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 (Bill No. 13 of 2026) 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 2026–2027 APPROPRIATION BILL 2026 (BILL NO. 13 OF 2026)

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the Committee of Supply had agreed to the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 (Bill No. 13 of 2026) without amendment.

The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel moved that the 2026–2027 Appropriation Bill 2026 (Bill No. 13 of 2026) be read a third time and be passed.

Question put.

Votes cast –

Yes	–	35
No	–	10
Not voted	–	10

Motion agreed to.

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), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

The Hon. Speaker informed that Parliament had passed the 2026–2027 National Budget and thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions to the significant and integral process. Hon. Speaker also congratulated the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel on the successful adoption of the 2026–2027 National Budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Friday, 17 July 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

16th July, 2026.