PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Fourth day of November, 2026

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

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

3. ATTENDANCE

(a) The Hon. Viliame Naupoto, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu, Hon. Jovesa Vocea, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Premila Kumar and Hon. Viam Pillay 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 during the sitting of Parliament –

Hon. Alitia Bainivalu, Hon. Aliki Bia, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka, Hon. Ketan Lal, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad and Hon. Maciu Nalumisa.

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, 3 November 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 to the sitting, those seated in the gallery and those watching the live proceedings on television and the internet.

6. MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that Parliament adopts the additional sitting dates for the month of November-December 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee on Natural Resources

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources the Hon. Kalaveti Ravu tabled the Committee's review report on the Ministry of Agriculture's Annual Report for the 2022-2023 financial year.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report would be 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 review report on the Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2026 (Bill No. 4 of 2026).

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that pursuant to Standing Order 121(1) and Standing Order 86, the Standing Committee has now tabled its report, and the Bill is set down for consideration by the Committee of the Whole Parliament on a future sitting day.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) The Minister for Information, and Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Lynda Tabuya delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu responded.

(b) The Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Jone Usamate responded.

9. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

281/2026 Hon. Vijay Nath asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether it is safe for passengers to carry fuel in gallons on ships that service the Maritime areas.

282/2026 Hon. Jovesa Vocea to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the implementation of the Community-Based Tourism Grant Programme under the *Na Vualiku* Project in Vanua Levu and Taveuni.

283/2026 Hon. Hem Chand asked the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure all schools have proper facilities including ablution blocks for students and teachers.

284/2026 Hon. Kalaveti Ravu asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Industries, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the significance of the recent opening of the cocoa processing plant in Vanua Levu and how will this contribute to the development of Fiji's cocoa industry.

285/2026 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva asked the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, and Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations, and Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the technical collaboration between the Ministry and the U.S Geological Survey through its Geological Division.

286/2026 Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu asked the Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs – Can the Minister update Parliament on Fiji's Maritime Security Strategy.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask Oral Question 282/2026 in the Hon. Jovesa Vocea's absence.

10. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

11. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

(a) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu moved that Parliament debates the 'Review Report on the 2023-2024 Department of Information and National Archives Annual Report' which was tabled on 29 September 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(b) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna moved that Parliament debates the following reports –

(i) 'Review Report on the Sugar Industry Tribunal Annual Report 2021' which was tabled on 29 September 2026;
(ii) 'Review Report on the Ministry of Sugar Industry Annual Report 2021-2022' which was tabled on 29 September 2026; and
(iii) 'Consolidated Review Report on the Sugarcane Growers Fund Annual Reports 2023 and 2024' which was tabled on 30 September 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(c) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna moved that Parliament debates the 'Consolidated Review Report on the Assets Fiji Pte Limited Annual Reports 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024' which was tabled on 30 September 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(d) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs the Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna moved that Parliament debates the 'Review Report on the Energy Fiji Limited Annual Report 2025' which was tabled on 1 October 2026.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Thursday, 5 November 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

4th November, 2026.