PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Fifth 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. Premila Kumar, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Jovesa Vocea, Hon. Viam Pillay and Hon. Hem Chand 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. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Aseri Radrodro, Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka and Hon. Alitia Bainivalu.

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, 4 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. The Hon. Speaker also welcomed Ms Yolinda Chan the Fiji Consulate-General in Shanghai and Trade Commissioner in China, and Ms Lucy Lui.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports were tabled and referred to the relevant Standing Committees –

(a) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence

(i) Office of the Prime Minister Annual Report 2023-2024; and
(ii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Report 2023-2024.

(b) Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights

(i) Office of the President Annual Report 2024-2025.

(c) Standing Committee on Public Accounts

(i) Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Audit Report on Public Enterprises and Other Entities.

(d) Standing Committee on Natural Resources

(i) Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources Annual Report 2023-2024.

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that there were no committee reports for presentation.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade the Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Rinesh Sharma responded.

9. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

287/2026 Hon. Joseph Nand asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways, and Sugar Industry – Can the Minister inform Parliament how many fines or legal penalties were successfully issued to owners of negligent stray livestock over the past 12 months, and whether the Government plans to increase these fines to act as a stronger deterrent.

288/2026 Hon. Jovesa Vocea to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Industries, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the current status of the Film Industry following the pay down of the legacy debts of $200m.

289/2026 Hon. Rinesh Sharma asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the Land Transport Authority's (LTA) policy on deployment of enforcement officers and the issuing of traffic infringement notices.

290/2026 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna asked the Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs – Can the Minister update Parliament on Fiji's Intelligence Architecture Reform.

291/2026 Hon. Kalaveti Ravu asked the Minister for Women, Children, Social Protection and Cohesion – Can the Minister update Parliament on the upcoming National Women Expo and the opportunities it will provide to promote women's economic empowerment, entrepreneurship and market access.

292/2026 Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu asked the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, and Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations, and Justice – Can the Minister update Parliament on the measures the Ministry has undertaken to ensure that survey plans, are assessed and approved promptly to avoid delays in land registration and development.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Penioni Ravunawa to ask Oral Question 288/2026 in the Hon. Jovesa Vocea's absence.

10. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

(a) Third Reading of the Fiji Police Bill 2026

The Minister for Policing and Communications the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua moved pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Thursday, 28 May 2026 and the communications from the Chair on Wednesday, 19 August 2026 that the Fiji Police Bill 2026, with the inclusion of the new clause 167 which was circulated earlier in the afternoon, be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to repeal the Police Act 1965, to establish a framework for policing, to provide for the administration, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Fiji Police Force, to formalise community policing, and for related matters (Bill No. 12 of 2026), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

(b) Bills Under Standing Order 51

The Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, and Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations, and Justice the Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 –

(A) That the following Bills be considered by Parliament without delay –

(i) Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2026;
(ii) Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2026; and
(iii) Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2026.

(B) That the Bills must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
(C) That the Bills must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament; and
(D) That the Bills must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Friday, 6 November 2026, but that one hour be given to debate the Bills, with the right of reply given to the Hon. Minister as the member moving this motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(c) Third Reading of the Personal Insolvency, Financial Rehabilitation and Entrepreneurial Rescue Bill 2025

The Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, and Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations, and Justice the Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo moved pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Thursday, 27 November 2025, that the Personal Insolvency, Financial Rehabilitation and Entrepreneurial Rescue Bill 2025 be debated, voted upon and be passed.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

A Bill for an Act to regulate personal insolvency and provide for bankruptcy procedures and for related matters (Bill No. 40 of 2025), enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker instructed 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 7.18 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

5th November, 2026.