



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Wednesday, Thirteenth day of March,
2024

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

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

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

All Honourable Members were present.

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, 12 March 2024, 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. Deputy Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members to the sitting of Parliament. She also welcomed all those watching the live broadcast and the live-streaming of the proceedings from their home, office and electronic device. She also welcomed the group from the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

The Hon. Deputy Speaker informed all Honourable Members on the availability of the back-to-office reports for the 147th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, which was held in Luanda, Angola and the 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, which was held in Ghana in the Library for their perusal and reference.

6. RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE MOTION BY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

Parliament resumed debate on the motion that the Parliament thanks His Excellency the President for His most gracious speech.

Debate ensued.

[Speakers: Hon. Ioane Naivalurua, Hon. Agni Singh, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Charan Singh, Hon. Sachida Nand, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Vijay Nath, Hon. Pio Tikoduadua, Hon. Viliame Naupoto, Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu, Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna, Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu, Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau and Hon. Viam Pillay.]

The Hon. Speaker resumed the Chair after the lunch break and welcomed the visitors in the gallery. The Hon. Speaker also reiterated to all Honourable Members that whilst speaking in Parliament, one needs to be factually correct as the public are listening and they should not be misled. The Hon. Speaker called on the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry the Hon. Kalaveti Ravu to withdraw his statements on the lapsed Code of Conduct Bill, and also ruled that those references would be expunged from the *Hansard* report of Tuesday, 12 March 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Thursday, 14 March 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 4.37 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

13th March, 2024.