



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Sixth day of March, 2025

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

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

3. ATTENDANCE

All Honourable Members were present except for the Hon. Viam Pillay.

The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) during the sitting of Parliament –

Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka and Hon. Ketan Lal.

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, 5 March 2025, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members, those in the gallery and those watching the proceedings on television and the internet. He also welcomed the Law students and Senior Lecturer from the Justice Divendra Pathik School of Law from the University of Fiji.

Hon. Speaker delivered his ruling on the point of order raised by Hon. Faiyaz Koya on Wednesday, 5 March 2025.

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. Lynda Tabuya, Hon. Pio Tikoduadua, Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna, Hon. Alipate Tuicolo, Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Siromi Turaga, Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Hon. Ifereimi Vasu, Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo.]

7. SUSPENSION MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved pursuant to Standing Order 6 that so much of Standing Order 23(1) be suspended so as to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

(a) The Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 –

- (i) That the **Land Transport (Amendment) Bill 2025** be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (ii) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (iii) That the Bill must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament; and
- (iv) That the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 13 March 2025, but that 1 hour be given to debate the Bill, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(b) The Attorney-General the Hon. Graham Leung moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 –

- (i) That the **Cinematographic Films (Amendment) Bill 2025** be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (ii) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (iii) That the Bill must not be referred to a standing committee or other committee of Parliament; and
- (iv) That the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Thursday, 13 March 2025, but that 1.5 hours be given to debate the Bill, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Friday, 7 March 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.