



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Twenty-eighth day of November, 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
 - (a) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for absence from Parliament –

Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Charan Singh, Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo, Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu, Hon. Alitia Bainivalu, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Mosese Bulitavu, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal and Hon. Parveen Bala.
 - (b) The Hon. Aliko Bia and Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad were absent.
 - (c) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) from Parliament –

Hon. Manoa Kamikamica, Hon. Ketan Lal, Hon. Viam Pillay and Hon. Shalen Kumar.
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 Thursday, 27 November 2025 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, as well as those seated in the gallery and those following the proceedings through television and online platforms. The Hon. Speaker also welcomed the students, teachers and parents of Viria Public School in Naitasiri.

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that the Reserve Bank of Fiji would launch a new series of banknotes, which would be officially unveiled by the President of the Republic of Fiji, His Excellency Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, on Tuesday, 2 December 2025, at the Grand Pacific Hotel. To commemorate this significant national milestone, the RBF had extended invitations to all Honourable Members of Parliament and in that respect, the Hon. Speaker reminded all Honourable Members to notify the RBF staff on their attendance.

6. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

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

(a) Standing Committee on Economic Affairs

- (i) Reserve Bank of Fiji – Annual Report August 2024–July 2025.

(b) Standing Committee on Social Affairs

- (i) Fiji National Provident Fund – Annual Report 2025.

(c) Standing Committee on Natural Resources

- (i) Ministry of Agriculture – Annual Report 2022–2023.

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that the Reserve Bank of Fiji Quarterly Economic Review – September 2025 was for information only and would not be referred to any Standing Committee.

7. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

304/2025 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua asked the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on measures the Ministry has implemented to protect migrant workers from wage theft, unfair contracts and poor working conditions.

- 306/2025 Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu asked the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister inform Parliament if there was any study undertaken to evaluate the Cost of Living Index for rural and urban dwellers.
- 307/2025 Hon. Virendra Lal to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on Government's plans to modernise Fiji's road infrastructure to reduce travel time and traffic congestion.
- 308/2025 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo asked the Minister for Agriculture – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the effect of cattle diseases on the Cattle Industry in Fiji.
- 309/2025 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the new financial incentives, grant programmes, or regulatory relief the Government will introduce to support start-up growth and youth job stability.
- 310/2025 Hon. Aliko Bia to ask the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the establishment of the Energy Investment Advisory Committee (EIAC) and the review of the Electricity Act.
- 311/2025 Hon. Jone Usamate asked the Minister for Agriculture – Can the Minister update Parliament on the measures put in place to prevent and control the spread of termites.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker informed that Oral Questions 307/2025 and 309/2025 had dropped as they had been addressed earlier through Ministerial Statements. The Hon. Speaker further informed that Oral Question 310/2025 was withdrawn by the Hon. Aliko Bia as it had been addressed earlier through Oral Question 256.

8. END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

- (a) The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the End of Week Statement by the Hon. Parveen Bala had dropped from the Order Paper.
- (b) Hon. Manoa Kamikamica delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel responded.
- (c) Hon. Hem Chand delivered his End of Week Statement and the Assistant Minister for Education the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu responded.
- (d) Hon. Joseph Nand delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Agriculture the Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna responded.

- (e) The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the second End of Week Statement by the Hon. Manoa Kamikamica was withdrawn and would be re-submitted at a later sitting.
- (f) The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the End of Week Statement by the Hon. Rinesh Sharma was withdrawn.
- (g) Hon. Inosi Kuridrani delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Agriculture the Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna responded.
- (h) Hon. Shalen Kumar delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection the Hon. Sashi Kiran responded.

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

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved under Standing Order 6 that so much of Standing Order 23(1) be suspended so as to allow the House to sit beyond 12.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 1 December 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions throughout the week, and adjourned Parliament until Monday, 1 December 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.53 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

28th November, 2025.