



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Thursday, Twenty-seventh 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. Charan Singh, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Premila Kumar, Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad and Hon. Sanjay Kirpal.
 - (b) The Hon. Kalaveti Ravu was absent.
 - (c) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) from Parliament –

Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka and Hon. Viliame Naupoto.
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, 26 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 Nakurukuruvakatini Primary School in Naitasiri.

Hon. Speaker ruled on the matter of the urgent oral question by the Hon. Viam Pillay.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee on Social Affairs

- (i) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2022 Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs 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.

- (ii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2018 Labasa Town Council Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs 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.

- (iii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2019 Tavua Town Council Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs 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 Public Accounts

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Manoa Kamikamica tabled the Committee's review report on the Office of the Auditor-General on the Crown Land Lease System.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts 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.

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

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights the Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure tabled the Committee's Review Report on the Forestry Bill 2025.

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Friday, 7 November 2025, the Standing Committee had tabled its report accordingly, and the Bill would be debated and voted upon by Parliament on Monday, 1 December 2025.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Civil Service and Public Enterprises the Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu responded.

(b) The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Faiyaz Koya responded.

8. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

266/2025 Hon. Inia Seruiratu asked the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether the Ministry is considering the construction of new Court facilities and the expansion or upgrading of existing Court facilities around the country.

292/2025 Hon. Joseph Nand asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the ongoing works at the Ellington Wharf in Rakiraki and when will it be opened to the public.

293/2025 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the Government of Japan on the Technical Intern Training Programme.

- 294/2025 Hon. Hem Chand asked the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament if the Ministry has any plans to have a Teacher Protection Policy.
- 295/2025 Hon. Taito Rokomatu asked the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of efforts by the people of Munia in Vanuabalavu, Lau in reclaiming their ancestral land.
- 296/2025 Hon. Semi Koroilavesau asked the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations – Can the Minister inform Parliament on plans to deal with the lack of skilled labourers that have been moving to Australia and New Zealand.
- 297/2025 Hon. Penioni Ravunawa asked the Minister for Environment and Climate Change – Can the Minister update Parliament on Fiji’s Third National Climate Commitment Under the Paris Agreement.
- 299/2025 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo asked the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Integrated Rural Development Framework (IRDF) 2009 Review Report.
- 300/2025 Hon. Rinesh Sharma asked the Minister for Policing and Communications – Can the Minister update Parliament on the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Act 1954.
- 301/2025 Hon. Inosi Kuridrani asked the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Fiji and Solomon Islands Advance Justice Sector Collaboration.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker further informed that Oral Question 293/2025 had dropped as it has been addressed earlier in the day through the Ministerial Statement by the Hon. Prime Minister.

9. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

(a) Third Reading of the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2025

The Minister for Housing and Local Government the Hon. Maciu Nalumisa moved pursuant to the resolution of Parliament on Tuesday, 25 November 2025, that the Town Planning (Amendment) 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 amend the Town Planning Act 1946, enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

(b) Personal Insolvency, Financial Rehabilitation and Entrepreneurial Rescue Bill 2025

The Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General the Hon. Siromi Turaga moved a motion pursuant to Standing Order 51 –

- (a) That the Personal Insolvency, Financial Rehabilitation and Entrepreneurial Rescue Bill 2025 be considered by Parliament without delay;
- (b) That the Bill must pass through one stage at a single sitting of Parliament;
- (c) That the Bill must be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights;
- (d) That the Standing Committee must report on the Bill at the earliest possible date next year; and
- (e) That upon presentation of the report on the Bill by the Standing Committee, the Bill must be debated and voted upon by Parliament, with the right of reply given to him as the Member moving the motion.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Friday, 28 November 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 4.22 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

27th November, 2025.