



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Monday, Sixteenth Day of February,  
2026

1. The House met at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

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

3. ATTENDANCE

(a) All Honourable Members were present except for the Hon. Sanjay Kirpal.

(b) The Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad had notified the Hon. Speaker of his inability to attend the sitting of Parliament.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members, the guests in the gallery and those watching the live broadcast of the proceedings. Hon. Speaker advised all Honourable Members that the Official Opening of the fourth and final Session of this parliamentary term, would be officiated by His Excellency Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu, *Na Gone Turaga Bale na Tui Cakau*.

5. ARRIVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY

The Honourable Speaker emphasised that it was customary for Members of the Judiciary to attend Parliament and hear the address delivered by His Excellency the President. He then invited the Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, to invite the Chief Justice, the President of the Court of Appeal, and the Honourable Judges to join the proceedings in the Parliament Chambers.

6. ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI RATU NAIQAMA TAWAKECOLATI LALABALAVU

The Hon. Speaker, Hon. Leader of the Government in Parliament and the Secretary-General, escorted His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu, to the Parliament Chambers.

7. ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI RATU NAIQAMA TAWAKECOLATI LALABALAVU

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu delivered his address.

At the conclusion of His Excellency's Address, the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. Leader of the Government in Parliament escorted His Excellency as he retired from the Parliament Chambers.

8. MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY RETIRE FROM PARLIAMENT CHAMBERS

The Hon. Speaker expressed his gratitude to the Hon. Chief Justice, Hon. President of the Court of Appeal and the Honourable Judges for gracing the occasion.

The Hon. Chief Justice, Hon. President of the Court of Appeal and the Hon. Judges retired from the Parliament Chambers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that Parliament stands adjourned until Monday, 9 March 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that the 2026 Parliament Session was officially open. The Hon. Speaker thanked all the Honourable Members present, the distinguished guests seated in the public gallery and those watching the live proceedings on television and the internet. The Hon. Speaker also reminded Honourable Members that at the next sitting, Parliament would proceed with the Motion to thank His Excellency the President for His most gracious speech and Honourable Members would speak in accordance with the batting order.

Hon. Speaker adjourned Parliament until Monday, 9 March 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 11.38 a.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.