



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Tenth day of March, 2026

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. Sakiasi Ditoka, Hon. Ioane Naivalurua, Hon. Parveen Bala, Hon. Premila Kumar and Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure.
 - (b) The Hon. Jese Saukuru was absent.
 - (c) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) from Parliament –

Hon. Ketan Lal, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal, Hon. Charan Singh and Hon. Sashi Kiran.
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, moved that the Minutes of the sittings of Parliament held on Monday, 9th March 2026, 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 to the sitting of Parliament. He also welcomed those in the gallery and those watching the proceedings on television and the internet.

Vaka Forum

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change had extended an invitation to all Honourable Members to the Vaka Forum; a half day Dialogue on Recycling, Circular Economy and Sustainable Waste Management on Monday, 16 March 2026 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Suva Civic Centre. The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that there would be no Standing Committee meetings on the morning of Monday, 16 March 2026 so as to allow maximum participation by Honourable Members at the Dialogue. Standing Committee meetings would continue after lunch.

Absence From Parliament

Hon. Speaker further informed all Honourable Members on the interpretation of absence from Parliament as provided under Standing Order 141 vis-à-vis section 63 of the Constitution on the vacation of seat of a Member of Parliament, and specifically subsection (1)(f) thereof.

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. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu, Hon. Vijay Nath, Hon. Siromi Turaga, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Maciu Nalumisa, Hon. Shalen Kumar, Hon. Ketan Lal, Hon. Jovesa Vocea, Hon. Virendra Lal, Hon. Aseri Radrodoro, Hon. Alvick Maharaj, Hon. Kalaveti Ravu and Hon. Inosi Kuridrani.]

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

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that there were no Bills for consideration.

9. MOTION IN THE NAME OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, COMMERCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development the Hon. Esrom Immanuel moved a motion for the purpose of section 145(1) of the Constitution and pursuant to Standing Order 131, that Parliament approves –

- (a) Government guarantee for the Fiji Development Bank (Bank) borrowings for the 12-months period from 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2027 (Guarantee Period) through the issuance of short and long-term bonds, promissory notes, term deposits, any Reserve Bank of Fiji financing facility and other short-term borrowings;
- (b) the increase in Government guarantee limit for the Fiji Development Bank borrowings of \$190 million for the period 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2027 (Guarantee Period), by \$30 million to \$220 million; and
- (c) that the Bank pay a guarantee fee of 0.075% on the cumulative utilised guarantee.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked the Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 6.33 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

10th March, 2026.