



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 102

Friday 7 April 2017

**NP/05/1/11**

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:40 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Jackson Fiulaua  
Hon. John Moffat Fugui  
Hon. Alfred Ghiri  
Hon. Nestor Giro  
Hon. Rick Nelson Houenipwela  
Hon. Dr. Tautai Agikimua Kaituu  
Hon. Duddley Kopu  
Hon. John Dean Kuku  
Hon. Christopher Laore  
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea  
Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue  
Hon. Samson Maneka  
Hon. Jeremiah Manele  
Hon. John Maneniaru  
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a - *Presiding*  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali  
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau  
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa  
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala  
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi  
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo  
Hon. Danny Philip  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu  
Hon. Charles Sigoto  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare

Hon. Freda Tuki Soriacomua  
Hon. Jimson Fiau Tanangada  
Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga  
Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana  
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome  
Hon. Milner Tozaka  
Hon. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

**Absent:** Hon. Steve William Abana  
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka - *Apologies (Government Business)*  
Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui  
Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke  
Hon. Douglas Ete  
Hon. Moses Garu  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri  
Hon. Martin Kealoe  
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga - *Apologies (Overseas)*  
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari  
Hon. David Day Pacha - *Apologies (Overseas)*  
Hon. Lionel Alex Qora  
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. Bradley Tovosia

**In-Attendance:** Mr. James Apaniai, *Attorney-General*

### **READING BY THE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Speaker kindly reminded Members to attend a Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & Resilient Development which will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2017.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** for the week ending Friday 14 April 2017 was announced by the Prime Minister.

### **MOTIONS**

**Motion No.22** – Inquiry into proposed Amendment to the Preamble of the Constitution

**Hon. Matthew Wale, Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee moved:**

“That Parliament resolves to direct the Constitution Review Committee to inquire into an Amendment to the Preamble of the Constitution which will have the effect of declaring that *Solomon Islands is a Christian Country.*”

Hon. Matthew Wale delivered his opening remarks.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare    | - | Prime Minister & MP for East Choiseul  |
| Hon. Jeremiah Manele      | - | Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei  |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela     | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee & MP for Small Malaita                                   |
| Hon. Milner Tozaka        | - | Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade & MP for North Vella La Vella                      |
| Hon. Danny Philip         | - | Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination & MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepari |
| Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana | - | Chairman of the Environmental and Conservation Committee & MP for Maringe/Kokota                   |

Hon. Matthew Wale delivered his closing remarks.

Question put and passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Prime Minister moved:

*"That Parliament do now adjourn."*

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Confirmed.**

**Hon. Andrew Manepora'a**  
**Deputy Speaker of National Parliament**

**7 April 2017**