



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 103

Monday 10 April 2017

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:30 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui
Hon. Douglas Ete
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Nestor Giro
Hon. Rick Houenipwela
Hon. Dr. Tautai Agikimua Kaituu
Hon. Duddley Kopu
Hon. John Dean Kuku
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue
Hon. Jeremiah Manele
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Dickson Mua Pankitasi
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Charles Sigoto
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua

Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
Hon. Freda Tuki Soriacomua
Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga
Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Namson Tran
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Steve William Abana
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke
Hon. Alfred Ghio
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Samson Maneka
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari
Hon. Lionel Alex Qora
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu - *Apologies (Overseas)*
Hon. Jimson Fiau Tanangada
Hon. Peter Tom

READING BY THE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker reminded Members to attend a Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Resilient Development which will be held on Tuesday 11th April to Wednesday 12th April 2017.

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.61 – National Wage Policy

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal asked the Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration a question relating to the progress in developing a national wage policy.

The Minister, Hon. Elijah Doro Muala, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Matthew Wale	-	Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga
Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana	-	Chairman of the Environmental and Conservation Committee & MP for Maringe/Kokota

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| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of the Independent Group & MP for North East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Douglas Ete | - | MP for East Honiara |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Elijah Doro Muala | - | Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration & MP for South Choiseul |
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Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.123 – Ministry of Rural Development New Office Space Rental Cost and Arrangement

The Minister for Rural Development, Hon. Jimson Tanangada, was not present to answer the question. Postponed to next sitting day.

MOTIONS

Motion No.24 – Motion of Sine-die

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister has moved:

“That at the adjournment of Parliament on Monday the 10th of April, the present meeting shall be concluded and Parliament shall then stand adjourned *sine die*.”

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of the Independent Group & MP for North East Guadalcanal |

Parliament suspended at 12:25 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Parliament resumed at 1:54 p.m.

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources & MP for West Are'are |
| Hon. John Moffat Fugui | - | Minister for Education and Human Resources Development & MP for Central Honiara |
| Hon. Danny Philip | - | Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination & MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepari |

At 4:30 pm the Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 10 in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).

Leave granted.

The Prime Minister moved:

"That Standing Order 10 be suspended in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5)."

Question put and passed.

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Manasseh Maelanga | - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs & MP for East Malaita |
| Hon. Silas. K. V. Tausinga | - Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee & MP for West New Georgia/Vona Vona |
| Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo | - Minister for Culture and Tourism & MP for Ngella |

Parliament suspended at 5:48 p.m. for 12 minutes.

Parliament resumed at 6:10 p.m.

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Bradley Tovosia | - MP for East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Commings Mewa | - MP for Temotu Nende |
| Hon. Nestor Giro | - Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee & MP for Central Makira |
| Hon. Dr. Tautai Kaitu'u | - Minister for Health and Medical Services & MP for Rennell/Bellona |
| Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui | - Chairman of the Public Expenditure Committee & MP for East Central Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana | - Chairman of the Environmental and Conservation Committee & MP for Maringe/Kokota |
| Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue | - MP for Lau/Mbaelelea |
| Hon. Duddley Kopu | - Minister for Agriculture and Livestock & MP for Temotu Pele |
| 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. Dickson Mua Panakitasi | - MP for Savo/Russells |

Hon. David Day Pacha - Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification & MP for South Guadalcanal

The Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply.

Question on the motion of *sine-die* put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned Parliament *sine-die* in accordance with the earlier resolution of the House and pursuant to *Standing Order* 10(5) at 10:49 p.m.

Confirmed.

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu
Speaker of National Parliament

10 April 2017