



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SIXTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 113

Monday 21 August 2017

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:45 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve William Abana
Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Nestor Giro
Hon. Rick Nelson Houenipwela
Hon. Dr Tautai Agikimua Kaituu
Hon. Duddley Kopu
Hon. John Dean Kuku
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue
Hon. Samson Maneka
Hon. Jeremiah Manele
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau
Hon. Commins Aston Mewa
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
Hon. Charles Sigoto
Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
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. Peter Tom
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke
Hon. Douglas Ete
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Alfred Ghiri
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo
Hon. Lionel Alex Qora
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Namson Tran

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

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

The Speaker declared that on the closure of nominations for the Office of the Deputy Speaker at 4:00pm on Sunday 20 August 2017, there were two candidates nominated for the election. They were:

- Hon. David Day PACHA, Member for South Guadalcanal; and
- Hon. Steve ABANA, Member for Fataleka

The Speaker was satisfied that the two candidates were qualified to be elected as Deputy Speaker under section 64(1)(b) of the *Constitution* and was also satisfied that the two nominations met the requirements of Standing Orders 5(2) and 5(3) and were thus valid.

However, during the course of the morning, the Office of the Clerk received a letter from Hon. Steve ABANA which stated his intention to withdraw his candidacy for the post of Deputy Speaker. His withdrawal was accepted by the Speaker. Therefore Hon. David Day PACHA stands unopposed for the position of Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker on behalf of the House and its Members, congratulated and welcomed the new Deputy Speaker of the honourable House.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

Hon. Snyder Rini, Minister for Finance and Treasury presented the following paper:

2017 Mid-Year Budget Review Report.
(*National Parliament Paper No.26 of 2017*)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Friday 25 August 2017 was announced by the Prime Minister.

BILLS

Bills – First Reading

The ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’.

Parliament deemed to have ordered the ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’ to be set down for a Second Reading.

MOTION

Motion of Special Adjournment

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister moved:

“That at its adjournment on Monday 21st August 2017, Parliament shall be adjourned to Monday 28th August 2017.”

The Prime Minister made his remarks.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita |
| Hon. Dr Derek Sikua | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal |

The Prime Minister wound up the debate.

Question put and passed

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister moved:

“That Parliament do now adjourn.”

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday 28 August 2017.

Confirmed.

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu
Speaker of National Parliament

21 August 2017