



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SIXTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 114

Monday 28 August 2017

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:14 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve William Abana
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui
Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke
Hon. Douglas Ete
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghiri
Hon. Nestor Giro
Hon. Rick Nelson Houenipwela
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Martin Kealoe
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. Andrew Manepora'a
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala

Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo
Hon. Lionel Alex Qora
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. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Dr Tautai Agikimua Kaituu
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome
Hon. Namson Tran

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

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.129 – Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (IEPA) with the European Union

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade a question relating to an Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (IEPA) with the European Union.

The Minister, Hon. Milner Tozaka answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal

Supplementary questions were answered by:

Hon. Milner Tozaka - Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and MP for North Vella La Vella
Hon. John Maneniaru - Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources and MP for West Are'are

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

Question No.131 – Review of Biometric Registration System

Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu, MP for North West Choiseul asked the Minister for Home Affairs a question relating to the review of the biometric voter registration system.

The Minister, Hon. Manasseh Maelanga answered the question.

Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu thanked the Minister for answering the question.

Question No.133 – Parliamentary Service Bill

The Leader of Opposition asked for the question to be deferred to a later sitting day to allow for further consultations between the Prime Minister's Office and the National Parliament Office.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Friday 1 September 2017 was announced by the Prime Minister.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

The 'Anti-Corruption Bill 2016'

The Speaker explained procedural matters of withdrawing a Bill.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare sought leave of the house to withdraw the 'Anti-Corruption Bill 2016'.

The Prime Minister gave his remarks.

The following members dissented:

Hon. Jeremiah Manele - Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal

There being dissenting voices the Prime Minister sought consent of the Speaker to move a motion without notice under Standing Order 26(1).

Leave was granted by the Speaker.

The Prime Minister moved that the Second Reading Motion on the 'Anti-Corruption Bill 2016' be withdrawn from the Business Paper.

The Prime Minister gave his remarks.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

Hon. Rick Houenipwela	-	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga	-	Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs and MP for East Malaita
Hon. Douglas Ete	-	MP for East Honiara

Hon. Douglas Ete called for a division, for when the question on the motion will be put.

The Prime Minister wound up the debate.

Point of order was raised by Hon. Dr Derek Sikua regarding the issue of him not given a chance to talk but the Prime Minister had already wound up the debate.

The Speaker put the question that the 'Anti-Corruption Bill 2016' be withdrawn from the Business Paper'.

Point of order was raised by Hon. Dr Derek Sikua calling for a division.

The Clerk administered the division.

The results were:	Ayes	-	30
	Noes	-	10
	Absent	-	10
	Total	-	50

Question that the 'Anti-Corruption Bill 2016' be withdrawn from the Business Paper' was therefore passed.

The '2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017'.

Hon. Snyder Rini, Minister for Finance and Treasury moved:

"That the '2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017' be put to the Second Reading."

The Minister for Finance and Treasury delivered his opening speech.

According to Standing Order 61(2), debate on the '2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017' was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister moved:

"That Parliament do now adjourn."

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 12:07 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 29 August 2017.

Confirmed.

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiru
Speaker of National Parliament

28 August 2017