



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SIXTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 116

Wednesday 30 August 2017

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:21 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. Rick Nelson Houenipwela  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri  
Hon. Martin Kealoe  
Hon. Duddley Kopu  
Hon. John Dean Kuku  
Hon. Christopher Laore  
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea  
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. Danny Philip  
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. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

**Absent:** Hon. Nestor Giro  
Hon. Dr Tautai Agikimua Kaituu  
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome

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

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

The MP for East Honiara raised a point of order the day before, in relation to the division which took place on Monday 28 August 2017. The Speaker therefore responded by ruling that there was no point of order, given that the point of order was raised during a proceeding that was not related to the division collected on the withdrawal of the Bill. Moreover Parliament records showed that the MP for East Honiara had voted against the withdrawal of the Anti-Corruption Bill.

The Speaker further went on to set the record straight by correcting the results he announced on Monday 28 August 2017 which had a slight error showing that 31 Members of Parliament had voted for the withdrawal of the Bill, 9 Members of Parliament had voted against, and 10 Members of Parliament were absent. The correct results were in fact that 30 Members of Parliament had voted for the withdrawal of the Bill, 10 Members had voted against and 10 Members were absent.

He also informed the House that the '*Constitution (Amendment) (Dual Citizenship) Bill 2017*' had also been withdrawn from the Business Paper.

And finally, he welcomed Grade 5 and 6 students from the Palm Drive Adventist School who were in the Public Gallery.

## **ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS**

### **Question No.133 – Parliamentary Service Bill**

Hon. Jeremiah Manele, Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei asked the Prime Minister a question relating to the Parliamentary Service Bill.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| 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 |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Prime Minister and MP for East Choiseul |
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Hon. Jeremiah Manele thanked the Prime Minister for answering the questions.

## **STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

Hon. John Maneniaru, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources made a Statement on the *“Bina Harbour Fisheries Project.”*

Short questions were asked and answered according to Standing Order 24(2).

## **BILLS**

### **Bills – Second Reading**

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

Debate on the Bill continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for North West Choiseul  |
| Hon. Milner Tozaka        | - | Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and MP for North Vella La Vella |

*Parliament suspended at 12:05 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.*

*Parliament resumed at 2:29 p.m.*

Debate on the Bill continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Douglas Ete    | - | MP for East Honiara   |
| Hon. Stanley Sofu   | - | Minister for Infrastructure Development and MP for East Kwaio       |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources and MP for West Are'are |

The Minister for Finance and Treasury delivered his speech in reply.

Question put and passed.

The **'2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017'** has been read the second time and now stands committed to the Committee of Supply.

#### Bills – Committee of Supply

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

Parliament resolved into a Committee of Supply to consider the '2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017'.

#### **CONTINGENCY WARRANTS (RECURRENT)**

##### Head 281 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$4,920,000

The Committee considered Head 281.

Debate ensued.

Question *"That the sum of \$4,920,000 for Head 281 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

##### Head 288 – Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration - \$2,000,000

The Committee considered Head 288.

Debate ensued.

Question *"That the sum of \$2,000,000 for Head 288 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

Question *"That the **Total Recurrent Contingency Warrants** of \$6,920,000 stand part of Schedule"* put and passed.

#### **ADVANCE WARRANTS (RECURRENT)**

##### Head 294 – Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace - \$2,378,844

The Committee considered Head 294.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$2,378,844 for Head 294 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 376 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services - \$8,368,648

The Committee considered Head 376.

Debate ensued.

**At 4:30 pm Committee of Supply interrupted and Parliament resumed.**

**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.

Parliament resolved again into Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the **‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’**.

Debate on Head 376 continued.

Question *“That the sum of \$8,368,648 for Head 376 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 381 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$9,059,349.66

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved *“That Head 381 (Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) be increased by \$2,014,913.66”*.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That Head 381 (Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) be increased by \$2,014,913.66”* put and passed.

Debate on Head 381 as amended ensued.

Question *“That the increased sum of \$9,059,349.66 for Head 381 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 383 – Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services - \$1,934,674

The Committee considered Head 383.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$1,934,674 for Head 383 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 392 – Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs - \$325,000

The Committee considered Head 392.

Question *“That the sum of \$325,000 for Head 392 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 396 – National Judiciary - \$835,343

The Committee considered Head 396.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$835,343 for Head 396 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved *“That the **Total Recurrent Advance Warrants** be increased by \$2,014,913.66.*

Question *“That the **Total Recurrent Advance Warrants** of the Schedule be increased by \$2,014,913.66”* put and passed.

Question *“That the increased sum of \$22,901,858.66 for the **Total Recurrent Advance Warrants** stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

**VARIATIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS**

Head 273 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$23,000,000

The Committee considered Head 273.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$23,000,000 for Head 273 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 473 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$37,650,385

The Committee considered Head 473.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$37,650,385 for Head 473 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 274 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade - \$1,550,000

The Committee considered Head 274.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$1,550,000 for Head 274 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 474 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade - \$703,953

The Committee considered Head 474.

Question *“That the sum of \$703,953 for Head 474 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 276 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services - \$24,987,252

The Committee considered Head 276.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$24,987,252 for Head 276 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 476 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services - \$800,000

The Committee considered Head 476.

Question *“That the sum of \$800,000 for Head 476 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 470 – Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development - \$32,923,745

The Committee considered Head 470.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$32,923,745 for Head 470 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 481 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$1,080,000

The Committee considered Head 481.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$1,080,000 for Head 481 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 488 – Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration - \$4,650,603

The Committee considered Head 488.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$4,650,603 for Head 488 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Question *“That the **Total Offsetting Savings** of \$127,345,938 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

#### **ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE**

##### **Head 272 – Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development - \$200,000,000**

The Minister for Finance and Treasury informed the Committee that there were corrections under this head. However as they were typing errors and not substantial amendments, they would be tabled during the third reading of the Bill.

The Committee considered Head 272.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$200,000,000 for Head 272 stand part of Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 279 – National Parliament - \$10,000,000**

The Committee considered Head 279.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$10,000,000 for Head 279 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 281 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$4,700,000**

The Committee considered Head 281.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$4,700,000 for Head 281 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 283 – Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services - \$18,314,449**

The Committee considered Head 283.

Question *“That the sum of \$18,314,449 for Head 283 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 290 – Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources - \$6,238,479**

The Committee considered Head 290.

Debate ensued.



Question *“That the sum of \$6,238,479 for Head 290 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 293 – Ministry of Home Affairs - \$6,500,000

The Committee considered Head 293.

Question *“That the sum of \$6,500,000 for Head 293 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved *“That the Additional Supplementary Expenditure table be amended by inserting an additional entry after Head 293, Head 473 Ministry of Finance and Treasury and that this head be increased by \$150,000,000.”*

Question *“That the Additional Supplementary Expenditure table be amended by inserting an additional entry after Head 293, Head 473 Ministry of Finance and Treasury and that this Head be increased by \$150,000,000”* put and passed.

Head 473 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$150,000,000

The Committee considered Head 473.

Debate on Head 473 as amended ensued.

Question *“That the increased sum of \$150,000,000 for Head 473 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 477 – Ministry of Infrastructure Development - \$106,000,000

The Committee considered Head 477.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$106,000,000 for Head 477 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 490 – Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources - \$1,300,000

The Committee considered Head 490.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$1,300,000 for Head 490 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 498 – Ministry of Rural Development - \$51,000,000

The Committee considered Head 498.

Question *“That the sum of \$51,000,000 for Head 498 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Question "That the total of the **Total Supplementary Expenditure** of the Schedule be increased by \$150,000,000" put and passed.

Question "*That the Schedule stands part of the Bill*" put and passed.

### Clause 1

Question "*That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill*" put and passed.

Question “*That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill*” put and passed.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved *“That Clause 3 be amended by deleting ‘435,409,873’ and substituting ‘587,424,786.66’.*

Hon. Rick Houenipwela sought leave to propose an amendment to the *'2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017'* under Standing Order 51(2).

Hon. Rick Houenipwela moved that the '*2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017*' be amended by inserting an additional Clause after Clause 3 as follows:

Hon. Rick Houenipwela gave his remarks.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

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

Hon. Rick Houenipwela wound up the debate.

Question put and passed.

### **Long Title of the Bill**

The Chairman stated that the long title of the Bill was consequential to the amendment to Clause 3 of the Bill, therefore the long title of the Bill would be amended as follows: **“AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND, AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY SIX CENTS, TO THE SERVICE OF THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017.”**

Point of order was raised by Hon. Dr Derek Sikua in relation to putting the question for Clause 3 as amended.

*Committee of Supply suspended at 7:02 p.m. for 5 minutes*

*Committee of Supply resumed at 7:13 p.m.*

The Chairman stated that the point of order raised by Hon. Dr Derek Sikua in relation to the question being put on Clause 3 as amended, was an oversight on his part. He went on to put the question for Clause 3 as amended.

Question *“That Clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill”* put and passed.

Consideration of the ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’ in Committee of Supply concluded and the Committee dissolved.

### *Parliament Resumed*

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Snyder Rini reported *“That the ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’ has passed through the Committee of supply with amendments.*

The ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’ deemed to be set down for a Third Reading.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury tabled a list of corrections under Standing Order 58(2) for Parliament’s records.

### **Bills – Third Reading**

#### **‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’**

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved:

*“That the ‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’ as amended be now read a third time and do pass.”*

Question put and passed.

The Clerk announced the passage of the **‘2017 Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2017’** as amended.

## **MOTION**

### **Motion of Special Adjournment**

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister moved:

“That at its adjournment on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Parliament shall be adjourned to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 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. 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 Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5) at 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday 9 October 2017.

**Confirmed.**

**Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu**  
**Speaker of National Parliament**

**30 August 2017**