



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SIXTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 121

Monday 6 November 2017

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:49 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. Dr. Tautai Agikimua Kaituu  
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. Commins Aston Mewa  
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi  
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo  
Hon. Danny Philip  
Hon. Lional Alex Qora  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Connelly Matthew Sandakabatu  
Hon. Charles Sigoto  
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare  
Hon. Freda Tuki Soriacomua  
Hon. Jimson Fiau Tanangada  
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga  
Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome  
Hon. Bradley Tovosia  
Hon. Milner Tozaka  
Hon. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

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

## **MOTIONS**

### **Motion No.26 – Motion of No Confidence**

The Leader of the Independent Group, Hon. Dr Derek Sikua requested the Prime Minister to resign.

The Prime Minister declined, stating that the country needs to hear the allegations that the opposing side has against him.

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

***“That the National Parliament of Solomon Islands resolves that it has no confidence in the Prime Minister.”***

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua delivered his opening speech.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka -	Minister for Communication and Aviation & MP for Central Guadalcanal
Hon. Jeremiah Manele -	Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei

Hon. Bradley Tovosia	-	Minister for Forestry and Research & MP for East Guadalcanal
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga	-	MP for East Malaita
Hon. Milner Tozaka	-	Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade & MP for North Vella La Vella
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a	-	Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey & MP for East Are'are
Hon. Douglas Ete	-	MP for East Honiara
Hon. Christopher Laore	-	MP for Shortlands

*Parliament suspended at 1:45 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.*

*Parliament resumed at 3:05 p.m.*

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu	-	Minister for Infrastructure Development & MP for East Kwaio
Hon. Freda Soriacomua	-	Minister for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs & MP for Temotu Vatud
Hon. Samuel Manetoali	-	Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology & MP for Gao/Bugotu
Hon. John Maneniaru	-	Minister for Finance and Treasury & MP for West Are'are
Hon. John Moffat Fugui	-	MP for Central Honiara

At 4:30pm the Prime Minister moved *“that Standing Order 10 be suspended in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit the continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).”*

Question put and passed.

Hon. John Moffat Fugui continued and concluded his remarks.

Debate continued and the following member contributed:

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - Prime Minister & MP for East Choiseul

*Point of Order raised by Hon. Douglas Ete regarding the Prime Minister's reference to other MP's "Father".*

*The Prime Minister therefore withdrew his statement.*

The Prime Minister continued with his remarks.

*Point of Order raised by Hon. Douglas Ete regarding applauding in the chamber which came from members of the public sitting in the gallery.*

*The Speaker ruled that members of the public in the gallery should refrain from applauding.*

The Prime Minister continued and concluded his remarks.

*Point of Order raised by Hon. Danny Philip seeking to address the allegations made against him by the Prime Minister.*

*Point of Order raised by the Prime Minister stating that the motion was against the Prime Minister, therefore procedural wise, he should be the last one to speak on the motion.*

*The Speaker upheld the Prime Minister's Point of Order.*

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua delivered his speech in reply.

*Point of Order raised by the Prime Minister stating that the Leader of the Independent Group was raising new material in his speech in reply. He should have presented such information in his initial speech.*

*The Speaker upheld the Prime Minister's point of Order.*

Hon. Dr Derek Sikua continued and concluded his speech in reply.

The Speaker put the question.

The Speaker decided that a Division be held under Standing Order 42.

The Clerk called the roll and the result is as follows:

Ayes:	27
Noes:	23
Abstentions:	—
Absent:	—
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<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>50</u></b>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion of Special Adjournment**

**The Prime Minister moved:**

*"That at its adjournment today, Parliament adjourns until the day after a new Prime Minister has been elected in accordance with the Constitution."*

Question put and passed.

The Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5) at 6:40 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on the day after a new Prime Minister has been elected in accordance with the *Constitution*.

**Confirmed.**

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

**6 November 2017**