

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**NINTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – THIRD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Friday 9 December 2011**

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:54 am.

Prayers were said by the Committee Secretary.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Steve W. Abana  
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka  
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke  
Hon. Douglas Ete  
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua  
Hon. Walter Folotalu  
Hon. Moses Garu  
Hon. Alfred Ghiro  
Hon. Seth Gukuna  
Hon. Dick Ha'amori  
Hon. Rick Houenipwela  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri  
Hon. Martin Kealoe  
Hon. Mark R. Kemakeza  
Hon. Christopher Laore  
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo  
Hon. Alex Lionai  
Hon. Varian Loñamei  
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga  
Hon. Martin T. Magga  
Hon. John Maneniaru  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali  
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa  
Hon. Joseph Onika  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi  
Hon. Danny Philip  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Selwyn Riumana  
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu

Hon. Charles Sigoto  
Hon. Dr Derek Sikua  
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare  
Hon. Martin Sopage  
Hon. Hypolite Taremae  
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga **(Presiding)**  
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. David Tome  
Hon. James Tora  
Hon. Bradley Tovosia  
Hon. Milner Tozaka  
Hon. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

**Absent:** Hon. John Moffat Fugui **(Overseas)**  
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala

**In-Attendance:** Mr. Billy Titiulu, *Attorney General*

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

The Deputy Speaker announced to the House that the High Court has ruled that the Member of Parliament for East Are'Are ceased to be a Member of Parliament yesterday Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The High Court has determined this matter and that the court has made a declaration to that effect under section 52 of the Constitution. In the spirit of mutual respect between the three organs of the state the House must respect the High Court's ruling. As such the East Are'Are seat is vacant."

The Deputy Speaker also announced that there is government business on today's Order Paper which is an agreement by the Member for Aoke Langa Langa and the Government that the day be as Government Business Day.

The House Committee is also aware that the Government will bring on Business.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS**

By Hon. David Tome, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee:

"The Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011" **(National Parliament Paper No. 33 of 2011).**

## **ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS**

### **Question No.3 – deferred (Minister not present)**

### **Question No.4**

Hon. Seth Gukuna (MP for Rennell/Bellona) asked the Minister for Culture and Tourism a question relating to the progress of Solomon Islands Preparations to host the 2012 Pacific Arts Festival and whether it is in line with the national preparation time-line.

The Minister for Culture and Tourism, Hon. Samuel Manetoali answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal                      |
| Hon. Milner Tozaka   | - | Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for North Vella La Vella |
| Hon. Matthew Wale    | - | MP for Aoke/Langalanga  |
| Hon. John Maneniaru  | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'Are                     |
| Hon. Seth Gukuna     | - | Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee and MP for Rennell/Bellona    |

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Culture and Tourism.

Hon. Seth Gukuna thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

*Parliament suspended at 10:30 am for 15 minutes*

*Parliament resumed at 10:55 am.*

## **MOTIONS**

### **Motion No.8**

Debate on the motion moved by the Minister for Finance and Treasury ***“That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.26 of 2011, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund 2009 Annual Report”*** continued.

Hon. Matthew Wale continued and concluded his remarks.

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

Question ***“That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.26 of 2011, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund 2009 Annual Report”*** put and passed.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved ***“that the Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.26 of 2011, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund 2009 Annual Report be adjourned to the next sitting day.”***

Question put and passed.

*Parliament suspended at 11:45am until 2:00 pm.*

*Parliament resumed at 2:05 pm.*

## **BILLS**

Bills – Committee of Supply

***‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’***

## **ADVANCE WARRANT EXPENDITURES**

Head 273 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$2,380,500

Consideration by the Committee of Supply continued on Head 273.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$2,380,500 for Head 273 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 281 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$34,800,000

The Committee considered Head 281.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$34,800,000 for Head 281 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 283 – Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services - \$2,614,000

The Committee considered Head 283.

Question *“That the sum of \$2,614,000 for Head 283 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 292 – Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs - \$400,000

The Committee considered Head 292.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$400,000 for Head 292 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “***That the total advance warrants of \$40,194,500 stand part of the Schedule***” put and passed.

### **ADDITIONAL RECURRENT AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE**

All Ministries: COLA Payment - \$24,396,487

The Committee considered the COLA Payment.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of 24,396,487 for All Ministries: COLA Payment stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 498 – Ministry of Rural Development- \$24,900,000

The Committee considered Head 498.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$24,900,000 for Head 498 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

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

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.

Consideration on the ‘**2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011**’ in the Committee of Supply continued.

Question ***“That the total expenditure pressures of \$49,296,487 stand part of the Schedule”*** put and passed.

Question ***“That the total Recurrent and Development Expenditure by Contingencies and Advance Warrants and Supplementary Expenditure Pressures of \$141,408,348 stand part of the Schedule”*** put and passed.

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

### **Clauses of the Bill**

#### **Clause 1**

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

#### **Clause 2**

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

#### **Clause 3**

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

Consideration of **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** in Committee of Supply concluded.

*Parliament resumed.*

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Rick Houenipwela reported: *“That **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** had passed through the Committee of Supply without amendments.”*

### **Bills – Third Reading**

#### **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’**

The Minister for Finance and Treasury tabled a list of errors that was identified in the **‘2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** under Standing Order 58(2) for the Parliament’s records.

The Minister for Finance & Treasury Hon. Rick Houenipwela moved: *“That **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** be now read a third time and do pass.”*

Question put and passed.

The Clerk announced the passage of **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’**.

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with the earlier resolution and pursuant to Standing Order 10(5) at 4:50 pm until 9:30 am on Monday 12 December 2011.

**Confirmed.**

**Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga, MP**  
**Deputy Speaker of National Parliament**

**9 December 2011**