

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – THIRD MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 8 December 2011

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:50 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve W. Abana
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
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. Commins Aston Mewa
Hon. Joseph Onika
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
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
Hon. Peter Tom
Hon. David Tome
Hon. James Tora
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Namson Tran
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent:

Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke
Hon. John Moffat Fugui (overseas)
Hon. Andrew Hanaria Keniasina (*High Court decision on petition –
lost his seat as of 7/12/11*)

Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.5

Hon. Milner Tozaka (MP for North Vella La Vella) asked the Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade a question relating to the many overseas trips taken by him in the last 12 months and to further inform Parliament of the costs involved, and some of the benefits gained by this country because of those overseas trips.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka and MP for Central Guadalcanal answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Milner Tozaka	- Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for North Vella La Vella
Hon. David Day Pacha	- MP for South Guadalcanal
Hon. Matthew Wale	- MP for Aoke/Langalanga
Hon. Manasseh Sogavare	- Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul

Supplementary questions were answered by:

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka	- Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and MP for Central Guadalcanal
Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu	- Minister for Agriculture and Livestock and MP for North East Choiseul

Hon. Milner Tozaka thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’

Debate on **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** ensued.

The following members spoke to the motion:

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| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - Leader of the Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo | - Prime Minister and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara |

Parliament suspended at 12:20 pm until 2:00 pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:10 pm.

Debate on **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** continued and Hon. John Maneniaru, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are‘Are spoke.

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

Question: “*That ‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’ has been read a second time*” was put and passed.

Parliament committed **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’** to the Committee of Supply.

Bills – Committee of Supply

‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’

Parliament moved into Committee of Supply to consider **‘The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011’**.

The Chairman announced that according to Standing Order 64 the Committee will commence consideration of the Schedule.

EXPENDITURE BY CONTINGENCIES WARRANTS

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Head 270 – Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development - \$500,000

The Committee considered Head 270.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$500,000 for Head 270 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 272 – Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development - \$6,000,000

The Committee considered Head 272.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$6,000,000 for Head 270 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 274 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade - \$2,600,000

The Committee considered Head 274.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$2,600,000 for Head 274 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 277 – Ministry of Infrastructure Development - \$2,740,000

The Committee considered Head 277.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$2,740,000 for Head 277 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 281 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 281.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 281 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 284 – Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening - \$1,600,000

The Committee considered Head 284.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$1,600,000 for Head 284 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 287 – Ministry of Culture and Tourism - \$477,361

The Committee considered Head 287.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$477,361 for Head 287 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 289 – Ministry of Communication and Aviation - \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 289.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 289 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 293 – Ministry of Home Affairs - \$5,000,000

The Committee considered Head 293.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$5,000,000 for Head 293 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 295 – Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification - \$500,000

The Committee considered Head 295.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$500,000 for Head 295 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “***That the total recurrent expenditure of \$25,417,361 stand part of the Schedule***” put and passed.

DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

Head 470 – Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development - \$1,000,000

The Committee considered Head 470.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$1,000,000 for Head 470 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 474 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade - \$4,500,000

The Committee considered Head 474.

Question “*That the sum of \$4,500,000 for Head 474 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 480 – Ministry of Forestry and Research - \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 480.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 480 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

At 4:30 pm, Committee of Supply interrupted.

Parliament resumed and the Prime Minister moved:

“That Standing Order 10 be suspended in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit the continuation and conclusion of the business on the Order Paper until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).”

Question put and passed.

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

Head 483 – Ministry of Police and National Security - \$1,600,000

The Committee considered Head 483.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$1,600,000 for Head 483 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 484 – Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening- \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 484.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 484 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 489 – Ministry of Communication and Aviation - \$6,600,000

The Committee considered Head 489.

Question “*That the sum of \$6,600,000 for Head 489 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 491 – Ministry of Public Service - \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 491.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 491 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 495 – Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification - \$2,700,000

The Committee considered Head 495.

Question “*That the sum of \$2,700,000 for Head 495 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 499 – Ministry of Rural Development - \$1,100,000

The Committee considered Head 499.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$1,100,000 for Head 499 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “***That the total development expenditure of \$26,500,000 stand part of the Schedule***” put and passed.

Question “***That the total Recurrent and Development Expenditure by Contingencies Warrants of \$51,917,361 stand part of the Schedule***” put and passed.

ADVANCE WARRANT EXPENDITURES

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

The Committee considered Head 273.

Debate ensued.

Committee of Supply interrupted and Parliament resumed.

Parliament suspended at 5:29 pm for 30 minutes.

Parliament resumed at 6:18 pm.

The Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with the earlier resolution and pursuant to Standing Order 10(5) at 6:20 pm until 9:30 am on Friday 9 December 2011.

Confirmed.

**Sir Allan Kemakeza, KBE
Speaker of National Parliament**

8 December 2011