

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

9TH PARLIAMENT – 1ST SESSION – 1ST MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 28 September 2010

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:35 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve W. Abana
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke
Hon. Douglas Ete
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
Hon. Walter Folotalu
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghiro
Hon. Seth Gukuna
Hon. Dick Ha'amori
Hon. Rick Houenipwela
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Toswell Kaua
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Mark R. Kemakeza
Hon. Andrew Hanaria Keniasina
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
Hon. Alex Liona
Hon. Varian Lonamei
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Martin T. Magga
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Commins Aston Mewa
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
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
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga
Hon. Peter Tom
Hon. James Tora
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Namson Tran
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka

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

*Parliament suspended at 9:37 am to allow the Bills and Legislation Committee to deliberate on the ‘**Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010**’.*

Parliament resumed at 11:32 am

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By the Minister for Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration:

‘2009 Annual Report Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration.’
(National Parliament Paper No. 9 of 2010)

By the Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee:

‘Report of the Bills and Legislation Committee on **‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010.’ (National Parliament Paper No.10 of 2010)**

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No. 7

Hon. John Maneniaru (MP for West Are’ Are) asked the Minister for Home Affairs a question relating to the government’s position on the idea of building the National Futsal Stadium in Honiara to meet international standards.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Matthew Wale	-	MP for Aoke/Langalanga
Hon. Rick Houenipwela	-	MP for Small Malaita
Hon. John Maneniaru	-	MP for West Are' Are
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua	-	MP for North East Guadalcanal
Hon. Steve Abana	-	Leader of Opposition and MP for Fataleka
Hon. Silas V. Tausinga	-	MP for West New Georgia/Vona Vona
Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu	-	MP for North West Choiseul
Hon. Manasseh Sogavare	-	MP for East Choiseul

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs and MP for East Malaita.

The member thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

Question No. 10

Hon. Rick Houenipwela (MP for Small Malaita) asked the Honourable Minister for Finance and Treasury a question relating to the background details to the recent purchase of Sasape Marina Limited by National Provident Fund.

The Minister for Finance & Treasury answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare	-	MP for East Choiseul
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua	-	MP for North East Guadalcanal
Hon. Rick Houenipwela	-	MP for Small Malaita

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Minister for Finance and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara.

The member thanked the Minister for answering the question.

Parliament suspended at 12:18 pm until 1:30pm.

Parliament resumed at 1:31 pm.

Question No. 14

Hon. Andrew Hanaria Keniasina (MP for East Are' Are) asked the Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources a question relating to the current management approaches the Ministry is undertaking in relation to Fisheries Conservation and Management Principles under the current Fisheries Act.

The Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

- Hon. Andrew Hanaria Keniasina - MP for East Are' Are
- Hon. John Maneniaru - MP for West Are' Are
- Hon. Steve Abana - Leader of Opposition and MP for Fataleka
- Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi - MP for Savo/Russells
- Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - MP for East Choiseul

Supplementary questions were answered by:

- Hon. Danny Philip - Prime Minister and MP for South New Georgia/ Rendova/ Tetepare
- Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea - Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources and MP for North Malaita
- Hon. John Moffat Fugui - Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology

The member thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

Question No.16

Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare (MP for East Choiseul) asked the Honourable Prime Minister a question relating to (a) The number of political appointees that the government will engage, (b) their postings, (c) The terms and conditions of each of the appointees and (d) how much it will cost the taxpayers to engage these appointees.

The Prime Minister answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

- Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - MP for East Choiseul
- Hon. Rick Houenipwela - MP for Small Malaita

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Danny Philip, Prime Minister and MP for South New Georgia/ Rendova/ Tetepare.

The member thanked the Prime Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.17

Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare (MP for East Choiseul) asked the Honourable Prime Minister a question relating to the nature and working of the proposed Forgiveness Bill.

The Prime Minister answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

- Hon. Steve Abana - Leader of Opposition and MP for Fataleka
- Hon. Milner Tozaka - MP for North Vella La Vella

- Hon. John Maneniaru - MP for West Are' Are
- Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - MP for East Choiseul
- Hon. Matthew Wale - MP for Aoke/Langalanga

Supplementary questions were answered by:

- Hon. Danny Philip - Prime Minister and MP for South New Georgia/ Rendova/ Tetepare
- Hon. Dick Ha'amori - Minister for Education and Human Resources Development and MP for West Makira

The member thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

'The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010'

The Minister of Finance and Treasury has moved:

“That the Second Reading debate on ‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’ be adjourned to the next sitting day.”

Debate on the Second Reading of **'The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010'** commenced and the following members contributed to the debate on the Bill:

- Hon. Steve Abana - Leader of Opposition and MP for Fataleka
- Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - MP for East Choiseul
- Hon. Stanley Sofu - MP for East Kwaio
- Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for Temotu Vatud
- Hon. Rick Houenipwela - MP for Small Malaita
- Hon. Seth Gukuna - MP for Rennell/Bellona
- Hon. Milner Tozaka - MP for North Vella La Vella
- Hon. John Maneniaru - MP for West Are' Are

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

At 4:30 pm the Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 10 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).

Leave granted.

The Prime Minister Hon. Danny Philip 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).

The Minister for Finance and Treasury continued with his speech in reply.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved:

‘That *‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’* be now read the second time.’

Question put and passed.

Parliament committed **‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’** to the Committee of the Whole House.

Bills – Committee Stage

‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’

Parliament moved into Committee of the Whole House to consider **‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’**.

Clause 1

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 2

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 3

The question *“That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 4

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 5

The question “*That Clause 5 stand part of the Bill*” was put and passed.

Clause 6

Debate ensued.

The question “*That Clause 6 stand part of the Bill*” was put and passed.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole House concluded.

Parliament resumed.

The Minister for Finance and Treasury reported “*That ‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’ has passed through the Committee of the Whole House without amendments.*”

Bills – Third Reading

‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’

The Minister moved:

“That ‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’ be now read a third time and do pass.”

Question “*That ‘The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010’ be now read a third time and do pass*” put and passed.

The Clerk announced the passage of ‘**The Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2010**’ without amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned Parliament according to earlier resolution of the House and under Standing Order 10(5) at 5:15 pm until 9:30 am Wednesday 29 September 2010.

Confirmed.

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

28 September 2010