

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – THIRD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 7 December 2011

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The Speaker took the Chair at 9:37 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. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghira
Hon. Seth Gukuna
Hon. Dick Ha'amori
Hon. Rick Houenipwela
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Varian Loñamei
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Martin T. Magga
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Commins Aston Mewa
Hon. Joseph Onika
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Selwyn Riumana
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
Hon. Hypolite Taremae
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. Walter Folotalu
 Hon. John Moffat Fugui (overseas)
 Hon. Mark R. Kemakeza
 Hon. Andrew Hanaria Keniasina
 Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo (Apologies – absent on official duty-Munda)

Hon. Alex Lionai
 Hon. Samuel Manetoali
 Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
 Hon. David Day Pacha
 Hon. Charles Sigoto
 Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi
 Hon. Martin Sopage
 Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga (Apologies – absent on official engagement – Munda)

Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Minister for Finance and Treasury:

“2010 Annual Report of Central Bank of Solomon Islands”
(National Parliament Paper No.30 of 2011).

By Sir Allan Kemakeza, Speaker of National Parliament:

“Special Audit Report on the National Cattle Rehabilitation Project”
(National Parliament Paper No.23 of 2011).

By Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee:

“Report of the Bills and Legislation Committee on the Customs Valuation (Amendment) Bill 2011” **(National Parliament Paper No.31 of 2011).**

By Sir Allan Kemakeza, Speaker of National Parliament:

“National Parliament Office 2010 Annual Report” **(National Parliament Paper No.32 of 2011).**

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Friday 9th December 2011
 (further statement) was announced by the Acting Prime Minister.

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.1

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua (Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal) asked the Minister for Finance and Treasury a question relating to the progress of RIPEL settlement and how much has been paid out so far?

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Rick Houenipwela and MP for Small Malaita answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'Are |
| Hon. Seth Gukuna | - | MP for Rennell/Bellona |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Minister for Finance and Treasury |
| Hon. Manasseh Maelanga | - | Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs and MP for East Malaita |
| Hon. Danny Philip | - | MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare assisted the Government side to answer the supplementary questions. |

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

Question No.2

Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale (MP for Aoke/Langalanga) asked the Honourable Minister for Education and Human Resources Development a question relating to the number of Solomon Islanders that are benefitting from the scholarship awards under his discretion and explain the criteria for this scholarship programme.

The Minister for Education and Human Resources Development, Hon. Dick Ha'amori answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Milner Tozaka | - | Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for North Vella La Vella |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'Are |

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Dick Ha'amori Minister for Education and Human Resources Development and MP for West Makira

Hon. Matthew Wale thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.3 – deferred – Minister not present.

Question No.4 – deferred – Minister not present.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Rick Houenipwela moved:

*"That '**The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011**' be now read a second time."*

The Minister for Finance and Treasury delivered his Second Reading speech.

The Minister for Finance & Treasury moved according to Standing Order 61(2) that the debate on '**The 2011 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011**' be now adjourned until the next sitting day.

Question put and passed.

MOTIONS

Motion No.8

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Rick Houenipwela has moved:

"That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider 'National Parliament Paper No.26, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund 2009 Annual Report.'"

Debate on the motion moved by the Minister for Finance and Treasury continued and the following members spoke:

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| Hon. Douglas Ete | - MP for East Honiara |
| Hon. Danny Philip | - MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare |
| Hon. Matthew Wale | - MP for Aoke/Langalanga |

The Speaker interrupted Hon. Wale's speech and advised that he will suspend sitting and when the House resumes Hon. Wale will continue and conclude his remarks.

Parliament suspended at 12:10 pm until 2:00 pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:05 pm.

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare raised the question on the quorum of Parliament under Standing Order 12 read with Section 67 of the Constitution. After 15 minutes only 20 members were present.

The Speaker therefore adjourned Parliament at 2:25 pm to the next sitting day Thursday 8th December 2011 in accordance with Standing Order 9.

Confirmed.

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

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