

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**8<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION – 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday 24 September 2009**

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:35 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Steve Abana  
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka  
Hon. Rev. Leslie Boseto  
Hon. Seth Gukuna  
Hon. Francis Billy Hilly  
Hon. Shemeul Sam Iduri  
Hon. Toswel Kaua  
Hon. Mark Roboliu Kemakeza  
Hon. Clement Kengava  
Hon. Johnson Koli  
Hon. Daniel Enele Kwanairara  
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo  
Hon. Martin Magga  
Hon. Nelson Ne'e  
Hon. Severino Nuaiasi  
Hon. John Patteson Oti  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Selwyn Riumana  
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh Damukama Sogavare  
Hon. Martin Sopage  
Hon. Augustine Taneko  
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga  
Hon. James Tora  
Hon. Isaac Inoke Tosika  
Hon. Milner Tozaka  
Hon. Siriako Usa  
Hon. Patrick Vahoe (Jnr)

**Apologies:** Hon. David Sitai - *Medical condition not well*  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale  
Hon. Fred Iro Fono  
Hon. William Nii Haomae

**Absent:** Hon. Peter Boyers  
Hon. Laurie Chan

Hon. Walter Folotalu  
Hon. Bernard Ghiro  
Hon. Edward Justus Huniehu  
Hon. Nollen Cornelius Leni  
Hon. Varian Loñamei  
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali  
Hon. Silas Milikada  
Hon. Trevor Olavae  
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. Japhet Waipora  
Hon. Francis John Zama

### **SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Speaker welcomed members to the continuation of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the eighth Parliament. The three weeks recess have been put into good use by some Members who were able to either visit their constituencies, or attend to other important responsibilities. It was noted too that others have been very busy with committee hearings and have had no rest since the adjournment on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009."

The Speaker also informed the House that he has been advised by the Honourable Prime Minister that he wishes to allow for certain committees to complete their ongoing inquiries. These are the Special Select Committee inquiry into the quality of service at the National Referral Hospital, and the Parliamentary House Committee enquiry into the \$50,000 terminal grant for MPs spouses. The Bills & Legislation Committee also still need to deliberate on a few Bills that were announced by the Prime Minister in his motion on special adjournment moved on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and that have yet to be received by the Speaker. On that basis, he proposed to move a special adjournment today that the House adjourns until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The Speaker considered his request genuine and necessary and has accordingly granted permission for him to move a special adjournment without notice.

### **MOTIONS     *Special Adjournment***

The Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua moved:

***"That at the adjournment on Thursday 24 September 2009, Parliament be adjourned to Thursday 12 November 2009."***

The Prime Minister delivered his opening speech.

The Speaker welcomed the MP for Temotu Pele who had been away overseas on medical grounds and is now present in Parliament.

Debate ensued and the following members spoke:

Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare   -   Leader of Opposition and MP for East Choiseul

Hon. Isaac Inoke Tosika	- Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Honiara
Hon. John Patteson Oti	- Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee and MP for Temotu Nende
Hon. Clement Kengava	- Deputy Speaker and MP for North West Choiseul
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo	- Minister for Environment, Conservation and Meteorology and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara
Hon. Seth Gukuna	- Minister for Culture and Tourism and MP for Rennell/Bellona

The Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply and moved the motion.

Question put and passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Prime Minister moved:

***“That Parliament do now adjourn.”***

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 11:30 am until Thursday 12 November 2009.

**Confirmed.**

**Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Kenilorea KBE PC**  
**Speaker of National Parliament**

**24 September 2009**