

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

8TH PARLIAMENT – 1ST SESSION – 10TH MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 26 November 2009

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 12:05 pm.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve Abana
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
Hon. Rev. Leslie Boseto
Hon. Peter J. Boyers
Hon. Bernard Ghira
Hon. Seth Gukuna
Hon. William Nii Haomae
Hon. Francis B. Hilly
Hon. Edward Justus Huniehu
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Sir Allen Kemakeza
Hon. Clement Kengava
Hon. Johnson Koli
Hon. Daniel Enele Kwanairara
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
Hon. Varian Loñamei
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Severino Nuaiasi
Hon. Trevor Olavae
Hon. Patteson J. Oti
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Selwyn Riumana
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh Damukana 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)
Hon. Japhet Waipora
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale
Hon. Francis John Zama

Apologies: Hon. Laurie Chan (Sick)
Hon. Fred I. Fono “
Hon. Toswel Kaua “
Hon. Martin Magga “
Hon. Silas Milikada “
Hon. Nelson Ne’e “
Hon. David Wote Sitai “

Absent: Hon. Walter Folotalu
Hon. Mark Roboliu Kemakeza
Hon. Nollen Cornelius Leni
Hon. Peter Tom

In-Attendance: Attorney General – Mr. Gabriel Suri

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

‘The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009’

Debate on the Second Reading of ‘**The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009**’ continued, no member rose to speak.

Parliament suspended at 12:06 pm until 2:00 pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:10 pm.

Debate on the Second Reading of ‘**The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009**’ continued and the following members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Francis Billy Hilly	- Minister for Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration and MP for Ranonga/Simbo
Hon. Trevor Olavae	- MP for South Vella La Vella
Hon. Francis John Zama	- Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare
Hon. John Patteson Oti	- MP for Temotu Nende

The Prime Minister pursuant to Standing Order 35 moved:

*"That the debate on the Second Reading of the '**Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009**' be adjourned until 16 March 2010."*

The Prime Minister delivered his opening speech.

Debate ensued and the following members spoke to the motion:

Hon. Seth Gukuna	- Minister for Culture and Tourism and MP for Rennell/Bellona
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare	- Leader of the Opposition and MP for East Choiseul
Hon. Clement Kengava	- Deputy Speaker and MP for North West Choiseul
Hon. Peter James Boyers	- Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for West New Georgia/Vona Vona
Hon. John Patteson Oti	- Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee and MP for Temotu Nende
Hon. Francis John Zama	- Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare
Hon. William Haomae	- Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and MP for Small Malaita
Hon. Isaac Inoke Tosika	- Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Honiara
Hon. Rev. Leslie Boseto	- MP for South Choiseul
Hon. Edward Justus Huniehu	- MP for East Are'Are
Hon. Sir Allen Kemakeza	- MP for Savo/Russells
Hon. Japhet Waipora	- MP for West Makira

At 4:30 pm the Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 10 in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of Business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker.

Leave granted.

The MP for West Makira continued his speech.

Hon. Milner Tozaka	- Minister for Public Service and MP for North Vella La Vella
Hon. John Patteson Oti	- Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee and MP for Temotu Nende
Hon. Severino Nuaiasi	- Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for West Are'Are

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga	- Minister for Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening and MP for East Malaita
Hon. Augustine Taneko	- MP for Shortlands
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi	- Minister for Health and Medical Services and MP for Temotu Vattu
Hon. Samuel Manetoali	- Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey and MP for Gao/Bugotu
Hon. Peter S. Agovaka	- MP for Central Guadalcanal

The Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply.

The question ***“That the debate on the Second Reading of the ‘Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009’ be adjourned until 16 March 2010”*** was put and passed.

MOTIONS *Motion No. 10*

The Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua (Prime Minister) moved according to notice:

“1 That a Special Select Committee be established under Standing Order 73 to:

(a) Consider the various debates by Members of Parliament during the second Reading of the Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009) in relation to clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and Schedule 2 of the Bill; taking into account the Political Parties (Registration and Administration) Bill 2009; and

(b) Examine the Report on Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009), NP-Paper No. 41/2009, by the Constitution Review Committee; and

2. That the Committee report to the Prime Minister, prior to the conclusion of the second reading debate on the Bill (No. 24 of 2009), and before 2 February 2010.”

The Prime Minister delivered his opening speech.

The MP for Temotu Nende, Hon. Patteson Oti under SO 26(2)(b) proposed an amendment in relation to paragraphs (a) & (b) that in paragraph (a) delete the word **‘consider’** and insert instead the word **‘review’**, delete the word **‘debates’** and insert instead the words **‘recommendations and suggestions raised’**

In paragraph (b), add the words **“Further”** before the word **“examine”** and deleting the word **“Report”** and insert instead the words **“the recommendations in”** to read:

"1 That a Special Select Committee be established under Standing Order 73 to:

(a) **Review** the various **recommendations and suggestions raised** by Members of Parliament during the second Reading of the Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009); and

(b) **Further** examine **the recommendations in** the Report on Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009), National Parliament Paper No. 41/2009, by the Constitution Review Committee; and

2. That the Committee report to the Prime Minister, prior to the conclusion of the second reading debate on the Bill (No. 24 of 2009), and before 2 February 2010."

Parliament suspended at 5:55 pm.

Parliament resumed at 6:20 pm.

Debate on the proposed amended motion ensued and the following member spoke on the motion:

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua - Prime Minister and MP for North East Guadalcanal

The mover of the proposed amended motion the Hon. Patteson Oti made his opening remarks on the proposed amendments.

Debate on the proposed amendment continued and the following members spoke on the motion:

Hon. Isaac I. Tosika - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Honiara

Hon. Peter Boyers - MP for West New Georgia/Vonavona

The Hon. Patteson Oti delivered his speech in reply and begged to move.

Question put and negatived.

Debate on the original motion moved by the Prime Minister resumed and the following members spoke:

Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare	- Leader of the Opposition and MP for East Choiseul.
Hon. Francis Billy Hilly	- Minister for Commerce, Industry & Employment and MP for Ranongga/Simbo
Hon. Seth Gukuna	- Minister for Culture & Tourism and MP for Rennell/Bellona
Hon. William Haomae	- Minister for Foreign Affairs & External Trade and MP for Small Malaita
Hon. Sir Allan Kemakeza	- MP for Savo/Russells
Hon. Peter James Boyers	- MP for West New Georgia/Vonavona

The Hon. Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply.

Question that ***"1. That a Special Select Committee be established under Standing Order 73 to:***

(c) Consider the various debates by Members of Parliament during the second Reading of the Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009) in relation to clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and Schedule 2 of the Bill; taking into account the Political Parties (Registration and Administration) Bill 2009; and

(d) Examine the Report on Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009 (No. 24 of 2009), NP-Paper No. 41/2009, by the Constitution Review Committee; and

2. That the Committee report to the Prime Minister, prior to the conclusion of the second reading debate on the Bill (No. 24 of 2009), and before 2 February 2010." put and passed.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua moved:

"That at its adjournment today, Parliament shall stand adjourned until 7 December 2009."

The Prime Minister delivered his speech.

Debate ensued.

The following members spoke to the motion:

Hon. William Haomae - Minister of Foreign Affairs & External Trade and
MP for Small Malaita
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare - Leader of Opposition and MP for East Choiseul

The Prime Minister made his speech in reply.

Question “***That at its adjournment today, Parliament stands adjourned until 7 December 2009***” put and passed.

The Speaker adjourned Parliament under Standing Order 10(5) at 7:35 pm until 9:30 am Monday 7 December 2009.

Confirmed.

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

26 November 2009