

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

8TH PARLIAMENT – 1ST SESSION – 10TH MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 24 November 2009

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:06 am.

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. Walter Folotalu
Hon. Bernard Ghro
Hon. Seth Gukuna
Hon. William Nii Haomae
Hon. Francis B. Hilly
Hon. Edward Justus Huniehu
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Sir Allen Kemakeza
Hon. Mark Roboliu Kemakeza
Hon. Clement Kengava
Hon. Johnson Koli
Hon. Daniel Enele Kwanairara
Hon. Nollen Cornelius Leni
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

Presiding (pm)

Hon. Martin Sopage
Hon. Augustine Taneko
Hon. Peter Tom
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

Absent: Hon. Fred I. Fono ***sick***
Hon. Toswel Kaua ***sick***
Hon. Martin Magga ***sick***
Hon. Silas Milikada
Hon. Nelson Ne'e
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga

Apologies: Hon. Laurie Chan ***sick***
Hon. David Wote Sitai ***sick***

In-Attendance: *Attorney General – Mr. Gabriel Suri*

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka – Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee:

“Report of the Constitution Review Committee on ‘**The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009**’.” (*National Parliament Paper No. 41 of 2009*).

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

‘The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009’

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

Hon. Sir Allen Kemakeza	-	MP for Savo/Russells
Hon. Clement Kengava	-	Deputy Speaker and MP for North West Choiseul
Hon. Japhet Waipora	-	MP for West Makira
Hon. Isaac Inoke Tosika	-	Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Honiara

Parliament suspended at 12:00 pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:45 pm.

Debate on the Bill continued and the following members spoke:

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| Hon. Edward Justus Huniehu | - | MP for East Are'Are |
| Hon. Seth Gukuna | - | Minister for Culture and Tourism and MP for Rennell/Bellona |
| Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal |

Parliament suspended at 4:00 pm.

Parliament resumed at 4:30 pm.

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 Prime Minister 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).”

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Debate on the Bill continued and the following members spoke:

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| Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu | - | Minister for Infrastructure Development and MP for East Kwaio |
| Hon. Peter James Boyers | - | Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for West New Georgia/Vona Vona |

The Prime Minister moved that the Second Reading Debate on 'The Constitution (Political Parties Amendment) Bill 2009' be adjourned to the next sitting day.

Question put and passed.

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament under Standing Order 10(5) at 5:25pm until 9:30am Wednesday 25 November 2009.

Confirmed.

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

Confirmed.

Hon. Clement Kengava MP
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament

24 November 2009