

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

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

**MINUTES**

**Friday 23 April 2010**

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:55 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Steve Abana  
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka  
Hon. Rev. Leslie Bosefo  
Hon. Laurie Chan  
Hon. Fred Iro Fono  
Hon. Bernard Ghiri  
Hon. Seth Gukuna  
Hon. William Nii Haomae  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri  
Hon. Toswel Kaua  
Hon. Mark Roboliu Kemakeza  
Hon. Clement Kengava  
Hon. Johnson Koli  
Hon. Daniel Enele Kwanairara  
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo  
Hon. Varian Loñamei  
Hon. Martin Magga  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali  
Hon. Severino Nuaiasi  
Hon. Trevor Olavae  
Hon. John Patteson Oti  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Selwyn Riumana  
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua  
Hon. David Wote Sitai  
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare  
Hon. Augustine Taneko  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. James Tora  
Hon. Isaac Inoke Tosika

Hon. Milner Tozaka  
Hon. Siriako Usa  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale  
Hon. Francis John Zama

**Absent:** Hon. Peter James Boyers  
Hon. Walter Folotalu  
Hon. Francis B. Hilly  
Hon. Nollen Cornelius Leni  
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga  
Hon. Silas Milikada  
Hon. Nelson Ne'e  
Hon. Martin Sopage  
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga  
Hon. Patrick (Jnr) Vahoe  
Hon. Japhet Waipora

### **READING BY THE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker advised the House that although it is a Private Member's day, it is to be treated as a government day for the purpose of today. Members would appreciate that under Standing Order 15(3) Business for Private Members Day that being Friday is to be set down by the Parliamentary House Committee. Where there is little or no private business for a particular Friday, Standing Order 15(3)(c) allows the Committee to set down government business for that day, if the Prime Minister so requires. This Parliament have Parliament adhered to this rule in all other circumstances. However, long established practice must also be considered when applying our Standing Orders. As members may be aware on the final week of any given meeting if the final day before *sine-die* adjournment is a Friday, it has always been a practice to treat it as, not so much a government day but a *sine-die* day. As such the *sine-die* debate has always been allowed to continue and conclude on Fridays even without the permission of the Committee. The Speaker considered this to be a practical convention because normally when Parliament reach the last day of a meeting all business have been disposed off so the only business left would be the *sine-die* debate. It therefore makes no practical sense to insist on strict application of Standing Order 15(3) when it is common knowledge that there really is just one item left. On this basis the Speaker wish to put on record that it is the precedent and practice of the Honourable House, that where the final day of a meeting falls on a Friday, the sine-die debate may be resumed and conclude on that Friday without the need to seek the House Committee's permission. In all other circumstances the Committee's permission or general consensus of Committee members is a mandatory requirement.

### **MOTIONS**

The Prime Minister moved:

***“That at the adjournment of Parliament on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 the present meeting shall be concluded and Parliament shall then stand adjourned sine-die.”***  
*(Debate to continue and conclude).*

Debate on the motion of *sine-die* continued. The following member contributed to the motion:

Hon. David Sitai - MP for East Makira

*Parliament suspended at 11:45 am until 1:30 pm.*

*Parliament resumed at 1:32 pm.*

Debate on the motion of *sine-die* continued. The following members contributed to the motion:

Hon. Matthew Wale - Minister for Education and Human Resources Development and MP for Aoke Langalanga  
Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - Leader of the Opposition and MP for East Choiseul  
Hon. Toswell Kaua - MP for Lau/Mbaelelea  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali - Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey and MP for Gao/Bugotu

**At 4:30 pm the Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 10 in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).**

Leave granted.

The Prime Minister moved:

***“That Standing Order 10 be suspended in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).”***

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey continued and concluded his speech.

The following members also contributed to the motion:

Hon. Fred Fono - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Rural Development and MP for Central Kwara’ae  
Hon. Clement Kengava - Minister for Environment, Conservation and Meteorology and MP for North West Choiseul

- Hon. James Tora - Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services and MP for Ulawa/Ugi
- Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo - MP for Gizo/Kolombangara

*Parliament suspended at 6:50 pm for half-an-hour.*

*Parliament resumed at 7:25 pm.*

Debate on the motion of *sine-die* continued and the following members contributed to the motion:

- Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka - Minister for Commerce, Industry and Employment and MP for Central Guadalcanal
- Hon. Patteson Oti - Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee and MP for Temotu Nende
- Hon. Steve Abana - Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination and MP for Fataleka
- Hon. Siriako Usa - MP for Northwest Guadalcanal

*Parliament suspended at 9:25 pm for half an hour.*

*Parliament resumed at 10:10 pm.*

Debate on the motion of *sine-die* continued and the following members contributed to the motion:

- Hon. Johnson Koli - Minister of Women, Youth and Children's Affairs and MP for East Guadalcanal
- Hon. Bernard Ghiro - Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Development and MP for Central Makira
- Hon. Sam Shemuel Iduri - Minister for National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace and MP for West Kwara'ae
- Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi - Minister for Health and Medical Services and MP for Temotu Vattu

At 12:00 midnight a Point of Order was raised by the Speaker for the Prime Minister to amend earlier motion for Parliament to close on 23 April 2010 to change the date for an amendment to be made to the motion under Standing Order 26(1) so that the meeting can continue into part of Saturday.

The Prime Minister moved:

**“That pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the *sine-die* motion is amended and now reads: That at the adjournment of Parliament on Saturday 24 April 2010 the present meeting shall be concluded and Parliament shall then stand adjourned *sine-die*”**

Question put and passed.

The Speaker announced that in order for Parliament to sit on a Saturday the motion needs to be moved under Standing Order 9(2) and the Prime Minister wishes to move without notice as stated above and has the Speaker’s permission.

The Prime Minister moved:

**“That pursuant to Standing Order 9(2), Parliament shall sit on 12:10 am 24 April 2010 notwithstanding Standing Order 10(1) to give opportunity to members who have not yet contributed to the *sine-die* motion to do so before the House dissolves on midnight 24 April 2010 and at the adjournment of Parliament on Saturday 24 2010, the present meeting shall be concluded and Parliament shall then stand adjourned *sine-die*”.**

Question put and passed.

Point of Order raised by the Hon. Leader of the Independent Group wanting the House to adjourn and resume at 9:30 am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The Prime Minister explained that there is only one member left to speak on the motion.

The Minister for Health and Medical Services, Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi continued and concluded his speech.

The following member also contributed:

Hon. Augustine Taneko        -        Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs and MP for Shortlands

The Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua delivered his speech in reply.

Before adjourning Parliament the Speaker delivered his closing speech.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Speaker adjourned Parliament *sine-die* under Standing Order 10(5) at 2:15 am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

**Confirmed.**

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

**24 April 2010**