

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING

MINUTES

Friday 26 October 2012

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:45 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. Walter Folotalu
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghiro
Hon. Seth Gukuna
Hon. Dick Ha'amori
Hon. Rick Houenipwela
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
Hon. Alex Lionai
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
Hon. Joseph Onika
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
Hon. Selwyn Riumana
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
Hon. Charles Sigoto
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
Hon. Hypolite Taremae
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga

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. Varian Loñamei
Hon. Vika Lusibaea
Hon. Martin T. Magga
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
Hon. Martin Sopage

In-Attendance: Mr. Billy Titiulu, *Attorney-General*

Parliament suspended at 9:51am until 2:00pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:15pm.

MOTIONS

Motion No.4 – Motion of No Confidence

The Speaker advised that as the Motion of No Confidence has been validly included in today's Order Paper, and has not been removed, he is of the view that the motion has been validly introduced to Parliament. The non-attendance of the mover does not, by itself, prohibit the Members of this Honourable House from debating the merits of such a motion and exercising their constitutional rights. In the circumstances, the Speaker informed the House that the Motion of No Confidence has been introduced and those who want to speak may do so, in accordance with the rules of debate.

Points-of-Order were raised by Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga seeking the Attorney-General's clarification on the Speaker's ruling and Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, MP for East Choiseul raising the question regarding *Standing Orders* 14 and 15.

The Attorney-General made a clarification regarding the Speaker's ruling on the matter.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo made his contribution to the debate on the motion.

The Speaker ordered the removal of the MP for Aoke/Langalanga from the chambers for interruption and that he is not to attend Parliament for 7 days.

Hon. Douglas Ete, MP for East Honiara stated that he will not contribute to the debate as the mover has not properly moved the motion.

The Speaker put the question: *"That the National Parliament of Solomon Islands resolves it has no confidence in the Prime Minister."*

A call of Members' names was made to determine the passage or non-passage of the motion to satisfy Section 34(1) of the *Constitution*.

The Clerk called the roll and the result is as follows:

Ayes:	0
Noes:	28
Abstentions:	3
Absent:	<u>18</u>
Total	<u>49</u>

The motion was therefore defeated.

Motion on Special Adjournment

The Prime Minister moved:

"That at its adjournment on Friday 26th October 2012, Parliament shall stand adjourned to Monday 5th November 2012."

The Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo made his remarks.

Question *"That at its adjournment on Friday 26th October 2012, Parliament shall stand adjourned to Monday 5th November 2012"* put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister moved:

"That Parliament do now adjourn."

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 3:20pm until 9:30am on Monday 5 November 2012.

Confirmed.

Sir Allan Kemakeza KBE
Speaker of National Parliament

26 October 2012