

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 8 April 2013

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The Speaker took the Chair at 9:45 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

<u>Present:</u>	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. Johnley T. Hatimoana
	Hon. Rick Houenipwela
	Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
	Hon. Martin Kealoe
	Hon. Christopher Laore
	Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
	Hon. Alex Lional
	Hon. Varian Loñamei
	Hon. Vika Lusibaea
	Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
	Hon. Martin T. Magga
	Hon. John Maneniaru
	Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
	Hon. Samuel Manetoali
	Hon. Commins Aston Mewa
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
	Hon. Joseph Onika
	Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
	Hon. Danny Philip
	Hon. Selwyn Riumana
	Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
	Hon. Charles Sigoto
	Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
	Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi

Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
Hon. Martin Sopage
Hon. Hypolite Taremae
Hon. Peter Tom
Hon. David Tome
Hon. James Tora
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Steve W. Abana
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke
Hon. Dick Ha'amori
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga
Hon. Namson Tran

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee:

“Report on the ‘Biosecurity Bill 2013’.” (*National Parliament Paper No.5 of 2013*)

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.17 – Teacher’s Union Strike

Hon. John Lee Hatimoana (MP for Ngella) asked the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development a question relating to the basis on the resumption of the strike by the Teacher’s Union.

The Supervising Minister for Education and Human Resources Development, Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Matthew Wale	- MP for Aoke/Langalanga
Hon. Milner Tozaka	- Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and MP for North Vella La Vella
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua	- Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal

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| Hon. Douglas Ete | - Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for East Honiara |
| Hon. John Lee Hatimoana | - MP for Ngella |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'are |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi | - Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Supervising Minister of Education and Human Resources Development and MP for Temotu Vatud |
| Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo | - Prime Minister and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - Minister of Finance and Treasury and MP for Small Malaita |

Hon. John Lee Hatimoana thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Thursday 11 April 2013 was announced by the Prime Minister.

BILLS

Parliament resolved into a Committee of the Whole House to continue consideration of the 'Police Bill 2013'.

Bills – Committee Stage

'Police Bill 2013'

Consideration in Committee of the Whole House continued.

Clause 170

The Committee considered Clause 170.

The question "*That Clause 170 stand part of the Bill*" was put and passed.

Clause 171

The Committee considered Clause 171.

The question "*That Clause 171 stand part of the Bill*" was put and passed.

Clause 172

The Committee considered Clause 172.

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 172 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 173

The Committee considered Clause 173.

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 173 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 174

The Committee considered Clause 174.

Debate ensued.

The question *“That Clause 174 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Clause 175

The Committee considered Clause 175.

The question *“That Clause 175 stand part of the Bill”* was put and passed.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole House concluded.

The Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services, Hon. Christopher Laore reported that the ‘Police Bill 2013’ has passed through the Committee of the Whole House without amendments.

The Minister of Police, National Security and Correctional Services tabled a list of corrections under Standing Order 58(2) for Parliament’s records.

Bills – Third Reading

‘Police Bill 2013’

The Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services moved:

“That the ‘Police Bill 2013’ be now read a third time and do pass.”

Question put and passed.

The Clerk announced the passage of the ‘Police Bill 2013’.

Bills – Second Reading

‘Biosecurity Bill 2013’

The Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon. David Tome moved that the ‘Biosecurity Bill 2013’ be read a second time.

The Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development delivered his opening speech.

Parliament suspended at 12:40 am until 2:30pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:40 pm.

Debate ensued. The following members contributed to the debate:

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| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. Bradley Tovosia | - Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and MP for East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Commings Mewa | - Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs and MP for Temotu Nende |

Question that “*debate on the question be adjourned until the next sitting day*” put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Prime Minister moved:

“That Parliament do now adjourn.”

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 3:40 pm until 9:30am on Tuesday 9 April 2013.

Confirmed.

Sir Allan Kemakeza, KBE
Speaker of National Parliament

8 April 2013