

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016

The Speaker, Mr Ajilon Nasiu took the Chair at 10.00am.

Prayers.

ATTENDANCE

All were present with the exception of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs & External Trade; Fisheries & Marine Resources; Environment, Conservation, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology; Education and Human Resources Development and the Members for North West Guadalcanal; East Honiara; East Makira; Malaita Outer Islands, Shortlands and Small Malaita.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr Speaker: Honourable Members, welcome to the 4th Meeting of the 10th Parliament. I hope you have all recuperated well and ready to tackle the tasks ahead.

Before we go on to our items of business, I would like to inform Members that at the request of the Parliamentary House Committee, a free medical check will be conducted for all Members by the NCD Department of National Referral Hospital, later on today after Parliament Meeting. This will be held at the Parliament leaf hut. I encourage Members to make use of this opportunity.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

Bills – First Reading

The Penal Code (Amendment) Sexual Offenses 2016

The Police and Transport Legislation (Amendment) Alcohol Testing Bill 2016

The Land and Titles (Amendment) Bill 2016'

The Valuers (Amendment) Bill 2016

The Anti-Corruption Bill 2016'

The 'Whistleblowers Protection Bill 2016'

MOTIONS

Motion of Special Adjournment

Hon MANASSEH SOGAVARE (*Prime Minister*): I move that at the conclusion of its meeting on Tuesday 19th April, 2016, Parliament shall then stand adjourned to Monday 25th April 2016.

There are a number of bills that are before the Bills and Legislation Committee now for the Committee to deliberate on. And we have received a request from the Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee to give them time and to do justice to the work of the Bills Committee, the Government has agreed to their request. That is the reason for this special adjournment.

Hon JEREMIAH MANELE (*Leader of Opposition*): Briefly, on behalf of the Her Majesty's Opposition, I would like to thank the Honourable Prime Minister for moving this motion of special adjournment to give the Bills and Legislation Committee additional time to complete the hearings or scrutiny of very important bills that are before the Committee now. We would like to thank the Prime Minister because a good number of us are in the Bills and Legislation Committee and so I want to thank him for accepting the request of the Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee for additional time to do justice in terms of proper scrutiny of important bills that come before the Committee so that reports are prepared in time for Parliament to consider the bills. Therefore, this side of the House supports this motion of special adjournment.

Hon Manasseh Sogavare: I thank the Leader of Opposition for supporting this motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon Manasseh Sogavare: I beg to move that the House do now adjourn.

The House adjourned at 10.20am