

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kengava took the Chair at 10.53 am.

Prayers.

ATTENDANCE

At prayers, all were present with the exception of the Ministers for Justice & Legal Affairs; Foreign Affairs & External Trade; National Unity, Reconciliation & Peace; Communication & Civil Aviation; Mines, Energy & Rural Electrification; Agriculture & Livestock Development; Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening; Home Affairs; Education & Human Resources Development and the Members for New Georgia/Vona Vona; East Honiara; Central Makira; East Are Are; Mbaegu/Asifola; Ngella; Temotu Pele; West Are Are; South Vella La Vella; Lau/Mbaelelea; East Makira and Malaita Outer Islands.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Mr OTI: Mr Speaker, first of all let me apologize for the seeming delay of the resumption of Parliament this morning because of consultations that had to be undertaken as the mover of the motion with the ranks of the government under which I have agreed to invoke Standing Order 31(1), which means under Standing Order 31(1) I seek leave of Parliament to withdraw Motion No. 8 standing in my name in today's Order Paper. Thank you.

Mr Speaker: Honorable Members, the mover has requested that Motion No. 8 be withdrawn. This is in order according to Standing Order 31(1). As it requires the leave of Parliament I will put the question. The question is that Motion No.8 be withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 31(1).

The question was put and there was a dissenting voice.

Mr Speaker: There is a dissenting voice and so the Motion must be moved under Standing Order 31(1).

Mr Oti: Point of order, Mr Speaker. Can you clarify the intentions of Standing Order 31(1) where there is a dissenting voice would that amount to that intention and the motion that I moved for the withdrawal of the motion. Does it mean the motion still has to be moved because of a dissenting voice? I want that clarification.

Mr Speaker: Yes, I think under Standing Order 31(1), even if there is only one dissenting voice it means the motion must be moved and therefore I made that ruling. Unless the dissenting voice withdraws then it cannot be moved.

I think I will put the question again as presiding officer to clarify the dissenting voice. The question is that Motion No. 8 be withdrawn in accordance with Standing Order 31(1).

The question was put and the ayes have it.

Mr Speaker: I will now make my ruling that the Motion is withdrawn.

Hon. SIKUA: Mr Speaker, I move that Parliament do now adjourn.

The House adjourned at 11.01 am