

Wednesday 13th August 2014.

The speaker of Parliament took the chair at 10.03am

Attendance.

All members were present with the exception of: the Deputy Prime Minister: the Ministers of; Education and Human Resources Development; Police, National Security and Correctional Services; National Planning and Aid Coordination; Women, youth and Childrens Affairs. And the Members of Parliament for; Fataleka; North West Guadalcanal; East Honiara; Malaita Outer Islands; Maringe-Kokota; Temotu Pele; West Are'Are; South Guadalcanal; South New Georgia-Rendova-Tetepari; North Guadalcanal.

Prayer

Speaker's Announcement

Good morning honourable members, welcome to the seventh meeting and the final meeting of the 9th parliament which began on the 8th September 2010, when the speaker was elected. Parliament adjourned Sine die on the 9th of May 2014 and during this adjournment. The public accounts committee held 20 hearings from 6th of June to 28 July and the following performance of unaudited reports. The managing of sustainable fisheries at tuna fishery in Solomon Islands Fisheries, inclusive zones, the national cattle rehabilitation project for the ministry of agriculture and livestock development. The management of the government motor vehicle fleet, the tertiary school management by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development, Tsunami and earthquake relieve fund which the National Disaster Council under the Ministry of Home Affairs. And the following financial auditor's reports also provided National Transport Fund 2011, 2012. 2012 Solomon Islands Broadcasting Annual Report, 2013 Solomon Islands Electric Authority annual report; 2012 Telecommunication Commission of the Solomon Islands annual report. 2013 CBSI annual report; 2013 Solomon Islands National Provident Fund Annual Report; 2010 and 2012 Solomon Island Government National accounts. Honiara City Council 2010 Financial Statements and the

Solomon Islands Ports Authority 2010 Financial Statement. I look forward honourable members that this meeting to go towards the various important issues, so far my office has receive three bills. And many more to come as indicated by the Solomon Islands government, the business games bill 2014, the family protection bill 2013 and the provincial government amendment Bill 2014.

As I have mentioned earlier some more business are expected to be brought before the House for Honourable Members to deliberate on as this are very important national issues before Parliament actually dissolved on the 8th of September 2014. So we have a very busy schedule ahead of us for this meeting. I kindly ask all Honourable Members to be in time, attend the meetings and deliberate on Government Businesses before the House. God Bless you all and God bless Solomon Islands.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Minister of Finance and Treasury:

2013 Central Bank of Solomon Islands Annual Report.

(National Parliament Paper No.20 of 2014)

2013 National Provident Fund Annual Report.

(National Parliament Paper No.21 of 2014)

By Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Prime Minister:

Independent Review on the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI).

(National Parliament Paper No.27 of 2014)..

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS

Bills – First Reading

The 'Family Protection Bill 2014'

The 'Provincial Government (Amendment) Bill 2014'

MOTIONS

Special Adjournment

Hon GORDON DARCY LILO (*Prime Minister*): I beg to move that at the adjournment of Parliament on Wednesday 13th August 2014, Parliament shall stand adjourn to Monday 18th August 2014.

Sir, I have no option but to request that Parliament be adjourned to Monday for the very reason which I am sure that all of us are aware that the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Mr John Kerry will arrive in the country this afternoon. He will be here for a very short visit. There will be an official talk with the Government.

I am also aware that there is also an invitation which has been sent to some of our leaders to join the Secretary of State to lay wreath and to pay tribute to men and women of the allied force who have fought during the Guadalcanal campaign some seventy years ago. And because of that I felt that it is necessary that we give time for that and also

Sir, you will note that there are quite a number of Bills that have been submitted. I do apologise for the very late submission of some of these Bills but this was due to the fact that our Legal Draftsman or the Legal Drafting Section within the Chambers is over stressed at the moment and with quite limited resources that they have and so we have in some ways experience some delays in the production of some of these Bills Sir.

But that should also give time for the Bills and Legislation Committee and as well as there will be the Supplementary Appropriation Bill which somehow will find itself to the Parliament House sometimes this afternoon, so that it will give time also for Public Accounts Committee to organise itself to scrutinize the Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

Sir, with those important activities that Parliament should also undertake, I feel that it is important that we should adjourn today until Monday to give time for those activities to be attended to.

With those remarks Sir, I beg to move. Thank you.

Hon DEREK SIKUA (*Leader of Opposition*): Thank you very much Mr Speaker and first of all I would like to thank the Honourable Prime Minister for moving this important motion that at the adjournment of Parliament on Wednesday the 13th August 2014 Parliament shall stand adjourn to Monday the 18th August 2014.

Sir, I think we on this side of the House will have no problem in supporting this special adjournment motion for the very reasons that the Prime Minister have said, of course the very historic and important visits of the Secretary of State, John Kerry today and of course some of us are invited to some of the important gatherings that will happen today.

And more so Mr Speaker, because of the hearings that; if I can speak on behalf of the Chair of the Bills and Legislation Committee that it needs to continue today especially on the Provincial Government Amendment Bill 2014.

Furthermore Mr Speaker, we still have to have another meeting of the Family Protection Bill this morning and of course the report will then have to be compiled by the Parliamentary staff and hopefully it will come out in time by the end of this week for the Members to have the copy of the report of both Bills before we are ready for the debate of the second reading next week Mr Speaker Sir.

And so Sir, I think for those reasons which the Prime Minister have already allude to, this side of the House do not have any problems to support this special adjournment motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr PETER SHANEL AGOVAKA (*Central Guadalcanal*): Thank you very much Mr Speaker Sir, and thank you Member of Parliament for Aoke/Langalanga for the opportunity. I like to join my colleague the leader of Opposition just in thanking the

Prime Minister for moving this special motion, on the adjournment of Parliament on Wednesday today, until Monday the 18th August 2014.

Just having heard your presentation, parliament has a heavy schedule in front of it, and considering the time frame that we have before the house dissolves sir, there are lots of work indeed that parliament has to go through. Not only in the Reports that will be presented by the Public Accounts Committee but we have two bills- the family protection bill, as well as the Provincial government Amendment Bill 2014. Those are quite important obligations that parliament will have to carry out before the house dissolves.

But again on the same token, Solomon Islands international relationship with the international community is very important and hence the visit by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Kerry is an important part of our international obligation and Relationship with the United States and the International Community.

Sir the Prime Minister has alluded to, that Parliament shall stand adjourned until Monday.

We have yet to receive the Report from the Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee

in reference to the Family protection bill and the other bills- the Provincial Government amendment bill 2014. And this will allow time for the bills and Legislation Committee to carry out its obligation, so that members of Parliament in their debate will be able to look at the report and present it accordingly.

Without much a do, I do support this motion and thank the Prime Minister. Thank you very much

Mr. MATTHEW WALE(Aoke/Langalanga): I don't much to say, I like to say that this will be our last meeting. We start it at the wrong footing for this special adjournment but we do have reasonable grounds for that, and that we should not have any more special adjournments. Especially we preserve the Fridays, because there will only two Fridays left so that the Chairman of the House Committee moved a few nooks and crannies that needs to be tightened on those Standing Orders and allow private Members at least sometime. Because we are going to crump up the Schedule and the previous meeting we always special adjournment passed on Fridays, so alot of issues that we like to raise by way of motions have not been dealt with.

So I would like to flag that with the Prime Minister and the Government to make sure that, though we have special adjournment for Monday but do not ask for Fridays, so that we can put in some issues for us to discuss and tidy up the Standing

Orders, so that those of you who will come back in the next House, the standing Order will be ready for you. Thank you Sir.

Parliament Adjourns until Monday 18th August 2014