



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

FORTY NINTH SESSION – THIRD MEETING 2021

Journal [DAY FIVE]

- Constitution Article 38**
- (1) There shall be a Clerk of Parliament
 - (2) The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of Parliament and shall transmit a copy of those records to the [Queen's Representative] as soon as practicable.

Standing Order 64 Order of Business – PART XVII (a) Formal Entry of Speaker; (b) Prayers; (c) Swearing in of new Members (order 32); (d) Messages from the Queen's Representative (Order 84); Other announcements by the Speaker; (f) Obituary; (g) Statements by Ministers (Part XXIII); (j) Presentation of Bills (Order 219); (k) Presentation of Papers (Order 72); (l) Presentation of Petitions (Order 78); (m) Orders of the Day (Order 70); (n) Consideration of Papers (Orders 74); (o) Motions with notice (Order 105); (p) By leave of the Speaker (Alteration of the Order of Business); (q) Closing prayers.

TUESDAY 15 JUNE, 2021

64 (a)	Formal entry of Speaker	Hon. T. Tura
(b)	Prayers	Rev. Oirua Rasmussen
(d)	Message from the Queen's Representative (Order 84)	Constitution Amendment (No. 29)
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	1. Give notice of the recognition and practice of Kia Orana Values in the Parliament of the Cook Islands. Our ongoing desire to live and breath our shared Kia Orana value.
(f)	Obituary	1. Rau'tangata Enea Rio of Aitutaki 2. Pat Moris of Arorangi 3. Estelle Tuainekore Tikitau nee Wichman/Napa of Nikao.
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil

(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p>1. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, of Finance, Hon. M. Brown – Can the Minister clarify the comments in the newspaper that says, “Government cuts capital spending”</p> <p>Response: Minister M. Brown, the media is incorrect. There are 2 main allocations in the budget –operating and capital. The reduction of the capital allocation is because we have come to the end of Government’s major project. The allocation of the budget for Te Mato Vai was \$10 million and at the end of the project, the allocation is no longer needed and not allocated.</p> <p>2. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, G. Angene – what is the plan for a home for our elderlies (Are Pa Metua)</p> <p>Response: Minister Angene, the work for a home for the elderlies will begin after the budget is passed.</p> <p>3. MP W. Heather question to the DPM, Hon. R. Tapaitau – where are we in relation to the OECD grading? Are we up the scale or down?</p> <p>Response: Hon. M. Brown responded – According to the Report of the OECD, on 1st January 2020, we were assessed as a High Income Nation. In other words, the OECD rated us as a Developed Nation status. Even though of the COVID effect, this has not changed our status.</p> <p>4. Hon. T. P. Browne open question to Government as MP for Mauke Tai Tura was occupying the Speaker’s Chair – landowners in Mauke</p>

		<p>were concerned because they were not consulted about the road project in Mauke. Was the affected landowners consulted before the widening of the road?</p> <p>Response: Mr Speaker, Hon. T. Tura vacated his seat to answer the question. Yes, landowners were consulted. A meeting was held with the Council and the whole island. People complaining are those who does not reside on Mauke.</p> <p>Question Time Expired</p>
(j)	Presentation of Bills (Order 219)	Constitution Amendment (No. 29) Bill 2021.
(k)	Presentation of Papers (Order 72)	<p>Paper No. 101 – Maritime Zones (Exclusive Economic Zone Outer Limits) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/05 – Hon. R. Tapaitau</p> <p>Paper No.102 – International Companies (Removal of Tax Exemption) Transitional Provisions Regulation 2021, Serial No.2021/06 – Hon. V. Mokoroa</p> <p>Paper No. 104 – The Report by the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Bill 2021 – Mr T. Elikana</p>
(l)	Presentation of Petitions (Order 78)	Nil
(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	Appropriation Bill 2021 – Second Reading
(n)	Consideration of Papers (Order 74)	Nil
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <p>Other Motions moved:</p> <p>1. Mrs S. Napa – for extension of speaking time for all Members under SO 392 Seconded by Mr W. Heather</p>

		Motion agreed to
(p)	By leave of the Speaker the order of business set out in the Order Paper may be altered on any particular day	Nil
(q)	Closing Prayer	Mr T. Tangatapoto
	Meeting adjourned at 4.00 p.m.	
	Members present: Government: 1. Hon. M. Brown 2. Hon. R. Tapaitau 3. Hon. V. Mokoroa 4. Hon. R. Toki-Brown 5. Hon. P. Arioka 6. Hon. G. Angene 7. Mr T. Elikana 8. Ms T. Brown 9. Mr T. Maki Kavana 10. Mr T. Tangatapoto 11. Mrs A. Puna Absent – Mr A. Nicholas Opposition: 12. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne 13. Mr W. Heather 14. Mr T. Maoate 15. Mrs S. Napa 16. Mr V. Tupa 17. Mr T. Tuavera 18. Mr N. Baker 19. Mr M. Kitai 20. Mrs T. Matapo 21. Mr M. Kitai 22. Mrs A. Armstrong (arrived at 3.08 p.m.)	

Signature: Clerk

Date:

15/06/2021

Signature: Speaker

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