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*84 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL: To present a Bill for an Act –

- (a) to recognise and give effect to the agreement of contracting parties in domestic commercial agreements and other domestic agreements or any other domestic matter amendable for resolution by arbitration;
- (b) to repeal and replace the ***Arbitration Act*** (Chapter 46) with respect to domestic arbitration;
- (c) to promote use of modern forms of arbitration as a means of alternate dispute resolution,

and for related purposes.

*85 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL: To present a Bill for an Act –

- (a) to recognise and give effect to the agreement of contracting parties in international commercial agreements to resolve their disputes by arbitration; and
- (b) to give effect in domestic law to the ***United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards 1958*** (New York Convention), and related instruments,

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*87 SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS – FINAL REPORT ON THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Païta – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.

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- 64 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PART 3 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE AUDITS OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES FOR THE YEARS 2017 TO 2021 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
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- 57 SIR PUKA TEMU (*Member for Abau*): To present a Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the ***St. John Council Incorporation Act 1976***, and for related purposes. (***Notice given 11 August***)
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- *86 MR MICHAEL MARUM (*Member for East New Britain Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to enable the establishment, development, operation and regulation of free zones in the East New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea as a pilot scheme for free zone as an independent stand-alone administrative entity specifically constituted for the purpose of regulating and administering zones; and
 - (b) to establish the East New Britain Free Zones Corporation –
 - (i) to define its powers and functions; and
 - (ii) to administer and regulate the free zones and to provide for the promotion and facilitation of investments and the development of enabling environment for such investments in free zones; and
 - (iii) to grant the Corporation partial extraterritoriality status to administer and regulate the developmental areas of a zone independently but attached to the existing Governmental framework; and
 - (c) to enable the downstream processing of products for the New Guinea Island region, Papua New Guinea and other pacific island countries; and
 - (d) to encourage the undertaking of developmental activities, local and foreign direct investment, capital and talent in a zone under independent and separate regulatory frameworks; and

- (e) to encourage the establishment, conduct and expansion of enterprises and investments in and for the granting of certain exemptions and fiscal incentives to persons engaging in such enterprises and investments in a zone; and
- (f) the successful lessons learnt from the pilot projects will inform the national policy on special economic zones,

and for related purposes.

KALA AUFA

Clerk of the National Parliament

Notice to which an asterisk (*)
is prefixed appear for the first time.