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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 2

Tuesday, 21 August 2012.

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc), took the Chair.
- 2 **PRESENCE OF HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY:** At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker informed the Parliament that His Honour, the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Sir Salamo Injia was in the precincts of the Parliament. With the concurrence of the Honourable Members, His Honour and other Judges were ushered into the Chamber.
His Honour, the Chief Justice was conducted by the Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms to a seat on the left of the Speaker's Chair.
The other members of the Judiciary were conducted to the seats on the floor of the Parliament.
- 3 **PRESENCE AND INTRODUCTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** At twenty minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Serjeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Excellency the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Grand Chief Sir Michael Ogio, GCL, GCMG, K.St.J., and conducted His Excellency to the Speaker's Chair.

- 4 **PRAYERS:** The Speaker invited Fr. Danny Guka, Chairman of Papua New Guinea Council of Churches, to say Prayers.
- 5 **ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker was pleased to make an address, welcoming His Excellency the Governor-General, Grand Chief Sir Michael Ogio, GCL, GCMG, K.St.J., and invited His Excellency to address the Ninth National Parliament.
- 6 **ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL:** His Excellency was pleased to deliver an address to the Parliament, after which His Excellency retired.

Suspension of sitting: At half past eleven o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty minutes past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Business continued.

- 7 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) brought up the following Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's speech: -

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

We, the Members of the National Parliament of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament".

and moved – That the Address be agreed to.

Debate adjourned, (Mr James Marape - Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 8 **INDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF NINTH NATIONAL PARLIAMENT – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the induction program to be conducted from Wednesday, 22 August 2012 to Friday, 24 August 2012 and invited all Members to attend.
- 9 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That the Parliament at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 4 September 2012 at two o'clock p.m..
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 4 September 2012 at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Belden Namah.

DON PANDAN
Clerk of the National Parliament