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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 3

Tuesday, 4 September 2012.

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the resolution of 21 August 2012. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc), took the Chair.

Absence of quorum: The Speaker reported to the Parliament that a quorum of Members was not present and announced that he would resume the Chair at the ringing of the Bells.

Suspension of sitting: At ten minutes past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty minutes to three o'clock p.m. the Speaker resumed the Chair and a quorum of Members being present, read Prayers.

- 2 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had approved the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) to broadcast and televise questions without notice and EMTV to film questions without notice for news purposes only, for the duration of this sitting.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Parliament to proceed with the election of a Deputy Speaker.
Question – put and passed.
- 4 **DEPUTY SPEAKER – ELECTION:** Mr Mao Zeming (Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources) moved – That Mr Aide Ganasi (Member for South Fly) be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, which motion was seconded by Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning).
Mr Aide Ganasi accepted the nomination.
And there being no further nominations, the Speaker declared Mr Aide Ganasi as the Deputy Speaker, elected unopposed.
- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No.1 (Government Business) being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.
- 6 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) - That the Address-in-Reply to the speech by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*presented on 3 August*), viz.:

“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”.

Debate resumed.

Question – That the Address-in-Reply be agreed to - put and passed.

- 7 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at half past four o’clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Pundari, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Ludwig Shulze, Mr Lucas Dekena, Mr Wera Mori, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Richard Maru and Mr Rimbink Pato.

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Clerk of the National Parliament