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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 4

Wednesday, 5 September 2012

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. 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 stated that he would again resume the Chair at the ringing of the Bells.

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

Resumption of sitting: At twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present, and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Tobias Kulang (Member for Kundiawa - Gembogl) to say Prayers.

- 2 **PERSONAL REFLECTIONS - STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the provisions of Standing Order 79 and warned the Members to refrain from making imputations of improper motives and personal reflections on Members on the debate on NPF Inquiry Report, and therefore, ruled that references made by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Sam Basil) on the aspects of the report in his debate would be deleted from the Hansard.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Governmental Relations, Minister for Forest and Climate Change, and Minister for Mining presenting their respective Ministerial Statements.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **MINISTERIAL DETERMINATION ON TITLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Leo Dion (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Governmental Relations) made a ministerial statement on a number of responsibilities under the Inter-Government Relations Ministry as specified under the Prime Minister's Ministerial Determinations on Titles and Responsibilities.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the Parliament take note of the Paper.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition) moved – That the question be now put.

Question – That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question - That the Parliament take note of the paper – was put accordingly, and passed.

- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF PAPER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Governmental Relations presenting a Report of Commission of Inquiry into the Sinking of MV Rabaul Queen.

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **COMMISSION OF INQUIRY – REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO SINKING OF MV RABAUl QUEEN - FINAL REPORT – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION:** Mr Leo Dion (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper: -

Commission of Inquiry Act -

*Report of Commission of Inquiry into the Sinking of MV Rabaul Queen,
June 2012.*

Mr Leo Dion moved – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.

Debate ensued.

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

- 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SPEAKERS AND MEMBERS OF VARIOUS PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a series of motions relating to the appointments of Assistant Speakers and members of the various Parliamentary Committees.
Question – put and passed.
- 8 **APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SPEAKERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 14, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Isaac Waigavara and Mr John Simon be appointed Assistant Speakers.
Question – put and passed.
- 9 **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24B, Mr Philip Undialu (Chairman), Mr Paul Tiensten (Deputy Chairman), Mr John Hickey, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Solan Mirisim and Mr William Powi be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Appointments.
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, in accordance with *Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act* (Chapter 24), Mr Speaker (Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Jeffrey Pesap Komal appointed Deputy Chairman, Mr Noah Kool and Dr William Tongamp be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
Question – put and passed.
11. **CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND ACTS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATIONS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24C Mr Richard Mendani (Chairman), Mr John Simon (Deputy Chairman), Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Gordon Wesley and Mr Powes Parkop be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations.
Question – put and passed.
- 12 **CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That,

- (1) This Parliament, pursuant to Section 118(1)(b) of the *Constitution*, establishes a Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Culture and Tourism comprising of Mr Camillus Dangma (Chairman), Mr Roy Biyama (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Amkat Mai, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mehrra Minne Kipefa, Mr Titus Philemon and Mr Westly Nukundjas Members.
- (2) The functions of the Committee shall be –
 - (a) to monitor and ensure that the tourism and culture industry is developed in accordance with the guidelines and objectives established under the relevant legislation.
 - (b) to monitor and promote the industry in consultation with other departments, provincial governments, local-level government bodies and other government and private organizations for the purposes of encouraging the development of the industry in line with the Government's overall policy on tourism and culture.
 - (c) to report on any matter relating to the industry that may be referred to it by the Parliament or a Minister; and
 - (d) to investigate and report on such other related matters as the Committee considers appropriate.

Question – put and passed

- 13 **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24D, Mr Ron Ganarafa (Chairman), Mr Mai Dop (Deputy Chairman), Mr Douglas Tomunesa, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Joe Koim Komun and Mr Richard Mendani be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Economics Affairs

Question – put and passed

- 14 **EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, in accordance with the *Emergency Committee Act*, Mr Bire Kimisopa (Chairman), Mr Daniel Mona (Deputy Chairman), Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal, Mr Palias Wingti, Mr Paul Tiensten and Mr Roy Biyama be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Emergency

Question – put and passed

- 15 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24E, Mr John Simon (Chairman), Mr Lukas Dekena (Deputy Chairman), Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Camillus Dangma, Mr Jim

Kas and Mr Koi Trape be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence.

Question – put and passed.

- 16 **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24F, Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal (Chairman), Mr Tobias Kulang (Deputy Chairman), Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Ron Ganarafa and Mr Nixon Mangape appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Law and Order.

Question – put and passed.

- 17 **NATIONAL PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 21, Mr Speaker (Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Koi Trape (Deputy Chairman), Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Kelly Naru and Mr Havila Kavov be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on National Parliament.

Question – put and passed.

- 18 **PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

- (a) That a Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Pensions and Retirement Benefits be established pursuant to the provisions of the *Parliamentary Members' Retirement Benefits Act 1997*;
- (b) That Mr Joseph Yopyopy (Chairman), Mr Malakai Tabar (Deputy Chairman), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr James Gau, Mrs Julie Soso and Mr Solan Mirisim be appointed Members of the Committee;
- (c) That the quorum of the Committee shall be three.
- (d) That the Committee shall have the powers:-
 - (i) to meet as and when required to ensure that the *Parliamentary Members' Retirement Benefits Act 1997* is properly administered by the Board established thereunder;
 - (ii) to examine the Provisions of the *Parliamentary Members' Retirement Benefits Act 1997* and to examine the intention of the motion passed on 14 August 1980 by the Parliament, and to decide whether any changes need to be proposed; and

- (iii) to ensure that before each national election the Parliamentary Members Retirement Benefits Board is ready to pay out monies to Members retiring or who lose office in the election.

Question – put and passed.

19 PLANS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

- (a) That a Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Plans and Estimates be established for the purpose of consulting with the National Executive Council before any budget or appropriation is prepared for submission to the Parliament, in accordance with Section 209(3) of the *Constitution*;
- (b) That Mr Douglas Tomuriesa (Chairman), Mr Joseph Lelang (Deputy Chairman), Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Joe Lera, Mr Philip Undialu and Mr Roy Biyama be appointed Members of the Committee.

Question – put and passed.

20 PRIVATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 22, Mr Speaker (Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Deputy Speaker (Deputy Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal, Mr Richard Mendani and Mr William Powi be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Private Business.

Question – put and passed.

21 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 20, Mr Isaac Waigavara (Chairman), Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Ludwig Shulze, Sir Michael Somare and Mr Nixon Mangape be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Privileges.

Question – put and passed.

22 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, in accordance with the *Public Finances (Management) Act 1995*, Mr Ken Fairweather (Chairman), Mr Benjamin Poponawa (Deputy Chairman), Mr Bob Dadae, Ms Dellilah Gore, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal, Mr John Hickey, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Ross Seymour and Mr William Tongamp be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

- 23 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with the *Public Works Act*, Mr Bob Dadae (Chairman), Mr Anton Yagama (Deputy Chairman), Dr Allan Marat, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Francis Potabe, Mr Gordon Wesley Mr Havila Kavov, Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr Joseph Yopiyopi, Mr Lukas Dekena, Mr Solan Mirisim and Mr Westley Nukundj be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.

Question – put and passed.

- 24 **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 19, Mr Speaker (Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Deputy Speaker (Deputy Chairman) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Bob Dadae and Mr Isaac Waigavara be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Standing Orders.

Question – put and passed.

- 25 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Administrative Services, consisting of Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman), Mr Roy Biyama (Deputy Chairman), Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Joe Lera and Mr Robert Ganim as members,

2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–

(a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –

(i) the Standing Orders;

(ii) the Parliament;

(iii) the Minister;

(iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and

(b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.

3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–
 - (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
 - (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.
4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

26 PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Communications, consisting of Mr Ezekiel Anisi (Chairman), Mr James Gau (Deputy Chairman), Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Charlie Benjamin and Mr Joe Sungi as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and

- (b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.
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6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

27 PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE SERVICES – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Discipline Services, consisting of Mr Roy Biyama (Chairman), Mr Ludwig Shulze (Deputy Chairman), Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Lukas Dekena, Mr Malakai Tabar and Mr Westley Nukundj as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –

- (i) the Standing Orders;
- (ii) the Parliament;
- (iii) the Minister;
- (iv) on its own initiative;

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 7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

28 PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Education, consisting of Mr Robert Ganim (Chairman), Mr Daniel Mona (Deputy Chairman), Mr Amkat Mai, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke and Mr Mai Dop as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–

(a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –

- (i) the Standing Orders;
- (ii) the Parliament;
- (iii) the Minister;
- (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and

(b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.

3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–

- (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
- (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.

4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.

5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.

6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.

7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

29 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

- 1. That this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Finance, consisting of Mr Anton Yagama (Chairman), Mr Paul Tiensten (Deputy Chairman), Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Joe Koim Komun and Mr William Powi as members.

2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
- (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
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7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

30 PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, consisting of Mr Mehrra Minne Kipefa (Chairman), Mr Malakai Tabar

(Deputy Chairman), Sir Michael Somare, Mr Peter Ipatas and Mr Powes Parkop as members.

2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and
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3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–
 - (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
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6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

31 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:**
Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Health and Family Welfare, consisting of Mr Mai Dop (Chairman), Mr Joseph Lelang (Deputy Chairman), Dr. Allan Marat and Mr Mehrra Minne Kipefa as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (v) on its own initiative; andconsider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and
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6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

32 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Industry and Industrial Relations, consisting of Mr Jeffery Kuave (Chairman), Mr Joseph Lelang (Deputy Chairman), Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Noah Kool, and Mr Sasindra Muthuvel as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
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consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and
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6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the

Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.

7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

33 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE - ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Justice, consisting of Mr John Hickey (Chairman), Mr Francis Marus (Deputy Chairman), Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Louta Atoi and Mr Noah Kool as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
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7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

34 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Lands and Environment, consisting of Mr Westley Nukundj (Chairman), Mr Solan Mirisim (Deputy Chairman), Mr Jeffery Pesap Komal and Mr Paias Wingti as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
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 - (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.

4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

35 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON MINERALS AND ENERGY – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:**
Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Minerals and Energy, consisting of Mr Nixon Mangape (Chairman), Mr Ron Ganarafo (Deputy Chairman), Mr Ezekiel Anisi and Dr William Tongamp as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and
 - (b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.
3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–
 - (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and

- (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.
4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
 5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
 6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
 7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

36 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY RESOURCES – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Primary Resources, consisting of Mr Joe Koim Komun (Chairman), Mr Tobias Kulang (Deputy Chairman), Mr Francis Potape and Mr Nixon Mangape as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and
 - (b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.
3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–

- (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
 - (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.
4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
 5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
 6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
 7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

37 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Transport and Civil Aviation, consisting of Mr Koi Trape (Chairman), Mr Ross Seymour (Deputy Chairman), Mr Peter Ipatas and Mr Titus Philemon as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and

- (b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.

3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–
 - (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
 - (c) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.
4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

38 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:**
Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –

1. That, this Parliament establishes a Referral Committee on Inter-Government Relations, consisting of Mr James Gau (Chairman), Mr Louta Atoi (Deputy Chairman), Mr Bob Dadae and Mr Francis Marus as members.
2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:–
 - (a) to consider and report to the Parliament on all matters referred to it, as provided for by –
 - (i) the Standing Orders;
 - (ii) the Parliament;
 - (iii) the Minister;
 - (iv) on its own initiative;

consider any matter of national importance within its jurisdiction and functions and report thereon to the Parliament in accordance with the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*, and

- (b) to report on the functions of the Ministry as are determined by a resolution of the Parliament from time to time.
3. The Parliament shall not proceed with a matter referred to the Committee until:–
- (a) a report has been made to the Parliament as required under Section 18 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*; and
- (b) the Parliament has made a resolution on the report as required by Section 19 of the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act*.
4. Where the Committee has failed to report to the Parliament within seven sitting days, the Parliament may, by resolution, order that the matter be dealt with forthwith.
5. The quorum of the Committee shall be four, one of whom shall be the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman.
6. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee shall have full access to the Minister having responsibilities relevant to the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee and by arrangement with the Minister, to the head of the Minister's Department and are entitled to be briefed and consulted on major policy issues.
7. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records and to meet from place to place and to act during recess.

Question – put and passed.

- 39 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 23 September 2012 at two o'clock p.m.

Question – put and passed.

- 40 **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 Tuesday, 23 September 2012 at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Jim Kas, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Pundari, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Ludwig Schulze, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Wera Mori, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Peter O'Neill, Mr Powes Parkop, Mr Richard Maru and Mr Rimbink Pato.

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Clerk of the National Parliament