

2012

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 8

Friday, 26 October 2012

1. The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
Absence of Mr Speaker: The Acting Clerk having informed the Parliament that Mr Speaker was unavoidably absent, and in accordance with Standing Order 15, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Aide Ganasi) as Acting Speaker took the Chair.

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

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

Resumption of sitting: At twenty-five minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr De Kewanu (Member for Mendi) to say Prayers.

2. **ELECTION PETITION DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COURT – STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER:** The Acting Speaker presented the National Court Order EP No. 1 of 2012 dated 24 October 2012, which sat as a

Court of Disputed Returns in the matter between Mr Tony Aimo versus Mr Ezekiel Anisi and the Electoral Commission of Papua New Guinea, declaring that Mr Ezekiel Anisi had not been duly elected and that Mr Tony Waterupu Aimo was duly elected as the Member for Ambunti-Drekikir Open Electorate.

- 3 **DECLARATION OF LOYALTY AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE:** Mr Tony Waterupu Aimo was introduced and made his Declaration of Loyalty and Declaration of Office, as required by the *Constitution*.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked
- 5 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 108 – Question proposed – That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
Leave granted for the speech of the Governor for Southern Highlands (Mr William Powi) to be incorporated in the Handsard.
Debate continued.
Leave granted for the speech of the Governor for West New Britain (Mr Sasindra Muthuvel) to be incorporated in the Handsard.
Question – That grievances be noted - put and passed.
It being past one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing Order 108 (3).
- 6 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Acting Speaker adjourned the Parliament until Tuesday, 30 October 2012 at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Allan Marat, Mr Ano Pala, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charles Abel, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr John Simon, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Ludwig Shulze, Mr Lukas Dekena, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mao Zeming, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Michael Malabag, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Patrick Pruaitch, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Pesap Jeffery Komal Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Steven Kamma, *Mr Theo Zurenuoc and Mr Westley Nukundj.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

*On official trip.