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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 10

Wednesday, 31 October 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 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 Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At half 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 Mehrra Minne Kipefa (Member Obura Wonenara) to say Prayers.

2. **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Environment and Conservation making a Ministerial Statement.
Question – put and passed.
4. **ENHANCING AND MAINSTREAMING ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr John Pundari (Minister for Environment and Conservation) made a Ministerial Statement informing the Parliament of his department's three priorities in the areas of environment protection capabilities, devolution of regulatory functions for development and developing a national system to protect PNG's biodiversity.
Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
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.
5. **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 twelve 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 Dr Allan Marat, Mr Ano Pala, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Fabian Pok, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Lagea, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Ludwig Schulze, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mao Zeming, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Pias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Tony Aimo and Mr Wera Mori.

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