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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 13

Tuesday, 20 November 2012

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to the terms of the resolution of 2 November 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 again take the Chair at the ringing of the Bells.

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

Resumption of sitting: At half past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Gisuwat Siniwin (Member for Nawae) to say Prayers.

- 2 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met this morning and resolved that:

- (a) the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) and the National Television Service, “Kundu 2”, be allowed to respectively broadcast live questions without notice,
- (b) EMTV be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only, and
- (c) Australian Broadcasting Corporation will be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only, for the duration of this meeting.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF 2013 NATIONAL BUDGET: 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 Treasury presenting the 2013 Budget and associated Bills, viz.:

- (a) *The Appropriation (Recurrent Expenditure 2013) Bill 2012*,
Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2013) Bill 2012
Appropriation (National Parliament 2013) Bill 2012
Appropriation (National Development Expenditure 2013) Bill 2012; and
The Appropriation (PNG LNG Project 2013) Bill 2012
presented together and debated as one; and
- (b) Separate questions being put on their second and third readings.

Question – put and passed.

4 EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONIES – RECOMMENDATIONS: The Speaker announced that he had received the following messages from His Excellency, the Governor General dated 20 November 2012 –

- (a) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (Recurrent Expenditure 2013) Bill 2012* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (b) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2013) Bill 2012* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (c) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (National Parliament 2013) Bill 2012* relates to and provides for such expenditure;

- (d) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (National Development Expenditure 2013) Bill 2012* relates to and provides for such expenditure; and
- (e) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (PNG LNG Project 2013) Bill 2012* relates to and provides for such expenditure;

5 **APPROPRIATION (RECURRENT EXPENDITURE 2013) BILL 2012, APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES 2013) BILL 2012, APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT 2013) BILL 2012, APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE 2013) BILL 2012 AND APPROPRIATION (PNG LNG PROJECT 2013) BILL 2012:**
Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented –

- (a) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidate Revenue Fund a sum for the General Public Service for recurrent expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2013,
- (b) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the Judiciary Services for recurrent expenditure and National Development projects for the year ending 31 December 2013,
- (c) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the National Parliament for recurrent expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2013,
- (d) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the National Development Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2013; and
- (e) a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expenditure of moneys for the purposes of financing the State's participation in the PNG LNG Gas Project.

Bills read together a first time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the Bills be now read together a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil – Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 6 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (2013 AMMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1990*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 7 **EXCISE TARIFF (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act (Chapter 107)*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 8 **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fiscal Responsibility Act 2006*.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 9 **FORESTRY (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend *the Forestry Act 1991*.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 11 **GAMING CONTROL (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Gaming Control Act 2007*.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 12 **INCOME TAX (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 13 **INCOM TAX, DIVIDEND (WITHHOLDING) TAX AND INTEREST (WITHHOLDING) TAX RATES (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax, Dividend (Withholding) Tax and Interest (Withholding) Tax Act 1984*.

Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 14 **INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING) (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Inter-Government Relations (Functions and Funding) Act 2009*.

Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 15 **NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY (2013 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Roads Authority Act 2003*.

Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sam Basil - Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 16 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MEMBERS (MR LUDWIG SCHULZE AND MR ROSS SEYMOUR):** Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved – That Mr Ludwig Schulze (Member for Angoram) and Mr Ross Seymour (Member for Huon Gulf) be granted leave of absence for the duration of this meeting due to ill health.

Question – put and passed.

- 17 **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 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 Belden Namah, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr John Hickey, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, *Mr Ludwig Schulze, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Powes

Parkop, *Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr William Duma and Mr William Tongap.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

*On sick leave.