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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 18

Wednesday, 6 February 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.
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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 ten minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

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

- 2 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR VIVISO SERAVO AND MR TOM AMUKELE) – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of –

- (a) Mr Viviso Seravo on 23 December 2012, a former Member for Henganofi Open Electorate in the Fifth National Parliament from 1992 to 1993,

disqualified from Parliament by the Court of Disputed Returns in February 1993, re-elected to the Sixth National Parliament from 1997 to 2002. He was appointed Minister for Lands in December 1997 to July 1999, appointed Deputy Chairman of Public Accounts Committee and Deputy Chairman of Culture and Tourism Committee, a member of Standing Orders Committee, Chairman and then as Deputy Chairman of Emergency Committee between 1999 and 2000. He was appointed Vice Minister for Finance in 2001; and

- (b) Mr Tom Amukele on 26 December 2012, a former Member for Okapa Open Electorate in the Sixth National Parliament from 2002 to 2007. He was appointed Government Whip and served as member of Private Business and Standing Orders Committees.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood in silence.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Prime Minister and National Executive Council Act 2002*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Peter O'Neill moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question - That the Bill be now read a second time - was put accordingly, and passed – Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Peter O'Neill moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair).

Ayes, 85

Mr Aide Ganasi
Mr Amkat Mai
Dr Allan Marat
Mr Ano Pala
Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll
Mr Benjamin Philip
Mr Benjamin Poponawa
Mr Benny Allan
Mr Bire Kimisopa
Mr Bob Dadae

Mr Boka Kondra
Mr Charles Abel
Mr Charlie Benjamin
Mr Davis Steven
M De Kewanu
Ms Delilah Gore
Mr Don Polye
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr
Dr Fabian Pok

Mr Francis Awesa
 Mr Francis Potape
 Mr Gisuwat Siniwin
 Mr Gordon Wesley
 Mr Isaac Waigavara
 Mr James Gau
 Mr James Lagea
 Mr James Marape
 Mr Jeffery Kuave
 Mr Jim Kas
 Mr Jim Miringtoro
 Mr Jim Simatab
 Mr Joe Koim Komun
 Mr Joe Lera
 Mr Joe Sungi
 Mr John Pundari
 Mr John Simon
 Mr Johnson Tuke
 Mr Joseph Lelang
 Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
 Mrs Julie Soso Akeke
 Sir Julius Chan
 Mr Justin Tkachenko
 Mr Kerenga Kua
 Mr Kila Haoda
 Mr Koi Trape
 Mr Labi Amaiu
 Mrs Loujaya Toni
 Mr Mai Dop
 Mr Malakai Tabar
 Mr Mao Zeming
 Mr Mark Maipakai
 Mr Michael Malabag

Sir Michael Somare
 Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
 Mr Nixon Duban
 Mr Nixon Mangape
 Mr Noah Kool
 Mr Patrick Pruaitch
 Mr Paul Isikiel
 Mr Paul Tiensten
 Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
 Mr Peter O'Neill
 Mr Philip Undialu
 Mr Powes Parkop
 Sir Puka Temu
 Mr Richard Maru
 Mr Richard Mendani
 Mr Rimbink Pato
 Mr Robert Atiyafa
 Mr Robert Ganim
 Mr Ron Ganarafo
 Mr Ronny Knight
 Mr Ross Seymour
 Mr Roy Biyama
 Mr Sam Basil
 Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
 Mr Solan Mirisim
 Mr Titus Philemon
 Mr Tony Aimo
 Mr Wera Mori
 Mr Westley Nukundj
 Mr William Duma
 Mr William Powi
 Dr William Tongamp

Noes, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Bill read a third time.

- 5 **JUDICIAL CONDUCT (REPEAL) BILL 2012:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Minister for Justice and Attorney General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Judicial Conduct Act 2002*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerenga Kua moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Kerenga Kua, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

Question - That the Bill be now read a third time - put.

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair).

Ayes, 84

Mr Aide Ganasi,	Sir Julius Chan,
Mr Amkat Mai	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Dr Allan Marat	Mr Kerenga Kua
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Benny Allan	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Michael Malabag
Mr Camillus Dangima	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Mogerema Sigowei
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Nixon Duban
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Noah Kool
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Don Polye	Mr Paul Isikiel
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Paul Tiensten
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Fabian Pok	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Francis Awesa	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Gisiwat Siniwin	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Gordon Wesley	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr James Gau	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr James Lagea	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr James Marape	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr Jeffery Kuave	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Ross Seymour
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Joe Koim Komun	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr John Pundari	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr John Simon	Mr Tony Aimo
Mr Johnson Tuke	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr William Duma
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr William Powi
Mrs Julie Soso Akeke	Mr William Tongamp

Noes, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Bill read a third time.

- 6 **SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL 2012:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Minister for Justice and Attorney General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act* (Chapter 37).

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerenga Kua moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerenga Kua, the Bill was read a third time

- 7 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That Mr Ken Fairweather (Member for Sumkar) be granted leave of absence for the duration of this meeting due to ill-health.

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at 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 Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Havila Kavov, Mr John Hickey, Mr Kelly Naru, *Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Ludwig Schulze, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Peter Ipatas and Mr Tobias Kulang.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of Parliament

*Leave of Absence.