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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 19

Thursday, 7 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 five 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 and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Gisuwat Siniwin (Member for Nawae) to say Prayers.

- 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR ANDAGARI ANDREW WABIRIA):**
The Speaker informed the Parliament of the death of Mr Andagari Andrew Wabiria on 23 January 2013, a former Member for Koroba-Lake Kopiago Open Electorate in the Second and Third House of Assembly and First National Parliament from 1968 to 1977. He was appointed Chairman of Demarcation Committee, Chairman and Assistant Ministerial Member for Lands, Surveys and Mines, and a Member of the Land and Industries Committee from 1968 to 1972.

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 **LAND DEVELOPMENT POLICY - KEY PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2013-2015 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Benny Allan (Minister for Lands and Physical Planning) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the government’s policy regarding land and land development.
Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) moved – That the Parliament take note of the Paper.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Mao Zeming – Acting Leader of Government Business), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Mao Zeming (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at five minutes past one 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 Anton Yagama, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Fabian Pok, Mr Francis Marus, Mr John Hickey, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, *Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Pias Wingti, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr Wera Mori.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of Parliament

**Leave of Absence.*