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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 23

Thursday, 14 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 o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty minutes 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 Minnie Kipefa (Member for Obura Wonenara) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the order of the day No. 35, Government Business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

- 4 **PUBLIC FINANCE (MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time –

Message from the Governor General – Recommendation for the expenditure of public monies: The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 13 February 2013, recommending the expenditure of public monies in accordance with section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such expenditure.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance) moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the question be now put - put and passed.

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

- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning and Monitoring) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock a.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting), except Mr Aide Ganasi, Dr Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, *Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Ludwig Schulze, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Paul Tiensten, *Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Wera Mori and Mr Westley Nukundj.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of Parliament

**Leave of Absence.*