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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 24

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Friday, 15 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 Tobias Kulang (Member for Kundiawa Kembogl) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were being asked –

*Point of order:* Mr Patrick Pruaitch raised a point of order that the standing orders did not allow Mr Tobias Kulang (Member for Kundiawa Kembogl) to ask the same question that was previously raised on the same matter.

*Speaker's ruling:* The Speaker upheld the point of order and ruled that the questions out of order.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Francis Potape moved - That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the time for questions without notice this day being extended by twenty minutes.

Question – put.

The Speaker declared that the motion for the suspension of the standing orders had not been carried as an absolute majority had not voted in its favour.

Questions without notice concluded.

- 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 –

- (a) him moving a motion for the special adjournment;
- (b) him moving a motion for the establishment and appointment of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Public Sector Reform and Service Delivery; and
- (c) notice No. 37, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at two o'clock p.m.

Question – put and passed.

- 5 **ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM AND SERVICE DELIVERY:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That:

1. This Parliament establishes a Special Parliamentary Committee on Public Sector Reform and Service Delivery.
2. The Committee shall consist of eight (8) members and the quorum of the Committee shall be three (3).
3. The members of the Committee shall be Mr Bire Kimisopa, (Chairman), Mr Garry Juffa (Deputy Chairman), Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Sasindra Muthuvel, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Joseph Lelang and Mr Joe Sungi as members.
4. The Committee –
  - (a) shall have responsibility for matters relating to the Public Service reform generally;
  - (b) such matters as may be referred to the Committee; and
  - (c) to investigate and report to the Parliament on such matters as the Committee considers appropriate.

5. The Committee has power to appoint sub-committees consisting of two or more of its members and refer to such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to consider.
6. The Committee has power to send for persons and examine persons, papers and records and to move from place to place and to transact business in public or private sessions and to act during recess.
7. The Chairman of the Committee, or, in his absence, a member of the Committee, may represent the Committee on appropriate National Executive Council Ministerial Committee providing liaison between the Parliament and the Executive in matters relating to Public Service and Public Sector Reform generally;
8. A member of the Committee may, with approval of the Speaker, represent Papua New Guinea at international or regional forums.
9. Research and survey and engage public service for enhancement, review performance of public service and make findings for recommendation to the Minister for Public Service, the Cabinet and the National Parliament.
- 10 Any other finding that will contribute towards improvement of public services performance and productivity.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN BILL 2010:** Ms Loujaya Toni (Minister for Community Development, Religion and Family Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the National Council of Women, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.  
Ms Loujaya Toni moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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.
- 7 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 108 –  
Question proposed – That grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed
- 8 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave,

moved – That Mr Ken Fairweather be discharged as Chairman and that Mr John Hickey be appointed Chairman.

Question – put and passed.

- 9 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at one o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting), except Mr Aide Ganasi, Dr Allan Marat, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr De Kewanu, Mr Don Polye, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr James Gau, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Kelly Naru, \*Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Ludwig Schulze, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Noah Kool, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, \*Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Robert Atiyafa and Mr Wera Mori.

**SIMON ILA**  
**Acting Clerk of Parliament**

*\*Leave of Absence.*