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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 26

Wednesday, 20 March 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 De Kewanu (Member for Mendi) 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 today and resolved that: -

- (a) the National Television Service “Kundu 2”, be allowed to televise questions without notice as part of its community obligation;
- (b) National Broadcasting Corporation be allowed to broadcast live questions without notice;

- (c) EMTV be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only; and
 - (d) Australian Broadcasting Corporation be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only, for the duration of this meeting
- 3 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS AND LAW:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had in accordance with section 110 of the *Constitution* certified the following Acts and a Law made by the National Parliament –

*Constitutional Amendment (No. 36) – Motion of No Confidence Law
Judicial Conduct (Repeal) Act 2013
Prime Minister and National Executive Council (Amendment) Act 2013
Supreme Court (Amendment) Act 2013*

- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING - TAX CREDIT SCHEME, REPORT, 1992-2012 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning and Monitoring), presented the following paper: –

*Department of National Planning and Monitoring -
Tax Credit Scheme (TCS) Report, 1992 – 2012.*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Leo Dion – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 6 **RECENT ISSUES ON BOUGAINVILLE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Steven Kamma (Minister for Bougainville Affairs) made a ministerial statement on the progress being made on recent issues on Bougainville.
- Mr Powes Parkop (Governor for National Capital District) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 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 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That Sir Julius Chan, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Nixon Duban and Mr Philip Undialu be granted leave of absence for the duration of this sitting.

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 half 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 Amkat Mai, *Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Philip, *Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Byron Chan, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Marus, *Mr Francis Potape, Mr James Gau, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, *Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Sir Michael Somare, *Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Sam Basil, Mr Tobias Kulang, *Mr Tony Aimo and Mr William Tongamp

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* *Leave of Absence.*