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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 27

Thursday, 21 March 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair, and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Ms Loujaya Toni to say Prayers.
- 2 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Mr Andrew Miriki, Speaker of the Bougainville House of Representatives and his delegation, and on behalf of the National Parliament, extended a very warm welcome to the distinguished visitors.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Parliament proceeding with the election of Deputy Speaker.
Question – put and passed.
- 4 **DEPUTY SPEAKER - ELECTION:** Mr Mao Zeming (Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources) moved – That Mr Gordon Wesley (Member for Samarai Murua) be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, which motion was seconded by Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Forest and Climate Change).
Mr Gordon Wesley accepted the nomination.
And there being no further nominations, the Speaker declared Mr Gordon Wesley as the Deputy Speaker, elected unopposed.

- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Forestry and Climate Change) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament, at ten past two 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 Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Benjamin PoPONAWA, *Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Ms Delilah Gore, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Francis Marus, *Mr Francis Potape, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, *Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Sir Michael Somare, *Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter O'Neill, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Sam Basil, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Tobias Kulang, *Mr Tony Aimu, Mr William Duma and Mr William Powi.

SIMON ILA
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

**Leave of Absence.*