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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 29

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.

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 Boka Kondra (Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 3 **STATUS ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO SPECIAL AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS LEASES - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) made a statement relating to the Interim Report of Commission of Inquiry into the Special Agriculture and Business Leases, and expressed his great dissatisfaction with the Commission of Inquiry for failing to

provide him with a final report in view of the magnitude of funds allocated to it and the length of time it has taken, and stated that the National Executive Council had requested an urgent presentation of the final report.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) 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.

4 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty minutes past twelve 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 Anderson Agiru, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, *Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Francis Marus, *Mr Francis Potape, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Mai Dop, Sir Michael Somare, *Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Nixon Mangape, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, *Mr Tony Aimu, Mr Wera Mori and Mr William Tongamp.

SIMON ILA

Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

* *Leave of Absence.*