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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 32

Tuesday, 14 May 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the resolution of Parliament on Thursday, 28 March 2013. 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 two o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty minutes past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr John Pundari (Minister for Environment and Conservation) 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 question without notice for news purposes only,

for the duration of this meeting.

- 3 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution* certified the *Customs Tariff (2012 Budget) (Amendment) Act 2011* and *Public Finances (Management) (Amendment) Act 2013* made by the National Parliament.
- 4 **APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF PARLIAMENT:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the National Executive Council had, on 1 May 2013, appointed Mr Vela Konivaro as Clerk of the National Parliament for a term of six years and, on behalf of the honourable Members, congratulated him in his appointment and urged all Members to give their support to the Clerk.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA REPORT, PART I, 2009 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper –

Constitution.

Auditor General of Papua New Guinea –

Report on the Public Accounts of Papua New Guinea, Part I, 2009.

Mr John Hickey (Chairman – Public Accounts Committee) moved – That Parliament take note of the paper and that the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **PUBLIC SECTOR STAFFING, STATISTICS, PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGIES – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the public sector reforms regarding staffing, statistics, performance and strategies.
- Mr Bire Kimisopa (Member for Goroka) 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.

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 fifteen minutes to five 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 Ati Wobiro, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Joe Lera, Mr Joe Sungi, *Mr Joseph Lelang, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr Tony Aimo, Mr Wera Mori and Dr William Tongamp.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament

*Suspended under Section 28 of the *Organic Law on the Duties and Responsibilities of Leadership*.