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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 33

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Wednesday, 15 May 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 to eleven o'clock a.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., Mr Speaker, due to electrical fault, left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At eleven o'clock a.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and, a quorum of Members being present, read Prayers.

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- 2 **LEADERSHIP TRIBUNAL – MEMBER FOR KANDRIAN GLOCEESTER (HON. JOSEPH LELANG) - STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the decision on 8 May 2013 of the Leadership Tribunal in LT.No.1 of 2013 which inquired into the charges relating to misconduct in office committed by the Member for Kandrian Gloucester (Mr Joseph Lelang), under the *Organic Law on the Duties and Responsibilities of Leadership*, and by that

decision, he was found guilty on four charges and fined him K1000 each for a total of K4000. And having paid the fine in compliance with the Tribunal's decision, his suspension was lifted and assumed the office of the Member for Kandrian Gloucester Open Electorate.

- 3 **PRESENTATION OF PETITION:** Mr Amkat Mai (Governor for Sandaun) presented a petition from certain citizens of Sandaun Province on behalf of women and children of Papua New Guinea in “national haus cry”, praying that the National Government make urgent legislative and policy reforms to urgently combat the horrific and escalating crime of rape, murder, abuse and all forms of violence against women and children.

Petition received.

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

- 5 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister), by leave, made a personal explanation to a question raised by the Deputy Opposition Leader and Member for Bulolo (Mr Sam Basil) on the poor quality of the road between the Highlands Highway to Nadzab Airport and questioned the ability and capacity of the company that constructed that road.

- 6 **MINISTRY OF WORKS AND IMPLEMENTATION – ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM UPDATE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Francis Awesa (Minister for Works and Implementation) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the current condition of road network in the country and the Department’s infrastructure program being implemented on priority areas.

Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Mao Zeming – Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 7 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICES) LAW 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to alter the provision of the *Constitution* relating to appointment of certain offices.

Proposed Law read a first time.

Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.

- 8 **ORGANIC LAW ON PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) LAW 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to amend the *Organic Law on Provincial Government and Local-Level Government*.

Proposed Law read a first time.

Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.

- 9 **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 four o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting), except Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr David Arore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Lagea, Mr Joe Sungi, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Tobias Kulang and Dr William Tongamp.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament