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No. 34

Thursday, 16 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 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 Kelly Naru (Governor for Morobe) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **77TH COUNCIL MEETING AND 43RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION (APPU), TOKYO, JAPAN - REPORT – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr John Simon (Assistant Speaker, and Chairman – Foreign Affairs and Defence) presented the following paper –

*Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Union –
77th Meeting and 43rd General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians
Union (APPU) Report,*

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 adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 4 **31st SESSION OF THE AFRICA CARIBBEAN PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, INTER-SESSIONAL MEETINGS OF ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (ACP-EU JPA), BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 19 – 22 MARCH 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Tony Aimo (Member for Ambunti-Drekikir) presented the following paper –

*Africa Caribbean Pacific Parliamentary Assembly -
31st Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly, Inter-Sessional Meetings
of ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and other meetings,
Brussels, Belgium, 19 – 22 March 2013,*

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 James Marape – Leader of Government Business), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 5 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – PERFORMANCE IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2013 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Ano Pala (Minister for Transport) made a ministerial statement on the performance of the Department of Transport on three impact projects including National Transport Strategy Formulation, Road Transport Services Quality Improvements and Transport Subsidy Framework Establishment.

Mr Sam Basil (Member for Bulolo) moved – That the Parliament take note of the Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning and Monitoring) made a ministerial statement on the achievements of the Department for 2013 in meeting the objectives of the Government.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Forestry & Climate Change) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **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 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 Anton Yagama, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr AtiWobiro, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Byron Chan, Mr David Arore, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr HavilaKavo, Mr James Lagea, Mr Joe Sungi, Mrs Julie SosoAkeke, Mr Leo Dion, Mr LoutaAtoi, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Tobias Kulang and Dr William Tongamp.

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