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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 35

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Friday, 17 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 half 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 Kila Haoda (Governor for Central) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
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*Speaker's ruling – Question disallowed:* Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition) raised a question regarding large sums of money paid to a private Law firm – The Speaker ruled that he had received correspondence regarding the matter and until he received clarification on this matter, he disallowed the question.

*Point of order:* Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition) raised a point of order that the same court order referred to by the Speaker did not prevent the Parliament

from discussing the subject matter, and that the Parliament as the supreme authority in the country, it could not be prevented from discussing the matter.

*Ruling by the Speaker:* The Speaker ruled that he would not entertain any debate on the matter at this stage until he obtained advice on the matter.

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- 3 **STATEMENT BY MEMBER – RULING BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker ruled that the statement Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance) intended to make reflected on a matter that is subject of a Court Order obtained by Paraka Lawyers which barred the Parliament from discussing it and, until he obtained advice, he ruled the statement out of order.
- 4 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 108 –  
Question proposed – That the grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed.
- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –  
That the Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at ten minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at ten o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Amkat Mai, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Boka Kndra, Mr Charles Abel, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Havila Kavov, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Makai Tabar, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr Westley Nukundj, Mr William Powi and Dr William Tongamp.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
**Clerk of the National Parliament**