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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 36

Tuesday, 21 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 De Kewanu (Member for Mendi) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked -
Statement by the Speaker – The Speaker made a statement on the ruling he made on 17 May 2013 where he disallowed the Leader of the Opposition to raise his questions in order to seek advice before entertaining the questions. He further stated that he had received advice, and ruled that the matter is not subjudice therefore, he allowed the Opposition Leader to raise his questions.
Paper: The Speaker presented the following paper: –

Paul Paraka Lawyers –

Letter to Hon. Theo Zurenuoc, MP, Speaker.

Ref: Court restraining order against any debates or questions on the floor of Parliament regarding Paraka Lawyers.

Questions without notice continued.

- 3 **ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY – IMPROCEMENT IN LAW AND ORDER – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Nixon Duban (Minister for Internal Security), made a ministerial statement on the commitment by Government to improve the law and order situation nation-wide through the increase in police personnel and improve the capacity and capability of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr William Duma (Minister for Petroleum and Energy) moved – That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question – That the Parliament take note of the paper – was put accordingly, and passed.

- 4 **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 twenty minutes past four 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 Ati Wobiro, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Fabian Pok, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Nixon Mangape, Mr Noah Kool, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Wera Mori and Mr Westley Nukundj.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament