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Wednesday, 22 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 Mrs Julie Soso Akeke (Governor for Eastern Highlands) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked -
Suspension of Standing Orders – Extension of time for questions without notice: Mr Wera Mori (Member for Chuave) moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the time for questions without notice this day, being extended by further twenty minutes.
Question – put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
Questions without notice continued.

- 3 **DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION THREE PROJECTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mrs Loujaya Tony (Minister for Religion, Youth and Community Development) made a ministerial statement on the progress of the implementation of three (3) major projects by the Department of Religion, Youth and Community Development including improving corporate governance, community livelihood and enhancement and furthering human rights.
Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) 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.
- 4 **MINISTRY OF HEALTH – IMPLEMENTATION OF 2013 HEALTH SECTOR PRIORITIES - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Michael Malabag (Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS) made a ministerial statement on the progress report of the implementation of 2013 health sector priorities under the Alotau Action Plan.
Mr Bire Kimisopa (Member for Goroka) 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.
- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at five 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 Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr James Lagea, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Nixon Mangape, Mr Noah Kool, Mr Patrick Pruaitch, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr Westley Nukundj and Mr William Tongamp.

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