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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 40

Tuesday, 28 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 Sir Puka Temu (Member for Abau) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the order of the day nos. 66 and 67 (Government Business) being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

- 4 **CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT 2013:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Minister for Justice and Attorney General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act (Chapter 262).

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerenga Kua, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the question be now put – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

In Committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Gordon Wesley moved the following amendments together: –

Amendments –

Page 3, Clause 9 - Execution of Sentence of Death (Amendment to Section 614).

In Clause 9, after subclause 1 (d) insert the following new subclause "*1 (e) electrocution*".

The Parliament resumed: Mr Richard Mendani reported accordingly.

Mr Kerenga Kua moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question - That the question be now put - put and passed - Bill read a third time.

- 5 **SORCERY (REPEAL) BILL 2013:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Minister for Justice and Attorney General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Sorcery Act 1971*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerenga Kua, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question - That the question be now put - put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Kerenga Kua, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question - put and passed - Bill read a third time.

- 6 **SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON HIV AND AIDS - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That Mr Daniel Mona be appointed Member of the Special Parliamentary Committee on HIV and AIDS.

Question - put and passed.

- 7 **MINISTRY OF FINANCE - FIRST QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORT ON BUDGET EXECUTION AND REFORMS IN DELIVERING GOVERNMENT POLICIES - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the first quarter activity on Budget execution and reforms in delivering government policies to the economy and the people of Papua New Guinea.

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

Debate ensued.

Question - 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.

- 9 **MINISTRY OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES - CURRENT STATUS ON CORRECTIONAL SERVICE AND DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jim Simatab (Minister for Correctional Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to current status on Correctional Service and Department's development program update.

Mr James Marape (Leader of the Government Business) moved - That the Parliament take note of the paper, and was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.

- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question - put and passed.

And then the Parliament at five minutes 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 Allan Marat, Mr Ano Pala, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscol, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mrs Delilah Gore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Ereman ToBaining Jnr, Mr Francis Marus, Mr James Gau, Mr John Hickey, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, Mr Steven Kamma and Mr Titus Philemon.

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