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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 46

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Tuesday, 16 July 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 Ms Julie Soso Akeke (Governor for Eastern Highlands) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice Nos. 71 and 72, Government Business, being called on forthwith.  
Question – put and passed.

- 4 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (CALLING OF PARLIAMENT) LAW 2013:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) presented the proposed law to alter the *Constitution* relating to calling of Parliament.

Proposed Law read a first time.

Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations.

- 5 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE) LAW 2013:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) presented the proposed law to alter the *Constitution* relating to motions of no confidence.

Proposed Law read a first time.

Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations.

- 6 **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, 2009-2012 - PAPER AND STATEMENT– PAPER NOTED:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning & Monitoring) presented the following paper:-

*Department of National Planning and Implementation -  
Social Development Program Report 2009-2012*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

Ms Loujaya Toni (Minister for Community Development, Religion and Family Affairs) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the question be now put.

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.

- 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 73, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **EMPLOYMENT OF NON-CITIZENS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007:** Mr Mark Maipakai (Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Employment of Non-Citizens Act 2007* to provide for the creation of a Restricted Employment Visa (REV) and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Mark Maipakai moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Mark Maipakai, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the Parliament at fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.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 Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Don Polye, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr John Hickey, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Powes Parkop, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Sam Basil and Mr William Tongamp.

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