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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 47

Wednesday, 17th 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, read Prayers.

- 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 the order of the day Nos. 71 and 72, Government Business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

4 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (CALLING OF PARLIAMENT) LAW**

2013: The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and First Vote –

Paper: The Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:-

Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act –

Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation – Report relating to the Constitutional Amendment (The Calling of Parliament) Law 2013

Mr Richard Mendani (Chairman), by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Proposed Law be now read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister), by leave, moved – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

Question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendment - put

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) –

AYES, 87

Mr Anderson Agiru	Mr EremanTobaining Jnr
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Fabian Pok
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Francis Awesa
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Francis Marus
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Francis Potape
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Garry Juffa
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Gisuwat Siniwin
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Gordon Wesley
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Havila Kavo
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Isaac Waigavara
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr James Gau
Mr Byron Chan	Mr James Lagea
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr James Marape
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Jim Miringtoro
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Jim Simatab
Mr David Arore	Mr Joe Koim Komun
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Joe Lera
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Joe Sungi
Ms Deliliah Gore	Mr John Pundari
M Don Polye	Mr John Simon
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Johnson Tuke

Mr Joseph Lelang
 Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
 Ms Julie Soso Akeke
 Mr Justin Tkachenko
 Mr Kelly Naru
 Mr Ken Fairweather
 Mr Kerenga Kua
 Mr Kila Haoda
 Mr Koi Trape
 Mr Labi Amaiu
 Mr Leo Dion
 Ms Loujaya Toni
 Mr Louta Atoi
 Mr Mai Dop
 Mr Malakai Tabar
 Mr Mao Zeming
 Mr Mark Maipakai
 Mr Michael Malabag
 Mr Nixon Mangape
 Mr Noah Kool
 Mr Paias Wingti
 Mr Patrick Pruaitch
 Mr Paul Isikiel

Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
 Mr Peter Ipatas
 Mr Peter O'Neill
 Mr Philip Undialu
 Mr Powes Parkop
 Sir Puka Temu
 Mr Richard Maru
 Mr Richard Mendani
 Mr Rimbink Pato
 Mr Robert Atiyafa
 Mr Robert Ganim
 Mr Ron Ganarafo
 Mr Ronny Knight
 Mr Roy Biyama
 Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
 Mr Solan Mirisim
 Mr Steven Kamma
 Mr Titus Philemon
 Mr Wera Mori
 Mr Westley Nukundj
 Mr William Duma
 Mr William Powi

NOES, 3

Dr Allan Marat
 Mr Jim Kas

Mr Tobias Kulang

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the second required opportunity for debate and *Second Vote* be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (MOTIONS OF NO CONFIDENCE)

LAW 2013: The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and *First Vote*.

Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Proposed Law be now read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Forest & Climate Change) moved – That the debate do now conclude.

Question – That the debate be now conclude – put and passed.

The Parliament resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

In the Committee

Proposed law, by leave, taken as a whole

On the motion of Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) the following amendment was made –

Page 2, Clause 2, Paragraph (a) and (b)

- (i) *Clause 2, omit the words “Paragraph (a)” and substitute “Paragraph (b)”*
- (ii) *In Paragraph 2(a), omit the words “three months” and substitute “one month”;*
- (iii) *In Paragraph 2(b), omit the words “one third” and substitute “one fifth”.*

Proposed Law, agreed to with amendments.

Proposed Law to be reported with amendments.

The Parliament resumed; Mr Gordon Wesley (Deputy Speaker) reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), the Parliament adopted the report.

Mr Peter O'Neill moved – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to with amendments.

Question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendment - put

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) –

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 Mr Jim Miringtoro
 Mr Jim Simatab
 Mr Joe Koim Komun
 Mr Joe Lera

Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr John Pundari	Mr Paul Isikiel
Mr John Simon	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Johnson Tuke	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Julie Soso Akeke	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Justin Tkachenko	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Kelly Naru	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Ken Fairweather	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Kerenga Kua	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Kila Haoda	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Koi Trape	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr Labi Amaiu	Mr Ron Ganarafo
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the second required opportunity for debate (third reading) and *Second Vote* be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

- 6 **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 to two 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 Amkat Mai, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr John Hickey, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil and Mr William Tongamp.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament