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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 49

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Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Mr Gisuwat Siniwin (Member for Nawae) 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: -
- (i) Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to present the Treaty documents on Technical and Development Cooperation between PNG/Israel Governments; and

- (ii) Orders of the day Nos. 47, 78, and 76, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

4. **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION – TREATY DOCUMENT – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Rimbink Pato (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration) pursuant to Section 117(3) of the *Constitution*, presented the following Treaty Document:-

*Framework Treaty -*

Treaty on Technical and Development Cooperation between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

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

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Question – put and passed.

- 5 **TREATY DOCUMENT – MOTION TO WAIVER SECTION 117 (3) OF THE CONSTITUTION:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) by leave, moved – That in accordance with Section 117(5) (a) of the *Constitution*, this Parliament waive Section 117(3) of the *Constitution* which requires a treaty document to be presented to Parliament for at least ten sitting days before Papua New Guinea can be bound as a party to it, insofar as that provision applies to the ratification of –

*Framework Treaty -*

Treaty on Technical and Development Cooperation between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

**AYES, 65**

Mr Amkat Mai  
Dr Allam Marat  
Mr Ano Pala  
Mr Anton Yagama  
Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll  
Mr Ati Wobiro  
Mr Ben Micah  
Mr Benjamin Philip  
Mr Benjamin Poponawa  
Mr Benny Allan  
Mr Camillus Dangima  
Mr Charles Abel  
Mr Daniel Mona  
Mr Davis Steven

Mr De Kewanu  
Ms Delilah Gore  
Mr Don Polye  
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa  
Mr Fabian Pok  
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin  
Mr Isaac Waigavara  
Mr James Gau  
Mr James Lagea  
Mr James Marape  
Mr Jeffery Kuave  
Mr Jim Miringtoro  
Mr Jim Simatab  
Mr Joe Koim Komun

Mr Joe Lera	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr John Simon	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Johnson Tuke	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mrs Julie Soso Akeke	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Justin Tkachenko	Mr Powes Parkop
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 Ronney Knight
Mrs Loujaya Toni	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Mai Dop	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Mao Zeming	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr Mark Maipakai	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Michael Malabag	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Mogerema Sigowei	Mr William Duma
Mr Nixon Mangape	

**NOES, 0**

Question – That the motion be agreed to – was put, and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution*.

- 6 **CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having being read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the bill be now read a third time.

Question - That the bill be now read a third time – put

Ordered – That the Bells be rung

The Parliament voted (The Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc in the Chair)

**AYES, 67**

**NOES, 0**

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution*.

- 7 **TREASURY BILLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having being read for the resumption of debate – That the bill be now read a second time. Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation for the expenditure of public moneys:* The Acting Speaker (Mr ...) announced that he had received a message from His Excellency, the Governor General, dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013, recommending the expenditure of public moneys in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such expenditure.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a third time  
Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – leader of Government Business), and the  
resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 8 **NATIONAL PAYMENTS SYSTEM (AMDENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the National Payment System and to empower the Central Bank to regulate and oversee the National Payment System and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time  
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – pt and passed.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith  
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Ordered – That the Bells be rung.  
The Parliament voted (The Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc in the Chair)

**AYES, 66**  
**NOES, 0**

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution*.

- 9 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at two o'clock p.m.  
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 108 –  
Question proposed – That the grievances be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – That the Grievances be noted – put and passed.
- 11 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND ACTS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Business) moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 24B, Mr William Powi, Mr Solan Misirim and Mr Eremen Tobaining Jnr, be appointed Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.  
Question – put and passed.
- 12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved -  
That the Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question - put and passed.

And then the Parliament at one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Belden Namah, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Havila Kavou, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Pundari, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Malakai Tabar, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paula Tiensten, Sir Puka Temu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, Mr William Duma and Mr William Tongamp.

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