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Thursday, 12 September 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.

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 five minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty five minutes past ten o'clock p.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.

- 2 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MESSRS YUNTUVI BAO, CECIL KING DORUBA AND PETER WAIENG:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of following former Members -

- (a) Mr Yuntuvi Bao on 10 June 2013. He was a former Member for Kainantu Open Electorate in the Seventh National Parliament from 2002-2007. He was appointed Minister for Housing from 2002 to 22 2004, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Immigration in 2005 and Parliamentary Secretary for Inter-Government Relations in 2006;

- (b) Mr Cecilking Doruba on 14 June 2013. He was a former Member for Ijivitari Open Electorate in the Seventh National Parliament from 2002 - 2007 and was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Emergency Committee from 2002 - 2007; and
- (c) Mr Peter Waieng on 22 August 2013. He was a former Member for Kundiawa-Gembogl Open Electorate in the Sixth National Parliament from 1997 to 2002. He was appointed Government Wip in July 1997, Minister for Public Service in December 1998 and Minister for Defence in April 1998 and resigned from the Skate Government in June 1999. He was appointed Minister for State Assisting the Prime Minister on 26 July 1999, then Minister for Communication and Information in September 1999 to November 2000, appointed Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee from December 2001 until his resignation from the National Parliament on 10 May 2002.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood in silence.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PETROLEUM AND ENERGY – UPDATE ON LNG PROJECT STATUS AND OTHER OIL AND GAS PROJECTS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr William Duma (Minister for Petroleum and Energy) made a ministerial statement on the status of the LNG and other Oil and Gas projects.

Leave was granted for the remainder of the speech by the Minister for Petroleum and Energy to be incorporated in Hansard.

Rescission of Resolution: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That the resolution of Parliament this day on the question – That the remainder of the speech by Mr William Duma be incorporated in the Hansard - be rescinded.

Question – put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr William Duma (Minister for Petroleum and Energy) addressed the Parliament.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business)

5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at ten 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 Benjamin Philip, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr David Arore, Mr Herman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Joe Sungi, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Paul Tiensten and Mr Tobias Kulang.

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