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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 53

Friday, 13 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 fifteen minutes to eleven 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 Malakai Tabar (Member for Gazelle) to say Prayers.

- 2 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR LUCAS WAKA AND MR BAI WAIBA):** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of following former members:—

(a) Mr Lucas Waka on 26 July 2013. He was a former Member for the West New Britain Provincial Seat in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth National Parliament from 1977 to 1997. He was appointed Under Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chairman of the Interim Commission for Constitutional Changes from 1977 to 1978, he was appointed Minister for Police from 1978 to 1980, Minister for Forests in 1982 and then Minister for Works in 1991; and

(b) Mr Bai Waiba on 24 August 2013. He was a former Member for the Nipa-Kutubu Open Electorate in the Third National Parliament from 1982 to 1987. He was appointed Assistant Speaker, then Minister for Housing from 1985 to 1987.

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

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were being asked—
Suspension of Sitting: At twenty minutes past eleven o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair due to technical fault with Recording System.
Resumption of Sitting: At fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock a.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair.
- 4 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) moved — That the Parliament do now adjourn.
 Question - put and passed.

And then the Parliament, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock a.m. adjourned until Wednesday, 18 September 2013 at 10 o'clock a.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Amkat Mai, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Charles Abel, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jim Kas, Mr John Pundari, Mr John Simon, Ms Julie Soso Akeke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Michael Malabag, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Phillip Undialu, Mr Robert Afiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sailo Waipo, Mr Steven Kamma and Mr Wera Mori.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament