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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 56

Friday, 20 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 a.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present, and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr John Sungi (Member for Nuku) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 2, 29, 30, 31, 32, 50, 55, 56, 79, 84 and 87, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE SINKING OF THE RABAUl QUEEN, 2012 – PAPER AND STATEMENT - PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) – That the Parliament take note of the report and its recommendations be adopted (*presented on 5 September 2012*) viz:

Commission of Inquiry Act-

*Report of Commission of Inquiry into the Sinking of MV Rabaul Queen
June 2012.*

Question – put and passed –

- 5 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICE – STRATEGIC PLAN, 2011-2020 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 22 November 2012*) viz:

Department of Correctional Service – Strategic Plan, 2011-2020

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS –INQUIRY REPORTS – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 22 November 2012*) viz:

Public Finance Management Act-

- (a) *Report on an Inquiry into the Effectiveness of Solid Waste Management in Papua New Guinea, Final Report 2012;*
- (b) *Reports on the inquiry into the Part Four Report of the Auditor-General on the accounts of Public Bodies, Statutory Corporations and Government owned companies for the financial year 2010;*
- (c) *Reports on the inquiry into Government Health Services, Department of Health, Hospitals and Rural Health Services, viz:*
 - (i) *Part One – Laloki National Psychiatric Referral Hospital, Final Report 2012*
 - (ii) *Part Two – Angau Memorial Hospital, Final Report, 2012*
 - (iii) *Part Three – Nonga Base Hospital, Final Report, 2012*

- (iv) *Part Four – Mendi General Hospital, Final Report, 2012*
- (v) *Part Five – Port Moresby General Hospital, Final Report, 2012*
- (vi) *Part Six – Department of Health, Final Report, 2012*
- (vii) *Part Seven – Rural Health Services, Final Report, 2012*

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT, 2011 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 27 March 2013*) viz:

*Prime Minister and National Executive Council Act-
Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council –
Annual Report, 2011*

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **ASIAN PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION (APPU) – 77TH COUNCIL MEETING AND 43RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 16 May 2013*) viz:

*Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Union -
77th Meeting and 43rd General Assembly of the Asia Pacific Parliamentarians
Union (APPU) Report.*

Question – put and passed.

- 9 **AFRICAN, CARRIBBEAN AND PACIFIC-EUROPEAN UNION (ACP-EU) – 31ST SESSION OF THE ACP PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS OF ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 16 May 2013*) viz:

*African, Carribean and Pacific European Union (ACP-EU) -
31st Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and Intersessional
Meetings of ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and other Meetings,
Brussels, Belgium, 19-22 March 2013*

Question – put and passed.

- 10 **TREATY DOCUMENTS – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:**
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion
– That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 18 July 2013*) viz:

- (i) Agreement between the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income; and
- (ii) Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on Income.

Question – put and passed.

- 11 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICE:
AUTHORITY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The
order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion –
That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 11 September 2013*) viz:

Question – put and passed.

- 12 **COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO SPECIAL AGRICULTURE AND
BUSINESS LEASES (SABL) REPORT, 2013 – PAPERS AND
STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for
the resumption of debate on the motion – That the Parliament take note of the
papers.

Commission of Inquiry Act -

- (1) Commission of Inquiry into Special Agriculture and Business Lease (SABL),
Interim Report, March 2013
- (2) Commission of Inquiry into Special Agriculture and Business Lease (SABL),
Final Report, 24 June 2013

Question – put and passed.

- 13 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business)
moved – That the Parliament at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 12 November
2013 at two o'clock p.m..

Question – put and passed.

- 14 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to Standing Order 108 –
Question proposed – That the grievances be noted
Debate ensued.
Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed.
- 15 **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, 12 November 2013 at two o'clock p.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Amkat Mai, Dr. Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Don Polye, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr John Simon, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Ms Loujaya Toni, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sasindra Muthuvel, Mr Titus Philemon, Mr William Powi and Mr William Tongamp.

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Clerk of the National Parliament