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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 58

Wednesday, 13 November 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 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 Mrs Julie Soso (Governor for Eastern Highlands) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PART II, 2011 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker presented the following report, pursuant to statute:-

- 7 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION) LAW 2013:** The Prime Minister (Mr Peter O'Neill) pursuant to notice presented a proposed Law to alter the *Constitution* by making provision for the establishment of an Independent Commission Against Corruption and for related purposes.
Proposed Law read a first time.
Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.
- 8 **ORGANIC LAW ON PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS (DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) (AMENDMENT) LAW 2013:** The Prime Minister (Mr Peter O'Neill) pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to alter the *Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local Level Governments*.
Proposed Law read a first time.
Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.
- 9 **COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – COMMUNICATION SECTOR - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jimmy Miringoro (Minister for National Information and Communication Technology), made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament on the implementation of the National Information and Communication Technology Policy reforms to enhance competition in the telecommunication sector over the five years.
Debate ensued.
Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at ten minutes past 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 Dr Allan Marat, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal, Mr Powes Parkop, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil and Mr Tobias Kulang.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament