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Thursday, 14 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 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 Ati Wobiro (Governor for Western) to say Prayers.

- 2 **VISITORS:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) acknowledged the presence of students of Kings Academy present in the Gallery. On behalf of the Parliament, the Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked –

Matter of Privilege - Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), raised as a matter of privilege that the questions raised by Mr Belden Namah (Leader of Opposition) were contrary to Standing Order 141, and engage two psychiatrists to do analysis on him and further requested the Speaker to consider the matter and refer it to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Privileges.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and inform the Parliament in due course.

4 **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), by leave, answered questions directed to him by the Member for Anglimp South Waghi (Mr Joe Koim Komun) on Tuesday, 12 November 2013.

5 **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 order of the day Nos. 89, 93 and 99, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

6 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (CITIZENSHIP) LAW 2013:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration) pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to amend the *Constitution* by amending the provisions relating to Citizenship, 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.

7 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICES) LAW 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Services) presented a proposed Law to alter the *Constitution* relating to appointment of certain offices.

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 **COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – COMMUNICATION SECTOR – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPER**
NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 13 November*) viz:-

*Communication, and Information Technology –
Communication Sector- Ministerial Statement*

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

- 9 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty five minutes past three 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 Anderson Agiru, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Francis Potape, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyopy, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr William Tongap.

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