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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 61

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m. pursuant 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 two o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At thirty minutes past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) to say Prayers.

- 2 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met this morning and resolved that Australian Broadcasting Corporation would be allowed to film the presentation of the 2014 budget by the Minister for Treasury for news purposes only.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF 2014 NATIONAL BUDGET:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Treasury presenting the 2014 Budget and associated Bills:-

- (a) *The Appropriation (National Parliament 2014) Bill 2013;*
Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2014) Bill 2013;
Appropriation (General Public Services Expenditure 2014) Bill 2013;
Supplementary (Appropriation) Bill 2013; and
Papua New Guinea Fiscal Responsibility (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2013
 presented together and debated together; and
- (b) Separate questions being put on their second and third readings.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONIES – RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) announced that he had received the following messages from His Excellency, the Governor General dated 19 November 2013: –

- (a) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (National Parliament 2014) Bill 2013* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (b) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2014) Bill 2013* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (c) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (General Public Services Expenditure 2014) Bill 2013* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (d) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Supplementary (Appropriation) Bill 2013* relates to and provides for such expenditure; and
- (e) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Papua New Guinea Fiscal Responsibility (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2013* relates to and provides for such expenditure.

5 **APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT 2014) BILL 2013, APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES 2014) BILL 2013 APPROPRIATION (GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE 2014) BILL 2013, SUPPLEMENTARY (APPROPRIATION) BILL 2013 AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented—

- (a) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidate Revenue Fund a sum for the National Parliament for Operational Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2014;
- (b) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the Judiciary Services for Operational and Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2014;
- (c) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the General Public Service for operational and capital expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2014;
- (d) a Bill for an Act to grant and appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further additional sum for expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2014 and to appropriate that sum, as well as reduce the appropriations contained in the *Appropriation (Recurrent Expenditure 2013) Act 2012* and the *Appropriation (National Development Expenditure 2013) Act 2012*; and
- (e) a Bill for an Act to amend *Papua New Guinea Fiscal Responsibility Act 2006*.

Bills read together a first time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the Bills be now read together a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned - Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

6 **INCOME TAX (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.

Bill read a first time

Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned - Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 7 **STAMP DUTIES (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stamp Duties Act Chapter 117*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned- Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 8 **INCOME TAX (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned - Mr Belden Namah, (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 9 **EXCISE TARIFF (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act (Chapter 107)*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned – Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at four 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 Ben Micah, Mr Francis Marus, *Mr Joe Koim Komun, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr Westley Nukundj.

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