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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 63

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Thursday, 21 November 2013

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.
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*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 half 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 Ms Loujaya Toni (Minister for Community Development) to say Prayers.

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

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Hon. Manuel Kaisiepo (Chairman and Leader of Delegation), Hon. Diaz Gwijangge, Hon. Ms. Ida Riyanti, Hon. Dr. Harry Azhar Azis, and officials from the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia who were present in the Speaker's Gallery and on behalf of the National Parliament, extended a very warm welcome to the distinguished visitors.

Questions without notice, continued.

3 **AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, PART IV, 2012 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:**

The Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:-

*Constitution-*

*Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea – Report on Public Accounts of Public Authorities and Statutory Bodies and Government Owned Companies, 2012, Part IV.*

Mr Benjamin Poponawa (Deputy Chairman – Public Accounts Committee) moved – That Parliament take note of the paper, and that the paper be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

4 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered – That the orders of the day Nos. 13, 14 and 46, Private Business, be postponed.

5 **PUBLIC SECTOR STAFFING, STATISTICS, PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGIES – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bire Kimisopa (Member for Goroka) – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 14 May 2013*) viz:

*Public Sector Staffing, Statistics, Performance and Strategies - Ministerial Statement –*

Debate ensued.

Question – That the question be now put – put.

The Parliament voted (the Assistant Speaker, Mr Anton Yagama, in the Chair)

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>41</b>

And as it was negatived – debate continued.

*Closure:* Mr James Marape moved – That the question be now put.

Question – That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question – That Parliament take note of the paper – was put accordingly and passed.

- 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him moving a series of motions regarding the discharge and appointment of Members to various Permanent Parliamentary Committees.  
Question – put and passed
- 7 **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr Paul Tiensten be discharged from attendance as Deputy Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and that Mr Aide Ganasi be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.
- 8 **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Deputy Chairman, Mr Paul Tiensten be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Economic Affairs.  
Question – put and passed.
- 9 **EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr Bire Kimisopa be discharged from attendance as Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Emergency and that Mr Isaac Waigavara be appointed Chairman of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr Salio Waipo be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Legislation.  
Question – put and passed.
- 11 **PENSIONS AND RETIREMENTS BENEFITS COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr Joseph Yopyyopy be discharged from attendance as Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Pensions and Retirements Benefits and that Mr Joseph Lelang be appointed Chairman of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.
- 12 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr Issac Waigavara be discharged from attendance as Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Privileges and that Mr Aide Ganasi be appointed Chairman of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.

- 13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Sir Julius Chan and Mr Ross Seymour be discharged from attendance as Members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts and that Mr Salio Waipo and Mr Tobias Kulang be appointed members of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.
- 14 **JUSTICE COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That Mr John Hickey be discharged from attendance as Chairman of the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Justice and that Mr Joseph Yopyyopy be appointed Chairman of the Committee.  
Question – 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 four o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Belden Namah, Ms Delilah Gore, Mr Don Polye, Dr. Fabian Pok, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Issac Waigavara, Mr Jeffrey Kuave, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Michael Malabag, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr William Tongamp.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
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