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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 65

Tuesday, 26 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 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 Mr Bire Kimisopa (Member for Goroka) to say Prayers.

- 2 **ELECTION PETITION DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COURT – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker presented a copy of Supreme Court Review No.04 and 06 of 2013 in respect of the decisions in EP74 of 2012, which ordered the Electoral Commission of Papua New Guinea to conduct a recount of all the votes for Gumine Open Electorate and the recount results be presented to the National Court for declaration. It was declared that Mr Nick Kuman had been duly elected Member for Gumine Open Electorate.

3 **DECLARATION OF LOYALTY AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE:** Mr Nick Kuman was introduced and made his Declaration of Loyalty and Declaration of Office, as required by the *Constitution*.

4 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY SPEAKER** – The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met and resolved that:-

(a) the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) be allowed to broadcast live the Budget Reply by the Leader of Opposition at two o'clock this afternoon; and

(b) EMTV allowed to film the Budget Reply by the Leader of the Opposition for news purposes only.

5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

6 **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 orders of the day Nos. 93, 39, 89 and notice No. 107, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

7 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICES) LAW 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and First Vote.

Paper: The Speaker presented the following paper:-

Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act -

Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations - Report relating to Constitutional Amendment

(Appointment of Certain Offices) Law 2013.

Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman), by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Services) moved - That the Proposed Law be now read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

Conclusion: Question - That the question be now put – put and passed.

Sir Puka Temu, by leave, moved - That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments – put.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 85

Mr Amkat Mai	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Kelly Naru
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Kerenga Kua
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Benny Allan	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr David Arore	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Noah Kool
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Paias Wingti
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Don Polye	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr	Mr Peter O'Neill
Dr. Fabian Pok	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Francis Awesa	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Francis Marus	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Havila Kavoa	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr James Gau	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr James Lagea	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr James Marape	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Jeffery Kuave	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr John Sungi	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr John Pundari	Mr Wera Mori
Mr John Simon	Mr William Duma
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr William Powi
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr William Tongamp
Ms Julie Soso Akeke	

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority, as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the Second Required Opportunity for Debate (third reading) and Second Vote be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

8 **ORGANIC LAW ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) LAW 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and First Vote –

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

*Permanent Parliamentary Committee Act -
Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts
and Subordinate Legislations - Report relating to Constitutional
Amendments (Appointment of Certain Offices) Law 2013.*

Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman), made a statement in connection with the report.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Services), moved - That the Proposed Law be read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

Conclusion: Question - That the question be now put – put and passed.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), by leave, moved - That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments – put.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 86

Mr Aide Ganasi	Ms Delilah Gore
Mr Amkat Mai	Mr Don Polye
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Douglas Tomuriesa
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr.
Mr Ben Micah	Dr Fabian Pok
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Francis Awesa
Mr Benjamin PoPONAWA	Mr Francis Marus
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Francis Potape
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Gisuwat Siniwin
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Havila Kavo
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Isaac Waigavara
Mr Byron Chan	Mr James Gau
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr James Lagea
Mr Charles Abel	Mr James Marape
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Jeffrey Kuave
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Jim Kas
Mr David Arore	Mr Jim Miringtoro
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Jim Simatab
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Joe Lera

Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr John Pundari	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr John Simon	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr Philip Undialu
Ms Julie Soso Akeke	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Justin Tkachenko	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Kelly Naru	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Kerenga Kua	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Kila Haoda	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Koi Trape	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr Labi Amaiu	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Ms Loujaya Toni	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Louta Atoi	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Mai Dop	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Malakai Tabar	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Mao Zeming	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Mark Maipakai	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Nick Kuman	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Nixon Mangape	Mr William Duma
Mr Noah Kool	Mr William Powi
Mr Paias Wingti	Mr William Tongamp

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority, as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the Second Required Opportunity for Debate (third reading) and Second Vote be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

- 9 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (CITIZENSHIP) LAW, 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and First vote:-

Paper: The Speaker presented the following paper:-

Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations - Report relating to Constitutional Amendment (Citizenship) Law 2013

Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman), by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

Mr Rimbink Pato (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration), moved - That the Proposed Law be read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debated ensued.

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

Mr Rimbink Pato, by leave, moved – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments – put.

Second Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 84

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr Joseph Lelang
Mr Amkat Mai	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Anton Yagama	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Kelly Naru
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Kerenga Kua
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr David Arore	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Noah Kool
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Paias Wingti
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Don Polye	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Ereman Tobaning Jnr	Mr Peter O'Neill
Dr Fabian Pok	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Francis Awesa	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Francis Marus	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Havila Kavou	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr James Gau	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr James Lagea	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr James Marape	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Jeffery Kuave	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Wera Mori
Mr John Hickey	Mr William Duma
Mr John Pundari	Mr William Powi
Mr John Simon	Mr William Tongamp

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority, as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the Second Required Opportunity for Debate (third reading) and Second Vote be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

10 **PUBLIC SERVICE (MANAGEMENT) BILL 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to:-

- (a) make provision for the appointment, conditions of employment, constitution, powers, procedures and functions of the Public Service Commission in accordance with Section 190 (*Establishment of the Commission*) and 191 (*Functions of the Commission*) of the *Constitution*;
- (b) implement Section 195 (*Organization, etc., of the State Services*) of the *Constitution* in relation to the Public Service; and
- (c) implement the *Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local-Level Governments* insofar as an Act of the Parliament is required to make provision relating to the staffing of Provincial Governments and Local-Level Governments; and
- (d) make provision for ensuring the implementation of decisions, directions and policies of the National Executive Council by the National Public Service and public bodies,
and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

Question – That the Bill be now read a third time - put

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 88

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Amkat Mai	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Mr Anderson Agiru	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Kelly Naru
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Kerenga Kua
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Camillus Dangima	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr David Arore	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Paias Wingti
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Don Polye	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr	Mr Philip Undialu
Dr Fabian Pok	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Francis Awesa	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Francis Marus	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Havila Kavro	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr James Gau	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr James Lagea	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr James Marape	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Jefferey Kuave	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Wera Mori
Mr John Hickey	Mr William Duma
Mr John Pundari	Mr William Powi
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr William Tongamp

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Bill read a third time.

- 11 **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:

- (a) order of the day Nos. 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 and 107 (Government Business) being called on forthwith.
- (b) Leader of Opposition to Reply to 2014 Budget being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed

- 12 **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:** The orders of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bills be now read together a second time –

Debate resumed.

Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition) delivered the Opposition's Budget Speech-in-Reply.

Debate continued.

Leave granted for the remainder of the speech of Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance) to be incorporated in Hansard.

Debate continued.

Suspension of Standing Orders –Extend time for Sitting: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent:-

- (i) the Parliament sitting beyond five o'clock p.m. this day; and
- (ii) the Parliament adjoining on a motion to be moved by a Minister at any time.

Question – put and passed.

- (a) **APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT 2013) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a third time.

- (b) **APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES 2014) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a third time.

- (c) **APPROPRIATION (GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE 2014) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a third time.

- (d) **SUPPLEMENTARY (APPROPRIATION) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a third time.

- (e) **PAPUA NEW GUINEA FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time – Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a third time.

- 13 **INCOME TAX (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of imposition of taxation:

The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 19 November 2013, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 **STAMP DUTIES (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of imposition of taxation:

The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 19 November 2013, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **EXCISE TARIFF (2014 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of imposition of taxation:

The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 19 November 2013, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **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. 91, 92, and notice Nos. 110, 111 112 and 113 (Government Business) being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 17 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION) LAW 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the First required opportunity for debate and First vote:-

Statement by leave: Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman – Constitutional Law and Acts and Subordinate Legislation), by leave, made a statement in connection with the Proposed Law.

Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), moved – That the Proposed Law be now read a second time and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

Conclusion: Mr Peter O'Neill, by leave, moved – that he Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

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

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments – put.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 92

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr Joe Lera
Dr Allan Marat	Mr Joe Sungi
Mr Amkat Mai	Mr John Pundari
Mr Anderson Agiru	Mr John Simon
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Johnson Tuke
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Joseph Lelang
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Ati Wobiro	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Mr Belden Namah	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Kelly Naru
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Kerenga Kua
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Bob Dadae	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Charlie Benjamin	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa
Mr David Arore	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Nixon Mangape
Ms Dellilah Gore	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Don Polye	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr	Mr Peter Ipatas
Dr Fabian Pok	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Francis Awesa	Mr Phillip Undialu
Mr Francis Marus	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Francis Potape	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Havila Kavo	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr James Gau	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr James Lagea	Mr Ron Ganarafa
Mr James Marape	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Jeffery Kuave	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel

Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Wera Mori

Mr Steven Kamma
Mr William Duma
Mr William Powi
Mr William Tongamp

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the Second Required Opportunity for Debate (third reading) and Second Vote be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

18 **ORGANIC LAW ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL LEVEL GOVERNMENTS (DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) (AMENDMENT) LAW 2013:** The order of the day having been read for the first required opportunity for debate and First vote -

Statement by Leave: Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman – Constitutional Law and Acts and Subordinate Legislation), by leave, made a statement in connection with the proposed Law.

Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the proposed Law be now read a second time, and commenced the first required opportunity for debate.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Peter O’Neill, by leave, moved – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Proposed Law be now agreed to without amendments – put.

First Vote: The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair) -

AYES, 92

Mr Aide Ganasi
Dr Allan Marat
Mr Amkat Mai
Mr Anderson Agiru
Mr Ano Pala
Mr Anton Yagama
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll
Mr Ati Wobiro
Mr Belden Namah
Mr Ben Micah
Mr Benjamin Philip
Mr Benjamin Poponawa
Mr Benny Allan
Mr Bire Kimisopa
Mr Bob Dadae
Mr Boka Kondra
Mr Byron Chan
Mr Camillus Dangima

Mr Charles Abel
Mr Charlie Benjamin
Mr Daniel Mona
Mr David Arore
Mr Davis Steven
Mr De Kewanu
Ms Delilah Gore
Ms Don Polye
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr.
Dr Fabian Pok
Mr Francis Awesa
Mr Francis Marus
Mr Francis Potape
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin
Mr Havila Kavo
Mr Isaac Waigavara
Mr James Gau

Mr James Lagea	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr James Marape	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr Jeffery Kuave	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr John Pundari	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr John Simon	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Johnson Tuke	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Richard Mendani
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Ms Julie Soso Akeke	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr Justin Tkachenko	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr Kelly Naru	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Kerenga Kua	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Kila Haoda	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Koi Trape	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Labi Amaiu	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Ms Loujaya Toni	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Louta Atoi	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr Mai Dop	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Malakai Tabar	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Mao Zeming	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Mark Maipakai	Mr William Duma
Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa	Mr William Powi
Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei	Mr William Tongamp

NOES, 0

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of a two-thirds absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Proposed Law read a second time.

Ordered – That the Second Required Opportunity for Debate (third reading) and Second Vote be adjourned to another meeting separated by two months as required by the *Constitution*.

19 PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(AMENDMENT) BILL 2013: Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Prime Minister and National Executive Council Act 2002*.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Sir Puka Temu, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **REGULATORY STATUTORY AUTHORITY (APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Regulatory Statutory Authority (Appointment to Certain Offices) Act 2004*.
Bill read a first time.
Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Sir Puka Temu, the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the manner of appointment, suspension and dismissal of chief executive officers of hospitals under the *Provincial Health Authorities Act 2007*.
Bill read a first time.
Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Sir Puka Temu, the Bill was read a third time.
- 22 **PUBLIC HOSPITALS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the manner of appointment, suspension and dismissal of chief executive officers of hospitals under the *Public Hospitals Act 1994*.
Bill read a first time.
Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Sir Puka Temu, the Bill was read a third time.
- 23 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF PAPER:** 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 Public Service presenting the *Thirty-Seventh Report of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission*.
Question – put and passed.

- 24 **SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION – THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER ADOPTED:** Sir Puka Temu, (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:-

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and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.
Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament adopt the report.
Question – put and passed.

- 25 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11 February 2014 at two o'clock p.m..
Question – put and passed.

- 26 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 11 February 2014 at two o'clock p.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Ross Seymour and Mr Westley Nukundj.

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