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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 70

Tuesday, 18 February, 2014

- 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 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 Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LAW REFORM COMMISSION - ANNUAL REPORTS, 2008, 2009 AND 2010 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Attorney-General) presented the following papers, pursuant to statute:-
*Constitution -
 Constitutional and Law Reform Commission –
 Annual Reports, 2008, 2009 and 2010,*
 and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.
 Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the papers and was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.
- 4 **GOODWILL VISIT TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BOUGAINVILLE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) made a statement informing the Parliament that the purpose of his visit to Bougainville was to reconnect with the people of the autonomous region of Bougainville and assured the people of Bougainville that the National Government is committed to implement the peace agreement.
 Mr Ben Micah moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
 Debate ensued.
Closure: Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the question now be put.
 Question – That the question be now put – put and passed.
 And the question – That the Parliament take note of the paper – was put accordingly, and passed.
- 5 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered – That orders of the day Nos. 92, 91, 93, 39 and 89 be postponed.
- 6 **EXCISE TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury), presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1956*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Don Polye moved – That the Bill be 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 Mr Don Polye, the Bill was read a third time.
- 7 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
 Question - put and passed.

And then the Parliament at ten minutes to 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 Dr Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr Jim Miringtoro, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Joeseeph Yopyyopy, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil and Mr Tobias Kulang.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament