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Thursday, 20 February, 2014

- 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 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 John Pundari (Member for Environment and Conservation) to say Prayers.

- 2 **ISSUE OF AND RETURN TO WRIT - KAIRUKU-HIRI OPEN ELECTORATE - BY-ELECTION:-** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) announced that he had received the Return to the Writ which His Excellency, the Governor-General had issued on 21 November 2013, for a by-election of a Member to serve for the Kairuku-Hiri Open Electorate and that by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Mr Peter Isoaimo was duly elected as the Member for Kairuku-Hiri Open Electorate.

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

4 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS – MR JOSEPH AOAE AND MR MOMEI PANGIAL:** Mr Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of the following former Members:-

(a) Mr Joseph Aoae on 16 February 2014. A former Member for the Kairuku-Hiri Open Electorate in the Second National Parliament from 1978 to 1982, re-elected to the Third National Parliament from 1982 to 1987 and Fourth National Parliament from 1987 to 1992, was appointed Minister for Forest in 1980 and Minister for Education in 1987.

(b) Mr Momei Pangial on 29 December 2013. A former Member for the Mendi Open Electorate in the First House of Assembly in the 1964 General Elections. He was re-elected to the Second House of Assembly from 1968 to 1972 and Third House of Assembly and 1<sup>st</sup> National Parliament from 1972 to 1977.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood in silence.

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

6 **NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE – (FRAUD AND CORRUPTION RELATED OFFENCES) RULES 2013 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Kerenga Kua (Minister for Justice and Attorney-General) pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

*Constitution – Amendments to the National Court Rules - Criminal Practice (Fraud and Corruption Related Offences) Rules – 2013.*

Mr Solan Mirisim (Chairman - Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations) moved – that the Parliament take note of the paper and the Rules be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations).

Question – put and passed.

7 **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 No. 13, Private Business, being called on forthwith  
Question – put and passed.

8 **ENHANCING AND MAINSTREAMING ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER:**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sam Basil – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 31 October 2012*) viz:

*Enhancing and Mainstreaming Environment Sustainability*  
- *Ministerial Statement.*

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

Question – put and passed.

9 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

And then the Parliament at ten minutes past two o'clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m..

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Dr Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Benden Namah, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ross Seymour and Mr Sam Basil.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament