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Friday, 21 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 Jeffery Pesab (Member for Nipa-Kutubu) to say Prayers.

- 2 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution* certified the following Acts made by the National Parliament-

*Harbours (Amendment) Act 2013;*

*Inclusive Education for National Development for Community Education (Repeal) Act 2013;*

*Prime Minister and National Executive Council (Amendment) Act 2013;*

*Provincial Health Authorities (Amendment) Act 2013;  
Public Hospitals (Amendment) Act 2013; and  
Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment of Certain Officers)  
(Amendment) Act 2013.*

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

4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:-** Mr Charles Abel (acting 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 **Supplementary Appropriation (Judiciary Services) Bill 2014** forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

5 **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES) BILL 2014:-** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) presented 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 (General Public Service Expenditure 2014) Act 2013*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

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 21 February 2014, 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.

6 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 108 --  
Question proposed – That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed.

7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:-** Mr Charles Abel (acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Deputy Chairperson on Parliamentary Referral Committee on Education to make a brief statement.

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION – STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER:** Mrs Julie Soso (Deputy Chairperson – Parliamentary Referral Committee on Education) made a brief statement from the Committee.  
Mr Charles Abel (acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.
- 9 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr Charles Abel (Deputy Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Benjamin Poponawa and Mr Garry Juffa be discharged as Deputy Chairman and Member of the Committee on Public Accounts and that Mr Bob Dadae be appointed Deputy Chairman and Mr Peter Isoaimo, Mr Charlie Benjamin and Mr Roy Biyama be appointed as Members of the Committee.  
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Deputy Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at two o'clock p.m...  
Question – put and passed.
- 11 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Deputy Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament, at one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at two o'clock p.m..

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Dr. Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, MR Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr James Marape, Mr Jim Simataba, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Sam Basil, Mr William Duma and Mr William Tongamp

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