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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 76

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Thursday, 8 May 2014

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Peter Isoaimo (Member for Kairuku-Hiri) to say Prayers.
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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **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 notice Nos. 126, 138 and 134, Government Business, being called on forthwith. Question – put and passed.

4 **INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch, (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Internal Revenue Commission, to define its powers and functions and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch 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 for the imposition of taxation:* The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 20 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.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Bill be now read a third time – put.

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

#### AYES – 77

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr John Pundari
Dr Allan Marat	Mr John Simon
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Johnson Tuke
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Joseph Lelang
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Ben Micah	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Mr Benjamin Philip	Sir Julius Chan
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Davis Stevens	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Mark Maipakai
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Michael Malabag
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr.	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Dr Fabian Pok	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Francis Awesa	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Garry Juffa	Mr Paias Wingti
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Gordon Wesley	Mr Pesab Komal
Mr Havila Kavō	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr James Marape	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Jim Simatab	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Joe Koim Komun	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Robert Ganim

Mr Ron Ganarafa	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Ronny Knight	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Ross Seymour	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Roy Biyama	Mr Westley Nukundj
Mr Salio Waipo	Mr William Tongamp
Mr Sam Basil	

NOES – O

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

- 5 **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 notice Nos. 127 and 128, Government Business, being called on forthwith.  
Question – put and passed.
- 6 **INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Patrick Pruaitch 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 Mr Patrick Pruaitch, the Bill was read a third time.
- 7 **REGULATORY STATUTORY AUTHORITIES (APPOINTMENT TO CERTAIN OFFICES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Patrick Pruaitch 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 Mr Patrick Pruaitch, the Bill was read a third time.
- 8 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered – That notice No. 138 be postponed.

- 9 **ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 2014:** Mr Ano Pala (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation and safety of land transport and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ano Pala moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

A question was answered by Mr Ano Pala.

Debate continued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation for the imposition of taxation:* The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 8 May 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.

The Parliament resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*In Committee*

On the motion of Mr Ano Pala, the following amendments were made, after debate:-

Page 6, Clause 7 –

In Clause 7 -

(a) Subsection (1), insert the following new paragraph:-

“(g) a person nominated by the National Executive Council.”; and

(b) Subsection (3), delete the words “Subsection (1)(b) to (f)” and substitute it with “Subsection (1) (b) to (g)”.

The remainder of Bill agreed to with amendments.

Bill, to be reported with amendments.

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The Parliament resumed, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Gordon Wesley) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Ano Pala, the Parliament adopted the report.

Mr Ano Pala moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put and passed.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

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

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

**AYES – 78**

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr Camillus Dangima
Dr Allan Marat	Mr Charles Abel
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Davis Steven
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr De Kewanu
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Byron Chan
Mr Ben Micah	Ms Delilah Gore
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Douglas Tomuriesa
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr.
Mr Benny Allan	Dr Fabian Pok
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Francis Awesa
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Francis Potape

Mr Garry Juffa	Mr Michael Malabag
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Gordon Wesley	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Havila Kavo	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr James Marape	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Paias Wingti
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Joe Koim Komun	Mr Pesab Komal
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr John Pundari	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr John Simon	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Johnson Tuke	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Richard Maru
Mr Joseph Yopyyopy	Mr Robert Atiyafa
Ms Julie Soso Akeke	Mr Robert Ganim
Sir Julius Chan	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr Justin Tkachenko	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Kila Haoda	Mr Ross Seymour
Mr Koi Trape	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Labi Amaiu	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Louta Atoi	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Mai Dop	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Malakai Tabar	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Mao Zeming	Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Mark Maipakai	Mr Westley Nukundj
Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa	Mr William Tongamp

**NOES, 0**

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

- 10 **SITTING ARRANGEMENTS –STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had allocated seat No. 103 to the Honourable Member for Kandep.
- 11 **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 to one 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 Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Marus, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jim Kas, , Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Loujaya Toni, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Powes Parkop, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Wera Mori, Mr William Duma and Mr William Powi.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament