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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 78

Tuesday, 13 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 Boka Kondra (Minister for Culture & Tourism) to say Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **DEPARTMENT OF INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS OF CERTAIN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2010 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS** – Mr Leo Dion (Minister for Inter-Government Relations), pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:
*Organic Law on Provincial Government and Local Level Governments-
Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs –
Provincial Performance Reports Summary (Section 119 Reporting) 2010-*
 - a. *Central Provincial Government;*
 - b. *East New Britain Provincial Government;*
 - c. *East Sepik Provincial Government;*
 - d. *Eastern Highlands Provincial Government;*
 - e. *Enga Provincial Government;*
 - f. *Fly River Provincial Government;*
 - g. *Gulf Provincial Government;*

- h. *Madang Provincial Government;*
- i. *Manus Provincial Government;*
- j. *Milne Bay Provincial Government*
- k. *Morobe Provincial Government;*
- l. *New Ireland Provincial Government;*
- m. *Sandaun Provincial Government;*
- n. *Simbu Provincial Government;*
- o. *Southern Highlands Provincial Government*
- p. *West New Britain Provincial Government;*
- q. *Western Highlands Provincial Government; and*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition) moved - That Parliament take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

- 4 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S OWNERSHIP OF HYDROCARBONS AND MINERALS AND THE CONSOLIDATION AND COMMERCIALISATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S BUSINESS) LAW 2014:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to alter the *Constitution* by adding provisions relating to Papua New Guinea's ownership of hydrocarbons and minerals and the consolidation and commercialisation of Papua New Guinea's hydrocarbon and mineral resources.

Proposed Law read a first time.

Ordered – that the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.

- 5 **ORGANIC LAW ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S OWNERSHIP OF HYDROCARBONS AND MINERALS AND THE CONSOLIDATION AND COMMERCIALISATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LAW 2014:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a proposed Law to implement Subdivision VIII.IAB (*Papua New Guinea's Ownership of Hydrocarbons and Minerals and the Constitution and Commercialisation of Papua New Guinea's Businesses*) of the *Constitution* and for related purposes.

Proposed Law read a first time

Ordered – that the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.

- 6 **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:**

Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1987*.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Charles Abel, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr De Kewanu, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr James Lagea, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Ross Seymour and Mr William Duma.

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Clerk of the National Parliament