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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 81

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Friday, 16 May 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 Mrs Julie Soso (Governor for Eastern Highlands Province) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **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.

- 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 him moving a series of motions regarding the discharge and appointment of Members to various Parliamentary Committees.  
Question – put and passed.
- 5 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PLANS AND ESTIMATES – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN** – Mr Charles Able (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Francis Potape be appointed Chairmen of the Permanent Parliament Committee on Plans and Estimates.  
Question – put and passed.
- 6 **BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE ON BOUGAINVILLE MATTERS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS:** Mr Charles Abel (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved –
- (a) that, this Parliament establish a Bipartisan Committee on Bougainville Matters, consisting of Mr William Powi (Chairman), Mr Joseph Sungi (Deputy Chairman), Mr Jim Kas, Dr. Allan Marat and Mr Tobias Kulang.
  - (b) the Committee will oversee the overall implementation of the Bougainville Peace Agreement as stipulated in the National Constitution of Papua New Guinea.
  - (c) the Committee will report to the National Parliament bi-annually or as and when required, on updates of work-in-progress on the implementation of the peace agreement.
  - (d) the Committee will undertake visits to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and hold regular consultations with all stakeholders on matters concerning Bougainville and obtain information relevant for the purposes of updating the National Parliament.
- Question – put and passed.
- 7 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 24 June 2014 at two o'clock p.m...  
Question – put and passed.
- 8 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Acting 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, 24 June 2014 at two o'clock p.m..

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Mr Aide Ganasi, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Benjamin PoPONAWA, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Daniel Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Don Polye, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr James Marape, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Sasindra Muthuvel, and Mr Tobias Kulang.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament