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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 85

Thursday, 28 August 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 Ms Loujaya Kouza (Member for Lae) to say Prayers.

- 2 **MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that Hon. Ken Fairweather (Member for Sumkar) proposed a matter of public importance be submitted to the Parliament for discussion namely:
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Papua New Guinea.
In accordance with Standing Order 109 (4), the proposed discussion was supported by 9 members including the proposer rose in their places.
In accordance with Standing Order 109 (5) the proposed discussion was postponed until half past three o'clock in the afternoon.

- 3 **PRESENTATION OF PETITION:** Mr Sam Basil (Member for Bulolo) presented a petition from certain concerned Smallholders of the Coffee Growers Association and other stakeholders praying that the Government consider the concerns and issues which are considered important to promote, develop and expand the coffee industry where more than three million people of the highlands and coastal provinces are involved in.

Petition received

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

- 5 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Michael Malabag (Minister for Health), presented the following paper:

*Department of Health -
Annual Management Report 2013*

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Services) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.

- 6 **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 notices Nos. 142, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **WESTERN PACIFIC UNIVERSITY BILL 2013:** Mr Malakai Tabar (Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology) pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a University to be known as the Western Pacific University, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Malakai Tabar 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 the Imposition of Taxation:

Mr Speaker announced that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 15 May 2014, recommending the expenditure of public moneys of Papua New Guinea insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such expenditure.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Malakai Tabar 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).

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| Mr Aide Ganasi | Mr Koi Trape |
| Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll | Mr Leo Dion |
| Mr Ati Wobiro | Ms Loujaya Toni |
| Mr Ben Micah | Mr Louta Atoi |
| Mr Benjamin Poponawa | Mr Mai Dop |
| Mr Bire Kimisopa | Mr Malakai Tabar |
| Mr Bob Dadae | Mr Mao Zeming |
| Mr Camillus Dangima | Mr Mark Maipakai |
| Mr Charles Abel | Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa |
| Mr David Arore | Mr Michael Malabag |
| Mr Davis Steven | Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei |
| Mr De Kewanu | Mr Nick Kuman |
| Mr Don Polye | Mr Nixon Mangape |
| Mr Douglas Tomuriesa | Mr Noah Kool |
| Mr Ezekiel Anisi | Mr Paias Wingti |
| Dr Fabian Pok | Mr Patrick Pruaitch |
| Mr Francis Awesa | Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal |
| Mr Garry Juffa | Mr Peter Isoaimo |
| Mr Gisuwat Siniwin | Mr Peter O'Neill |
| Mr James Gau | Mr Powes Parkop |
| Mr James Lagea | Sir Puka Temu |
| Mr James Marape | Mr Richard Maru |
| Mr Jeffery Kuave | Mr Richard Mendani |
| Mr Jim Kas | Mr Rimbink Pato |
| Mr Jim Miringtoro | Mr Robert Ganim |
| Mr Jim Simatab | Mr Ron Ganarafo |
| Mr Joe Koim Komun | Mr Ronny Knight |
| Mr Joe Lera | Mr Salio Waipo |
| Mr Joe Sungi | Mr Sasindra Muthuvel |
| Mr John Pundari | Mr Solan Mirisim |
| Mr John Simon | Mr Titus Philemon |
| Mr Joseph Lelang | Mr Westley Nukundj |
| Mr Joseph Yopyyopy | Mr William Duma |
| Mr Justin Tkachenko | Mr William Powi |
| Mr Kelly Naru | Mr William Tongamp |
| Mr Ken Fairweather | |

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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.

- 8 **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 notices Nos. 144 and 145 Government Business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.
- 9 **EXCISE TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff* Act 1956 (Chapter 107).
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.
- 10 **CUSTOM TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Custom Tariff* Act 1992.
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.
- 11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES:** Mr James Marape (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 to discharge and appoint members to certain committees, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.
- 12 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Bob Dadae be discharged as Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Works and that Mr David Arore be appointed Chairman of the Committee.
Question – put and passed.

- 13 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENTS BENEFITS – DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Joseph Lelang be discharged as Chairman of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Pensions and Retirements Benefits and that Mr Tobias Kulang be appointed Chairman of the Committee.
Question – put and passed.
- 14 **CITIZENSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Bob Dadae be appointed Chairman of the Committee.
Question – put and passed.
- 15 **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Joseph Lelang be appointed Chairman of the Commission.
Question – put and passed.
- 16 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at half past three 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 Ano Pala, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Ms Delilah Gore, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr. Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Johnson Tuke, Ms Julie Soso Akeke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Labi Amaiu, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr Wera Mori.

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Acting Clerk of the National Parliament