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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 89

Thursday, 4 September 2014

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.
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Absence of Quorum. The Speaker reported to Parliament that a quorum of Members was not present, and announced that he would resume 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 five 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 Douglas Tomuriesa (Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations) to say Prayers.

- 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 the Minister of Education presenting a ministerial statement.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF LEARNING CONTENTS TO SCHOOLS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Nick Kuman (Minister for Education), made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the Department of Education's performances, achievements, challenges faced and steps taken to address these challenges.

Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) 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.

- 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. 155, 156, and 157, Government Business, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **REGULATORY STATUTORY AUTHORITIES (APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICES)(CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment of Certain Offices) Act 2004*.

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 **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act (Chapter 101)*.

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.

- 8 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA CUSTOMS SERVICE BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Papua New Guinea Customs Service and 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 of the Expenditure of Public Moneys:* Mr Speaker announced that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 3 September 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 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, 64

Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr John Hickey
Dr Allan Marat	Mr John Pundari
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr John Simon
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Johnson Tuke
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Joseph Lelang
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Camillus Dangima	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Mr Daniel Mona	Mr Justin Tkachenko
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Ken Fairweather
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Kila Haoda
Ms Dellilah Gore	Mr Leo Dion
Mr Don Polye	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Malakaï Tabar
Mr Ezekiel Anisi	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Fabian Pok	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Francis Marus	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Havila Kavo	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr James Lagea	Mr Noah Kool
Mr James Marape	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Pesab Jeffrey Komal
Mr Jim Miringtoro	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Joe Lera	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Robert Atiyafa

Mr Robert Ganim
 Mr Ronny Knight
 Mr Ross Seymour
 Mr Roy Biyama
 Mr Sam Basil
 Mr Sasindra Muthuvel

Mr Solan Mirisim
 Mr Titus Philemon
 Mr Wera Mori
 Mr Westley Nukundj
 Mr William Powi
 Mr Westley 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.

- 9 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - INQUIRY INTO THE MADANG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT – REPORT ADOPTED:** Mr John Hickey (Chairman Public Accounts Committee), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:-

*Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts –
 Final Report to the National Parliament on an Inquiry into the
 Madang Provincial Government – Report dated June 2014,*

and moved – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.
 Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the question be now put.

And the question – That the report and its recommendations be adopted – was put accordingly, and passed.

- 10 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION – INQUIRY INTO THE DISBURSEMENT OF TEACHERS SALARIES AND ENTITLEMENTS, ELEMENTARY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT ADOPTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Charles Abel – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 21 February 2014*), viz:

*Parliamentary Referral Committee on Education -
 Report to Parliament: Strongim Tisa, Strongim Klasrum –
 Inquiry into the Disbursement of Teacher's Salaries and Other Entitlements
 at the Elementary, Primary and Secondary Schools in Papua New Guinea –
 August 2014*

Mr Robert Ganim (Chairman) moved – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question - That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question – That the report and its recommendations be adopted – was put accordingly, and passed.

- 11 **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 the Minister for Treasury to make a Ministerial Statement on the State of the Economy and 2014 Budget Review for Future Growth, being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

12 **STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND 2014 BUDGET REVIEW FOR FUTURE GROWTH – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**

Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the State of the Economy and 2014 Budget Review for Future Growth.

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.

13 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business)

moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at ten minutes to four 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 Belden Namah, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Charles Abel, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr David Arore, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr., Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr James Gau, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Micahael Malabag, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Peter O'Neill, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ron Ganarafo, Mr Salio Waipo, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr William Duma and Mr William Powi.

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