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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 90

Friday, 5 September 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 Mr Anton Yagama (Member for Usino-Bundi) to say Prayers.

- 2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** 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 and Minister for Forest presenting a ministerial statements.
Question – put and passed.

- 3 **THE ACQUISITION OF SHARES IN OIL SEARCH LIMITED – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the acquisition of 149.39 million shares in Oil Search Limited by the State and associated funding arrangements entered into with Union Bank of Switzerland.
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.
- 4 **STATUS OF THE FOREST INDUSTRY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Douglas Tomuriesa (Minister for Forest and Climate Change) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the status of the Forest Industry in Papua New Guinea.
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
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 159, (Government Business) and notice No. 160 (Private Business) being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.
- 7 **PUBLIC SERVICE (MANAGEMENT) BILL 2014:** Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to –
- (a) make provision for the appointment, conditions of employment, constitution, powers, procedures and functions of the Public Services Commission in accordance with Sections 190 (*Establishment of the Commission*) and 191 (*Functions of the Commission*) of the **Constitution**; and
 - (b) implement Section 195 (*Organisation, etc., of the State Services*) of the **Constitution** in relation to the Public Service; and
 - (c) implement the **Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local-level Governments** insofar as an Act of the Parliament is required to make provision relating to the staffing of Provincial Governments and Local-level Governments; and
 - (d) make provision for ensuring the implementation of decisions, directions and policies of the National Executive Council by the National Public Service and public bodies,
and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Sir Puka Temu 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.

Sir Puka Temu moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question – put.

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, 55

Mr Aide Ganasi

Dr Allan Marat

Mr Anton Yagama

Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll

Mr Ati Wobiro

Mr Benjamin Philip

Mr Bob Dadae

Mr Byron Chan

Mr Camillus Dangima

Mr Jim Simatab

Mr Joe Koim Komun

Mr Joe Sungi

Mr John Hickey

Mr John Simon

Mr Joseph Lelang

Mr Joseph Yopyyopy

Ms Julie Soso Akeke

Mr Koi Trape

Ms Loujaya Toni

Mr Mai Dop

Mr Malakai Tabar

Mr Michael Malabag

Sir Michael Somare

Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei

Mr Nick Kuman

Mr Nixon Mangape

Mr Noah Kool

Mr Patrick Pruaitch

Mr Davis Steven

Mr Don Polye

Mr Douglas Tomuriesa

Mr Francis Marus

Mr Havila Kavo

Mr Isaac Waigavara

Mr Jeffrey Kuave

Mr Jim Miringtoro

Mr Jim Kas

Mr Peter Ipatas

Mr Peter Isoaimo

Mr Peter O'Neill

Mr Philip Undialu

Sir Puka Temu

Mr Robert Ganim

Mr Ron Ganarafo

Mr Ronny Knight

Mr Ross Seymour

Mr Roy Biyama

Mr Salio Waipo

Mr Sasindra Muthuvel

Mr Solan Mirisim

Mr Steven Kamma

Mr Titus Philemon

Mr Wera Mori

Mr William Duma

Mr William Powi

NOES, 0

And so it was negatived, as an absolute majority had not voted in its favour.

Rescission of Third Reading: Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That the third reading vote be rescinded and the question – That the Bill be now be read a third time made an order of the day.

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KIMBE BILL 2014:** Mr Sasindra Muthuvel (Governor for West New Britain), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kimbe, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Sasindra Muthuvel 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 Sasindra Muthuvel, the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 159, being called on forthwith.
 Question – put and passed.
- 10 **PUBLIC SERVICE (MANAGEMENT) BILL 2014:** That the Parliament take note of the paper.
 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, 56

Mr Aide Ganasi	Ms Julie Soso Akeke
Dr Allan Marat	Mr Koi Trape
Mr Anton Yagama	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Mai Dop
Mr Ati Wobiro	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Benjamin Philip	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Michael Malabag
Mr Byron Chan	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Nixon Mangape
Mr Don Polye	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Francis Marus	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Havila Kavov	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Powes Parkop
Mr Joe Koim Komun	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr John Hickey	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr John Simon	Mr Ronny Knight
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Ross Seymour

Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Theo Zurenuoc

Mr Titus Philemon
Mr Wera Mori
Mr Westley Nukundj
Mr William Duma
Mr William Powi

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.

- 11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (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.

- 12 **CITIZENSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal be appointed Member of the Committee.

Question – put and passed.

- 13 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 21 October 2014 at two o'clock p.m.

Question – put and passed.

- 14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Acting Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament, do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament, at five minutes to one o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, 21 October, 2014 at two o'clock p.m.

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.

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Acting Clerk of the National Parliament