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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 94

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Tuesday, 18 November 2014

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to the terms of the resolution of 23 October 2014. 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 two o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Gisuwat Siniwin (Member for Nawae) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met this day and resolved that:
- (a) National Broadcasting Corporation would be allowed to broadcast live the presentation of the 2015 budget and questions without notice for news purposes;
  - (b) TV Wan (Digicel PNG Limited) would be allowed to film the presentation of the 2015 Budget and questions without notice for news purposes; and
  - (c) EMTV would be allowed to film the presentation of the 2015 Budget and questions without notice for the duration of this meeting for news purposes only.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF 2015 NATIONAL BUDGET:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (a) the Minister for Treasury presenting the 2015 Budget and associated budget papers; and
- (b) the *Appropriation (General Public Service 2015) Bill 2014*; *Appropriation (National Parliament 2015) Bill 2014*; *Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2015) Bill 2014*; and *Supplementary (Appropriation) Bill 2014*; presented together and debated as one; and
- (c) Separate questions being put on their second and third readings.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONIES – RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) announced that he had received the following messages from His Excellency, the Governor General dated 18 November 2014: –

- (a) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (General Public Service 2015) Bill 2014* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (b) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (National Parliament 2015) Bill 2014* relates to and provides for such expenditure;
- (c) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2015) Bill 2014* relates to and provides for such expenditure; and
- (d) a message recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the *Supplementary (Appropriation) Bill 2014* relates to and provides for such expenditure; and

- 5 **APPROPRIATION (GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE 2015) BILL 2014, APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT 2015) BILL 2014, APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES 2015) BILL 2014, AND SUPPLEMENTARY (APPROPRIATION) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented–

- (a) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidate Revenue Fund a sum for the General Public Service for operational and capital expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2015;
- (b) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the National Parliament for Operational Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2015;
- (c) a Bill for an Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the Judiciary Services for Operational and Capital expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2015; and

- (d) a Bill for an Act to grant and appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an additional sum for expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2014 and to reduce the appropriations contained in the *Appropriation (General Public Service Expenditure 2014) Act 2013*.

Bills read together a first time.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the Bills be now read together a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned - Mr Belden Namah (Leader of Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 6 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1990*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned - Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER – EXTENSION OF TIME OF SITTING:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent-

(a) the Parliament sitting beyond five o'clock p.m. this day; and

(b) the Parliament adjourning on a motion to be moved by a Minister at anytime.

Question – put and passed.

- 8 **EXCISE TARIFF (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act (Chapter 107)*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Belden Namah - Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 9 **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Goods and Services Tax Act 2003*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Belden Namah -Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 10 **INCOME TAX (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1959*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Belden Namah - Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 11 **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING) (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Inter-Governmental Relations (Functions and Funding) Act 2009*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Belden Namah - Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 12 **STAMP DUTIES (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 117)*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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.
- 13 **ALTERATION OF DAY AND HOUR OF SITTING:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 25 November 2014 at ten o'clock a.m.  
Question – put and passed.
- 14 **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 minutes past five o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, 25 November 2014 at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Byron Chan, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Ms Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Rimbink Pato and \*Mr Ronny Knight.

**PODI KOHU**  
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

*\*Suspended by the Leadership Tribunal*