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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 95

Tuesday, 25 November 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 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 Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) to say Prayers.

- 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 EMTV would be allowed to film the Budget Reply by the Opposition's spokesman this day at two o'clock p.m. for news purposes only.
- 3 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution* certified the following Acts made by the National Parliament –
 - Correctional Service (Amendment) Act 2014*
 - Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2014*
 - Customs (Amendment) Act 2014*

Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2014
Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2014
Lukautim Pikinini (Child) (Amendment) Act 2014
National Youth Development Authority Act 2014
Papua New Guinea Customs Service Act 2014
Public Private Partnership Act 2014
*Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment to Certain Offices)
 (Consequential Amendment) Act 2013*
Small and Medium Enterprises Corporation Act 2014
Village Courts (Amendment) Act 2014
Western Pacific University Act 2014

- 4 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR JOHN KOIGIRI)** – The Speaker informed the Parliament of the death of Mr John Koigiri on 9 November 2014, a former Member for the Obura-Wonenara Open Electorate in the 7th National Parliament from 2002 to 2007. He was appointed a Member of the Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations Committee and Culture and Tourism Committee between 2002 and 2007.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood in silence.

- 5 **PRESENTATION OF PETITION:** Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition and Member for Bulolo) presented a petition from certain citizens of various provinces residing at ATS Settlement, east of Jacksons Airport, National Capital District praying that the Government intervene and identify the status of the concerned piece of land, and upon confirmation, give priority to the current settlers titles for permanent settlement.
Petition received.
Matter Referred to the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Land and Environment: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 128 (c), the petition be referred to the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Lands and Environment.
Question – put and passed.

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

- 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day Nos. 184, 185 and 186, Government Business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

- 8 **DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL 2014:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to District Development Authorities.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Peter O'Neill moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message of the Governor-General – Recommendation for the Expenditure of Public

Monies: The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency, the Governor-General, dated 21 November 2014, recommending the expenditure of public monies in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such expenditure.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Peter O'Neill 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 James Marape
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Jeffery Kuave
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Jim Miringoro
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr Jim Simatab
Mr Benjamin Phillip	Mr Joe Koim Komun
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Joe Sungi
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr John Pundari
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr John Simon
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Joseph Yopyyopy
Mr Camillus Dangima	Mr Labi Amaiu
Mr Charles Abel	Mr Leo Dion
Mr David Arore	Ms Loujaya Toni
Mr Davis Steven	Mr Louta Atoi
Mr De Kewanu	Mr Mai Dop
Ms Delilah Gore	Mr Malakai Tabar
Mr Douglas Tomuriesa	Mr Mao Zeming
Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr	Mr Mark Maipakai
Mr Ezekiel Anisi	Mr Mehrara Minnie Kipefa
Mr Fabian Pok	Mr Michael Malabag
Mr Francis Awesa	Mr Nick Kuman
Mr Francis Marus	Mr Nixon Duban
Mr Francis Potape	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Gisuwat Siniwin	Mr Pesab Jeffrey Komal
Mr Gordon Wesley	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr Isaac Waigavara	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr James Lagea	Mr Powes Parkop

Sir Puka Temu	Mr Ross Seymour
Mr Richard Maru	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Richard Mendani	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Rimbink Pato	Mr Steven Kamma
Mr Robert Atiyafa	Mr Theo Zurenuoc
Mr Robert Ganim	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Ron Ganarafo	Mr William Duma

NOES, 18

Dr Allan Marat	Mr Kila Haoda
Mr Ati Wobiro	Sir Michael Somare
Mr Belden Namah	Mr Noah Kool
Mr Garry Juffa	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Havila Kavo	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Jim Kas	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Titus Philemon
Sir Julius Chan	Mr William Powi
Mr Kelly Naru	Mr William Tongamp

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 **DISTRICT AUTHORITY (REPEAL) BILL 2014:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *District Authority Act* 2006. Bill read a first time.
 Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Peter O'Neill 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 Peter O'Neill, the Bill be now read a third time.
- 10 **ELECTORAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (REPEAL) BILL 2014:** Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Electoral Development Authority Act* 1992. Bill read a first time.
 Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Peter O'Neill 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 Peter O'Neill, the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That Mr Daniel Mona, (Member for Goilala), be granted leave of absence for the remainder of this meeting due to ill health.
Question – put and passed.
- 12 **CHAIRMEN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that-
- (a) A workshop for Chairmen of Parliamentary Committees in Modern Legislature to be held on Thursday, 27 November 2014 at the B2 Conference Room from 12 noon to 2 o'clock p.m.
 - (b) A seminar on obligations under the Leadership Code to be held on Friday, 28 November 2014 at the State Function Room from 12 noon to 1 o'clock p.m.
- 13 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent –
- (a) Order of the day Nos. 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183, Government Business, being called on forthwith; and
 - (b) Opposition spokesman to reply to 2015 Budget.
- Question – put and passed.
- 14 **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:** The orders of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the Bills be now read together a second time.
Debate resumed.
Point of Order. Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition) raised a point of order that Standing Orders 197 and 200 were not complied with when documents accompanying the Bills were not presented in full.
The Speaker's Ruling: The Speaker ruled that the Bills were presented and copies circulated, however, the associated papers were not distributed, and according to the Chair, the standing orders were complied with.
Mr Don Polye (Deputy Opposition Leader) delivered the Opposition's Budget Speech-in-Reply.
Debate continued.
Leave granted for the remainder of the speech of Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition) to be incorporated in Hansard.
Debated continued.

Suspension of Standing Orders – Extend Time for Sitting: Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (i) the Parliament sitting beyond five o'clock p.m. this day; and
- (ii) the Parliament adjourning on a motion to be moved by a Minister at any time.

Question – put and passed.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

(A) APPROPRIATION (GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE 2015) BILL 2014:

Question – That the Bill be now read a second time - 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 (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

(B) APPROPRIATION (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT 2015) BILL 2014:

Question – That the Bill be now read a second time - 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 (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

(C) APPROPRIATION (JUDICIARY SERVICES 2015) BILL 2014:

Question – That the Bill be now read a second time - 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 (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

(D) SUPPLEMENTARY (APPROPRIATION) BILL 2014:

Question – That the Bill be now read a second time - 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 (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (2015 BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of Imposition of Taxation:

The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 10 November 2014, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **EXCISE TARIFF (2015 BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –
 Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of Imposition of Taxation:
 The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 10 November 2014, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.
 Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:**
 The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –
 Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of Imposition of Taxation:
 The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 10 November 2014, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.
 Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **INCOME TAX (2015 BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time –
 Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of Imposition of Taxation:
 The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 10 November 2014, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.
 Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.
- 19 **INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING) (2015 BUDGET) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time-
 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 (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **STAMP DUTIES (2015 BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time-
 Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation of Imposition of Taxation:
 Mr Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 10 November 2014, recommending the imposition of taxation in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such imposition.
 Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **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 seven 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 Benjamin PoPONAWA, Mr Byron Chan, +Mr Daniel Mona, Mr John Hickey, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Pias Wingti, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Philip Undialu, *Mr Ronny Knight and Mr Tobias Kulang.

PODI KOHU

Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

**Suspended by the Leadership Tribunal*
+On sick leave