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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 97

Thursday, 27 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 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 John Pundari (Minister for Environment and Conservation) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **LEADERSHIP TRIBUNAL – FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AND TIMELY ANNUAL REPORTS – STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Sir Michael Somare (Governor for East Sepik), by leave, made a statement to clarify media statements regarding setting up of Leadership Tribunals under the Leadership Code to investigate leaders who fail to submit complete or late annual returns to the Ombudsman Commission.

Leave granted for the remainder of the speech of Sir Michael Somare, to be incorporated in Hansard.

Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) by leave also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 4 **AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – ANNUAL REPORT, 2001 PART I AND 2013 PART IV – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:-** The Speaker, presented the following papers, pursuant to statute:

Constitution

Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea – Report of the Auditor-General -

- (i) The Public Accounts of Papua New Guinea, 2011 – Part I; and
- (ii) The Accounts of Public Authorities and Statutory Bodies established under the Act of Parliament and Government Owned Companies established under the Companies Act.

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman of Public Accounts Committee) moved – That the Parliament take note of the papers and that the reports be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question – put and passed.

- 5 **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – ANNUAL REPORTS 2010-11, 2012 AND 2013 – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER:-** The Speaker presented the following paper, pursuant to statute:

Public Services (Management) Act –

- (i) Consolidated Annual Report, 2010 – 2011;
- (ii) Annual Report, 2012; and
- (iii) Annual Report, 2013

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

- 6 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS** – The Speaker informed the Parliament that Hon. Faiyaz Siddiq Koya, MP, Minister for Trade, Fiji and His Excellency Mr Romanu Tikotiko, High Commissioner from Fiji, were present in the Speaker's Gallery. On behalf of the Parliament, the Speaker extended to the distinguished visitors a warm welcome.

- 7 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORT 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Rimbink Pato (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration) presented the following paper, pursuant to statute:

Immigration and Citizenship Advisory Act –

Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority -
Annual Report 2013 -

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

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.

- 8 **MINERAL RESOURCES AUTHORITY – CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES - ANNUAL REPORTS 2012 AND 2013 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Byron Chan (Minister for Mining) presented the following papers, pursuant to statute:

Mineral Resources Authority Act -

Chief Inspector of Mines – Annual Reports 2012 and 2013.

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

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

- 9 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 10 February 2015, at 2 o'clock p.m.
Question – put and passed.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (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, 10 February 2015 at 2 o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Allan Marat, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, +Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Robert Atiyafa, *Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Titus Philemon, Mr Wera Mori and Mr William Powi.

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* *Suspended by the Leadership Tribunal*

+ *on sick leave*