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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 98

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Tuesday, 10 February, 2015

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to the terms of the resolution of 27 November 2014. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.
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*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 five minutes past two o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At five minutes to three o'clock p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present read Prayers.

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2 **ELECTION PETITION – ORDER OF THE NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker presented the Order of the National Court of Justice dated 29 November 2014 in a matter of a disputed return between Mr Isi Henry Leonard (petitioner) and Mr Gordon Wesley (first respondent) and the Electoral Commission of Papua New Guinea (second respondent) for the Samarai-Murua Open Electorate (EP No. 65 of 2012) which ordered that the election is declared void.

3 **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 be allowed to broadcast and telecast live questions without notice on television and radio for the duration of this meeting; and
- (b) EMTV be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only for the duration of this meeting.

4 **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:-

*APEC Papua New Guinea 2018 Co-ordination Authority Act 2014*  
*Appropriation (General Public Service Expenditure 2015) Act 2014*  
*Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2014) Act 2014*  
*Appropriation (National Parliament 2015) Act 2014*  
*Customs Tariff (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2014*  
*District Development Authority Act 2014*  
*District Authority (Repeal) Act 2014*  
*Electoral Development Authority (Repeal) Act 2014*  
*Excise Tariff (2015 Budget) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Goods and Services Tax (2015 Budget) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Income Tax (2015 Budget) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Inter-Government Relations (Functions and Funding)(2015 Budget)*  
*(Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Local-level Government Administration (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Lutheran University of Papua New Guinea Act 2014*  
*Mining (Ok Tedi Mine Extension (Eleventh Supplemental)(Agreement)*  
*Act 2014*

*Police (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Public Service (Management) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Stamp Duties (2015 Budget) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Supplementary (Appropriation) Act 2014*  
*Teaching Service (Amendment) Act 2014*

- 5 **DEATH OF MR DANIEL MONA, MEMBER FOR GOILALA OPEN – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Member for Goilala Open Electorate, Mr Daniel Mona, passed away in the Philippines on 4 February 2015 and arrangements are being made for his body to be repatriated back to the country.

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

- 7 **AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, PART II, 2012 AND 2013 – PAPER - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker, presented the following paper, pursuant to statute:-

*Constitution –*  
*Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea –*  
Report of the Auditor-General on the National Government Departments and Agencies, Part II, 2012 and 2013.

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman) moved – that Parliament take note of the paper, and that the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.  
Question – put and passed.

- 8 **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 Agriculture and Livestock presenting a ministerial statement.  
Question – put and passed.

9. **PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL RICE POLICY 2015-2030 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PAPER:** Mr Tommy Tomscoll (Minister for Agriculture and Livestock), made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament on the new rice policy, unlocking customary land for accelerated economic growth, rural development and sustainable food security

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.

- 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 half past four o'clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting), except Mr Benjamin PoPONAWA, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Potape, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mark Maipakai, Sir Puka Temu, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr William Tongamp.

**KALA AUFA**  
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament