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Wednesday, 11 February, 2015

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. 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 ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At fifteen 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 Kila Haoda (Governor for Central) to say Prayers.

- 2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER:**
Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Parliament proceeding with the election of a Deputy Speaker.
Question – put and passed.
- 3 **DEPUTY SPEAKER – ELECTION:** Mr Mao Zeming (Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources) proposed to the Parliament for its Deputy Speaker, Mr Aide Ganasi (Member for South Fly), which was seconded by Mr Ano Pala (Minister for Justice and Attorney-General).
Mr Aide Ganasi informed the Parliament that he accepted the nomination.
Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Opposition Leader) proposed to Parliament for its Deputy Speaker, Mr Francis Marus (Member for Talasea), and there being no seconder – Mr Francis Marus declined the nomination.
And there being no further nominations, the Speaker declared Mr Aide Ganasi as Deputy Speaker–elect unopposed.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION - ANNUAL REPORT, 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT - PAPER NOTED:-** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), presented the following paper, pursuant to statute:

 *Income Tax Act -
 Internal Revenue Commission –
 Annual Report 2013,*
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.
Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Question – put and passed.

- 6 **NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FISCAL COMMISSION – 2015 BUDGET FISCAL REPORT – PAPER AND STATEMENT - PAPER NOTED:-** Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury), presented the following paper, pursuant to statute:

*Inter-Governmental Relations Act -
National Economic and Fiscal Commission –
2015 Fiscal Budget Report,*

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

Sir Julius Chan (Governor for New Ireland) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **SHADOW MINISTRY:** Mr Don Polye (Leader of the Opposition) informed the Parliament that the following Members would form an interim shadow Ministry:

Hon. Don Polye, MP	Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for Treasury, Foreign Affairs and Trade and Immigration, Religion, Youth and Community Development and Correctional Services
Hon. Sam Basil, MP	Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for State Enterprises, Agriculture and Livestock, Lands and Physical Planning and Education.
Hon. Belden Namah, MP	Shadow Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Forestry, Defence, Police and Information and Communication.
Hon. Dr Allan Marat, MP	Shadow Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Labour and Industrial Relations, Public Services and Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology
Hon. Mark Maipakai, MP	Shadow Minister for Finance, National Planning, Fisheries and Marine Resources, Bougainville Affairs and Health and HIV/Aids.
Hon. James Gau, MP	Shadow Minister for Works and Implementation, Transport and Civil Aviation, Commerce and Industry, Tourism Culture and Arts and Sports and Pacific Games.
Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP	Shadow Minister for Petroleum and Energy, Mining, Inter-Government Relations, Environment and Conservation and Climate Change.
Hon. Sam Basil, MP	Opposition Whip

- 8 **OPPOSITION ALTERNATIVE GOVERNMENT POLICY – STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Don Polye (Leader of Opposition) made a statement informing the Parliament of the Opposition's alternative government policies.

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

- 9 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Mao Zeming (Minister for Fisheries & Marine Resources) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty minutes past four 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 Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin PoPONAWA, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr David Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Potape, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Mark Maipakai, Sir Puka Temu, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Wera Mori and Mr William Tongamp.

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