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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 101

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Friday, 13 February, 2015

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment.  
*Absence of Speaker:* The acting Clerk (Mr Kala Aufa) having informed the Parliament that Mr Speaker was unavoidably absent and in accordance with Standing Order 15, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Aide Ganasi) as Acting Speaker took the Chair.

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*Absence of quorum:* The Acting 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Anton Yagama (Member for Usino-Bundi) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked -  
Mr Belden Namah (Member for Vanimo Green), by leave, directed two questions to the Chair on the leadership status of the Member for Aitape Lumi and the Minister for Treasury (Mr Patrick Pruaitch) stating that a Supreme Court had ruled that the Member remain suspended from office and cannot perform official duties.  
*Acting Speaker's Ruling:* The Acting Speaker stated that he would seek advice and inform Parliament in due course.  
*Paper:* *Leave to table not granted.* Mr Belden Namah asked leave of the Parliament to table a copy of the Supreme Court decision.  
Objections being raised, leave not granted.  
Questions without notice concluded.
- 3 **GRIEVANCES:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 108 – Question proposed – That grievance be noted.  
Debate ensued.  
Leave granted for the remainder of the speech of Mr Sam Basil (Deputy Leader of Opposition) to be incorporated in the *Hansard*.  
Debate continued.  
It being one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order 108(3).  
Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed.
- 4 **PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUSINESS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That Mr James Lagea be appointed member of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Private Business.  
Question – put and passed.
- 5 **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 past one o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting), except Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr David Arore, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Don Polye, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr., Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Havila Kavo, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Ms Loujaya Toni, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Noah Kool, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Pesab Jeffrey Komal, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Theo Zurenuoc and Mr William Powi

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