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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 102

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Tuesday, 17 February, 2015

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy Speaker (Mr Aide Ganasi) took the Chair.
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*Absence of quorum:* The Deputy 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 ten o'clock a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At ten 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 Ms Delilah Gore (Minister for Religion, Youth and Community Development) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **MEMBER FOR GULF PROVINCIAL AND GOVERNOR (MR HAVILA KAVO) - STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement on the current court status regarding the Member for Gulf Provincial and Governor (Mr Havila Kavó), and stated that after obtaining legal advice the Chair is of the opinion that the Governor is still a Member of Parliament and entitled to perform his official role and function in the Chamber, and is also satisfied that the matter is *sub-judice*, therefore, ruled that he would not entertain any questions and statements on that matter.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **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 Notice No. 195 being called on forthwith.  
Question – put and passed.
- 5 **ORGANIC LAW ON SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND 2012 – REFERENCE TO PERMANENT PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND ACTS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATIONS:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) presented a proposed Law being an *Organic Law* to implement Part VIII.1AA (*Sovereign Wealth Fund*) of the *Constitution*, to repeal and replace the *Organic Law on Sovereign Wealth Fund 2012*, and for related purposes.  
Proposed Law read a first time.  
Ordered – That the proposed Law be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislation.
- 6 **DEFENCE – ANNUAL REPORT 2011 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Dr Fabian Pok (Defence Minister), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

*Defence Act -*

*Defence - Annual Report – 2011*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the Report.  
Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 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 debate on the Defence Annual Report resuming.  
Question – put and passed.

- 8 **DEFENCE – ANNUAL REPORT 2011 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER**  
**NOTED:** The order of day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented earlier this day – see Item No. 6*) viz:

*Defence Act -*

*Defence - Annual Report – 2011*

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

- 9 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty minutes to 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 Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Davis Steven, Mr Don Polye, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Nick Kuman, Mr Noah Kool, Sir Puka Temu, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Ross Seymour and Mr Sam Basil.

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