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NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 115

Wednesday, 22 July 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 twenty minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty five 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 Elias Kapavore (Member for Pomio) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **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 Sports presenting a ministerial statement.

Question – put and passed.

- 4 **PACIFIC GAMES 2015 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Justin Tkatchenko (Minister for Sport) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of a successful Pacific Games 2015. The Minister commended the government, sportsmen and sportswomen, volunteers and the general public for making the XV South Pacific Games 2015 a success.

Mr Ben Micah (Minister for Public Enterprises and State Investments) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance) acknowledged the presence of the Musau Choir Group and student volunteers during the South Pacific, and on behalf of the National Parliament, extended a warm welcome.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 5 **CONSTITUTIONAL (DUAL CITIZENSHIP – PRESCRIBED COUNTRIES) REGULATION NO. 2 OF 2015:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) pursuant to Section 258 of the Constitution, presented the **Constitutional (Dual Citizenship – Prescribed Countries) Regulation 2015**.

- 6 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING – PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION – ANNUAL REPORT, 2014 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning) presented the following paper:

Department of National Planning and Monitoring
Public Investment Program Implementation and
Performance Report – Annual Report, 2014

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.

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 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING – PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION – FIRST QUARTER REPORT, 2015 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning) presented the following paper:

Department of National Planning and Monitoring

Public Investment Program Implementation and Performance Report -
First Quarter Report, 2015

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 8 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING – NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CRITICAL ACTIVITY, JUNE 2015 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning) presented the following paper:

Department of National Planning and Monitoring

The O’Neill/Dion Government’s Critical Activity Matrix (CAM)
Progress Report – June, 2015

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 9 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TEACHING SERVICES COMMISSION - RESPONSE TO THE 13 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION – REPORT, 2014 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Nick Kuman (Minister for Education) presented the following paper:

Department of Education

Department of Education and Teaching Services Commission –
Response to the 13 Recommendations of the Parliamentary Referral Committee
on Education - Report 2014

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

10 **MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION – KEY INITIATIVES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**

Mr Malakai Tabar (Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of developing, modernising and advancing our human capital in the 21st century.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business) and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

11 **ALTERATION OF DAY AND HOUR OF SITTING:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament at its rising, adjourn until Friday, 24 July 2015 at 10 o'clock a.m..

Question – put and passed.

12 **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 two o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday, 24 July 2015 at ten o'clock a.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr David Arore, Ms Delilah Gore, Mr Don Polye, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Gisuwat Siniwin, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Ms Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Sir Michael Somare, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Roy Biyama and Mr Sasindra Muthuvel.

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