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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 120

Friday, 31 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 two minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At five minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present, and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Ati Wobiro (Governor for Western) to say Prayers.

2 **LEADERSHIP TRIBUNAL DECISION - STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Deputy Speaker informed the Parliament of the decision of the Leadership Tribunal which found Mr Francis Awesa not guilty of misconduct in office.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That Mr Robert Ganim be appointed Member of the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Health and Family Welfare.
Question – put and passed.

5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent -

- (a) the Chairman of the Parliamentary Referral Committee on Health and Family Welfare making a statement; and
- (b) the Chairman of the Special Parliamentary Committee on HIV/Aids Advocacy presenting a statement.

Question – put and passed.

6 **PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN:** Mr Mai Dop (Chairman) made a statement and informed the Parliament that the Committee passed a resolution to inquire into the violence against Women and Children in Papua New Guinea and terms of reference:

- (a) request for relevant government departments to provide background information and explanations relating to violence against Women and Children;
- (b) request relevant humanitarian organisations both government and non-government and world bodies to provide research information on gender based violence and sexual violence against Women and Children;
- (c) examine and observe the different forms of violence and their causes and draw up strategies for solutions;
- (d) ascertain the effectiveness of the current legislations and other related legislations that regulates violence against Women and Children; and
- (e) report to Parliament the Committee's observations and recommendations.

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.

- 7 **SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON HIV/AIDS – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN:** Mr Sasindra Muthuvel (Chairman) made a statement and informed the Parliament the effects of HIV/AIDS were broad and far reaching impacting on cultural, social and economic fabric of Papua New Guinea society. The Committee passed a resolution to inquire on the status of HIV/AIDS epidemic in Papua New Guinea and adopted the following terms of reference:

- (a) request for briefing from relevant stakeholders on status and updates of HIV/AIDS in the country;
- (b) identify the effectiveness and accessibility of the treatment (medications) for HIV/AIDS in the country;
- (c) establish partnership between the National Government, private organizations and donor agencies in driving HIV/AIDS agents in the country;
- (d) identify other issues associated with people living with HIV/AIDS with particular reference to issues to stigma and discrimination of vulnerable people;
- (e) what socio-economic issues has resulted of HIV/AIDS on Papua New Guinea society and how effectively have these issues been addressed by the National Government and its lower tiers of government; and
- (e) make recommendations to Parliament based on the Committee's observations.

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.

- 8 **GRIEVANCES:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 108 –
Question proposed – That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.

Statement by the Deputy Speaker: The Deputy Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings agreed for Australian newspaper to take photographs in the Chamber for a special twenty page report on Papua New Guinea's 40th Independence to illustrate the continuity of the country's democracy.

Debate continued.

Question – That the grievances be noted – put and passed.

- 9 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That Parliament, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at two o'clock p.m..
Question – put and passed.

- 10 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 168, 199,

200, 201, 204, 206, 215, 216, 260, 262, 264, 265, 276 and 277 (Government Business) being called on forthwith.

Question – put and passed.

- 11 **OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO THE CONDUCT OF MR KEN KAIHAH, GOVERNMENT PRINTER OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, - FINAL REPORT, JUNE 2014 – PAPER ADOPTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the report and its recommendations be adopted (*presented on 21 October 2014*), viz:

Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea -
Investigation Report into the Conduct of Mr Ken Kaiaha, Government Printer
of Government Printing Office - Final Report, June 2014 –

Question – put and passed.

- 12 **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORTS, 2010-2011, 2012 AND 2013 – PAPERS - PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 27 November 2014*), viz:

Public Services (Management) Act-
Public Services Commission of Papua New Guinea –
(i) Consolidated Annual Reports, 2010 – 2011
(ii) Annual Report, 2012; and
(iii) Annual Report, 2013

Question – put and passed.

- 13 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORT, 2013 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 27 November 2014*), viz:

Immigration and Citizenship Advisory Act –
Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority –
Annual Report 2013 –

Question – put and passed.

- 14 **MINERAL RESOURCES AUTHORITY – CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES – ANNUAL REPORTS, 2012 AND 2013 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 27 November 2014*), viz:

Mineral Resources Authority Act –
Mineral Resources Authority
Chief Inspector of Mines – Annual Reports 2012 and 2013

Question – put and passed.

- 15 **INDEPENDENT CONSUMER AND COMPETITION COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORTS, 2011, 2012 AND 2013 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 12 February*), viz:

Independent Consumer and Competition Commission Act -
Independent Consumer and Competition Commission -
Annual Reports 2011, 2012 and 2013,

Question – put and passed.

- 16 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL PARLIAMENT MEMBERS AND THE JOINT POLITICAL PARTIES DELEGATION REPORT ON THEIR STUDY TOUR TO THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 19 February*), viz:

Papua New Guinea – Delegation Report –
Members of Papua New Guinea National Parliament and the
Joint Political Parties Delegation Report on their study tour
to the People’s Republic of China, 23 September – 1 October 2014,

Question – put and passed.

- 17 **OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – FINAL REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING ON ALLEGED IMPROPER LAND DEAL, NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT, 2014 – PAPER – PAPER ADOPTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr

James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the report and its recommendations be adopted (*presented on 27 May*), viz:

Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea –

An investigation into the Department of Lands and Physical Planning on alleged improper land deal – State Lease Section 283, Allotment 48, Hohola (Morata) Volume 12 Folio 171, National Capital District – Final Report 2014 –

Question – put and passed.

- 18 **DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT, 2014 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 27 May*), viz:

Prime Minister and National Executive Council Act–

Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council -
Annual Report, 2014 -

Question – put and passed.

- 19 **PACIFIC GAMES 2015 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Ben Micah (Minister for Public Enterprises and State Investments) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 27 May*), viz:

Pacific Games 2015 – Ministerial statement.

Question – put and passed.

- 20 **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND MONITORING – PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION – REPORT, 2015 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 22 July*), viz:

Department of National Planning and Monitoring –
Public Investment Program Implementation –
First Quarter Report, 2015

Question – put and passed.

- 21 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TEACHING SERVICE COMMISSION – RESPONSE TO THE 13 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REFERRAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION – REPORT, 2014 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 22 July*), viz:

Education Act –

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

Question – put and passed.

- 22 **MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION – KEY INITIATIVES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 22 July*), viz:

Ministry of Higher Education – Ministerial Statement

Question – put and passed.

- 23 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – ANNUAL REPORT, 2013 AND CORPORATE PLAN 2012 – 2015 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament take note of the papers (*presented on 29 July*), viz:

Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea –

- (a) Casa Annual Report – 2013; and
- (b) Corporate Plan, 2012 - 2015

Question – put and passed.

- 24 **THE 400 YEARS OLD KING JAMES BIBLE – STATEMENT BY MEMBER – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) - That the Parliament accept the original 404 years old King James Bible printed in the year 1611 as our national treasure and the property of the people and the government of Papua New Guinea and be placed in the Chamber of the National Parliament on the Clerk's table.

Question – put and passed.

25 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, 27 October 2015 at two o'clock p.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting), except Dr Allan Marat, *Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Ano Pala, Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Benjamin Poponawa, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Charlie Benjamin, +Ms Delilah Gore, *Mr Don Polye, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, -Mr Francis Potape, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kerenga Kua, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Powes Parkop, Mr Rimbink Pato, Mr Robert Atiyafa, *Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, Mr Titus Philemon and Mr William Tongamp.

KALA AUFA

Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

*Sick leave

+Suspended by the Leadership Tribunal

-Jailed