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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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No. 66

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Tuesday, 11 February, 2014

- 1 The Parliament met at two o'clock a.m. pursuant to the terms of the resolution of 26 November 2013. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Ms Delilah Gore (Member for Sohe) to say Prayers.
  
- 2 **ISSUE AND RETURN TO WRIT - AMBUNTI DREKIKIR AND MADANG OPEN ELECTORATES:-** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) announced that he had received the Return to the Writ which His Excellency, the Governor-General had issued on 19 September 2013, for the by-elections of Members to serve for the:
  - (a) Ambunti-Drekikir Open Electorate and by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Mr Ezekiel Anisi was duly elected Member for the Ambunti-Drekikir Open Electorate; and
  - (b) Madang Open Electorate and by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Mr Nixon Duban was duly elected Member for the Madang Open Electorate.
  
- 3 **DECLARATION OF LOYALTY AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE:** Mr Ezekiel Anisi and Mr Nixon Duban were introduced and made their Declaration of Loyalty and Declaration of Office before the Speaker, as required by the *Constitution* on 6 January 2014 at the National Parliament's State Dining Room.

4 **BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS - STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met this day and resolved that:-

- (a) The National Television Service "Kundu 2" would be allowed to televise questions without notice as part of its community obligations;
- (b) National Broadcasting Corporation would be allowed to broadcast live questions without notice;
- (c) EMTV would be allowed to film questions without notice for news purposes only; and
- (d) ABC would be allowed to film questions without notice

for the duration of this meeting.

5 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution*, certified the following Acts made by the National Parliament:-

*Appropriation (General Public Services Expenditure 2014) Act 2013*  
*Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2014) Act 2013*  
*Appropriation (National Parliament 2014) Act 2013*  
*Excise Tariff (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2013*  
*Income Tax (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2013*  
*National Council of Women Act 2013*  
*Papua New Guinea Fiscal Responsibility (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2013*  
*Stamp Duties (2014 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2013*  
*Supplementary (Appropriation) Act 2013*

6 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MESSRS PHILIP LAKI, JAMES MANGARUM AND BAKI REIPA):** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of:

- (a) Mr Philip Laki on 31 August 2013. He was first elected Member for Angoram Open Electorate to the Third National Parliament from 1982 to 1987, Fourth National Parliament from 1987 to 1992 and Fifth National Parliament from 1992 to 1997 and resigned from the Parliament in 1994;
- (b) Mr James Meangarum on 24 December 2013. He was first elected as Member for Ramu Open Electorate to the First House of Assembly from 1964 to 1968 as Member for Bogia Open Electorate to the Second House of Assembly from 1968 to 1972. He served as deputy member of the Public Works Committee; and

(c) Mr Baki Reipa on 17 January 2014. He was first elected as member for Kainantu Open Electorate to the Sixth National Parliament from 1997 to 2002. He had served as Assistant Speaker from July 1997 to March 1998, member of the University of Papua New Guinea Council from November to December 1997, appointed Government Whip from December 1997 to July 1998, Member of the Select Committee on Independent Commission Against Corruption from April to July 1998. He was disqualified by the National Court and returned as Member for Kainantu in a by-election on 25 July 1999. He was then appointed Vice Minister for Corporatisation and Financial Institutions in September 1999 to December 2000 and Vice Minister for Education.

As a matter of respect to the memory of the late honourable gentlemen, all Members present stood in silence.

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

8 **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 the order of the day No. 65, Government Business, being called on forthwith.  
Question – put and passed.

9 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FIRST QUARTER REPORT, 2013 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) – That the Parliament take note of the paper (*presented on 28 May 2013*) viz:

*Department of Education –  
First Quarter Report, 2013 – Ministerial Statement*

Debate resumed.  
Question – put and passed.

10 **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 Bire Kimisopa, Mr Ereman Tobaining Jnr, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Jim Kas, Mr Jim Miringtoro, Mr Joe Koim Komun, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ronny Knight, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Tobias Kulang and Mr Wera Mori.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament