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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 80

Thursday, 15 May 2014

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.

Absence of quorum: The 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 Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At twenty 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 Tobias Kulang (Member for Kundiawa-Gembogl) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr Charles Abel (Acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice Nos. 136, 139 and 140 Government business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

4 **HIGHER EDUCATION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2014:** Ms Delilah Gore (Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to:-

- (a) establish the Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology to foster –
- (i) the national development of higher and technical education with regard to the needs and resources of Papua New Guinea; and
 - (ii) the rationalization and coordination of higher and technical education so that the most effective use can be made of the resources available for higher and technical education; and
 - (iii) the maintenance and enhancement of standards and quality in higher and technical education; and
 - (iv) the coordination, planning, management and monitoring of research; and
 - (v) the promotion of innovative technologies for the development of the country; and
- (b) establish the National Higher and Technical Education Board as the national quality assurance and regulatory body for higher and technical education in Papua New Guinea;
- (c) repeal the Higher Education Act 1983 and other laws;
- and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Ms Delilah Gore moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch moved – That the question be now put – put.

And the question – That the Bill be now read a second time – was put accordingly and passed – Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General – Recommendation for the expenditure of public monies: The Speaker announced that he had received a message from His Excellency, the Governor-General, dated 8 May 2014, recommending the expenditure of public monies of Papua New Guinea in accordance with Section 210 of the *Constitution* insofar as the Bill relates to and provides for such expenditure.

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

Ordered – That the Bells be rung.

And the question – That the Bill be now read a third time – put

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, Mr Theo Zurenuoc, in the Chair).

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Mr Aide Ganasi	Mr Camillus Dangima
Dr Allan Marat	Mr Charles Abel
Mr Ano Pala	Mr Charlie Benjamin
Mr Anton Yagama	Mr Davis Steven
Mr Assik Tommy Tomscoll	Mr De Kewanu
Mr Ati Wobiro	Ms Delilah Gore
Mr Ben Micah	Mr Douglas Tomuriesa
Mr Benjamin Poponawa	Dr Fabian Pok
Mr Benny Allan	Mr Francis Awesa
Mr Bire Kimisopa	Mr Francis Marus
Mr Bob Dadae	Mr Francis Potape
Mr Boka Kondra	Mr Gisuwat Siniwin
Mr Byron Chan	Mr Jim Kas

Mr Jim Miringoro	Mr Paias Wingti
Mr Jim Simatab	Mr Patrick Pruaitch
Mr Joe Koim Komun	Mr Pesab Jeffrey Komal
Mr Joe Lera	Mr Peter Ipatas
Mr Joe Sungi	Mr Peter Isoaimo
Mr John Pundari	Mr Peter O'Neill
Mr John Simon	Mr Philip Undialu
Mr Joseph Lelang	Mr Powes Parkop
Mrs Julie Soso Akeke	Sir Puka Temu
Mr Justin Thachenko	Mr Rimbink Pato
Mr Kerenga Kua	Mr Robert Ganim
Mr Koi Trape	Mr Ron Ganarafo
Mr Labi Amaiu	Mr Ronny Knight
Ms Loujaya Toni	Mr Ross Seymour
Mr Louta Atoi	Mr Roy Biyama
Mr Mai Dop	Mr Salio Waipo
Mr Malakai Tabar	Mr Sam Basil
Mr Mao Zeming	Mr Sasindra Muthuvel
Mr Mark Maipakai	Mr Solan Mirisim
Mr Michael Malabag	Mr Titus Philemon
Sir Michael Somare	Mr Tobias Kulang
Mr Mogerema Sigo Wei	Mr Wera Mori
Mr Nick Kuman	Mr William Powi
Mr Nixon Mangape	Mr William Tongamp
Mr Noah Kool	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority as required by the *Constitution* – Bill read a third time.

- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr Charles Abel (Acting Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent notice Nos. 136 and 140 Government Business, being called on forthwith.
Question – put and passed.

- 6 **CIVIL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Registration Act* (Chapter No. 304) and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Leave granted for the second reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Charles Abel moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed – Bill read a second time

Leave granted for the third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Charles Abel, the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Deputy Leader of Government Business) moved –
That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament, at twenty minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Dr. Allan Marat, Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr David Arore, Mr Ereman Tobainining Jnr., Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr James Gau, Mr James Lagea, Mr James Marape, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiei, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Richard Mendani, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Steven Kamma, Mr Westley Nukundj and Mr William Duma.

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Clerk of the National Parliament