

Bougainville House of Representatives

| SESSION #: 4 | | OCTOBER 2020 | MEETING #: 01 | |
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MINUTES OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting #: (02)

1. PRAYER

The House met 2:00pm (2:01) Mr. Simon Pentanu (*Speaker*) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 38 invited Mr. Charles Kakapetai (*Member for Teua*) to say a Prayer.

2. STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Mr. Simon Pentanu (*Speaker*) made a statement relating to –

- (a) Seating arrangement for Ministers and members of the House.
- (b) Maiden Speech and time limit is 10 minutes.
- (c) Motion to establish Business Committee.
- (c) Announcement of cabinet ministers.
- (d) Tabling of President Inaugural statement.
- (e) Media streaming

Speaker's ruling

From the Chair, media streaming is not allowed inside the Chamber.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET MINISTERS BY PRESIDENT

Mr. Ishmael Toroama (President) announced the fourteen cabinet ministers as following –

- (1) Mr. Ishmael Toroama (*President*)
- (2) Mr. Patrick Nisira as Vice President and Minister for Economic Development
- (3) Mr. Mathias Salas as Minister for Finance and Treasury
- (4) Mr. Ezekiel Masatt as Minister for Justice, Attorney General and Post Referendum
- (5) Mr. Thomas Tarii as Minister for Police and Corrective Services
- (6) Mr. Rodney Osioco as Minister for Minerals and Energy Resources
- (7) Dr. Joseph Kim Suwamaru as Minister for Technical Services
- (8) Mr. Raymond Masono as Minister for Health.
- (9) Mr. Thomas Pata'aku as Minister for Community Government
- (10) Mrs. Theonila Roka Matbob as Minister for Education
- (11) Mr. Thompson Gitovea as Minister for Community Government.
- (12) Mr. Melvin Iziras Wilolopa as Minister for Public Service
- (13) Mr. Robert Hamal Sawa as Minister for Lands, Physical Planning, Environment and Conservation.
- (14) Ms. Geraldine Yolande Paul as Minister for Primary Industry and Marine Resources

4. TABLING OF THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL STATEMENT

Mr. Ishmael Toroama (*President*) tabled the President's statement outlining the legislative and policy intentions of the Bougainville Executive Council for the term of the House.

Mr. John Tabinaman (*Leader of Government Business*) moved – "That the House takes note the President's inaugural statement and debate be adjourned to a later day"

Question– "That the House takes note of the President statement and debate be adjourned".

Question put and passed.

5. FIRST SPEECHES

In accordance with Standing Order 20, first speeches were delivered in the House by:

- 1) Mr. Junior Tumare –Makis Constituency
- 2) Mr. Robert Hamal Sawa –Hagogohe Constituency
- 3) Mr. Emmanuel Carlos Kaetavara –Baba Constituency
- 4) Mr. Jason Baranangko –Rau Constituency
- 5) Ms. Amada Masono –Women North Region
- 6) Mr. Fabian Epta –Torokina Constituency
- 7) Mr. Melvin Iziras Wilolopa –Lato Constituency
- 8) Mr. Justin Borgia –South Nasioi Constituency
- 9) Dr. Joseph Kim Suwamaru –Kopii Constituency
- 10) Mr. Charry Napto –Nissan Constituency
- 11) Mr. Linus Dake Junior –Excombatant Central Region
- 12) Mr. Bernard Bobos– Peit Constituency
- 13) Mr. Ezekiel Masatt –Tonsu Constituency
- 14) Mr. Jacob Tooke –Baubake Constituency
- 15) Mr. Thompson Gitovea –Taonita-Teop Constituency
- 16) Mr. Rodney Osioco –Kokoda Constituency
- 17) Mr. Paul Otto Cheung –Selau Constituency
- 18) Mr. John Bosco Ragu–Tsitaloto Constituency
- 19) Mr. Morris Opeti –Taonita-Tinputz Constituency
- 20) Mr. Patrick Nisira –Halia Constituency
- 21) Mr. Raymond Masono–Atolls Constituency
- 22) Mr. Robin Wilson –Terra Constituency
- 23) Mr. Earnestly Peter Teduu –Kongara Constituency
- 24) Mr. Thomas Pata'aku –Ramu Constituency
- 25) Mr. Mathias Salas –North Nasioi Constituency

Point of Order

Mr. Jacob Tooke (*Member for Baubake*) raised a point of order that Mr. Mathias Salas (*Member for North Nasioi*) speech is not related to maiden speech. Point of order was upheld by the Speaker.

Debate continues.

- 26) Mr. Polycarp Suito –Suir Constituency

Question – "That the House takes note of the statements by members".

Question put and passed.

6. GOVERNMENT NOTICE OF MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas Pata'aku (*Leader of Government Business*) moves –

1. THAT subject to Standing Orders 155, this House establishes the ***Parliamentary Business Committee*** and appoints membership of the Business Committee.
2. THAT the membership of the Parliamentary Business Committee shall consist of:
 - (1) Hon. Simon Pentanu, Speaker, who shall be the Chairperson; and
 - (2) Hon. Therese Naru Kaetavara, Deputy Speaker, who shall be the Deputy Chair; and
 - (3) Hon. Thomas Pata'aku, Leader of Government, as a committee member representing the Bougainville Executive Council; and
 - (4) Hon. Amanda Masono Getsi, Member for Women in North Bougainville, as a committee member representing women members in the House; and.
 - (5) Hon. Jacob Tooke, Chairperson of South Regional Committee, as a committee member, representing Chairpersons of Regional Committees.
3. THAT the functions of the Parliamentary Business Committee are:
 - (1) To meet each Monday and on each sitting day before the House meets.
 - (2) To examine all notices of motion lodged with the Clerk.
 - (3) To consider any government prioritized business brought to the attention of the committee by the Leader of Government Business.
 - (4) To determine the order of Private Members' Business appearing on the Daily Programme to be considered on each sitting day.
 - (5) To ensure that government business, private members' business and committee reports are given appropriate amount of time for the House to consider during each meeting.
 - (6) To perform any other duties provided for in the Standing Orders.
4. THAT the House notes that –
 - (1) the quorum of the Business Committee shall be three members; and
 - (2) if a quorum of the members of the Business Committee is not available at the time fixed for the committee to meet, the functions of the committee shall be exercised by the Speaker in consultation with the Leader of Government Business.
5. THAT the appointment and membership of the Parliamentary Business Committee shall be published in the Bougainville Gazette.

Debate ensued.

Question – “That the motion be agreed to”.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Thomas Pata'aku (*Leader of Government Business*) moved – “That the House do now adjourn to the Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 10:00 a.m.”

Debate ensued.

Question – “That the motion be agreed to”.

Question put and passed.

At 6:17 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

8. ATTENDANCE

All Members attended.



Robert Tapi
Acting Clerk of the House