

Bougainville House of Representatives

SESSION #: 3		JUNE 2015	MEETING #: 1	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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MINUTES OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting #: (1)

1. MEMBERS ASSEMBLE IN THE CHAMBER

In accordance with Standing Order 13, members assembled in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 10:00am to the date fixed for the first meeting of the House following the third House of Representative election for the swearing-in ceremony.

2. ARRIVAL OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO THE CHAMBER

Sir Salamo Injia (*Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea*) enters the Chamber of House of Representatives.

3. PRAYER

The House met 10:40 a.m. Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Clerk*) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 38 invited Reverend Tim Arthur (*Bishop of the United Church of Bougainville*) to say the Lord's Prayer.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Clerk*) warmly welcome the distinguished visitors present in the Chamber of the Bougainville House of Representatives.

5. CLERK TAKES THE CHAIR

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Clerk*) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 14 made the following—

- (a) gave notice to the House that the Chief Justice, His Honour, Sir Salamo Injia will administer the Declaration of Loyalty, the Declaration of Office and the Declaration of Loyalty to Bougainville.
- (b) summarized the order of proceedings for the day; shall
 - (i) Lying of writs on the Table
 - (ii) Swearing-in of the President, Vice President and all Members
 - (iii) Announcement of Regional Committees
 - (iv) Election of the Speaker
 - (v) Swearing-in of the Speaker
 - (vi) Congratulatory remarks
 - (vii) Election of the Deputy Speaker
 - (viii) Congratulatory remarks

6. LAYING OF WRITS

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Clerk*) in accordance with Standing Order 14 (c), lay on the Table—

- (a) a writ or copy of a writ of the President
- (b) thirty-three (33) single constituencies
- (c) three (3) regional seats for Women
- (d) three (3) regional seats for Ex-combatants

A total of forty (40) writs were received.

7. MAKING OF DECLARATION

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (Clerk) in accordance with Standing Order 15, invited Sir Salamo Injia (*Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea*) to administer the Declarations of Loyalty.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES

In accordance with Standing Order 16, Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Clerk*) announced in the House:

- (1) THAT the Members elected for the constituencies in South comprises of –

Hon. Steven Suako	Torokina Constituency
Hon. Dennis Lokonai	Bolave Constituency
Hon. William Silamai	Baba Constituency
Hon. Christopher Kena	Lato Constituency
Hon. Albert Punghau	Motuna/Huyono Constituency
Hon. Philip Kuhena	Kopii Constituency
Hon. Thomas Pata'aku	Ramu Constituency
Hon. John Vianney Kepas	Makis Constituency
Hon. Joseph Nabuai	Lule Constituency
Hon. Jacob Tooke	Baubake Constituency
Hon. Willie Masiu	Konnou Constituency
Hon. Isabel Peta	Women-South Region
Hon. Thomas Tarii	Ex-Combatant-South Region

- (2) THAT the Members elected for the constituencies in Central comprises of –

Hon. Rodney Osioco	Kokoda Constituency
Hon. Dominic Itta	Kongara Constituency
Hon. Simon Dasiona	Nasioi-South Constituency
Hon. Nicholas Darku	Nasioi-North Constituency\
Hon. Michael Lapolela	Ioro Constituency
Hon. Clarence Dency	Eivo/Torau Constituency
Hon. Robin Wilson	Terra Constituency
Hon. Thomas Keriri	Rau constituency
Hon. Marcelline Kokiai	Women-Central Region
Hon. Noah Doko	Ex-Combatant-Central Region.

- (3) THAT the Members elected for the constituencies in North are;

Hon. Raopos Tapaia	Taonita-Teop Constituency
Hon. David Braun	Taonita-Tinputz Constituency
Hon. Luke Karaston	Suir Constituency
Hon. Joseph Watawi	Selau Constituency
Hon. John Tabinaman	Mahari Constituency
Hon. Charles Kakapetai	Teua Constituency
Hon. Josephine Getsi	Peit Constituency

Hon. Ezekiel Masatt	Tonsu Constituency
Hon. Robert C Tulsa	Haku Constituency
Hon. Patrick Nisira	Halia Constituency
Hon. Robert Hamal Sawa	Hagogohe Constituency
Hon. Fidelis Semoso	Tsitalato Constituency
Hon. Charry Napto	Nissan Constituency
Hon. Raymond Masono	Atolls Constituency
Hon. Francesca Semoso	Women-North Region
Hon. Ben Malatan	Ex-Combatant-North Region

The Chairpersons of the Regional Committee shall now be–

- (a) *South Regional committee– Hon. Philip Kuhena*
- (b) *Central Regional committee– Hon. Thomas Keriri*
- (c) *North Regional committee– Hon. Fidelis Semoso*

9. SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE

The House was suspended for 10 minutes to allow Regional Committees to consult in their regional blocks for their candidate for Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

10. ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (*Acting Clerk*) took the Chair and called for nominations for the Office of the Speaker from the Regional committees.

Mr. Philip Kuhena (South regional Chairperson) nominates Mr. Andrew Miriki for the Office of the Speaker

Seconded by Mr. Albert Punghau (*Member for Motuna/Huyono Constituency*)

Mr. Andrew Miriki accepted.

Mr. Thomas Keriri (*Central Regional Chairperson*) nominates Mr. Simon Pentanu for the Office of the Speaker.

Seconded by Mr. Albert Punghau (*Member for Motuna/Huyono Constituency*)

Mr. Simon Pentanu accepted.

Mr. Fidelis Semoso (*North regional Chairperson*) moved not to nominate

Seconded

Mr. Robert Hamal Sawa (*Member for Hagogohe Constituency*) moved: That the nominations for the Office the Speaker closed.

Seconded.

Nominations closed.

Candidates–

1. Andrew Miriki

2. Simon Pentanu

Two Nomination

Mr. Edwin Kenehata (Clerk) announced; that in accordance with practice of the House, the garamut will be beaten for 2 minutes and a ballot taken.

[Ballot collected and counted]

Results –

Andrew Miriki	17 votes
Simon Pentanu	23 votes

Mr. Simon Pentanu was declared as duly elected.

11. **SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE**

House was suspended while the Speaker-elect is sworn into Office.

12. **SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR**

Mr. Simon Pentanu (*Speaker-elect*) took the Chair and acknowledge the House and allowed Members of the House to give their congratulatory remarks.

13. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Mr. Simon Pentanu (*Speaker-elect*) called for nominations for the election of the Deputy Speaker from each regional committees.

Mr. Philip Kuhena (*South regional Chairperson*) nominates Mr. Charles Kakapetai

Seconded

Mr. Charles Kakapetai accepted

Mr. Fidelis Semoso (*North regional Chairperson*) nominates Francesca Semoso

Seconded.

Ms. Francesca Semoso accepted

Candidates are

Mr. Charles Kakapetai
Francesca Semoso

Two Nomination

Garamut beaten for 2 minutes and ballot taken

[Ballot collected and counted]

Voting Result

Mr. Charles Kakapetai	12 votes
Ms. Francesca Semoso	28 votes

Ms. Francesca Semoso was declared Deputy Speaker-elect.

14. CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Members of the House acknowledged and congratulated Ms. Francesca Semoso as the Deputy Speaker-elect.

15. ADJOURNMENT THE HOUSE

Mr. John Momis (*President*) moved without notice– ‘That the House do now adjourn to the date and time fixed by the Speaker in consultation with the President’

Seconded.

Question – ‘That the motion be agreed to’.

Question put and passed.

At 13:30 pm, the Speaker adjourned the House to the date and time to be fixed by the Speaker in consultation with the President.

16. ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (*at some during the sitting*).



Edwin Kenehata
Acting Clerk of the House