

## ***Bougainville House of Representatives***

SESSION #: 1		JUNE 2005	MEETING #: 1	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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### ***MINUTES OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS***

#### **Sitting #: 1**

**1. FIRST SITTING**

The House of Representatives met for the first time at 10:00 a.m., in Buka, Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

**2. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

Mr. Robert Tapi (*Acting Clerk*) took the Chair and advised the House on the order of the business of the House. The Clerk

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Robert Tapi (*Acting Clerk*) called upon the Members of the House of Representatives to meet and appoint Regional Committees, followed by the elections of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Hon Robert H Sawa,	Member for Hagogohe
Hon Patrick Nisira,	Member for Halia
Hon Jan Tenevi	Member of Haku
Hon Lawrence Belleh	Member for Peit
Hon Hilary Laris,	Member for Tsitalato
Hon Ezekiel Masatt,	Member for Tonsu
Hon Joseph Gitovea,	Member for Taonita/Teop
Hon Alois Devui,	Member for Taonita/Tinputz
Hon John Tabinaman,	Member for Mahari
Hon Joseph Watawi,	Member for Selau
Hon Luke Karaston,	Member for Suir
Hon Taehu Pais,	Member for Atolls
Hon Andrew, Topensi	Member for Nissan
Hon Francesca Semoso,	North Bougainville Women's Rep

Hon Marcelline Getsi, North Bougainville Ex Combatants Rep

***Central Region Committee Members are: -***

Hon Alphonse Pemuko	Member for Eivo/Torau
Hon Dr. Andrew Pisi	Member for Ioro
Hon Mathias R Salas	Member for North Nasioi
Hon Alfred Bakate	Member for South Nasioi
Hon Dominic Itta	Member for Kongara
Hon Rodney Osico Job	Member for Kokoda
Hon Leo Reivasi	Member of Terra
Hon Thomas Keriri	Member for Rau
Hon Magdalene Toroansi	Central Bougainville Women's Rep
Hon Glynn Tovirika	Central Bougainville Ex Combatants Rep

***South Region Committee Members are: -***

Hon Jeffrey M Nabuai	Member for Makis
Hon Thomas J Lugabai,	Member for Baubake
Hon Joseph K Kinani,	Member for Lule
Hon Wilfred Komba,	Member for Konnou
Hon Moses S Koiri,	Member for Ramu
Hon Michael Komoiki,	Member for Kopii
Hon Jonathan Ngatti,	Member for Motuna/Huyono/Tukunutu
Hon Thomas Pabakumi,	Member for Baba
Hon William Epota,	Member for Torokina
Hon Tony Siona,	Member for Bolave
Hon Michael Otoroa	Member for Lato
Hon Ben Takusi,	South Bougainville Ex Combatant Rep
Hon Laura Ampa,	South Bougainville Women's Rep

#### 4. SUSPENSION OF SITTING

Mr. Moses Koiri (*Member of Ramu*) moved – “That the proceedings be suspended to allow for consultation”.

Motion agreed to – “That the proceedings be suspended for five minutes.”.

The House resumed after five minutes.

#### 5. ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr. Robert Tapi (*Acting Clerk*) called for nominations for the Office of the Speaker from the Regional Committees.

Mr. Hilary Laris (*Member of Tsitalato*) nominated Mr. Michael Ogio as a nominee.

Seconded by Ms. Francesca Semoso (*Member of Women of North Bougainville*)

Candidate accepted.

Mr. Gerard Sinato (*Member of Teua*) nominated Mr. Nick Peniai as a nominee.

Seconded by Mr. Tony Siona (*Member of Bolave*)

Candidate accepted.

Question – “That the nomination for the Speaker be closed”.

Question put and passed.

#### **Secret Ballot Voting**

The election results are as follows:

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| 1. | Mr. Michael Ogio | 9 votes  |
| 2. | Mr. Nick Peniai  | 27 votes |

Mr. Nick Peniai was declared the first Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### 6. SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Acting Clerk suspended the sitting for the Speaker-elect to be sworn into Office.

#### 7. SPEAKER-ELECT TAKES THE CHAIR

Mr. Nick Peniai (*Speaker-elect*) took the Chair made a statement relating to his Declaration of Office and Loyalty before the Honourable Chief Justice Sir Mari Kapi and allowed congratulatory messages from the Members of the House for five minutes.

- Mr. Joseph Kabui – President.
  - Mr. Ezekiel Masatt – Member of Tonsu.
  - Mr. Joseph Watawi – Member of Selau.
  - Mr. Gerard Sinato – Member of Teua.
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- Ms. Francesca Semoso –Member of Women of North Bougainville.

Question – “That the Parliament now suspends for five minutes to allow for consultation for the next proceedings of the House, the Election of the Deputy Speaker”.

Question put and passed.

The House resumed after five minutes.

## 8. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. Nick Peniai resumed the Chair and called for nominations from the members of the House for nominees for the Deputy Speaker.

Ms. Magdalene Toroansi (*Member of Women of Central Bougainville*) nominated Ms. Francesca Semoso (*Member of Women of North Bougainville*).

Seconded by Mr. Thomas Lai (*Member of Baubake*)

Candidate accepted.

Mr. Marcelline Getsi (*Member of former Combatants of North Bougainville*) nominated Mr. Robert Hamal Sawa (*Member of Hagogohe*).

Seconded by Mr. Tony Siona (*Member of Bolave*)

Candidate accepted.

Mr. Joseph Kabui (*President*) moved – “That the nominations be closed”.

Seconded by Mr. Gerard Sinato (*Member of Teua*).

### **Secret Ballot Voting**

The election results are as follows:

1. Mr. Robert Sawa
2. Ms. Francesca Semoso

*(The results were not recorded in the system)*

Ms. Francesca Semoso was declared the Deputy Speaker-elect.

## 10. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Mr. Nick Peniai (*Speaker-elect*) allowed the members of the House to convey their congratulatory messages to the Deputy Speaker-elect.

- Mr. Joseph Kabui– President
- Mr. Luke Karaston – Member of Suir
- Ms. Laura Ampa – Member of Women of South Bougainville.

- Mr. Robert Sawa –Member of Hagogohe
- Ms. Magdalene –Member of Women of Central Bougainville.
- Mr. Marcelline Getsi – Member of former Combatants for North Bougainville.

**11. OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

With the concurrence of the House, Mr. Michael Somare, GCMG, CH KStJ (*Prime Minister*) made an official statement at the first session of the Bougainville House of Representatives.

**12. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BOUGAINVILLE**

Mr. Joseph Kabui (*President*) made an address to the House.

**13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE**

Mr. Joseph Watawi (*Vice President*) moved– “That the House do now adjourn to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005”.

Question– “That the motion be agreed to”.

Question put and passed.

At 3:45 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the House to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

**14. ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended.



**Robert Tapi**  
**Acting Clerk of the House**