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The Speaker (**Mr Theo Zurenuoc**) took the Chair at 10 a.m.

There being no quorum present, Mr Speaker stated that he would resume the Chair after the ringing of the bells.

Sitting suspended.

The Speaker again took the Chair at 10.55 a.m., and invited the Member for Lae, **Honourable Loujaya Toni** to say Prayers:

‘Lord we invite your presence in this honourable House this morning to grace us with your wisdom and understanding. We remember our honourable Prime Minister and our Speaker of Parliament. May the order of this day be according to your will and way. We avail ourselves to your presence upon our lives and the families and people whom we represent this morning as we all in one accord to say the Lord’s Prayer together. Amen.’

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I wish to acknowledge the presence of Mr Andrew Miriki, the Speaker of the Bougainville House of Representative and his delegation who are here with us in the Speaker’s Gallery this morning. On behalf of the National Parliament, I extend a very warm welcome to them.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr JAMES MARABE (Tari-Pori – Minister for Finance) – I ask leave of the Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) agreed to –

That so much of the *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent the Parliament from proceeding with the election of Deputy Speaker.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Parliament will proceed with the election of the Deputy Speaker.

Mr MAO ZEMING (Tewai-Siasi – Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resource) – Mr Speaker, I rise to nominate Member for Samarai-Murua, Honourable Gordon Wesley, to be the Deputy Speaker of the National Parliament.

Mr PATRICK PRUAITCH (Aitape-Lumi – Forest and Climate Change) – I second the nomination.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Samarai-Murua, if you do accept the nomination, please make your stand be clear.

Mr GORDON WESLEY (Samarai-Murua) – Mr Speaker, I do accept the nomination.

Mr SPEAKER – Are there anymore nominations?

Motion (by **Mr John Pundari**) agreed to –

That the nominations be closed.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I now declare that the Member for Samarai-Murua, Honourable Gordon Wesley, is now the Deputy Speaker of the National Parliament. In doing so, I congratulate the Honourable Member.

QUESTIONS

Mr RONNY KNIGHT – Thank you, Mr Speaker, for recognising the people of Manus. I direct my questions to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for the Border Development Authority.

Mr Speaker, over the past few years, my people have heard that Manus Province has been given a vessel under National Planning. The vessel was named Marunga 2. My people are concerned because we believe the vessel is operating under a certain company in West New Britain. The advertisement of its operations in the papers as a private vessel is confusing to my people.

My questions are as follows:

- (1) Is this vessel rightfully owned by the people of Manus?
- (2) When can we receive this vessel?
- (3) Is it possible that we can charge this company involved, standard daily charter fee for the use of this vessel since they had it in their possession?
- (4) If it is possible, can you advise us the facts behind the serious thefts of one of our people's assets?

Mr LEO DION – Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Manus for his very important questions. I don't it is the first question ever in relation to the vessels that are the assets of the Border Development and of course the National Government and the people.

Before I answer these questions, I want to congratulate the Member for Samarai-Murua for his election as the Deputy Speaker.

Mr Speaker, as I have previously stated on the Floor of Parliament, the Border Development had acquired some vessels especially for the border provinces throughout the country. Under this arrangement, the Border Development is an entity approved by the NEC and the National Government.

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In relation to the question raised by the Member for Manus, the vessel is still under investigation. I want to assure the Member that this boat (Marunga 2) will be returned to the people of Manus. Likewise to the other maritime provinces, especially on the border areas, their boats will also be returned to them.

Let me assure the Member for Manus and likewise to other provincial governments in Western, Milne Bay, Bougainville and East New Britain that once the investigation is complete, the government will make sure that those boats will go back to their respective provinces.

At the moment the Border Development Authority is taking charge of them. But let me inform this Parliament that Border Development and the National Planning has acquired those boats, which are subjected to an investigation. Once the investigation is produced and the result known only then the boat will be released but nothing much can be elaborated further.

Dr ALLAN MARAT – Mr Speaker, I want to ask a series of questions to the Prime Minister but since he is not in, I will redirect them to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations and I want the Chair to take note.

Mr Speaker, I want to ask this question in the best interest of our people out there who I believe have seen the front page of today's, *Post-Courier* and are asking questions.

It is in relation to the three ministers who are attending studies at the University of Papua New Guinea.

My questions are as follows:

(1) Are you aware that three of your Cabinet ministers are pursuing degree studies at UPNG as reported in today's *Post-Courier*?

(2) If so, can you explain why those three State ministers are attending school when they were elected into this Parliament to represent their people and not to pursue their private educational interest?

The Prime Minister has earmarked 2013 as the year of implementation.

Mr Speaker, Section 216 A (3), paragraph d of the *Constitution* does not make provision for such entitlements for leaders.

If the government is genuine in fighting corruption then the three ministers have probably breached the *Leadership Code*.

(3) If so, can you immediately investigate and refer them to the Ombudsman Commission and also relieve these ministers of their ministerial responsibilities?

Mr LEO DION – Mr Speaker, I thank the Member for Rabaul for his series of questions in relation to the three ministers who are currently studying at UPNG.

03/03

I am not aware of this but if those three ministers, as private citizens make the effort at their own time and money to further their education at government institutions, I don't know why we should make a fuss about this.

But, I wish to answer in this manner. As Deputy Prime Minister I will talk to the Prime Minister, but I find it hard to believe that there are restrictions as long as their studies do not affect their responsibilities as Ministers and Members of Parliament.

I know that these ministers, whoever they are, have not been absent from NEC meetings before. We have been having NEC meetings with a full quorum. I wouldn't be surprised because even now in Parliament, all the ministers are here, so, in my own opinion, if they are studying at their own expense in their own time which does not affect their work then I see no reason why we shouldn't encourage them.

Mr NIXON MANGAPE – Thank you, Mr Speaker, for recognizing Lagaip-Porgera.

My questions are directed to the Minister for Works.

- (1) Who is supervising the Laiagam-Porgera Road sealing? The contractors do not know a word of English?
- (2) Why is the contractor, Covec not doing the work according to the required standards. Actually, the Laiagam-Porgera Road has widened because in areas where they were supposed to cut corners, they did not.
- (3) They landowners are claiming compensation. Can the Minister confirm if it is included in the contract package or in a separate package?
- (4) If it is separate, who is going to assist and do the payments?
- (5) If nobody from your department is supervising the contractor, Covec, can its contract be ceased as its subcontractor JLW, a local contractor from the electorate and Loma Construction from Wabag are doing an excellent job.

Mr FRANCIS AWESA – Thank you, Mr Speaker, and I thank the Member for those important questions on the important project undertaken at this point in time.

A substantial amount of money is invested through the Highlands Roads Improvement Programme undertaken through AusAID.

In relation to the Laiagam-Porgera road contract, it was awarded to Covec which is a Chinese company based in Papua New Guinea for many years. I have been to the site to see the progress of the road from Laiagam to Kandep and onto Mendi about two or three weeks ago. From what I have noticed, the progress is very slow.

I am aware of some of the issues raised by the Member which was also echoed by various communities along the route of the road.

As to the contractor not conforming to the scope of works, I want to advise that this may be true. From my observations, in terms of the width of the road, from inferior quality of materials put down as road based and in terms of culverts are issues that I have addressed after my visit with the company, Covec. They've gone ahead to purchase new machinery and have put in new managers in place to answer the question of who is supervising the contracts.

04/03

The state's supervising engineer is an Italian Company; this arrangement was in place before I took over as Minister last year up to now and from my experience we have allowed the State's supervising engineers to supervise major works to the extent where the Works Department and engineers have not been involved.

They are being marginalized and are left to observe so after my visit I have instructed the Department of Works engineers in Mendi, Wabag and other areas under the Highlands Highway road improvement program for them to be involved and to satisfy all payments to the contractors because I noticed in some cases there were compromises by the state's supervising engineers where work has not been done but payments were being made so those were my instructions to correct that.

The department of works engineers will be involved but issues concerning compensation claims, it is a major issue that is affecting road construction and development especially in the highlands region and I want to say here that if the people and the country want to move forward we have to address this problem seriously, otherwise individuals and groups will hold the country to ransom.

When we want to develop a road people are putting up to many demands and claims so it is my Ministry's intention to address this problem in a substantial way and we have to begin implementing the *National Roads and Infrastructure Act*.

When this law, which came into operation in 2010, allows for penalties of up to five years imprisonment and K100, 000 fine. We have not implemented this law so it is about time that we do so. The police the National Government, the communities involved must take ownership and deal with those small groups of individuals involved. These are the very people benefiting by having houses along the highlands highway or other highway corridors.

They cannot hold the country or the people along these roads at ransom or stop them from benefiting. They are having access to services provided for the road link. We have enforce this law and I intend to meet with the Defense Minister so that we can discuss ways of utilizing these engineers, they have been underutilized so I intend to discuss this matter. We already have an MOA in place where we are going to be

constructing up to 21 bridges, commencing in Hela province and moving into SHP and coming down that way.

The MOA is ready and we want to extend that to allow for the engineers to be involved with major contractors along the highlands highway, including the Defense Force Engineers.

In relation to the assessments for compensation, I say the Works department together with the Lands Department in the provinces are involved in the assessment and evaluation of properties along the road corridors and payments are made accordingly. I must admit here that this has been grossly abused in the past.

In Chimbu alone we have paid out K54 million and the claims are still piling up in my office and we need to address the problem and do it properly and get certified valuers to do proper assessment and have reasonable costs for improvement. I am not saying that the government will not pay our people.

05/03

The government will only pay what is fair and reasonable. Therefore, it is in the National Government's interest to pay some compensation, but in any case this has been abused by contractors, government officials and everybody else.

This issue needs to be addressed and we are trying to do that by getting valuers registered properly with their rates properly checked out before we award anymore valuations and compensation claims along the Highlands Highway route once we go on to the next stage of seriously rebuilding the Highlands Highway.

Regarding the State Supervising Engineers, I believe I have already answered that. The State Supervising Engineers for this contract is an ongoing arrangement and it has been that way for the last 10 years. The company is Italian which got the contract for the State Supervising Engineers, and as I had said, this arrangement is not the best but we are trying to improve. This is so that we get value for money by having Works engineers also certify claims out in by the contractor.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr JOHNSON TUKE – I thank the Speaker for recognising the people of Kainantu.

My questions are directed to the Minister for Lands and Physical Planning.

Currently in PNG there is no standard when it comes to the construction of buildings and houses and it seems that the building boards are only for major centers in the country like Port Moresby, Lae and Goroka to name a few.

Before I ask my questions, I would like to make a few contexts.

Mr SPEAKER – Please, do make it short honourable Member.

Mr JOHNSON TUKE – Thank you, Mr Speaker, as I was saying earlier, it seems that building standards are only for the major centers of this country. We must not forget that we also have our rural centers.

My questions are:

(1) Can the Minister establish a planning and building board in the Eastern Highlands province? Because Kainantu has no building board in place and many buildings are being built without set standards. And I am sure that this is also the case for other rural centers as well.

(2) Are there any building boards in the provinces to regulate building construction?

Mr BENNY ALLAN – Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Member for Kainantu for his questions. The Member's questions are in relation to the building standard or quality of buildings that contractors are building.

Mr Speaker, I would like to make it clear here that the building board is not under the ministry of Lands. Therefore, I will not be able to satisfactorily answer his questions.

Building boards are the responsibility of each province. For example, in NCD we have a building board that comes under the NCDC. Likewise, in the Eastern Highlands the building board comes under the provincial government. Having said this, the inspection of buildings to make sure that contractors keep with standards and quality of building is the responsibility of the provincial government.

There is a contractor in NCD that applied for a portion of land to develop but the land was too large. Therefore, the Land Board divided the land portion into two portions. The contractor then developed the first portion and then applied for the second portion. This came to my notice where I decided to go to the actual work site to see for myself if the contractor did indeed develop the first portion.

This local contractor did indeed develop the first portion and wanted to apply for the second portion. I then went to the Land Board to make my recommendations for the contractor to develop the second portion. The only thing that concerned me was the quality of building work done for the first portion.

06/03

I am not sure whether the building board has inspected that building or otherwise. It looks like a high school dormitory.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Minister, the Member asked a straight-forward question so if you are not able to answer him, you may do so later.

Mr GARRY JUFFA – Mr Speaker, my questions are directed to the Minister for Health and HIV and AIDS. Before I ask my question, I would like to thank the Minister for being an active Minister going around the country visiting all the hospitals and clinics and so forth.

I also take note the Governor of NCD's concerns that he must quit smoking.

(Laughter in the Chamber)

Mr GARRY JUFFA – Mr Speaker, my questions are in relation to the rising issue of the multiple drug resistance, Tuberculosis, TB, which is major problem for the world especially in developing countries. We have already heard of a death of a Papua New Guinean in Australia from Multiple Drug Resistance TB.

This problem is going to become very similar to the AIDS pandemic but it will be worse than AIDS because it is an airborne disease.

(1) Is the Health Department making an effort to conduct an assessment of the extent of the situation in PNG and what awareness and education can be carried out so that we can be aware of this emerging threat?

I note the efforts undertaken by the NCD Governor on the prevalence of betelnuts which is one of the conduits to which this disease can be spread.

Mr Speaker, let me say here that it is now a national Security issue.

My other question is in relation to the growing issue of cancer affecting women.

Papua New Guinea women have the unfortunate statistic of having the most highest percentage of women in any population with cancer of the uterus. But we have only one cancer detection facility in Lae.

In my short time as a Parliamentarian I have sponsored so many women from my province to go to Lae but there are many others that cannot make it from other remote areas.

(2) Can the Health Department make a concerted effort to ensure that every province should have this facility?

Mr Speaker, my final question is in relation to the influx of counterfeit medical products, especially medicines that are flooding our streets.

You can go to Gordons market and a ten-year-old child will come to you and sell you antibiotics, malaria tablets and so forth.

We have these little doctors everywhere and I wonder where they get these drugs from? They are being sold at canteens and service stations.

(3) Can the Health Department make a concerted effort to develop legislation to put a stringent process in place so that entities and individuals who are importing these medications will have to follow this process to ensure that we are not creating more problems for the future?

Mr MICHAEL MALABAG – Mr Speaker, I thank the Governor of Oro for those vital and important questions that are affecting the health sector in the country.

In regards to the question on TB, the Government is aware of the challenges and issues that we are facing in controlling the disease in the country.

Mr Speaker, from being a treatable to curable disease at a cheaper cost, it is now slowly becoming a disease that can be treated at a much higher cost or for that Extreme Drug Resistance (XDR TB), the patient might not be cured at all like the TB rage in Cairns recently.

Mr Speaker, the Government has allocated K9 million together with a bridging funding from the Global Funds from the World Health Organization. We have been in touch with them recently and their representative was here in the country two months ago. We have reached an agreement that the Global Fund will allocate 13 million US dollars with our counterparts in WHO to continue the programmes in the fight against this disease.

07/03

For the TB patients to avoid developing multi-drug resistance MDR and XDR, I'm not a doctor so I can't really speak on those descriptions .But it is our responsibility that patients do get their drugs and complete their treatment course. The government right now is fully subsidizing the treatment for TB patients for free. So to answer your first question, Governor, we are totally aware of that and we are moving together with our partners, including World Health Organization and Global Fund to maintain what is currently going on.

On your second question, sometime ago the Governor of Eastern Highland also raised a question on Cervical cancer and breast cancer in women .As it is right now, the only treatment centre is at Angau Hospital. We are trying to put one in place at Port Moresby General Hospital .As Minister for Health I want this Parliament to leave a legacy behind for the women and children. I strongly believe that we must have a women's and a children's hospital. The women's hospital can concentrate on women's health issues, especially with cancer and its specialized treatment. All over the world there are women's and children's hospital but it's only here that everyone is treated in the same facility.

Mr Speaker, it is an ongoing concern. I'm slowly doing something with the NEC, and later on we will come up with something more positive for that in the long run.

On your third question, I do agree that there a lot of counterfeit products in the field. You only have to go to Boroko where you will witness small children selling these drugs and most of them are antibiotics such as amoxicillin which are out of date and unfit for use and it's a big concern. Right now the Health Department does not have a pharmaceutical authority of its own. I have written to my counterpart at Finance and Treasury and I'm hoping that we will work together to set that up with AusAID, so we can control the type of medicine coming nto the country. This is also where other State entities like customs and police work together to make sure that we control what is imported into the country, Many things are coming in under our nose and that is dangerous, especially when people are going to administer such drugs that are not properly prescribed by our doctors in the country because that can be bad for our health. Governor, I'm thankful that you have raised that issue but I will also ask if you can put that on the Question Paper because I want to reply in detail at a later date.

Mr JOE KOIM – I wish to ask a supplementary to the Minister for Health in line with counterfeit drugs there are so many things that are brought in very cheaply from other countries like sweet biscuits and lollies and it is damaging the health of our children .Our children are enticed to buy these things with their lunch money.

My question to the Minister for Health and also the Minister for Treasury and Finance to take note is can we increase the tariff and duties on such products so that it becomes expensive for our children to buy?

Mr SPEAKER- Honourable Member, I think that's a separate question. You could ask that in relation to taxation so I will overrule your question and allow Memmber for North Bougainville to ask his question.

Mr LOUTA ATOI – Thank you, Mr Speaker, for recognizing the people of North Bougainville. My question is directed to the Prime Minister but in his absence I would like to direct it to the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Works to take note.

08/03

My question relates to the goodwill gesture between the National Government and the people of North Bougainville as enshrined in the *Malagan Accord 1990*.

Mr Speaker, is the National Government still in a position to honour it because through that Accord, commitments were made to seal the Buka Ring Road. It is 20 years since the signing and nothing has materialised.

Mr LEO DION – I thank the Member for North Bougainville. The national governments in the past have funded these projects but the projects were not implemented. I understand that some of these projects were also subject to enquiries.

Mr Speaker, in relation to the Malagan Accord and Agreement, I will take note of that and find out whether the agreement is still binding and legal. The National Government had signed many agreements and understanding with the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. So issues relating to the infrastructure development such as the roads, I believe the Autonomous Region of Bougainville should ensure it plays its part. But I will check whether there are still some outstanding issues to be honoured and advice you accordingly.

Mr TITUS PHILEMON – Mr Speaker, before I ask my questions to the Minister for Treasury, I would like to congratulate my colleague Member for Samarai-Murua, Gordon Wesley, for being appointed Deputy Speaker of the Ninth Parliament.

The Internal Revenue Commission has been withholding certain percentages of the GST payments that were supposed to be remitted to the Milne Bay Provincial Government. I believe it is over K500 000. When we enquired we were told that the GST portion withheld is the penalty for the Provincial Government imposing a provincial tax on items such as tobacco and alcohol. I believe, this is a similar situation to other provinces.

Can the Minister explain the validity of the actions taken by IRC in withholding a portion of GST?

Mr Speaker, I understand that the Milne Bay Provincial Government is empowered through the law to charge a small levy of tax on goods and services in the

province that it deems appropriate. The IRC can enforce the provisions against double-deeping only if the levy charged is over ten per cent of the GST threshold.

Mr Speaker, my questions are:

- (1) Why is the IRC working against a provincial government that is struggling to generate its own internal revenues as encouraged by the National Government?
- (2) Why are we penalised for initiatives that are aimed to deter bad and unhealthy habits like smoking and drinking alcohol.
- (3) Can the Minister direct the IRC and force them to remit the amounts that have been withheld from the Milne Bay Provincial Government as a matter of priority. Remember the Alotau Accord.
- (4) Can the Minister cause the IRC to look at allocating more funding to its Milne Bay Provincial branch? The branch is currently requesting funds from the Milne Bay Provincial Government to improve its capacity in order to increase more revenue from various sources.

09/03

Mr DON POLYE – Mr Speaker, first of all I want to assure the Governor of Milne Bay that the system of the Government through the Treasury, we do not impose penalties to the provincial governments. We do not impose any kind of deterrent to the progress of provincial governments that is creating a conducive environment for business in the provinces. We have fully supported the provinces at the top level. I can assure you.

But the matter here is twofold. One is that as enshrined in the *Organic Law* in *Section 141*, it empowers provincial government to enact taxation laws in their provinces which allows provincial governments to make their own taxes within their business environment and impose small tax fees like GST or VAT and so forth.

Mr Speaker, I think that is what the Milne Bay Provincial Government did in 2012. They have provincial tax law in consistent to *Section 141* of the *Organic Law* that empowers provincial governments to do that. That is what they did and imposed tax on tobacco and alcohol. That is the first issue. So any provincial government can impose taxes under the law.

Mr Speaker, the second issue is the National Government's endeavour to creating a level playing field by introducing a fiscal taxation regime for Papua New Guinea. This means supporting growth of business and at the same time enabling the provincial government to generate their revenues through whichever way they want to. However, we would not like to double jeopardise a business that might be growing not just with tobacco and alcohol which as the Governor are detrimental to health and I know that but I am also looking at other diversified fields of business.

The National Government in its endeavour to having that conducive but equitable fiscal taxation regime in the country, we have decided that in this year's budget, if the provincial government under the *Organic Law* imposes tax on businesses in the provinces then we will withhold the 10 per cent GST and charge the province at the national level so we do not double jeopardise them. But in the event that there is no tax in the provinces, we will impose 10 per cent GST to the provinces.

It is really a balance of trying to support the provincial governments to progress in their revenue generation but at the same time making sure that we avoid double jeopardy we might bring onto the businesses in the provinces. This is good for the province because they can have the flexibility to impose tax if they want to.

So those are the parameters within which IRC must have withheld K500 000 in GST tax that was remittable to the Milne Bay. However, in the tax review, we will look at how to address those issues but at the moment, I cannot do anything because I am going by these fundamentals I have created in the O'Neill-Dion Government. This is the answer that I can give to his question.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr JAMES MARABE (Tari-Pori – Minister for Finance) – I seek leave of Parliament to make a personal explanation.

Mr SPEAKER – Do you claim to have been misrepresented?

Mr JAMES MARABE – Yes Sir!

Mr SPEAKER – Go ahead, leave is granted.

Mr JAMES MRABE – Mr Speaker, I would like to make a statement on the question that was raised this morning on the Floor of Parliament and in today's *Post Courier's* front page.

Mr Speaker, from the outset, let me admit that I am one of the leaders enrolled at the University of Papua New Guinea. I don't know about the other six leaders but I am here to make this admission but let me qualify this admission.

Mr Speaker, from my appreciation of law and as far as my legal counsel is concerned, I am not in breach of any provision in the *Constitution*, and it is within my right to attend in this instance the University of Papua New Guinea. If I wish to go to any other school, it is within my rights to do so but it does not have to come in conflict with public time.

Mr Speaker, I am undertaking Masters in Business Administration and it takes up time. I wake up every morning at 6.30 a.m. which is my official time and it runs until 12 midnight.

10/03

Most politicians here give more time to serve their country and extra time they put in is not compensated for in terms of over time claims and allowances.

Mr Speaker, the amount of time I put into the State is that I leave my office when there is no cabinet meeting but otherwise most of the ministers are always in Cabinet meetings. I also wear a hat as Leader of Government Business and in every Government Caucus, I am present without any failure. I do not go to school at 8 am to 4 pm. If I choose to spend 5 pm to 9 pm at University of PNG doing Post-Graduate studies to help the course of my work for this country and my electorate in a time that others would have spend on poker machines, drinking alcohol and doing other social activities. I choose to spend my time, Mr Speaker, investing in something I feel will contribute to the course of this country.

It really amazes me to see that lenient and unlenient Papua New Guineans continue to go on media especially on social media to run criticisms with shallow intention of positive contributions for the growth of this country. Social media has become a tool and the media in general has been abused for instances for shallow argument that is not substantive and can not contribute meaningfully to the course of development of this country.

Here when you have a leader who chooses to spend time who would otherwise given to his family, church and games. I sacrifice my time in my social and private activity's for the betterment of myself of which, if I am bettered, my people in Tari-Pori will be bettered at the contribution, I give to at the national level such as in policy. I do not see any reason why people sit behind computers using masked names to criticize me by saying that this is abuse of Section 216 and the other subsection as quoted in the social media. This criticism is not directly linked and supported by the law.

Firstly, it's about time I encourage Papua New Guineans, that criticisms must be based to encourage one another. Secondly, criticisms must be based to correct innocent mistakes and thirdly, criticism must also be made to punish those who choose to deliberately make mistakes and defraud the State.

Mr Speaker, I feel my attendant to class every afternoon from 5 pm to 9 pm at my own expense and is not coming from the K200 000. I am going to support the university students and colleges from my districts. If I choose to spend a little bit of my salary and sacrifice my time for the betterment of myself to contribute to this country then I feel it's well spent.

I would like to conclude by offering cautious reminder to those who sit behind computers all the time and run criticisms. You must contribute constructive criticisms for the course of this country's development. You will never construct a leader overnight and a leader's establishment today has taken five to ten or more years of his existence. And when vacuums are there it takes that amount of time to fill those vacuums.

Sitting suspended for lunch at 11:55 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Mr Patrick Pruaitch**) agreed to –

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 2.10 p.m.