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The Acting Speaker (Mr **Aide Ganasi**) took the Chair at 10 a.m..

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

Sitting suspended.

Mr Acting Speaker again took the Chair at 10 a.m., and invited the Governor for Central, **Mr Kila Hoda** to say Prayers:

‘Siahu bona helaga diravana, bona onoho hanai-hanaimu ela hanai,hanai. Hahenamo bona helagaiboudiai, oi baia henmiu, badina oi ese oha diba laimaimu.

Emai Prime Minister, bona Speaker danu, Opposition ena Leader danu, mai ena taunimanima danu, boan emai National Parliament bona Governors.

Hari ina hebou lalonai, emu Lauma-helaga ba siaia ai padamai ai baine me noho.

Ai emai hebou lalonai, hereva momo baiame hereva laimu bona baiame lalohadaimu, lauma helaga ese emai hereva ai baine hakaumai, mai kudoumai ida, bona mai lalokaumai ida.

Emai taunimanima danu a lalodiamu, Papua New Guniea lalonai, haida be kourai enohomu haida be davara ai enohomu, haida be oro tubua diai enohomu, mai adia eiava haida asi adia.

Unu idia danu a lalodiamu, oina aiida ela bona emai hebou, baine ore, Amen’.

MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PRIME MINISTER— STATEMENT BY THE ACTING SPEAKER

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Honourable Members the Chair wishes to make a statement yesterday that a document was given to me by the Member for Bulolo, Honourable Sam Basil, giving notice of a Motion of No Confidence in the Prime Minister.

Dr Allan Marat – Point of Order! Can the Chair apply that by the *Standing Orders*?

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – You cannot intervene, allow the Chair to complete the statement.

The notice of motion was given to me at 1 p.m., yesterday. During that time the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Private Business was unable to sit to discuss the private business before the National Parliament and were not available to convene before 1.45 p.m. as required by *Standing Order 23(4)* to consider a motion by the honourable Member. The Chair by virtue of *Standing Order 23(4)* then carried out the functions and duties of the Committee to decide whether

The motion was of parochial nature or a matter of national importance. Honourable Members after careful consideration of the document given by Honourable Sam Basil, the Chair decided that the motion was a matter of national importance but found that the motion itself was defective both in form and substance. The Chair noted that motions that are of national importance should be reported to National Parliament and proper procedures and forms should be used. When attempting to do so the Chair is satisfied that the document containing the Notice and the Motion of No Confidence is defective and therefore it was rejected.

02/03

MOTION BY LEAVE

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

Leave granted.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS

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

That so much of *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Government Business to move a motion of Vote of Confidence to Prime Ministers.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr JAMES MARAPE (Tari-Pori-Minister for Finance) – Mr Acting Speaker, this year we celebrated 40 years of Nationhood for Papua New Guinea. Our country is very beautiful and richly endowed, we have a country with diverse culture and abundant natural resource.

Mr Acting Speaker, our people speak different languages yet have held hands and travelled through this united nation in their hopes and dreams for a better life.

Mr Acting Speaker, each of us in this honourable house has a duty to build a bridge for the people to cross and fulfil their dreams and aspirations.

I cannot speak for Parliaments or Governments of the past but I can say today that we are on the crossroad, we are at a defining moments of our nation history and the challenge that lays in front of us cannot be underestimated, Mr Acting Speaker.

When we took office after the 2012 general elections we had to plot a part away from potential disaster. The country was experiencing seminal population growth, collapse infrastructure in transport, communication and power, worsening law and order problems and lack of business opportunity for Papua New Guineans just to name a few, Mr Acting Speaker.

Our development agenda, the bridge we are building for our people to cross is manifested in the Alotau Accord which is congruent Mr Acting Speaker, to our nation's overall Vision 2050 and the consequence of medium term development strategies we have in place.

Mr Acting Speaker, we have remained focus on the key priority areas of Education, Health, Infrastructure, Development, Law and Order and business opportunities for our people in the last two years.

Mr Acting Speaker, in the last two years we have delivered 54 of the 87 priorities identified in the *Alotau Accord* and that is 70 per cent success rate and is an outstanding achievement of any Government.

In just over three years this Government has done more than before in our nation's history, there are changes happening in many parts of the country today that stands as testament to a record as a Government achieves, we are not a Government of talk and preservations but a Government that stands on a record of delivery.

Mr Acting Speaker, in education our Tuition Policy has seen enrolment numbers rise from 57 per cent in 2011 to almost over 92 per cent in last year, this policy has enabled over

two million children to be in school now as I speak and that is a record that we are proud to stand on for our children and our future generations.

In Infrastructure, Mr Speaker, we have planned to spend K7 billion over five years to ensure that our people have access to better roads, cities, communication, water, power and infrastructures.

Mr Acting Speaker, our major cities Port Moresby and Lae threaten with neglect and rising rural urban drift are now changing with better road network –

(Disorder in the Chamber)

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Order!

Mr JAMES MARAPE – Mr Acting Speaker, I will be giving an opportunity for them to express their decision in the vote later today and I wish they could sit to express their decision in a vote that will come after I will speak.

This major cities are getting new seaports to cope with increase cargo flow as the economy continues to expand.

Work on the Highway is picking up the pace while the sealing of Bluminsky Highway, New Ireland is nearing completion. Arawa, Kimbe, Mt Hagen, Tokua and Alotau are also getting their seaports and airports upgraded to and plans for other centres are in the pipeline, Mr Speaker, better infrastructure improves the quality of work on the Nadzap is picking up pace while the sealing of the Buluminski Highway on New Ireland in nearing completion.

03/03

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Kompiam, please have some order in the House!

Mr JAMES MARAPE – Arawa, Mt Hagen, Kimbe, Tokua and Alotau are also getting their sea and air ports upgraded as well. Plans for other smaller centres are also in the pipeline, Mr Acting Speaker.

Better infrastructure improves our quality of life and we are proud of our record to date. Today more people in Papua New Guinea are having access to basic health care as a result of our Free Health Care Policy. We are also building new hospitals in at least five

provinces in this term of Parliament. We have completed renovations of a number of existing hospitals in the country, including Port Moresby and Angau Hospital in Lae, which has been neglected for so many years.

Mr Acting Speaker, in law and order, for the first time in 10 years, almost 2000 new recruits have joined the Police Force to boost the police manpower. We restarted police recruitment because law and order was getting out of control with low manpower. We will raise police manpower to 10, 000 by 2017. We are complimenting this recruitment drive with a housing programme for police throughout the country. Around the country already, Mr Acting Speaker, 500 houses have gone up and that is a record that we are proud of.

Mr Acting Speaker, our nation is faced with a depressed global economy, sub decline in commodity prices and a severe drought and frost condition that have a potential to delay our progress.

If the government does not remain focused and prudently manage the economy then it is most likely that some of important service delivery and major infrastructures will never get underway and people will not enjoy a good lifestyle.

Mr Acting Speaker, we have made adjustments to Budget this year to cater for the fall in revenue as a result of the global distance. Those adjustments will protect our gains in our five key areas, so we don't lose momentum. As a responsible Government, we are proud of our record of delivery.

We have to respect the mandate given by the people of Papua New Guinea for the People's National Congress in the 2012 Elections. They produced a very defective motion to you yesterday, Mr Speaker. We as the responsible Government we know this issue is bigger than the Prime Minister, Peter O'Neill. This issue is bigger than any one of us. It's an issue to do with governance for our people and during this this time we are going in.

Today, they are running into their face book accounts and running to the media to voice their concerns and issues out to the people. That is not how and where you fo5rm Government. If you have numbers come to the Floor and very soon we will be expressing our interest.

For those of us who have confidence on Prime Minister, we will be placing a motion for Vote of Confidence and I call on them as responsible leaders as they are to come forward and show their leadership. Some of the Members of Parliament are well educated too so they should display a good leadership style.

We know each and every one of us back to front, Mr Acting Speaker. And I call upon them and appeal to them that they will be given an opportunity to express their vote very shortly.

All these developments are happening right around are very evident, Mr Acting Speaker.

It is very evident and a testimony to the leadership of our Prime Minister the Honourable Peter O'Neill, Member for Ialibu-Pangia because of his bold leadership we have achieved all these positive results and our outcomes in the space of three years. The record speaks for itself. The country cannot afford to lose focus on the momentum that we have gained in the last three years despite the drop in revenue and despite the shrinking global economy.

Mr Acting Speaker, we have deliberately tailored deficit Budget that transacts money into infrastructure, that transacts money into the micro-economic sector of our country.

Mr Acting Speaker, on record, K600 million every year for education, which means in the last three years we have transferred K1.8 billion directly from Waigani into micro economies right across the country. That comes about as a result of prudence in managing economy, and transferring wealth to all sectors in this country.

Mr Acting Speaker, in the last three years for every year K890 million was allocated to all districts and that includes the Opposition Members as well. We have never failed to transfer money to every district of the country and that includes the members of the Oppositions as well. We have transferred money to every district in the country for example, K890 million for 2013, K890 million in 2014 and this year another K890 was allocated. That exceeds K2.4 billion transferred from Waigani into the micro economies of our country. That is why a trade store is operating in Tari-Pori. That is why a trade store is operating in Vanimo District, or somewhere in Wau-Bulolo for that matter.

Mr Acting Speaker, this is a direct result of a Government's focus in the times that we are living in, managing from scarcity transferring money to key sectors that can engender and become imputers for a growth of our country.

04/03

Mr Acting Speaker, on this note, I move that this Parliament exercise a vote of confidence on the Honourable Peter O'Neill on the leadership of Honourable Peter O'Neill as Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, and that is the motion I present before this Parliament.

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) proposed –

That the Parliament exercise a Vote of Confidence on the leadership of the Honourable Peter O'Neill as the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

Motion – That the question be now put – agreed to.

Motion – That the Parliament exercise a Vote of Confidence on the leadership of **Honourable Peter O'Neill** as the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea – put.

(Voting in Progress)

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the vote is in progress so we will not entertain any Point of Order.

05/03

The Parliament voted (the Acting Speaker, **Mr Aide Ganasi** in the Chamber) –

AYES – 78

NOES – 2

Motion so agreed to.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Parliament adjourn until Tuesday 3 October 2015 at 2 p.m. for the 2015 Budget presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That The Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 11.30 a.m..