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FIRST DAY

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The Parliament met at 2 p.m. according to the terms of the Resolution of 30 January 2019.

The Speaker, (**Mr Job Pomat**) took the Chair at 10 a.m., and invited the Member for North Bougainville, **Honourable William Nakin** to say Prayers:

Thank you Father, almighty Lord and God, you are holy indeed and the fountain of all holiness. We praise you and glorify your name. You are the creator of all things both seen and unseen. We thank you for our lives and for creating us. We thank you for choosing us to serve your people in the Parliament of Papua New Guinea.

Lord, weak as we are, selfish as we are, we surrender ourselves and call for your forgiveness and mercy. Sent forth your Holy Spirit to help and guide us as we deliberate on important issues concerning Papua New Guinea and its people.

Bless us all and bless the Prime Minister, his deputy, the Opposition Leader and his deputy, the Speaker and all Members of Parliament. Bless the people of Papua New Guinea and this country Papua New Guinea.

Father, we join together this day to give glory to you by reciting the prayer Jesus taught us. Amen.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMNENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I have to inform Parliament that the *Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Proceedings* met today and resolved that

(a) *National Broadcasting Corporation* (NBC) television and radio will be allowed to telecast and broadcast live Questions Without Notice; and

(b) *EMTV* and *TVWAN* will also be allowed to telecast live questions without notice for news purposes for the duration of this meeting.

**COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS –
DECLARATION BY THE NATIONAL COURT ORDER NO.2 OF 2017 –
STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I present a copy of the judgement and National Court Order EP No. 02 of 2017, dated 7 February, 2019, which sat as Court of Disputed Returns in the matter between Mr Bire Kimisopa and Mr Henry Tutuwo Ame in which the Court ordered that:

(a) The result of the Court ordered recount which purportedly shows the first respondent as the winner is rejected,

(b) The Court declined to declare the first respondent as the winner of the Court ordered recount,

(c) The first respondent who was returned as Member for the Goroka Open Electorate in the 2017 National Elections was a consequence of Orders 1 and 2 above and not duly elected,

(d) The election of the first respondent as Member for Goroka Open Electorate in the 2017 National Elections is declared absolutely void,

(e) There will be a by-election for the Goroka Open Electorate and;

(f) The result of the ruling is that the Goroka Open Electorate will have no Member of Parliament as of this day. The second respondent is to conduct the by-election for the Goroka Open Electorate as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTS

Mr SPEAKER – I have to inform the Parliament that, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution*, I have certified the following Acts as having been passed by the National Parliament:

(1) *Appropriation (General Public Services Expenditure 2019) Act 2018.*

(2) *Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (Amendment) Act 2019.*

(3) *Forestry (Amendment) Act 2019.*

(4) *National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology (Amendment) Act 2019.*

02/01

**DEATH OF FORMER MEMBERS (Messrs JOHN POPLÉ and
MATHEW SINE) – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I have to inform the Parliament of the following deaths of:

(a) Mr John Pople on 11 February 2019, a former Member for Gumine Electorate. He was first elected to the first House of Assembly 1964 to 1968. He served as a Member of the House Committee from 1964 to 1968.

(b) Mr Mathew Sine on 23 March 2019, a former Member for Kundiawa Electorate. He was first elected to the Seventh National Parliament 2002 to 2007. He was appointed Acting Deputy Opposition Leader on 1 July 2003. He served the shadow Minister for Inter-Government Relations, Communications and Information and Defence from 2002 till 18 May 2004. He served as a Minister for Agriculture and Live Stock and later Commission Minister for Labor Industrial Relations on the 23 June 2006.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honourable Gentlemen, I invite all Honourable Members to rise in their places.

All Honourable Members present stood in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the late gentlemen.

QUESTIONS

Prime Minister – Economic Management

Mr IAN LING-STUCKEY – Thank you, Mr Speaker. My questions are directed to the Prime Minister.

(1) Why won't the Prime Minister do the honourable thing and step down immediately given his Government's failing economic policies that are:

(a) destroying the economy with massive falls in general living standards; destroying the economy with massive increases in debts from K8 billion to K26 billion in just seven short years;

(b) destroying the economy with very bad and flawed decisions such as losing over K1 billion in the USB Loan Fiasco Deal, and now another K400 million in the collapsed Nautilus Solwara 1 project deal,

(c) destroying the jobs growth with 120,000 missing job opportunities,

(d) destroying the health of the country's workforce with your failed so-called free health policy when health cost had nearly doubled,

(e) destroying business confidence with ongoing corruption and,

(f) the failure to set up your constantly promised but never delivered ICAC.

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(2) Why did the Prime Minister not step down earlier and offer his failing leadership to more competent leaders such as your former Finance Minister, the Honourable James Marape or even to your very indecisive Deputy and Treasurer, Charles 'Unable' to fix the economy?

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker I thank the good Shadow Treasurer and Member for Kavieng for his very leading questions but I would say, 'debate provoking questions'. It is also a meaningless question', Mr Speaker.

I did not elect myself into this position. The people of Papua New Guinea elected me; the leaders of this House elected me, Mr Speaker.

Now, you can test out the numbers whenever you like. That's the constitutional right that the good Member has and the Member can test it anytime. But I don't have to resign because he is asking me to resign. Who are you?

So, Mr Speaker, let me say this. His talk about the economy of this country and general living standards, your data is based on fake news, social media and the gossip that you are hearing. Give us the data that he is indicating, a competent and independently produced data that is suggesting that living standards and economic growth is declining and then we will believe you.

But, independent thinkers and internationally renowned institutions like World Bank, IMF and the ADB, these are not politically influenced bodies, have given credit to the government for managing the economy well.

All we have to do is go to their websites, not on Facebook only. It is not the only thing on the internet, Member for Kerema, Member for Kavieng –

(Members interjecting!)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Well I can call you Kerema too. You look like Kerema anyway.

(Laughter-in-the-Chamber)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, let me say this, there are other sites on the internet like the ADB site, World Bank site –

Mr Bryan Kramer – Point of Order! Thank you, Mr Speaker. My point of order is to ask the Prime Minister to withdraw his statement in relation to look-like-Kerema face. It is an insult to the people of Kerema.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Prime Minister, The point of order is in order. Can you withdraw that?

Mr PETER O'NEILL – The people of Kerema borders my electorate so I look like Kerema and I am very proud of it. Why shouldn't I be? They are Papua New Guineans. But anyway, if it hurts, I will withdraw it.

I have withdrawn it, Member for Kerema, I apologise –

Mr Richard Mendani – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, I think the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea has insulted the people of Kerema. I would like the Prime Minister to withdraw that statement and apologise to the people of Kerema immediately.

And I would like him to be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Privileges.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Kerema, the Prime Minister has already withdrawn his statement.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am glad that the Member for Kerema raised the point again of order in spite of my apology.

But, everybody looks like Kerema. We are all related. We are all Papua New Guineans so I don't think it's an insult in any way but because of the nuisance that the Member for Madang continues to cause in Parliament.

04/01

The Member for Madang has never made one concrete statement of significance in this House since he became a Member. His points are about points of order.

Mr Bryan Kramer – Point of Order! The question was asked by the Member for Kavieng so can the Prime Minister answer the question?

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, if there are less points of orders then I will be quite happy to answer the question.

Mr Speaker, our economy is doing quite well. It has enjoyed continuous growth over the last 16 to 17 years unlike many economies around the world. But I suggest that you produce a data of independent study that is not biased like the studies that you received from the Australian National University, managed by socialist economist,

(Mr Ian Ling-Stuckey interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL –It is a fair comment because they are independent in their thinking.

Mr Speaker, this is where the honourable Member for Kavieng bases his judgement and statements to justify what he is arguing about.

Mr Speaker creditable independent observers of the economy of our country which includes ADB, World Bank and IMF are predicting that the economy will continue to grow averaging three to four per cent growth over the next few years.

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, I know that the recent per capita data that was released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) recently, shows that from 2009 at K4, 679 to K7, 672 in 2016, an increase of almost 30 percent to That's a clear indication of a country's economy performing quite well. And it will continue to grow.

Mr Speaker, the investment that we have made in infrastructures and of course health and education right across the country and the districts clearly indicates, that we have not over the past seven years missed out on those commitments. Even though we may be late sometimes but we have not missed out on any.

All Members of Parliament have received some of these and they know that very well yet they continue to down talk the economy, just like the good Member for Kavieng. He didn't say that since our economy is not doing well, we should cut DSIP, free education or free health care; no!

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Because it's not politically convenient for him, that's why he cannot say anything. He knows that the economy cannot afford to pay for it because we have increased the revenue collections and increased the efficiency at the tax and customs so the revenue collections for the nation is increasing and of course GDP of the economy has been constantly increasing over time.

Mr Speaker, because of the increase in GDP, you will notice that debt is also increasing at the same time. The debt levels are below 30 per cent of GDP. That's what the law says and we are keeping within that. Unlike many countries around the world for instance, United States, Japan, Australia and European countries. Their debt to GDP ratio is well above 60 to 80 per cent. PNG is at a manageable level and when you cannot borrow to build infrastructure in economic assets of the country, then how will you grow the country. Many of you are smart people on the other side so provide make a suggestion on how to generate the revenue.

Mr Ian Ling-Stuckey – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister is fabricating and not only misleading this Parliament and the people of PNG but the Prime Minister is also lying to this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, the NSO documents that he is referring to in fact covers estimates for this country for the year. And I repeat, for the year 2006 to 2016, and not for the five years he cited.

05/01

In that period, living standards have dropped from K5, 305 to K4, 789 per person – an average of K500 per person in our country.

(Members interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL –The Shadow Treasurer is quoting numbers that is removing the resource sector from the calculation. The development of the resource sector in this country is part of the economy and the GDP of this country. Why would we have to exclude it and that is why I am quite happy to give him the report. And page 2 of the report, clearly indicates what I have said. I will certainly send a copy over to the Shadow Treasurer for is consumption.

Mr Speaker, the economy is doing well, we have got a very good support from the World Bank, ADB and we have very good support from all other bilateral partners.

I want to refer to two issues that the good Member has talked about. That is the UBS loan and the Solwara . The Solwara and the UBS loans are legacy issues I inherited from the Somare Government.

Let me explain, Mr Speaker.

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Order!

Mr Belden Namah –Point of Order! I just want to correct the good Prime Minister. He borrowed the UBS loan, not the Somare Government.

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, if they can allow me to finish my statement than they can intervene and then carry on. But I am quite happy to have this exchange.

Mr Speaker, the saga on the issue on the UBS loan came about because we wanted to secure our interests in Oil Search.

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr Kerenga Kua – You are lying! You are gambling with money that belongs to Papua New Guinea!

Mr SPEAKER – Order!

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina Yongomuggl. The *Standing Orders* clearly states that your time for asking questions has lapsed. According to the *Standing Orders* when the Prime Minister or Minister is replying to a question, we should listen first.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – When the Oil Search shares were mortgaged by the Somare Government to borrow money from International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) –

(Opposition Members interjecting!)

Mr Kerenga Kua – It was finished!

(Government Members interjecting! “Shut up”)

Mr SPEAKER – Order!

(Mr Belden Namah interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Vanimo Green and all the Members of this House, please respect the Chair and let us pay attention to those who are asking questions, making a response or making a statement.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, Mr Speaker, the fact is that, when the PNG LNG project were to be bought to secure our 19.1 per cent interest in the PNG LNG project. Oil search shares were mortgaged to IPIC which is a Sovereign Wealth Fund for United Arab Emirates. This is a fund that is controlled by the Royal family and the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

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Our government officials at that time went there, mortgaged the shares and borrowed the money to pay for the shares in the PNG LNG Project. That is an indisputable fact. I think or believe it was 1.6 billion Australian dollars. When they borrowed that money, they did not only mortgaged Oil Search shares, but they mortgaged every State-owned entity of this country. So if we wanted to sell one of the planes in Air Niugini, we have to ask the permission of the Arabs. If we wanted to sell one of the buildings in any of the SOE's, we have to ask the Arabs, so literally we were mortgaged to the Arabs.

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Order! Honourable Members!

Mr PETER O'NEILL –Mr Speaker, let me just explain IPIC. It is not a publicly listed company. It has got no Transparency and accountable reporting structure. This is the same company that was recently involved in the US\$1 billion scandal in Malaysia where that fund paid bribe to the Malaysian Government for 1 billion US dollar.

(Members interjecting)

Mr Bryan Kramer – Point of Order!

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Madang, the Chair has already allowed you two point of orders and will not entertain any more Point of Orders from you. Honourable Member for Madang resume your sit.

Mr Bryan Kramer – We are talking about the UBS Loan not the US\$1billion scandal.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, I'm leading to how the UBS deal was done to correct these issues, but let me explain.

As I was saying, the IPIC fund is the same fund that is involved in the Malaysian scandal for paying US\$1billion to the private account of the Prime Minister of Malaysia. Private account! That is why these matters are in court in Malaysia today.

So our government went and made a deal with the same fund. No accountability, no transparency, nothing whatsoever. Anyway when it was due, which was in a five-year term loan, the arrangement was that they will surrender that back to us and we will pay them 1.6 billion in the five years so we can secure our 10 per cent interest in Oil Search. But when the day came to release those shares back to us, we had to find the money to pay for those shares. So the money was endorsed and Treasury went out and negotiated the funds. Our officials secured the funds and we told IPIC we want our shares back, we'll pay you the money. And they refused. Mr Speaker, to return, which is an option they exercised.

Mr Bryan Kramer – You had the option to choose.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Fair enough! But Mr Speaker, the Treasury officials said, Oil Search investment is a strategic investment to government, Mr Speaker why? The company decided to offer Government of Papua New Guinea at a special issue so that we can secure the 10 per cent, why? Because Oil Search even today, is the biggest company here in Papua New Guinea, is the biggest employer in Papua New Guinea, is the biggest tax payer in Papua New Guinea, Mr Speaker.

Mr ALLAN BIRD – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, unfortunately the Prime Minister is lying again. The largest employer here in Papua New Guinea is New Britain Palm Oil, not Oil Search. New Britain Palm Oil has 28 000 thousand employees.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, I am talking about money spent and you look at the taxes paid by Oil Search and the investments made by Oil Search. I think it exceeds

New Britain's Palm Oil's capitalisation and investment. For the number of people employed I understand that the Oil Palm industry has got the huge number of people and I'm not familiar with the figures there but in terms of the Oil Search investment, it is one of the biggest investors in the country. We cannot afford to lose such an investor who will take their money elsewhere in the world when Papua New Guineans don't have any sort of interest in the company.

07/01

That is precisely why we have to secure shares on advice from our treasury officials. So Mr Speaker, I am quite happy I don't believe that K1 billion kina loss that the Opposition spokesman for treasury is talking about is the correct figure.

I have not seen the lost numbers information relating to that, but I know that we have traded our way out. We no longer own any shares in there and we paid all our liabilities.

Mr Speaker, I can assure you that the Treasury –

(Mr Kerenga Kua interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, you know the Member for Sinasina–Yongamugl is one those who put us in this mess when he was the chairman of Kroton and when he was participating; so you have the audacity to sit here and pretend that you are Mr Clean.

Mr Ian Ling-Stuckey – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, my question is very simple to comprehend. What is the Prime Minister talking about? My question is very clear. Why did you not step down earlier and offer your leadership to the Member sitting next to me or the Member sitting next to him. He has not answered my question, Mr Speaker

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable member for Kavieng, I think your point of order is out of order because the Prime Minister is answering all those questions. Many points of order are coming from the other side and he is responding to the question. Allow the Prime Minister to continue answering the question.

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of Order! Mr Speaker my point of order is that there is quite a big difference between the IPIC Loan and UBS loan. In regards to the IPIC loan that share that belongs to you for the PNG LNG -

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl that is not a point of order. It seems you are trying to make a statement.

Mr Kerenga Kua – No! No! No! No! He said I participated in securing this loan and I like to make it clear to the public.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl resume your seat and you will have the opportunity to ask the question when the chair gives you the opportunity you later.

Mr Kerenga Kua – I am calling for a point of order because he is accusing me of doing something which I didn't do.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl resume your seat.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, all I said was he was chairman of Kroton. That's a fact. Isn't it?

(Laughter-in-the-Chamber)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl resume your seat. The chair will give you the opportunity to raise your question if you want to ask.

Mr Kerenga Kua – I don't have a question, I want to make an explanation.

Mr SPEAKER – No! It appears not to be a Point of Order anymore. It seems you want to make a statement. It is out of order. Resume your Chair, Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl. Thankyou

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, Kroton is the shareholder company for the PNG LNG projects that is holding the 19.1 per cent share of which the good Member was a Chairman and he had direct knowledge of what has happened – direct knowledge and of course direct benefits as well.

Mr Speaker benefits as well.

Mr Kerenga Kua – Explain the benefit.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Benefits meaning, when you are Chairman of public institution like that, you go out and make investments where you get the developer to build facilities for you and then you benefit after the projects –

(**Mr Kerenga Kua** interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – They are much related. You don't declare your interest. That's why you got to build hotels and things out of this.

Mr Speaker these are facts. Don't just sit here and tell me you are Mr clean.

08/01

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, he is drawing on completely unrelated activities to make very serious innuendoes under the protection of Parliamentary Privileges.

The point that I was going to raise is that the difference between the PNG LNG Project and the loan that he's picked up from UBS is that, the loan that you procured from the earlier loan you got for the PNG LNG Project has given an asset which is still in our hands. That was a wise investment in which we are still benefitting whereas the money he borrowed recently from the UBS to buy the 10.1 percent shares in Oil Search has been lost. But we are burdened with the debt which we are still paying. That is the point.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, let me correct the good Member that there is no debt in this particular loan. It has been fully paid. So don't mislead.

Mr Speaker, the shares have been sold to repay the entire debt. There is no more debt.

(Uproar in the Chamber)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker I will not enter into a debate with the good Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl but he knows precisely what I am saying.

He has directly benefitted from the PNG LNG Project when he was the Chairman –

(Uproar in the Chamber)

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, I was not the Chairman of *Kroton and PNG National Petroleum Company* in 2010. I was out of that job.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, we can debate it all day but I stand by my comments and let's leave it at that.

Mr Speaker, in the case of *Nautilus Solwara deal*, again this investment was done during the Somare Government. It is not an investment that our Government made but we have lost a lot of money because of stupidity in hundreds of millions of kina. Just like the Hundreds of millions of kina we have lost in community colleagues, that is close to K300 million plus and nobody is explaining. I have court orders from Singapore that I can pass on to you.

(Mr Ian Lingstucky interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker the *Nautilus Solwara deal*; the investment for undersea mining, spoiling the environment of our citizens between those two and buying ahead of all the other shareholders we were almost underwriting the project itself.

Mr Speaker this is deal that should not have happened in this country! As a result it has cost us a lot of money.

Mr Speaker, let me say by concluding, that business confidence in our country still remains and the confidence of all the commentators and investors are still coming into the country on a daily basis. This doesn't indicate that business lack confidence in this government.

Every Business Conference that I attend and speak, speak highly of the Government's handling of the economy and I give credit to the Treasurer who is doing an excellent job and he is not indecisive as the Member for Kavieng tries to portrays. That is why our economy is doing well.

Mr Speaker, if you look at the recent bond issue, over 600 percent over-subscribed; if they did not believe in Papua New Guinea why would they over-subscribe. You look at the comparative analysis and rates are paid with similar rated countries like PNG. I can tell you we have done really well.

Then you look at the recent standards of ratings. They have lifted our country standards which indicates that this independent thinking institutions are giving that kind of confidence to our country. Just look at the PNG LNG that is an investment contribution of US\$19 billion –US\$20 billion in the economy of our country. You should ask the former Government where they parked the IPIC Commissions.

Bryan Krammer is so smart on *Facebook* that he should ask the Malaysian Prime Minister also on this.

Mr Speaker, look at the investment that is now going to be made in Gulf Papua LNG which is estimated to be over US\$13 billion –US\$14 billion dollars.

09/01

Mr PETER O'NEILL – I'll get the Treasurer to get a detailed document and agreement onto this floor so you will compare that with the Opposition Leader to the negotiations that you did for PNG LNG.

Mr Speaker, we know what happened so don't let us not get there yet, Mr Speaker, you compare that investment with what we have and then you will see whether we have done a better investment.

I know there are some commentaries from individual leaders who have not got first-hand information to make such commentary. You look at the negotiations that were done with the Governor for Gulf who was involved from day one for the negotiations to conclusion. He is quite happy but the landowners who could not get their agreement done properly are commentating everywhere. What a shame!

The landowners of Gulf will do a development forum just as usual and they will make sure that the Gulf Papua LNG will be developed to their satisfaction. I will stand on my

record about protecting the Landowners interest and I will make sure they get the right benefits that they deserve and are entitled.

Mr Speaker, on the question about, why we not an established market, I know the former Attorney-General is on your side and he would know I have never ever stopped him. In fact I encouraged him to get these to Parliament as quickly as possible. So don't be misled by the Member of Kavieng that there is some blockage somewhere. The Attorney General's office is in-charge of these; I wanted it here in parliament as quickly as possible so we can put the rubbish that you put out on Facebook and all over the world; your friend does it anyway! He does it enough for every one of us – I can tell him.

Mr Speaker, on the last question about PNC and its leadership, it is quite frankly none of their business. None of their business! I do not talk about who should be, I'm answering his question, so Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl be patient, patient! When you go and win the number of seats like I did, then you can talk. Just be patient!

My Speaker, my members are here, PNC is here and I have all the respect for all our members who have been there, supporting the party and doing the work. It is their decision and I have said all along that they are all mandated leaders. Ultimately it is their decision we will have differences and we respect it but if they were to challenge for the leadership, I will tell you, we will put it on the table again. We have done three (3) or four (4) times this week and we can do it again. But it is for PNC to decide and not for you to come and dictate to me. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Supplementary Question

Prime Minister: Cabinet Processes

Mr JAMES MARAPE - Thank you Mr Speaker, I have a few supplementary questions for the Prime Minister and he went through great lines in discussing the USB deal. I just want to ask him five (5) supplementary questions.

Mr Speaker,

(1) Can the Prime Minister confirm or deny that proper processes was not followed in the UBS deal?

(2) Can the Prime Minister confirm or deny that critical cabinet decisions were retrospectively passed?

Mr Pila Ninigi - Point of Order! If anything, with respect to the Member for Tari, he was a member of NEC and anything that is discussed within NEC should not be raised in a forum like this. It is NEC privilege.

Mr JAMES MARAPE - Mr Speaker, those critical status of the UBS when the final decisions were reached, can he confirm or deny that major decisions were passed and cabinet approval were assessed retrospectively.

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UBS Loan

(3) Can he confirm or deny that the UBS loan was never formally funnelled and passed through the budgetary processes?

(4) Can he confirm or deny that, you had a choice to back out of the IPIC deal? It was not mandatory for us to buy into the IPIC deal.

(5) Can he confirm or deny that this decision has cost the State over K3 billion in us keeping the Oil Search shares?

(6) Can he confirm or deny that PNG LNG's earnings including the 4.27 per cent that belongs to the Central Provincial Government and its landowners, that belongs to the Gulf Provincial Government and its people, that belongs to Western Provincial Government and its landowners, the Southern Highlands Provincial Government and its landowners and the Hela Provincial Government and its landowners, were not part of the mortgage through Kumul Petroleum Holdings account?

Mr PETER O'NEILL – I thank the Member for Tari-Pori for his questions.

Let me firstly thank him for the excellent work that he has done as Finance Minister. I am certain he has seen greener pastures elsewhere so we have respect for his decisions.

Mr Speaker, let me also remind him that confidential Cabinet matters that were discussed in confidence are State secrets.

(Mr Kerenga Kua interjecting)

Mr PETER O'NEILL – If the good Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl for once learn to listen and shut up!

Mr Kerenga Kua interjecting

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl.

Mr PETER O’NEILL – You can test me in 2022. So just be quite.

(Mr Kerenga Kua interjecting)

Mr PETER O’NEILL – Mr Speaker, what I am saying is that certain members of NEC have a tendency to go out public and give information that are State secrets. These are secrets that protect our national interest and state security.

Mr James Marape – Point of Order! I am fully conversant with maintaining the decorum of Cabinet but matters concerning UBS loans and PNG LNG are of public importance. The Prime Minister has every right to simply answer yes or no to the question that I have posed to him.

Mr PETER O’NEILL – Mr Speaker, I am not implying that he has done the wrong thing. I am just reminding us that Cabinet confidentiality is something that must be maintained by former ministers.

Having said that, I have no issue and if there are instances of impropriety then they have every right to speak up. Some of these people have been with me for seven to eight years so they should know the secrets. They should put it out there and we will see. We are not afraid of it and welcome it.

Mr Speaker, the UBS Loan documentations and negotiations were done by Treasury. That is their responsibility and the officials have done that. When it was brought to Cabinet that was when I first saw the full documentation of the proposal that was put to us.

Mr Speaker, at no certain time or anytime I have ever met anybody from UBS or anyone else. My advice comes from the Treasury Department and they are the rightful governmental officials. I don’t seek advice from anyone else. They seek advice outside if there is a need but that is entirely a Treasury engagement. I do seek advice outside.

The second issue is that NEC decisions are being made signed after the decisions have been made. In my term as Prime Minister, that has never been the practice. We do not go around signing NEC decisions on the road. We make sure proper meetings are conducted and all ministers sitting here will attest to it. I allow everybody to have their say before we make a decision.

11/01

Not any single time do I deny any member of my Cabinet opportunity to speak if they are against or for any submissions so Mr Speaker, let me say that there are 33 individuals in Cabinets who have a rights to speak up and they do so Mr Speaker I can say that this the deal that is certainly NEC decisions are certainly decisions made in Cabinet.

The second issue about this UBS whether it was included in the budget, Mr Speaker UBS Loan documentations and facilities are done through KPH, the holding company which is a state owned entity, it has got nothing to do with treasury or budgeting process that we do.

It was something that was done outside through the state owned enterprise which is owned by the Government 100 percent.

Mr Speaker, the good Member for Tari asked whether I had an opportunity, that's the fourth question whether I had an opportunity, to stop the IPIC deal? Mr Speaker this IPIC deal was as said, done by the Somare Government.

I was not chairman of NEC when that deal was approved so I have no opportunity to stop it, Mr Speaker, I was not chairman of IPIC deal.

(Opposition interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER --Order! Order!

Mr JAMES MARAPE – Point of Order! My question was in relation to whether he had choice to withdraw or to cease from not purchasing the shares that IPIC had.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, in respect to the Oil Search Shares held by IPIC, we had no choice, they have mortgage and they exercised their rights under that mortgage. We have absolutely no choice and here we are to secure the loan and they secured that with Oil Search shares, Mr Speaker in terms of the Kroton shares.

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Order!

Mr Philip Undialiu – Point of Order! The transaction has gone. If we have let go the UBS Loan, we would not have lost billions of Kina. We lost it and we are talking about the money that was paid to Oil Search. Oil Search utilised that to buy back LNG at US\$900 million and made away with something that we would have but in the transactions, we have lost billions of Kina already. Can you admit to Parliament that we made a loss or not billions of kina. It's that simple.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, I take that as an additional question to the supplementary that was asked by good Member for Tari.

The IPIC deal was done by the Somare Government. I had no choice.

The second issue about UBS losses, I am not aware of details of billions that he is talking about so please provide me the details. I can only go by the public account of Kumul Petroleum Holdings; they publish annual audited reports every year. Those reports are available online so please have access to it.

Mr Speaker in terms of the Kroton Shares in PNG LNG, yes, 4.27 percent was promised to the landowners and the provincial government but to be paid for. That was the deal that the NA Government did with the landowners. Every one percent, as many of the leaders know, cost US\$250 million. How can a poor landowner afford that? That is simply misleading the landowners and lying to them! Borrow almost a US\$1 billion on what! They got no assets.

How do you expect the villager in one of this landowner companies to go and borrow a billion dollar, Mr Speaker, I mean you are out of your mind?

(Opposition interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Order! Order!

Mr Philip Undialu – Point of Order! We appreciate that the price of that magnitude, two hundred and forty was about to be paid for the 4.27 per cent equity. You and I promised

the people back during the 2017 elections when you came to my Province and we went around, to give that back to the landowners at free cost.

12/01

Now when I look back from the 2000 projected revenue from Kumul Petroleum was about K1.8 billion. And a quarter of that belongs to the people of Gulf, people of Central province, people of Hela, Southern Highlands and the people of Western Province.

And my learned friends on the other side are keen to continue to support a government that has been milking almost K450 million every year out of the 4.27 percent equity. So my question is have you –

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Governor of Hela, you are giving a point of order; not a question. You are making a statement and you are also asking a question. Please resume your seat.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Speaker, the 4.2 per cent equity was promised to the landowners by the Somare Government at US\$250 million per share – almost one billion plus kina for them to go and borrow money somewhere to pay the government.

When we came into government we got the officials to review the arrangements so that we can make it affordable for the landowners and I think we discounted the price to US\$ 160 million or US\$150 million to try and get them to be able to afford the ownership of the shares.

Mr Speaker, there's been attempts by the landowners to try and organise their own finance and quite frankly there are many sharks out there who are taking advantage of the landowners, who are charging incredible rates and trying to take advantage of the ignorance of the landowners.

Mr Speaker, let me say that 4.2 per cent equity is now under discussion. In my view it is shares that should be given at no cost to the landowners. That's my belief.

These shares are held by Kroton and it has to make sure that its balance sheets are strong so that it can continue to trade. The negotiations are going on.

I want to commit to this House that once I have the full advice from Kroton, Kumul Petroleum and our officials in Treasury, I will definitely make a statement about the 4.27 share.

But Mr Speake, there are funds being set aside for the dividends that they are set to receive. I can assure the provincial governments and landowners that I am advised that almost over K100 million is sitting in a trust account –

(Members interjecting)

Mr PETER O’NEILL – We would have paid them had the NA Government done a proper clan vetting process.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, Question Time has lapsed.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr NICK KUMAN (Gumine – Minister for Education) – I ask leave of Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave not granted.

13/01

14/01

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS

Motion (by **Mr Nick Kuman**) put –

That so much of *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent me moving a series of motions relating to the discharge and appointments of members of certain Parliamentary Committees.

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, **Mr Job Pomat** in the Chair) –

AYES – 59

NOES – 50

Motion so agreed to.

15/01

**PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUSINESS –
DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Motion (by **Mr Nick Kuman**) put –

That Honourable Philip Undialu and Honourable William Powi be discharged from the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Private Business and that Honourable Koi Trape and Honourable Robert Atiyafa be appointed members of the Committee

The Parliament voted (Mr Speaker, **Mr Job Pomat** in the Chair) –

AYES – 59

NOES – 50

Motion so agreed to.

16/01

17/01

**PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS –
DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Motion by (**Mr Nick Kuman**) agreed to –

That Honourable Philip Undialu and Honourable Koi Trappe be discharged as Chairman and member of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Appointments respectively and that Honourable Koi Trappe be appointed Chairman of the Committee.

18/01

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr NICK KUMAN (Gumine – Minister for Education) – I would like to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS

Motion (by **Mr Nick Kuman**) agreed to –

That so much of *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent me moving a motion to adjourn Parliament to Tuesday 28 May at 2 o'clock p.m.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Mr Nick Kuman**) proposed –

That the Parliament at its rising adjourn to Tuesday 28 May at 2 o'clock p.m.

Mr Belden Namah – Point of Order! I do not know why we got elected into Parliament for us to come and dream and then adjourn to have a field day. Mr Speaker, we're supposed to be debating issues.

What is the Prime Minister afraid of? If you have the number, let the Parliament proceed.

(Members interjecting)

Mr NICK KUMAN (Gumine – Minister for Education) – Given that there are vacancies in the ministries, five in total, it requires the government to effectively deal with the appointment of ministers before conducting business and therefore it is important that the government must bring back the shutdown that the country has had because of the vote of no confidence hype.

(Opposition Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair will make a ruling on that motion and put the question that the motion be agreed to. We will allow the democratic process to take place if you do not agree.

19/01

(Members interjecting)

Mr Belden Namah – Mr Speaker, you have not allowed the leader of Opposition to make a statement. You are the Deputy: Leader of PNC.

(Members interjecting)

Mr Belden Namah – Shut up! You sold this country to LNG.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Vanim Green, resume your seat now. Thank you.

Mr James Marape – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, you are sitting in a very impartial Chair, your own personal integrity is at stake right now. Mr Speaker, you can't hide under the pretext of a motion that is stood. The Opposition Leader stood three times yet you never allowed him to be given the opportunity to introduce a motion.

Mr Speaker, I beg your attention; you have morality in you.

Mr Speaker, in the name of fairness, you have every right to stop a motion in track and entertain a motion from the Opposition.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Tari-Pori, the Speaker has reached a decision and that is, the Chair advised the Opposition Leader when he stood up to make his statement. Therefore, the Chair now will allow him to proceed with his statement before entertaining the motion that is before us.

(Members interjecting)

Mr Bryan Kramer – You have to sit for 63 days.

Mr SPEAKER – Thank you, Honourable Members, the Chair’s decision stands. The Chair will allow the Opposition Leader to make a statement before he calls for a vote on the motion.

Mr PATRICK PRUAITCH – Thank you, Mr Speaker, it is not a statement. I want to ask leave of Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair was initially informed that the Opposition Leader would make a statement and the ruling was, the Chair would allow for that and then proceed to entertain the motion that is before us. However, instead of making a statement, the Opposition Leader is trying to propose another motion and because there are two motions before this House, the Chair will have to entertain the preceding motion

Mr Patrick Pruaitch – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, at no stage did I indicate that I will be making a statement on the Floor of Parliament. I never indicated once that I was going to make a statement on the Floor of Parliament.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair believes that if anyone of the Honourable Members presided over the matter today as the Speaker, you would have made a similar ruling by discharging the preceding motion before moving onto the latter.

If the Opposition had made a statement, then the ruling to allow him to proceed would stand, but the Opposition Leader is proposing a new motion.

Therefore, the Chair now rules that we have to entertain the first motion before moving onto the second.

20/01

Mr SPEAKER – The Chair has ruled that I will entertain this motion but before we do anything I will let the Opposition Leader move his motion.

Mr NICK KUMAN – Mr Speaker, I have already moved the motion and it is now for the Parliament to vote.

Motion – That the Parliament at its rising adjourn to Tuesday 28 May at 2.00 o'clock p.m. – put.

21/01

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, **Mr Job Pomat** in the Chair) –

AYES – 59

NOES – 50

Motion so agreed to.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr PATRIC PRUAITCH (Leader of the Opposition) – I ask leave of the Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

22/01

There being dissenting voices, Mr Speaker called for a vote on his ruling.

Mr SPEAKER – Following the advice from the Clerk relating to the division, we will now follow the normal process to vote.

Mr Joseph Lelang – Point of Order! When those from the Government made their move, no one seconded it, so please do not entertain it.

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER –Honourable Member there is a division, I heard it seconded. There is a signed paper before the Chair. Clerk please ring the bell. You are confused.

24/01

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, I want to refer you to *Standing Order 151 Subsection 1* and 2. They say in effect that Leave can only be sought after the Motion has been read. He has not read the Motion. It is the Leave that we have been asked to vote upon. He has not moved the Motion and he has to be allowed to move the Motion with the content of the Motion then you take a vote. The Clerk needs to interpret *Standing Order 151*.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl the Chair understands that the Honourable Opposition Leader sought leave of Parliament to table his motion. But leave was denied. It is the same as when the Government sought leave and the other side of the Floor was calling division in the Chamber. We have followed that same process. Thank you, for correcting the Chair and the Chair will make its decision.

Now the Chair will declare the results of the vote.

Mr Kerenga Kua – Mr Speaker with due respect, my intervention is that you entertain the motion –

(Uproar in the Chamber)

Mr Bryan Kramer – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, my point of order is in relation to the motion that was moved by the Leader of Government Business.

Mr Speaker, before you rule on that motion, I would like to make an important point. That motion is asking for an adjournment of 3 weeks. We have already reached the limit of deferral and we are in breach of the 63 days required for Parliament Meetings.

Mr Speaker I ask that you consult the Clerk to confirm if that is correct and I ask that you reject that motion.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Madang, the Chair has made its ruling on that matter and if you are not satisfied there are avenues for such grievances like the National Courts. You can take that matter to court for interpretation.

Mr Bryan Kramer – Mr Speaker, with due respect, the Court ordered that Parliament was in breach of that and if they carry on, then, someone will be in contempt of court because *Section 23* is in the records kept in the *Hansard*. Please I urge you to comply with this.

Mr Kerenga Kua – Mr Speaker, I have not finished with my point of order.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl please resume your seat. The Chair will respond to your point of order.

25/01

Honourable Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl, I understand that when the Motion was moved for leave by the Opposition Leader, there was a division which was seconded that took place, so the Speaker will call for the vote.

The Speaker now has the vote and will announce the results.

(Members interjecting)

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of order! I will translate in English, leave for the purposes maybe sought only after the Member has read the motion to the Parliament. He hasn't read his motion yet. It is stated in the *Standing Order* here.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl, the chair will still stand on the decision because this is the same question that you have asked not to entertain this motion of Leave. Of course you have corrected the Chair on the *Standing Orders*; however, the chair's decision stills stands so the votes are as follows, the results are:

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, **Mr Job Pomat**) in the Chair –

AYES – 50

NOES – 58

Motion so negatived.

Sir Puka Temu - Point of Order! Mr Speaker. You have allowed and ruled wrongly on your Standing Order that you rule by, that the seat gives you power, you have wrongly ruled as per the rule that you govern this house. You have to admit that you made a mistake. So go back and start again.

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Abau, I have entertained the same leave or motion that you wanted. So please do not argue. Check the *Hansard*. This is the same Leave or motion process that is being carried out but you didn't complain or argue about it. The chair has now come up with a ruling on the motion. The chair did admit its mistakes so the ruling of the chair still stands for both sides.

(Members interjecting)

26/01

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I ask you all to be quite while I seek advice. Honourable Members, the Chair admits its mistake but will stand by its ruling.

(Sir Puka Temu interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Abau, since you are still insisting, the Chair will allow the Opposition Leader to table his motion and the Parliament will decide.

Mr PATRICK PRUAITCH (Aitape – Lumi – Opposition Leader) – Mr Speaker, we in the Opposition benches propose to file a Motion of No Confidence against the Prime Minister and we do not believe that you as Speaker who are also the Chairman of the Private Business Committee also the deputy leader of the People's National Congress Party is sufficiently independent to judicially approach your duties in these two capacities.

**ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL ORDER –
REMOVAL OF THE SPEAKER**

Motion (by **Mr Patrick Pruaitch**) proposed –

That the appointment of the Member for Manus as Speaker of Parliament be revoked.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Speaker will entertain this motion. Can we be patient while the Chair seeks clarification?

27/01

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair agrees with the motion proposed by the Honourable Opposition Leader.

Mr Michael Nali – Point of Order! The practice in Parliament is that, if you are a Minister, you can move a motion anytime during a Parliament Meeting. I do not know, maybe the Opposition Leader also has the same privilege.

Mr Patrick Pruaitch – I am a Member of Parliament!

Mr Michael Nali – Mr Speaker, the Opposition Leader is seeking leave to move this motion. The argument was, the Opposition Leader was not given the opportunity to explain what his motion was. The Chairs' role was to ask Parliament who is for and who is against the Motion. We have not done that. We must do that and then we can -

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair has made its decision to allow the Opposition Leader to move his motion.

(Members interjecting)

Mr Belden Namah – Point of Order! The motion is already on foot. What the Parliament needs to do is take a vote by way of secret ballot.

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Silence! The Chair has agreed to the motion, why are you all so worried. Calm down and let's follow the process.

Honourable Governor of Madang what is your Point of Order?

(Laughter-in-the-Chamber)

28/01

Mr Peter Yama – Point of Order! My point of order is nothing extraordinary, it is just that the glaring lights are shining directly into your face and you seem to be shading your face with your hands on many instances and I feel sorry for you. That is why I am raising this point of order. I am not raising the point of order with regard to politics, that's numbers game as you all know.

Mr SPEAKER – Thankyou, Honourable Governor of Madang for your concern about the light shining directly into the eyes of the Chair.

Mr Pila Niningi – Point of Order! My point of order is that the removal of the Speaker is a very important process. You have to give proper notice.

The Clerks at the Table also should advise you properly. It is not a simple process for you to just move a motion and then get rid of the Speaker. It does not operate like that. Proper Notice must be given.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, the Chair wishes to inform you that there is no provision in the *Constitution* to vote out the Speaker. There is none. I am reading from the *Constitution* and there is nothing in there.

The Standing Orders also have not made provisions for removal of the Speaker. There are only Sessional Orders and on these. The Speaker has already made his ruling.

29/01

I can easily refuse to entertain this motion but instead I agreed to proceed with it. I am not scared of anyone. I stand here as a man because I have balls.

(Members laughing)

Mr SPEAKER - So let the democratic process of this Parliament be maintained. Is that right? So with that I urge that both sides of the House must agree and I will not entertain anymore Points of Order but we will proceed onto the sessional order.

Mr Allan Bird – Point of Order! Mr Speaker, you have used an un-parliamentary word.

(Government Members interjecting)

Mr Allan Bird – No, please you listen first. We are on camera and there will be children watching this meeting. So Mr Speaker could I ask you to withdraw this statement.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Governor for East Sepik, I agree with your statement and I withdraw the statement I made earlier.

(Members laughing)

Mr CHRIS HAIVETA – Thankyou Mr Speaker, I want to remind you of the Standing Orders on the decorum of Parliament that when there is a question in place and we vote on it then not a single point of order is allowed by any member. And that's the process of democracy and I want you to restore decorum this Parliament.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Governor for Gulf your point of order is in order. Therefore I urge all members of this Parliament to allow the democratic process to proceed.

30/01

Mr SPEAKER –Honourable Member for Esa'ala, please resume your seat. This sessional order is for this session only. And please resume your seat. What is the meaning of sessional order?

Mr Kerenga Kua –Point of Order! If you look at Standing Order No. 5 and in Schedule 1 of the Standing Orders, it states that the Parliament shall elect one of its Members to be the Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER – Please can we have order, so I can hear the point of order being raised?

Mr Kerenga Kua – Point of Order! I would like the Clerk to look into the Standing Order No. 5 and Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders. It refers to the Secret Ballot. So let's go there and see.

Mr John Pundari – Point of Order! I believe, somewhat that you have mislead us. My understanding of your ruling on the point of order by the Member for Sinasina-Yongamugl was that the Leader of the Opposition, before he moved his motion, he had to explain it. And after he had explained it, then he had to seek leave of the Parliament.

And it is my understanding that we would be voting on the leave by division.

31/01

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Minister, your Point of Order is in order, please resume your seat. Honourable Member for Madang resume your seat.

The chair understands that this vote is for leave to be granted or not. If leave is ranted and your call for the removal of the Speaker will now go for a secret ballot.

Point of Order – this is the first of motion

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Order! Member for Madang, the chair does not recognise you.

I want to make it clear to all Honourable members that only the Chair will be aggrieved by this motion; not you all. So I am happy to see you all stand and vote.

(Grave disorder on the floor)

Mr SPEAKER - Sit down! Order! Order! Honourable Members, the Parliament will now vote on the division called when the question was put on whether leave was to be granted or not. If it is granted then you can cast your vote through a secret ballot. Why a secret ballot and not open ballot?

The chair has made it ruling. Now we will call for a vote. My interest is very open and I have decided that the vote be call upon the Speaker.

(Members interjecting)

Mr SPEAKER – Order! Order! Vote is being counted.

32/01

Voting in progress

Mr John Simon – Point of Order!

Mr SPEAKER – Member for Maprik resume you seat. I would like to caution the Governor for Sepik and Member for Worsera Gawi that when the voting is in progress, please respect the procedure and resume your seat.

Mr Peter Yama – Point of Order, Mr Speaker!

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Governor for Madang please resume your seat! The Chair will not recognise any more points of order. There are just too many points of orders. We have to take a break from points of orders.

(Laughter in the Chamber)

33/01

(Uproar in Chamber)

Motion – That the Sessional Order be adopted-- put

The Parliament voted (the Speaker, **Mr Job Pomat** in the Chair) –

AYES – 0

NOES – 61

Motion so negatived.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I now adjourn Parliament to 28 May 2019 at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parliament adjourned at 5 p.m..