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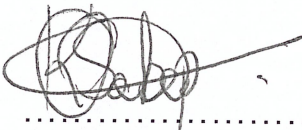
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The Acting Speaker (**Mr Koni Iguan**) took the Chair at 10 a.m, and invited **Reverend Bernard Siai**, Moderator of the United Church representing Papua New Guinea Council of Churches, to say Prayers:

‘God is the King of all the earth, sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations and is seated on his holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble, as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belongs to God, and he is greatly exalted.

Almighty God, we thank you that you are the King of this universe. Every leader that is exalted by nations, they worship you and declare that, God, you are above every god. This morning, Father we come in your presence knowing that as a nation and our leaders, we have fallen short of your glory in many ways.

This morning, in this special occasion, we pray Father in the name of Jesus, that you forgive us as your people. With the Blood of Jesus, cleanse us so that in this special occasion of the dedication of our Governor-General, we do it with a righteous heart so that your blessings will be upon our Governor-General.

Bless this hour of prayer and our dedication. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be in the midst of us and our leaders, as we together as a nation with our leaders, dedicate our Governor-General.

Holy Spirit, we ask you to fill our Governor-General, Sir Bob Dadae with wisdom, understanding, discernment and knowledge. Father, we pray that you grant him your favor, increase his faith and prepare him to pursue your excellence. Draw him to you and cause him to know and fulfill your purposes. God, we pray that you also fill him with sound and godly counsel, for without your counsel, he will not be able to perform his duties as expected by our leaders and our nation as a whole.

We pray Father, that you will impart your wisdom and revelation to him, as he performs his role as the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea. Keep his heart and motives pure, willing and obedient to your will and in what he does, may he glorify your name.

02/03

God, we thank you for Sir Bob Dadae. We thank you that he is one more time appointed for second term knowing that he has that leadership skill and he is able to perform in that particular office.

And this morning, God, in your presence together as a nation with our leaders we bring our Governor-General to you and we dedicate him to you God. We pray for your special blessing up on him.

We thank you that he is a man who speaks publicly about his relationship with you and his faith. This morning, God, we thank you, together we stand with him and we dedicate him and every one of us into your mighty hands for your use today, tomorrow and for evermore, in Jesus your mighty and powerful name we offer our prayers. We all say together, Amen.'

PRESENCE AND INTRODUCTION OF HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr ACTING SPEAKER - Honourable Members, I wish to inform the Parliament that His Honour, the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Chief Sir Gibuna Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE, is in the precincts of the Parliament. With the concurrence of Honourable Members, I invite His Honour the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea to be seated on the Floor of the Parliament.

PRESENCE AND INTRODUCTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL DESIGNATE

Sergeant-At-Arms announced the arrival of His Excellency the Governor-General designate of Papua New Guinea.

03/03

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I have to advise that in accordance with *section 90 (1) of the Constitution*, the Governor-General is required before entering upon the duties of his office to take the Oath of Allegiance and to make the Declaration of Loyalty and Office before the Chief Justice and in the presence of the Parliament.

I will now ask His Honour, the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Sir Gibuna Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE to perform the Constitutional duties of his Office.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE –
DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND LOYALTY**

The Governor-General designate, Sir Bob Dadae, took the Oath of Allegiance and made the Declaration of Loyalty and Office.

04/03

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Your Excellency, on behalf of the Members of Parliament and the people of Papua New Guinea whom they represent, I offer you our congratulations and wish you every success in the high office you now occupy.

Mr RAINBO PAITA (Finschhafen-Minister for Finance and Planning) – Mr Acting Speaker, thank you. I thank members of Parliament for coming in full numbers to pay respect to the swearing-in of our Excellency, Governor-General, which is a historic moment because we've voted him for the second time to be in office by both sides of the House.

05/03

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Mr Rainbo Paita**) agreed to-

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 10.30 a.m..