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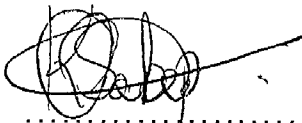
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The Parliament met at 2 p.m., according to the Terms and Resolutions of 12 October 2023.

The Acting Speaker (**Mr Koni Iguan**), took the Chair.

There being no quorum present, he stated that he would resume the Chair after further ringing of the Bells.

Sitting suspended.

The Acting Speaker, again took the Chair at 2.30 p.m., and invited the Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture, and the Member for Samarai-Murua, Honourable **Isi Henry Leonard** to say Prayers;

“Our Heavenly Father who sits on your throne, mipela ol pikinini bilong yu ikam sanap before yu, mipela ino worthy long singautim nem bilong yu, that is why we are here asking for your pardon and mercy, yu ken kapsaitim ikam antap long mipela wanwan. Yu lusim rong, pasin tingting na toktok bilong mipela, so mipela ken askim yu long stap wantaim mipela long dispela important wok bilong mipela long dispela Haus.

Mighty God, who created the heavens and the earth, you reign for eternity, yu God bilong dispela kantri na you God bilong dispela Haus, mipela askim yu long go pas long spirit tambu bilong yu, long inspirim tingting, toktok na pasin bilong mipela long dispela Haus so wanem samting mipela iken autim long dispela Haus bai igat mining long mipela lidas na dispela ol toktok bilong mipela ken senisim ol policies na lo, ol gutpela samting mipela iken wokim long benefitim ol pipol na kantri bilong yumi Papua New Guinea.

Mighty God, mipela askim yu nau long blesim Speaker bilong mipela husait bai igo pas long dispela miting, long em iken balensim toktok, yu blesim em na helpim em long stiaim dispela miting long nau avinun. Blesim tu Prime Minister bilong mipela wantaim ol ministas bilong em taim ol bringim ol bisnis bilong dispela avinun. Blesim tu Opposition Leader wantaim ol lida bilong em. Givim ol gutpela tingting na strong long mekim gutpela toktok, to make sure that this House reflects the good government to your people of this country.

Mighty God, yu stap wantaim mipela, as we go through the business of this House this afternoon. In unison, let us all recite the Lord's Prayer. Amen”

02/01

**RETURN OF WRITS –
STATEMENT BY THE ACTING SPEAKER**

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – His excellency, the Governor General issued on August 3, 2023 for a by-election of a Member to be served. The Wewak Open Electorate, following the death of Mr Kevin Isifu, MP, by the endorsement of the writ, it was certified that Mr Stanley Samban was duly elected as the Member for Wewak Open Electorate.

And North Bougainville Open Electorate following the death of Mr William Nakin, MP, and that by the endorsement of the writ, it was certified that Ms Francesca Semoso was duly elected as the Member for North Bougainville Open.

Honourable Members, I have received the return of writs and administered the declaration of loyalty and the declaration of office on February 3, 2023, and Monday 6 November 2023 at the State Function Room respectively. I welcome the new members.

**WATER DISRUPTION –
STATEMENT BY THE ACTING SPEAKER**

Mr ACTING SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I would like to inform the House that we have an issue with water here in Parliament and will be unable to continue with the session today. Therefore; honourable members, I now adjourn Parliament to tomorrow 10.00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parliament adjourned at 2.38 p.m.