

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY  
CHAMBER FROM 10th MAY 1972 to 12th MAY 1972.

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1st Sitting on Wednesday, the 10th May, 1972  
at 11 A.M.

Members Present - 29  
Members Absent - 1

At the Chair : Pu Ch. SaPrawnga B.I. Speaker Pro tem

BUSINESS OF THE DAY: (1) OATH AFFIRMATION BY MEMBERS

(2) ELECTION OF SPEAKER

(3) INTRODUCTION OF MACE.

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SPEAKER PROTEM :

" Labour not to be rich; cease from  
thine own wisdom."

That is the words of God.

Today I am giving permission to any member to address the House in his own mothertongue. According to our rules ~~the~~ the House should be addressed in English or in Hindi, ~~but~~ but if a member cannot express himself properly in those languages, I give him permission to use his own mothertongue.

The Members should first subscribe Oath after being elected, and make an affirmation to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution ~~of~~ of India as by law established. We shall now begin to subscribe that oath.

The Secretary will call the members one by one and after a member has subscribe oath the Speaker will shake hands with him. Let the Secretary call the members one by one.

( Secretary calls the Chief Minister first, then the other Ministers, and other Members were called according to their Constituency numbers.)

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| 1. Puch. ohnunga         | Chief Minister. |
| 2. Pu Khawtindhnaa,      | Minister.       |
| 3. Pu Vaivenga,          | Minister.       |
| 4. Pu R. Thang iana,     | Minister.       |
| 5. Pu Hiphei             | Member          |
| 6. Pu SSan chhuma        | -do-            |
| 7. Pu Sapiaanaa          | -do-            |
| 8. Pu Satya Pryo         | -do-            |
| 9. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma | -do-            |
| 10. Pu P.B. Nihuma       | -do-            |
| 11. Pu K.L. Rochaa       | -do-            |
| 12. Pu Saitlawmaa        | -do-            |

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13.	Pu Phangzi a	Member
14.	Pu R. Hlotinaia	-do-
15.	Pu F. Hranveha	-do-
16.	Pu Lalhlira	-do-
17.	Pu Vallalhrudica	-do-
18.	Pu Sanghuma	-do-
19.	Pu H. Phansanga	-do-
	I	-do-
20.	Pu J. Phanghuama	-do- (Absent)
21.	Pu C. Halruata	-do-
22.	Pu Irangaia	-do-
23.	Pu Halunga	-do-
24.	Pu Ralte oliana	-do-
25.	Pu Lalsaaguala	-do-
26.	Pu Ngurdawla	-do-
27.	Pu C. Chawngunga	-do-
28.	Pu Lalrinliana	-do-
29.	Pu Zalawma	-do-

( Secretary reported that all present had subscribed oath)

**SPEAKER PROTEM :** Oath taking had been finished which is the main business for the day.

Taking advantage of the short period I am in this august office, I would like to address the House with a short speech.

It is a matter of gladness that all of us, excepting one member, could come and ~~finish~~ finish one duty ~~which~~ had to be done. This is all the more gladdening because many of you are from very distant places.

We now enter into a new Assembly and a most important thing to remember is that we donot come here to ~~be~~ behave as high officials. But this is a place where the policy for the administration of our country will be chalked out. All members should realise that we are not anymore like the District Council that we used to have. We are ~~known~~ law-makers and as law-makers we should be law-abiding. All members should know this and that we should be faithful to the laws we make.

We should also remember that the welfare of our country ~~and~~ and our people is depending on this House. We should not be selfish and pompous but we must serve our people and that we must remember that our people look to us to represent them.

We are now in high offices, and as leaders we should serve our people. While other places have their Assemblies for years together ours is begun only ~~now~~. We have ~~si~~ visited our constituencies and also those of others, each of us have seen the poverty of our people, ~~and we must therefore do our best for them. The starvation of many of our people, and we must therefore do our best for them.~~

We have been under disturbed condition for a long time now, as such we need to have peace and tranquility. To realise this end all of us have our duties and we must also remember that loose ~~talk~~ talk can create misunderstanding. We have freedom of speech in this House, which could not be taken to Court. But we must be very careful in the exercise of this freedom. What we say inside here could create bad feelings outside, as such we ~~must~~ must be very careful in what we say. Mere arguments without ~~rhyme~~ rhyme or reason will be of little help. Proper care in our speech could go a long way towards peace and tranquility. We must behave respectfully deserving the dignity of this House.

As the Bible I have read out we should not try to rely on our own wisdom but we must always rely on God. We must learn this lesson and if the responsibilities placed on us become too heavy we should ~~ask~~ <sup>ask</sup> God to help us. Solomon also prayed to God asking for wisdom, we should do likewise.

We have finished our business for today, the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker will be held at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, till then the meeting is adjourned.

RECESS AT 12 : 30 till 2 P.M.

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AFTERNOON.

**SPEAKER PROTEM :** We are to elect the Speaker now. According to the Rules nomination~~papers~~ papers could be filed till 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Only one nomination was received to fill the office of the Speaker, the nomination paper had been ~~scrutinised~~ scrutinised, and everything was in order. There being no contest this is the only one for consideration. The Proposer is Pu Thangzika, Pu Hrangaiia seconded. Pu H.Thansanga elected from Suangpudlwn Constituency is their nominee. Let the proposer read out his proposal.

(Pu Thangzika read out)-

Now let the seconder speak.

**PU HRANGAIA :** I second Pu Thangzika's proposal nominating Pu H. Thansanga.

**SPEAKER PROTEM :** Pu H. Thansanga has been duly nominated and Pu Hrangaiia has seconded that. Since there is no other candidate I declare Pu H. Thansanga duly elected as the Speaker of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly

(Members clapped hands)

Although we do not have a duly formed Opposition Party I would invite a most senior member from that side, Pu Zalawma and the Chief Minister Pu Ch. Chhunga, to lead the Speaker to the dias. C.M. Pu Chhunga and Pu Zalawma escorted the newly elected Speaker to the dias and then the Speaker elect took the Chair).

**SPEAKER ELECT :** I would like to address the House on having ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> elected as Speaker. This Mizoram Legislative Assembly is our first and this august office has fallen upon my shoulder, and I would specially thank the members who proposed my name and who seconded the proposer.

*W* I must say that I am a fresh man as also this Assembly is new. In the past we had the D/Council but in this set-up I would request all the members to assist me and help me in the discharge of the responsibilities that have been laid on my shoulder.

This Zoram Assembly will reflect what happens in ~~the~~ Mizoram. The Speaker protem had told us in the morning of the futility of senseless and noisy arguments. There is a saying that a good beginning is a work half-done. The respectable members should therefore do their best to make our government a success.

I must also mention that most of us are new but there are amongst us a few senior and seasoned politicians, who had been M.P., Chairman of the D/Council, and who have had extensive experiences, whose presence here is a matter of assurance to me.

I would also stress upon the need to observe time properly. Members should remember their responsibilities and try to attend sessions without fail. Instead of trying to show off or to earn cheap popularity we should all try to fulfil our duties satisfactorily.

We have something new to introduce today which is a "MACE". This is a staff of authority or justice. This mace will be used in our future meetings and the Marshall may now bring it forth. (The Marshall brought the Mace and stood near the Speaker with the Mace <sup>raised</sup> upright.)

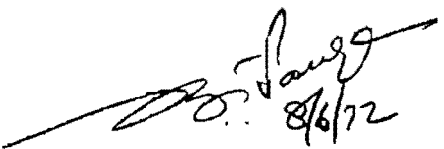
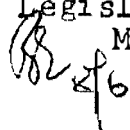
This Mace stands for authority and justice. This Mace will remind ~~us~~ the members to be truthful and to be fair. This will result in fair dealings for our people. By seeing this Mace, we should remember to be truthful and I hope all the members would realise what this Mace stands for and give it its due respect which will be the raising of our own dignity and prestige.

We have an election of the Deputy S-peaker to be done. One nomination paper proposing Pu Thangzika was received but as permitted by the Rules Pu Thangzika has since withdrawn the nomination, as such there is no nomination filed. ~~anyone~~. Members will be informed of the time fixed for the election of the Deputy Speaker.

In the absence of the Deputy Speaker the need to have a panel of Chairmen has become imperative. Four are to be ~~appointed~~ appointed. ~~and~~ Pu Zalawma, ~~RxxxxkxhkkkraxxndxRuxHrangaia~~ Pu K.L. Rochama, Pu Lalhlira and Pu Hrangaiia are hereby appointed.

We have finished the business for today, members are ~~reminded~~ reminded to come punctually tomorrow at 10 A.M. when the Administrator will address the House. I would request members to be at their seats at least 5 minutes before 10 a.m. Till 10 a.m. tomorrow the House is adjourned today.

Meeting Adjourned at 2 : 45 p.m.

  
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Under Secretary,  
Legislative Assembly,  
Mizoram.  


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