

PROCEEDING OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION ON THE THIRD
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Emergent session for
the election of Deputy Speaker).

1st Sitting on 5th December, 1953 (Monday) at 10 : 30 A.M.

PRESENT

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker in the chair, Chief Minister Four Ministers and 24 members were present.

BUSINESS : ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER.

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana : PSALM 15 : 1—5
Speaker. (A Psalm of David)

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle ?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill ?
He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness
An speaketh the truth in his heart.
He that backbiteth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his neighbour
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
In whose eyes a vile person is contemned ;
But he honoureth them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
He that putteth not out his money to usury.
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

As all honourable members knew it, our Deputy Speaker, Pu Chawngkunga submitted his resignation on 28th of this month, i.e. December '53. On that same day, he became Minister in-charge of Industries. It is not proper for this honourable House being without Deputy Speaker. As such this session is summoned solely for the election of Deputy Speaker. I am happy to learn that almost all members are present today.

Submission of Nomination was opened till 3 p.m. of the 3rd December, 1983. Since the 4th day was public holiday within the stipulated time, we had received the nomination of Pu Biakchhunga by Pu K. Lalsanga. This nomination was submitted as per rules and was seconded by Pu. J. Than-kunga. It was found perfect under scrutiny and thus was accepted. Since there is no other candidate.

I declare that under sub-rule 5 of rule 8 of Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Pu Biakchhunga had been duly elected as the Deputy Speaker.

That Pu Biakchhunga had been uncontested for Deputy Speaker clearly reveals the unity of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Now we shall request Pu Biakchhunga to come over to the Deputy Speaker's and Marshall will be escorting him from his usual seat.

(Pu Biakchhunga has sat on the Deputy Speaker's seat)

Alright, we shall call upon our House Leader and opposition leader to present speeches. We shall call our House leader first.

BRIG THIENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER.

Pu Speaker, I am very happy to have unanimously elected one of our active Members as Deputy Speaker. I have something to say about Pu Biakchhunga.

He has been earnestly working for Mizoram. He began his political career from Mizo Union at a time when he was still young. I think all of us knew quite well how he had been trying to serve Mizoram through politics. I must say that he deserves this post and I therefore, congratulate him for being Deputy Speaker.

I should also thank all the members here today for having unanimously elected Deputy Speaker.

SPEAKER.

Now we shall call upon opposition leader, Pu. Lal Thanhawla if he has anything to say.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am very happy to have elected Pu Biakchhunga as Deputy Speaker without any contestant in the emergent session this morning.

I am glad that the Ruling Party shows unity regarding candidature in which we have nothing to say from outside. I have many things to say this morning since one of my best acquaintances has occupied this honourable position. As has stated by our House Leader, he is a nationalist and even lay his life in the alter of the nation. I myself had been following him day-in and day-out beyond this country's border as we had gone underground together. Hence, I should say that myself and all those whom I can represent today are very happy to have such kind of person in this honourable position.

Being in this important position, a great responsibility automatically rests on his shoulder. I'd like to request him to preserve the rules and regulations without any partiality and to maintain the dignity of the House as well as the privileges of the members. In this task, I promise that myself and my colleagues will be supporting him. May God help him to fulfill his responsibilities. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon any member who has got to say something. It seems Pu Vadyu has something to say.

PU S. VADYU : Pu Speaker, we have heard the experiences of Pu Biakchunga. These experiences and qualities are essential for his present position and I am glad that we have him for our Deputy Speaker this morning. He not only deserve the seat, but also qualified for the work assigned to him.

Besides, being in this position, I hope he will not only lead the House, but also provide better opportunities to the Members, safeguarding their dignities and privileges. By the way, the summons of this Emergent Session for myself from Saiha constituency and two other members from Tuipang and Sangau Constituencies respectively reached Saiha D.C.'s Office on the 29th November. These summons were delayed in that Office till 1st December. I personally went there to enquire about it and the answer I received was—they could not work properly since they have only one type writer : (Speaker : only congratulation speech should be narrated). Pu Speaker, I just want to mention how that office neglected such an important letters and I should say that our Deputy Speaker has to deal with all those problems.

I am happy to have Biakchunga in this office and I do hope that nothing will again spoil the privileges of the members in future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, what about Pu Chawngkunga ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I just want to ask you whether you are going to request Pu Biakchhunga for a speech or not.

SPEAKER : We shall call him after these Congratulation speeches. Now Pu K. La(sanga).

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Speaker, with the election of Deputy Speaker this morning, I think we should also thank the Government of Mizoram.

As we all know, Pu Biakchhunga had been spending many years underground. From there, he came out to the main stream of life. The election of Pu Biakchhunga as Deputy Speaker clearly reveals that the Government of Mizoram does not neglect these returnees, rather, it has a great concern for them. I regard this election as a good achievement that we could have unanimously elected him.

From this clear evidence, I sincerely hope others who are still remaining under ground would like to enter into the main stream of life so that peace and liberty would be established in Mizoram. Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, I am very happy to witness the cordial relationship and unity prevailing in the House as is shown by the election of Pu Biakchhunga for our Deputy Speaker. In particular, he had been earnestly fighting for the liberty of Mizoram. He had spent all his energies and skills and his family suffered the utmost setbacks. Therefore, I must say that he really deserves to be in this position.

I am also glad that through this election, both the Ruling Party and the Opposition bench have shown unity.

SPEAKER : Alright, let us call upon Pu Hiphei you have risen up, have you ?

PU HIPHEI : Yes, Pu Speaker, I have. Pu Speaker on learning that Pu Chawngkunga has become Minister after his resignation from Deputy Speaker, I was wondering why our Chief Minister, did not select other members for Minister so that we wouldn't be troubled with the election of a new Deputy Speaker. But now, I am very glad to have elected Pu Biakchhunga as the Deputy Speaker even though. I came to know him only after we have been together members of P.A.C

My reason of being so close to him is quite different. He has got same sentiment with me. We were touring together sometimes back and I really enjoyed the journey when we shared our sentimental feelings.

Secondly, when we enter Speaker's room, we read many names of the succeeding Speakers. But only two names have been written so far in the Deputy Speaker's room. I am happy to have one more name to read there. I wish him all the success in future.

As said by our friends, we are going to be led by a nice person. I strongly believe that he will seek for our good and being same to us in the way of thinking, he will remain open and close to us. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, for the last, we shall call upon Pu Sainghaka.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, I feel it is my duty to say greetings to our newly elected Deputy Speaker. I know that he is an honest, strong willed person who always stand for the right things. As said earlier, when we look back into his sacrifices for the country, he really deserves his present position.

When we learnt that Deputy Speaker's seat is vacant, we, the Opposition group were wondering whom the ruling party would nominate. While hearing all the speeches, one thing came to my mind why some of the local papers had said in particular that even Pi Thanmawii and Pu Rammawja accepted Pu Biakchhunga's nomination. For that reason, I am afraid that some of us may not be happy as most of us today.

However, we are expecting that with his election, he will lead the House smoothly and in accordance with the rules and regulations. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon our newly-elected Deputy Speaker, Pu Biakchhunga to have a speech.

PU BIAKCHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, I am very happy today for being honourably elected as Deputy Speaker.

I don't think I deserve and quality this position. The reason why I am elected is rather your unselfishness. This greatly enhances my happiness.

Besides, nothing of the negative sense had happened neither from the ruling nor the Opposition parties regarding my election. This evidently shows that in a real thing for the welfare of the country, this House can flow together with a strong unity.

I may be true, to some extent, those short stories of mine as has been said ; but all those praises are not true to a greater extent. However, I do hope that we shall cooperate each other since nothing worthwhile can be attained by a single individual. I will not be able to follow the right way without the support of you—our leaders and member-friends as well as the people. Therefore, I'd like to urge you to develop healthy attitudes towards each other so that all of us may cooperate in our services for the country. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Alright, since we have finished all the business, this Session is indefinitely adjourned.

Meeting adjourned sine die at 10 : 55 A.M.

L.C. THANGA,
Secretary.