

**Votes & Proceedings  
of the  
Sixteenth Parliament**

**No. 1**

**First Sitting of the First Meeting  
Tuesday, 26th October 2004**

**2.00 p.m.**

1. The Chairman of the House, Mr. Frederick Cain, took the Chair and read Prayers.

2. **Proclamation**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the inaugural sitting of the Sixteenth Parliament and read the Proclamation made by and with the advice of the President, which reads as follows -

*“Whereas the Fifteenth Parliament of the Republic of Nauru was dissolved on the 30th day of September 2004, under Part IX of the Constitution;*

*And whereas, by a Writ issued by the President on the 30th day of September 2004 under Presidential Order 1, dated 30th September 2004, the President appointed the 23rd day of October 2004 for the holding of a General Election of Members of Parliament;*

*And whereas, the Return of the said Writ had been sent to the Clerk of Parliament, as Chairman of the inauguration of the Sixteenth Parliament for the laying on the Table of the House, that the said General Elections were duly held and of the names of the persons elected thereat;*

*I, Ludwig Scotty, do appoint and proclaim that the Sixteenth Parliament of Nauru shall meet at the Parliament House in the District of Yaren at the hour of two o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 26th day of October 2004 and shall proceed to transact the following business, namely -*

*First, the election of a Member of Parliament to be Speaker;*

*Secondly, the election of a Member of Parliament to be Deputy Speaker;*

*Thirdly, the election of two Members of Parliament to be Deputy Chairmen of Committees;*

*and in that order before the transaction of any other business; and*

*Parliament must at its first sitting thereafter elect a Member of Parliament to be President of Nauru.*

*God save the Republic!*

*(Signed) Ludwig D. Scotty, President.*

*Given and made this 25th day of October 2004.”*

3. **Tabling of Writ and Election of Members**

The Chairman laid on the Table of the House the Return of the Writ.

#### 4. **Swearing in of Members**

The Resident Magistrate, Mr. Reuben Kun, entered the Chamber to administer the Oath to the Members.

All Members took the Oath, alphabetically constituency-wise.

#### 5. **Election of Speaker**

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Nauru, the House, before it proceeds to the despatch of any other business shall elect one of its Members to be Speaker and accordingly the Chairman called for nominations for the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) nominated Mr. Gadoengin (Ewa/Anetan) to be Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Gadoengin accepted the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) to be Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido declined the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo declined the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Gadoengin (Ewa/Anetan) was declared Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

The Speaker was then escorted to the Chair by the proposer and seconder. He then thanked the Members for the honour bestowed upon him by the House and then proceeded to conduct the business of the House.

#### 6. **Election of Deputy Speaker**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) to be Deputy Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Jeremiah accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) was declared Deputy Speaker of the Sixteenth Parliament.

## 7. **Election of two Deputy Chairmen of Committees**

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Batsiua (Boe) and Mr. Kun (Buada) to be the two Deputy Chairmen of Committees.

Mr. Waqa (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Batsiua and Mr. Kun accepted their nominations.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Batsiua (Boe) and Mr. Kun (Buada) were declared Deputy Chairmen of Committees of the Sixteenth Parliament.

## 8. **Election of President**

In accordance with Article 16 of the Constitution, the Speaker called for nominations for the President of the Republic.

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be the President of the Republic.

Dr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.

Mr. Scotty accepted the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) to be President of the Republic.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Adeang declined the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be President of the Republic.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo declined the nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) was duly elected President of the Republic of Nauru.

The Chair, with the consensus of the House, suspended the sitting to resume when the bells ring.

## **Resumed.**

## 9. **Appointment of Parliamentary Standing Committees**

The Speaker called for nominations for the following parliamentary Standing Committees:

### (a) **Standing Orders Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) and Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be members of the Committee.

The Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido and Mr. Tabuna accepted their nominations.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) and Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) were duly appointed members of the Standing Orders Committee, alongwith the Speaker (ex-officio), the Deputy Speaker (ex-officio) and the Leader of Government Business (ex-officio).

**(b) Committee of Privileges**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated the Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

The Hon. Baron Waqa accepted his nomination.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) seconded.

Mr. Adam accepted his nomination.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo accepted his nomination.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Stephen accepted his nomination.

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be a member of the Committee.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Mr. Akua accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education), Mr. Adam (Buada), Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide), Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) were duly appointed members of the Privileges Committee.

**(c) Library Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) nominated Mr. Batsiua (Boe) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Mr. Batsiua accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Tabuna accepted his nomination.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Kun (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Kun accepted his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Dabwido (Meneng), Mr. Batsiua (Boe), Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) and Mr. Kun (Buada) were duly appointed members of the Library Committee alongwith the Speaker (ex-officio).

**(d) House Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated the Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) seconded.

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated the Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) seconded.

The Hon. David Adeang accepted his nomination.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) nominated the Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) seconded.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke accepted his nomination.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI), the Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance), the Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) and Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) were duly appointed members of the House Committee, alongwith the Speaker (ex-officio).

(e) **Subsidiary Legislation Committee**

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Adam accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI) nominated Mr. Batsiua (Boe) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Batsiua accepted his nomination.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Mr. Tabuna accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated the Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

The Hon. Godfrey Thoma accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido accepted his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Adam (Buada), Mr. Batsiua (Boe), Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), the Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) and Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) were appointed members of the Subsidiary Legislation Committee.

(f) **Private Business Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Kun (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded..

Mr. Kun accepted his nomination.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido accepted his nomination.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Harris (Aiwo) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Harris declined his nomination.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Kun (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Adam declined his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Ribauw accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Kun (Buada), Mr. Dabwido (Meneng), Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) were duly appointed members of the Private Business Committee, alongwith the Speaker (ex-officio).

**(g) Printing Committee**

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) nominated the Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

The Hon. Baron Waqa accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be a member of the Committee.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Mr. Tabuna accepted his nomination.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Dabwido accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, the Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education), Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) and Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) were duly appointed members of the Printing Committee.

(h) **Public Accounts Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Batsiua (Boe) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Batsiua accepted his nomination.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be member of the Committee.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Mr. Tabuna accepted his nomination.

Mr. Kun (Buada) nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Adam declined the nomination.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) nominated Mr. Kun (Buada) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Kun declined his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Ribauw accepted his nomination.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Dowiyogo accepted his nomination.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Stephen accepted his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Batsiua (Boe), Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide), Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) and Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) were duly appointed members of the Public Accounts Committee.

10. **Message From the President**

(a) His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty, with the indulgence of Members, proceeded to announce his Cabinet Ministers to the House as under -

Hon. Ludwig Scotty, M.P., as Minister for - Public Service,  
Civil Aviation,



Nauru Agency Corporation  
Nauru Air Corporation  
Eigigu Holdings Corporation  
Bank of Nauru  
Nauru Phosphate Corporation  
Nauru Insurance Corporation

Hon. David Adeang, M.P., as Minister for - Foreign Affairs  
Internal Affairs  
Finance  
RONFIN  
Customs, and  
Minister Assisting the President

Hon. Godfrey Thoma, M.P., as Minister for - Justice  
Nauru Fisheries & Marine  
Resources Authority  
Immigration  
Sport

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, M.P., as Minister for - Health  
Culture & Tourism  
Women's Affairs  
Shipping  
Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation

Hon. Baron Waqa, M.P., as Minister for - Education & Vocational Training  
Youth Affairs  
Public Works  
RONTEL

Hon. Frederick Pitcher, M.P. as Minister for - Island Development & Industry  
Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust

(b) His Excellency the President read to the House the following statement -

*“Dear Mr. President,*

*I am writing to congratulate you on the substantial progress that Nauru has recently made in reforming its anti-money laundering regime and in responding to the deficiencies identified in the June 2000 Report of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).*

*As you know, the FATF members have applied additional counter-measures with respect to Nauru since 5 December 2001 because of the existence of a number of shell banks licensed in Nauru. However, because of Nauru's comprehensive efforts to ensure that offshore banks formerly licensed in Nauru no longer exist and no longer conduct*

banking activity, the FATF Plenary has decided to remove the application of additional counter-measures to Nauru. The Plenary was very pleased to learn of Nauru's considerable legislative progress, including the Banking (Amendment) Act 2004, the Corporation (Amendment) Act 2004, and the Anti Money Laundering Act 2004.

On the basis of this progress, the FATF is also inviting Nauru to submit an implementation plan, as soon as possible, to Mr. Naotaka Kawakami in his capacity as Chairman of the Asia/Pacific Review Group. A comprehensive implementation plan will assist the FATF in evaluating the actual implementation of the full range of Nauru's enacted reforms. Adequate implementation of the anti money laundering reforms is required before the FATF will consider de-listing.

The Chairman of the Review Group will soon follow up with you regarding the content of the implementation plan. Consistent with the FATF's policy on monitoring progress and de-listing, the plan should contain targets, milestones, and time frames that will ensure effective implementation of the legislative and regulatory reforms. Particular focus should be placed on the identification and registration of business and legal entities. Nauru must ensure that the beneficial owner(s) and directors/officers of corporations or beneficiaries of legal entities are properly identified. In addition, mechanisms should exist to enable international co-operation through requests of information on Nauru's legal entities.

We look forward to continuing the constructive dialogue with Nauru.

Yours sincerely, (signed) Jean-Louis Font."

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) moved that the statement on FATF be noted.

## 11. Notices of Motions

(a) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move the following motion -

*"I give notice that at the next sitting I shall present the Constitutional and Referendum Bill 2004, which is a Bill to establish a Constitutional Convention to undertake a detailed and thorough review of the Constitution of Nauru and that provides the procedures for holding a referendum as required for the amendment of certain Articles of the Constitution."*

(b) Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move the following motion -

*"I give notice that at the next sitting I shall move a motion to establish a parliamentary Select Committee to investigate allegations of the illegal sale of Nauruan passports, residency permits and related documents. The Select Committee shall be named the "Passport Sales Select Committee".*

(c) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move to present the *Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime Bill, 2004*.

(d) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move to present the *Proceeds of Crime Bill 2004*.

(e) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next sitting

of Parliament he shall move to present the *Mutual Assistance In Criminal Matters Bill 2004*.

12. **Questions Without Notice** were asked.

13. **Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) laid on the Table of the House the Electoral (Proxy Voting) Regulations 2004 and made the following statement -

*“Mr. Speaker and Honourable colleagues, the Electoral Act was amended by this august House more than 20 years ago to allow for postal or proxy voting in Nauru’s parliamentary elections. However, up until now there have been no regulations prepared by any former government to provide the mechanics of operating the opportunity to vote for absent voters.*

*The Scotty government prior to the recent General Elections on the 23rd of October acknowledged that there were many Nauruans overseas for study, health, work or other reasons who would like to cast their vote and exercise their democratic voice in the elections. However, due to the current financial difficulties many of these Nauruan voters overseas are facing difficulty in sourcing funds required to return to Nauru to vote, this would not otherwise be possible as these Nauruan voters would not be able to be present in Nauru on election day. Therefore, your government prepared and put into operation the Electoral (Proxy Voting) Regulations 2004 and in doing so we provided for the first time in Nauru’s history, proxy voting.*

*Your government felt it valuable that the opportunity for these voters to still be able to cast a vote if they so wish. Given the time constraints and the complexity of organising postal voting, the regulations for proxy voting only have been prepared at this time.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members will note that the Regulations are quite restrictive and only apply to specific cases. These Regulations, as they have been prepared, do not provide a mechanism for all Nauruans the opportunity to vote if unable to attend a polling booth in person on election day.*

*There are many people not covered by these Regulations, such as those sick or infirm, unable to vote due to work or other commitments as well as those Nauruans overseas in places not covered by these Regulations.*

*It was a deliberate decision to limit these initial Regulations to these specific requirements. The main reason being was that this was the first time proxy voting was used and we had to ensure that the system employed was protected from potential abuse. There is scope for Cabinet to amend these Regulations or to provide for postal voting which may be seen as a better system for future elections. However, the recent elections show that proxy voting was used by a good number of Nauruans who were overseas on the day and so it has served a useful function.*

*The main feature of the Regulations are that it only allows Nauruans who are overseas on election day to nominate another registered voter from the same constituency to cast their vote on their behalf. The Regulations provide the application form which requires the applicant to sign a declaration, which must be witnessed and signed by*

*specified witnesses, they being Nauru's own diplomatic officers in Melbourne, Brisbane, Suva, Auckland, New York and London, or the Returning Officer or Chief Secretary on Nauru.*

*These Regulations also require applicants to acknowledge amongst other things that they understand that there are no controls to ensure for certain that the proxy will vote according to their instructions. This system of voting relies on the applicant trusting the proxy and is not fool-proof and will not be acceptable for all.*

*Despite the deficiencies of the proxy vote system, it is in place in other countries, and these Regulations have been based largely on United Kingdom and Vanuatu regulations and procedures and it is considered worthwhile to immediately make available this option of voting to those Nauruans who were overseas at the time of the recent General Elections and who had a proxy they were able to trust.*

*I hereby table in the House the Electoral (Proxy Voting) Regulations 2004.”*

#### **14. Motion - Appropriation Bill 2004-2005**

Under S.O. 189, the Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved to present the Appropriation Bill 2004-2005.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

##### ***First Reading***

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

##### ***Second Reading***

#### **15. Motion**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Under S.O. 159, second reading debate on the Bill was adjourned to a future date.

#### **16. Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that S.O. 159 be suspended to enable the second reading debate to ensue forthwith.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

Second reading debate on the Appropriation Bill 2004-2005 ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

**17. Letter of Recommendation**

The Chair informed Members that he had received the Letter of Recommendation under Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru which reads as follows -

*“Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru*

*I, Ludwig Scotty, President of the Republic of Nauru, as Chairman of the Cabinet and in pursuance of the Cabinet, hereby notify Parliament that the purpose of the withdrawals from the Treasury Fund and Nauru Housing Fund, as proposed by the Appropriation Bill 2004-2005 has been recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet.*

*Dated this 26th day of October 2004.*

*(Signed) Ludwig Scotty, President and Chairman of the Cabinet.”*

**18. Leave Sought for**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

Leave was granted.

**19. Motion - Third Reading**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

**20. Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**21. Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at sixteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m. adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

**Members Present**

All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

Mr. S. Sharma  
**A/Parliamentary Counsel**