

**Votes & Proceedings  
of the  
Sixteenth Parliament**

**No. 6**

**First Sitting of the Sixth Meeting  
Tuesday, 25th January 2005**

**10.00 a.m.**

1. The House met at 10 a.m. in accordance with the resolution made on Thursday, 23rd December 2004.

2. The Hon. Valdon K. Dowiyogo, M.P., Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. **Tabling of Writ**

The Chair laid on the Table of the House the Return of the Writ for the By-election held in the Constituency of Ewa/Anetan.

4. **Swearing in of new Member**

The Hon. Valdon K. Dowiyogo, Speaker of Parliament, administered the Oath to the newly elected Member for the Constituency of Ewa/Anetan, Mr. Cyril Buramen.

5. **Amendment to Parliamentary Standing Committees**

The Chair advised Members of some house-keeping matters that needed to be disposed of, i.e. existing vacancies in certain Standing Committees created by his accession to the Chair. The Chair then called for nominations.

(i) **House Committee (S.O. 14)**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

Mr. Buramen accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Buramen was declared member of the House Committee. The membership of the Committee to read as follows:-

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo - Speaker (ex-officio)  
Hon. David Adeang  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke  
Hon. Frederick Pitcher  
Mr. C. Buramen

(ii) **Committee of Privileges (S.O. 12)**

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

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

Mr. Ribauw declined the nomination.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) nominated Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

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

Mr. Buramen accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Buramen was declared member of the Committee of Privileges. The membership of the Committee stands as under:-

Hon. Baron Waqa

Mr. R. Akua

Mr. T. Adam

Mr. M. Stephen

Mr. C. Buramen

(iii) **Printing Committee (S.O. 17)**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

Mr. Buramen accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Buramen was declared member of the Committee. The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Hon. Baron Waqa

Mr. D. Tabuna

Mr. S. Dabwido

Mr. C. Buramen

(iv) **Public Accounts Committee**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) to be a member of the Committee.

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

Mr. Buramen accepted the nomination.

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

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Kun declined the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Buramen was declared member of the Committee. The membership to now read as under :-

Mr. M. Batsiua  
Mr. D. Tabuna  
Mr. F. Ribauw  
Mr. M. Stephen  
Mr. C. Buramen

**6. Appointment of Member to the Parliamentary Superannuation Board of Trust**

The House resolved that further deliberations on this matter be deferred to a future date.

**7. Statement From the Chair**

The Chair made the following statement to the House :-

*“Hon. Members of the House, I wish to make a statement concerning the resolution of the House as passed at its last sitting held on 23rd December 2004.*

*This House may recollect that the following motion was passed by the House on the aforementioned date :-*

*‘In tribute to the late Speaker of Parliament, the Honourable Vassal Gadoengin, M.P., the first Speaker of the Parliament of Nauru to pass in office and in recognition of the high standards and unwavering commitment that he demonstrated as a representative of the people of this august House,*

*I hereby move that the Nauru Parliament House Members’ Lounge be named the “Vassal Gadoengin Members’ Lounge.’*

*Subsequently, a request has been received from the family members of the late Speaker to name the lounge as ‘Bagobagan Lounge’.*

*I concur with the request of the family members. Nevertheless, I feel it is mandatory on my part to seek the concurrence of this House too, before any final discussion can be taken in this regard.*

*The resolution of the House on 23rd December 2004, in my opinion, therefore needs to be rescinded, preferably by the mover of the motion and a fresh motion to be moved along the same lines at the same time accommodating the request of the family. Thank you.”*

**8. Messages From the President**

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty, M.P., presented the following message to the House:-

*“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, as head of the Nauru delegation recently returned from a two-week visit to China, Mauritius and Thailand, I have the pleasure to report to you on the trip which I consider to have been eminently successful for Nauru.*

*Having departed Nauru on 4 January, the delegation arrived in Hong Kong on*

*the 5th, commencing its official visit to the People's Republic of China. Whilst there, we met with the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Governor of Hong Kong. It was clear from our talks that China valued highly our bi-lateral relations and indeed, from our side, we made known our interest to establish an Honorary Consulate in Hong Kong in the near future to assist strengthen bi-lateral relations. We were encouraged by their welcoming response.*

*Further, in response to our request to seek assistance in procuring a ship for Nauru that would reduce our dependence on the presently insecure shipping service, we were advised that this was not the ideal time to purchase a ship given the high prices being demanded.*

*On the 6th we moved to Macau where we visited the new Sands Casino, met the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, the Governor of Macau, and, lastly, the Trade Commissioner of Nauru, Ms. Winnie Yeh. The casino was an introduction for Nauru as to the economic potential of Macau as a result of its liberalising its casino industry, which is predicted to exceed Las Vegas in terms of gambling monies spent in casinos within the next year or two.*

*Although our visit of the Trade Commission was extremely brief, we had important discussions with the Macau Governor in the presence of the Foreign Affairs Commissioner, in respect to collaborating to strengthen the transparency and accountability of the Nauru Permanent Residence Permits scheme apparently being run by the Trade Commission. We were further informed of the current popularity of the program and the Macau Government's expectation that this would substantially increase in popularity as more and more Chinese mainlanders wished to visit and invest in Macau as its economy expanded by over 20% annually.*

*On the 7th, we arrived in the city of Zhu Hai where we met the Mayor of that beautiful city. I am especially pleased to report that on our arrival we were greeted by our Nauruan friend, His Excellency Ambassador Hsui of the Chinese Embassy in Nauru. From our arrival on the Chinese mainland and up to our departure, the Ambassador was invaluable to making our stay a friendly, enjoyable and fruitful one; and I thank the Ambassador for his efforts and initiative in inviting us to visit his great country.*

*On the 8th, we arrived in the vibrant city of Guangzhou where we met the Governor of Guangzhou as well as the Vice Foreign Minister. With respect to the latter, I am pleased that after bi-lateral talks, the Government of China had agreed to give Nauru USD500,000 as financial relief for our continued difficulties. Also two annual scholarships to China were pledged for Nauru tertiary level students; an assessment team would visit Nauru to consider ways and means of progressing the work on the Sports Centre and in assisting the NC supermarket.*

*The Chinese government also requested government's assistance with obtaining land on Nauru on which to construct an embassy, and I pledged your government's ready support with this welcome development.*

*I should also inform this august House that the Chinese government registered its concern with the treatment of its nationals on Nauru, particularly in respect to their business activities. I assured that we considered the rule of law of utmost priority and that all were equal before the law, but that the nation was in serious difficulty and this had negative effects on the general population. Nevertheless, our government would*

*assist in every reasonable way possible.*

*Whilst in Guangzhou we also visited a factory related to the telecommunication industry which commercially serviced the needs of Pacific islands such as Palau, Cook Islands and Tonga.*

*On the 10th, we spent a night in transit in Malaysia which was largely uneventful except for the gracious hospitality of the Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia who was generous with his time and energy to greet and farewell the Nauru delegation despite the odd hours of our visit. Again, I feel I must register our heartfelt thanks to the Chinese government for this most appreciative display of friendship and hospitality.*

*From the 11th to the 15th, I led Nauru's delegation to the Mauritius International meeting to undertake the 10-year review of the Barbados Plan of Action on Small Island Developing States, which I should say at the outset was quite a success for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).*

*Unfortunately, it must be admitted that the tsunami disaster that devastated coastal areas in the Indian Ocean placed acute focus on the special developmental challenges and vulnerability of small island developing states and this was resonated in addresses delivered to the meeting by heads of delegations. It was particularly heartening to receive pledges by developed economies to assist small island developing states with their special development challenges.*

*Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that I was given the privilege to be the first Pacific island speaker to deliver our message and I hereby attach a copy of that speech for information of the House.*

*It would be remiss of me not to mention that special thanks was attributed to the diplomatic skill and resources of New Zealand's Ambassador to the United Nations, Don Mackay, whose tireless efforts was absolutely critical to the success of the meeting.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I am pleased to say that as Vice-President of the meeting due to our membership of the Bureau, Nauru had occasion to assume the Chair of the meeting, with myself assuming the Chair in the first instance and Ambassador Clodumar in the second instance.*

*At the margins of the meeting, Foreign Minister David Adeang and I intermittently had separate bi-lateral meetings with heads of delegations with whom Nauru had mutual interests, such as Japan, China, India, Germany, Brazil, Croatia and Morocco. Whilst much was discussed about our mutual interests in the United Nations and particularly the ongoing reforms in that organisation, we had opportunity to strengthen relations, make personal acquaintances, promote mutual understanding and raise issues about our country's continued difficulties and how these countries could consider assisting us.*

*Also, I had a tripartite meeting with President Anote Tong of Kiribati and Prime Minister Maatia Toafa of Tuvalu, which was moderated by the Secretary-General of the Forum Secretariat, Mr. Greg Urwin. We all agreed to convene a meeting of our officials in Nauru no later than early February to consider a plan of action on progressing the issue of repatriating the Kiribati and Tuvalu communities residing at the NPC Location, with the meeting ending on a positive note acknowledging that the exercise was a part of PRAN - the Forum's so-called Pacific Regional Assistance to Nauru - and acknowledging also the preliminary indications of donor support for this endeavour.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it would be remiss of me not to mention that in concluding the meeting in Mauritius, Nauru initiated a historical first in what we hope to be a precedent for International Small Island Developing States meetings in the future when, under the leadership of our Foreign Minister, and with the support of Ambassador Vinci Clodumar and Foreign Secretary Jesaulenko Dowiyogo, and under the critical eye of live national television in Mauritius, my Presidential Counsel, Kim Hubert, courageously roused the international delegates in an inspirational rendition of the song “Islands in the Sun” . Truly, an example of “B-O-E Omo Dedein”, an admirable Nauruan characteristic which the Nauru delegation did not fail to promote, and which prompted many delegates to thank the Nauru delegation for their originality and, should I say, originality in promoting international goodwill and friendship.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, on the 16th to the 18th, I led our delegation to visit the Kingdom of Thailand with which we had recently established diplomatic relations, and with which we had intentions of promoting business linkages, international collaboration and mutual development.*

*Whilst there, and despite the onset of General Elections in that country in the first week of February, we had meetings with the Deputy Prime Minister, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, the Vice President of the Senate and many other government and business representatives interested in opportunities with working with Nauru. These included prospective buyers of Nauru phosphate.*

*I am pleased to report that on the last day of our visit, being the 18th, I had the privilege of opening the Nauru Consulate General in Bangkok which impressed me greatly with its facilities. A three-floor building, it is staffed by its own security, maintenance and catering crew, not to mention offices for Consul-General Designate Mr. Alex Ke and consular corps including Mr. David Lim and Mr. Kevin Lai.*

*With the Consulate-General finally permitted to commence building relations between our two countries, I understand that the Foreign Ministry will soon begin sending officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs on short term postings to the Bangkok office to assist our new office with their important work.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, let me conclude by saying that these travels did not cost your government anything. They were jointly and fully funded by the Government of the People’s Republic of China and by our friends associated with the Consulate General of Nauru in Bangkok, and I hope you will in your own way take the effort of thanking them all for their ready assistance in exploring opportunities for Nauru as we all seek to rebuild this beloved nation of ours. Thank you.’*

## **9. Notice of Motion**

Mr. M. Batsiua (Boe) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he will move a motion for the establishment of a Select Committee to investigate and report to the House the procurement of the two Caterpillar generators for the Nauru Power Station.

## **10. Questions Without Notice** were asked.

(For record and future reference, motions for extension of time for questions

without notice were moved and resolved in the affirmative four times; two extensions sought by government Ministers.)

## 11. Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers

(a) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) made a statement on the “Departure of Australian Finance Officials”, as under -

*“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I want to inform this august House that this coming Friday, being 28 January 2005, the 2 advisors comprising the part of the deployment of Australian Treasury and financial officials to the Republic of Nauru’s Department of Finance will be returning home on completion of their tenure of deployment.*

*Mr. Dave Vosen and Mr. Nick Loan have become almost an integral part of our Treasury and surely, their departure will be our loss. Mr. Vosen has been critical to ensuring a lot of the work on the Budget was completed on schedule, and that this work continues to tick along smoothly. Mr. Loan on the other hand brought a wealth of experience with reforms of state-owned enterprises and also, and very importantly, he writes speeches that will be the envy of all speech writers to follow his footsteps after his departure from Nauru.*

*I need not add that they have contributed most magnificently in the promotion of sports and - despite our slight disagreements last year around the time of the Australian Rules Football Grand Final and which team would take the flag home - I am sure that we will miss their presence on the field and on TV.*

*In concluding, Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I hope that Australia will deploy their replacements expeditiously to ensure that their work does not founder and importantly, I trust that Australia can find replacements that can adequately fill the shoes left behind by Dave and Nick. Thank you.”*

(b) Mr. M. Batsiua (Boe) as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee made the following statement :-

*“Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a progressive report on the work done by the Public Accounts Committee of the Sixteenth Parliament to date.*

*At the outset, I wish to thank the Hon. Members of this House who were instrumental in electing the members of the PAC in the inaugural meeting of the Sixteenth Parliament. This action in itself is unprecedented in the parliamentary history of Nauru. In previous Parliaments, it became normal for the Public Accounts Committee to be constituted about six months after the first meeting of the Parliament hence the constitution of the PAC so soon after the General Elections, was indeed refreshing and a clear illustration of the ‘vote for change’.*

*As already intimated to this august House, the first meeting of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was held on 1st November 2004 in which I was duly elected as the Chairman of the Committee and Hon. Dominic Tabuna as its Deputy Chairman. One of the first actions done by the PAC following its inaugural meeting was to write to three key departments in the Public Service advising them of the constitution of the PAC alongwith a brief overview of the functional relationship between the concerned*

departments and the PAC. One department was the Department of Chief Secretary which is responsible for co-ordinating presentation of annual reports of the various government instrumentalities. The second department was the Department of Finance, which is another critical department insofar as the work of the PAC is concerned as the work of PAC is widely based on the statements of annual accounts of the Republic prepared by the Department of Finance. The third department we wrote to was the Department of Audit whose role is to audit the annual statements of accounts of the Republic and present a report thereof to the House. The Department of Audit is also vested with auditing of several instrumentalities of the Republic, the annual accounts of which are also laid in Parliament and subsequently scrutinised by the PAC.

On 16th November 2004, about three weeks after the constitution of the new PAC, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, assisted by the Secretary to the Committee, held an informal meeting with the representatives of the Australian Government from the Department of Treasury, Department of Finance and AUSAID. The discussions of the meeting focused mainly on the role of PAC in strengthening the budgetary process, problems being faced by the Republic and the areas where the PAC has to target its inquiry, the issue of non-presentation of annual reports and accounts by the Treasury and the instrumentalities, assistance required for the Public Accounts Committee, measures to strengthen the whole accounting process to avoid further exploitation and abuse of public funds, the management of problems of most of the Republic entities and the dearth of qualified accountants on the island. The meeting was important insofar as conveying the seriousness of this new Parliament in building up its systems of accountability and checks and balances. It was also an opportunity to seek foreign assistance for the work of the PAC.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the second meeting of the PAC was held on 21st December 2004. The Committee thoroughly considered the First Report of the PAC which was presented to Parliament on April 4th 2002. The PAC also took note that the Action Taken Replies on the First Report had not been received from the Chief Secretary's office. Accordingly, the Committee resolved to write to the Chief Secretary again in this regard but is disappointed to report that the replies of the Chief Secretary, which were to be received by 21st January 2005 were not submitted. Consequently, the Committee will be considering what actions to take in light of this continued disregard of its request from the head of the Public Service.

The Committee also considered in-depth the Second Report of the PAC submitted to Parliament on April 4th, 2000 and wrote to the Department of Finance to furnish the Action Taken Replies on the Second Report. The replies are to be furnished by the Department of Finance by 21st February 2005 and I hope the Finance Department will be more co-operative than other departments of the Public Service.

Earlier Action Taken Replies of the Second Report had been submitted by the Department of Audit and Department of Chief Secretary therefore upon receipt of the replies from the Department of Finance on 21st February the Committee will then be able to conclude the Second Report and present the two Action Taken Replies to the Parliament. This will finally bring closure on these long overdue first two reports and more importantly draw attention to the recommendations highlighted therein.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Committee has also selected its



*second subject of examination titled ‘Delay in Presentation of the Statutory/Other Reports to Parliament’. The PAC also takes note of the fact that this subject was selected by the previous PAC’s and certain replies were received in response to the questionnaires sent to the instrumentalities and departments at that time. The Committee is in the drafting stage of the new questionnaire including the new table and will soon send them to the concerned government bodies for furnishing the information on the questionnaire. On this point too, I would like to re-emphasise to Members the importance and seriousness of this matter as the delay of presentation of annual reports of all these government bodies including Treasury is a fundamental breach of our laws. If compliance of our laws cannot be guaranteed then the process of having a Parliament to enact legislation in the first instance becomes a futile exercise. We, as parliamentarians, must be extremely vigilant in our push to ensure compliance with the laws enacted by this House.*

*On the third subject of the Committee, titled ‘Bringing Nauru Agency Corporation Within the Purview of the PAC’, the Committee has collected the relevant information and endeavours to present the report on the subject expeditiously.*

*On the fourth subject of the Committee titled, ‘Bringing Nauru Olympic Committee Within the Purview of the PAC’, the Committee is still in the stage of collecting the relevant information. The Committee has so far gathered some preliminary materials for its study but it is still insufficient to draft the report. The House should be pleased to learn that after bringing these two organisations within the purview of the PAC, then all Republic bodies will finally be subject to the financial scrutiny of the PAC and subsequently accountable to the House.*

*I wish to also inform the House that after much delay the PAC was finally allocated an office situated in the Parliament building and it is envisaged that this office will be ready for occupancy within the next few days. Once established, this office will serve as a focal point to receive complaints from Hon. Members and the general public on concerns relating to the usage of public funds.*

*To strengthen the capacity of the PAC Secretariat, the PAC, in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has lodged a request to the Commonwealth Secretariat for the funding of two experts. One of these experts will be the head of the PAC Secretariat and the other a senior analyst, an expert in analysing accounts and scrutinising financial transactions. I am hopeful that there will be a positive outcome to this request and urge the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to do its utmost to secure this vital assistance to the PAC.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the PAC is also actively seeking information concerning the disbursement of US1 million China grant funds received by the Republic on May 13, 2004. Treasury has been asked to reconcile the various payments issued by the government using these funds and will consider further action once these information has been received.*

*The PAC will also be commencing its scrutiny and examination of audited annual accounts of the Nauru Phosphate Corporation already tabled in Parliament for the years from 1992 to 1996.*

*In an effort to enhance the transparency and accountability of government procedures, the Chairman of the PAC has also produced and submitted a discussion*

*paper on the Selection and Appointment Process of Boards of Directors, to the Cabinet for its consideration and hopefully prompt adoption.*

*In conclusion, I hope that this progressive report is helpful in shedding light on what the PAC has been doing since its formation. The PAC is keen to progress the many activities it has set out to accomplish during the tenure of this Sixteenth Parliament and we ask for the full co-operation of the Cabinet, the Public Service and all government bodies to assist our endeavours in elevating the level of good governance in our systems of government. Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.”*

**12. Motion - Leave Sought for**

Mr. S. Dabwido (Meneng) sought leave of the House to move a motion.  
Leave was granted.

**13. Motion**

Mr. S. Dabwido (Meneng) moved the following motion -

*“In tribute to the late Speaker of Parliament, the Honourable Vassal Gadoengin, M.P., the first Speaker of the Parliament of Nauru to pass in office and in recognition of the high standards and unwavering commitment that he demonstrated as a representative of the people of this august House;*

*I hereby move that the Nauru Parliament House Members’ Lounge be named the “Bagobagan Members’ Lounge”.*

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**14. Motion - Leave Sought for**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to make a motion.

Leave was granted.

**15. Motion**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that -

*“At the first sitting of the Parliament of Nauru for the New Year 2005,  
Upholding our national obligations for good government with God’s Will First as our national motto;*

*Unified under God, bound by international bonds of friendship and solidarity, and committed under ties of humanity and compassion with the international community;*

*And mourning the loss of over 200,000 lives of our fellow men, women and children as a result of the tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004;*

*The Sixteenth Parliament of Nauru resolves to extend its heartfelt condolence and expression of deepest sympathy to the Governments and peoples of Austria, Australia,*

*Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, East Africa, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America for their loss of lives and/or property, as a result of the tsunami of 26 December 2004;*

*And, this august House further resolves to communicate its most sincere expression of goodwill and support of international aid, in assisting efforts to recover from this terrible tragedy, and in rebuilding devastated communities;*

*And recognises this most sombre moment with one minute's silence in honour of the lives lost.*

*With God's Will First."*

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

#### **16. Motion - Leave Sought for**

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) sought leave to move a motion.

Leave was granted.

#### **17. Motion**

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) moved that -

*"This House is aware that a Select Committee of this House was constituted by a resolution of the House passed at its sitting held on 2nd November 2004. The terms of reference of the Select Committee inter alia, contained to investigate in detail the allegations of illegal or improper sale of Nauruan passports and/or residency permits and other related documents by certain high government functionaries and public servants. The Select Committee was given a mandate to report back to the House within three months of the passing of this resolution, and the Select Committee also had a mandate to present progressive reports and recommendations to Parliament;*

*Whereas the Select Committee has conducted its preliminary investigation and is in the stage of drafting an interim report for presentation to this House within the time-frame (1st February 2005) and based on the recommendations of the interim report, the Select Committee will continue its investigation and will present the final report to the House; and*

*Keeping in view the volume of the work lying ahead for the Select Committee;*

*I, therefore, as Chairman of the Committee move that an extension of 120 days be granted to the Select Committee for presenting its final report."*

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**18. Orders of the Day No. 1 - Nauruan Citizen Bill 2004**

On the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

**19. Motion**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that further debate on the Bill be adjourned and made an Order of the Day at the next sitting.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**20. Order of the Day No. 2 - Message from the President**

On the question that the statement made by His Excellency the President be noted.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) moved that Order of the Day No. 2 be adjourned to the next sitting.

Question put and passed.

**21. Order of the Day No. 3 - Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for NPRT), be noted.

Question put and passed.

The statement was noted.

**22. Order of the Day No. 4 - Message from the President**

On the question that the statement made by His Excellency the President on air services, be noted.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) moved that Order of the Day No. 4 be adjourned to the next sitting.

Question put and passed.

**23. Order of the Day No. 5 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) on the Nauru National Augmented Program Through Partnership Between Government and the University of the South Pacific, be noted.

Question put and passed.

The statement was noted.

**24. Order of the Day No. 6 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) on the performance of his portfolios of Justice, Immigration, Fisheries & Marine

Resources Authority and Sports, be noted.  
Question put and passed.  
The statement was noted.

**25. Order of the Day No. 7 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for NPRT) on the sale of Nauruan properties, be noted.  
Question put and passed.  
The statement was noted.

**26. Order of the Day No. 8 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) on shipping services, be noted.  
Question put and passed.  
The statement was noted.

**27. Order of the Day No. 9 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) on extra funding for the schools, be noted.  
Mr. Kun (Buada) moved that Order of the Day No. 9 be adjourned to the next sitting.  
Question put and passed.

**28. Order of the Day No. 10 - Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

On the question that the statement made by Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for NPRT) on “DSAP-II and FAO Projects on Food Security”, be noted.  
Question put and passed.  
The statement was noted.

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

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty, M.P., 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.

**30. Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

And then the House at thirty 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.

John Garabwan  
**Deputy Clerk of Parliament**