

**Votes & Proceedings  
of the  
Fifteenth Parliament**

**No. 8**

**Eighth Sitting of the First Meeting  
Tuesday, 27th May 2003**

**10.00 a.m.**

1. The House met at 10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, M.P., took the Chair and read Prayers.  
On request by His Excellency the President and by consensus of the House, the Chair suspended the sitting and to resume at four o'clock p.m. (4.00 p.m.)

**Resume**

3. **Election of Speaker**

The Deputy Speaker again called for nominations for the position of Speaker of the House.

There being no nominations forthcoming from the floor of the House, His Excellency President Derog Gioura moved the following motion.

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

His Excellency the President moved that the House at its rising do adjourn until next Thursday morning, 29th May 2003, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

5. **Ruling From the Chair**

The Chair ruled that the motion by His Excellency the President constitute the business of the House which in the view of the Chair is against the provisions as contained in Article 34(1) of the Constitution of Nauru. The Chair also drew attention of the House to the opinion of the

Supreme Court of nauru in the Matter of Constitutional Reference No. 2/2003.

Accordingly, the Chair suspended the sitting for half an hour in order to enable Members to proceed with the business of the House and that is to elect the Speaker of the House.

## **Resume**

### **6. Absence of Quorum**

It was brought to the attention of the Chair that there is no quorum in the House.

The Chair instructed that the bells be rung for five minutes for want of quorum.

The Chair noting the absence of quorum still, after the ringing of the bells, accordingly suspended the sitting of the House until Thursday morning, 29th May 2003, at 10 a.m.

The House rose at five minutes past six o'clock p.m.

## **Members Present**

All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except -  
Mr. Ekwona

Frederick Cain  
**Clerk of Parliament**