

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT**

No. 11

**Eleventh Sitting of the First Meeting
Wednesday, 4th June 2003**

2.00 p.m.

1. The House met at 2.00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Speaker, Hon. Fabian Ribauw, M.P., took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Statement From the Chair**

The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from His Excellency the President which reads as follows -

*“Honourable Fabian Ribauw, Speaker of Parliament, Parliament House, Nauru.
Honourable Speaker,*

This refers to my earlier advice to you on 3rd June 2003 under Article 41(2) of the Constitution of Nauru to dissolve the Fifteenth Parliament.

In this connection, I wish to state that by virtue of the powers as vested in me under Article 41(5) of the Constitution of Nauru, I now hereby withdraw my advice for the dissolution of Parliament.

For the information of this august House I also wish to inform that the Cabinet is now fully constituted thus enabling the Executive Government to function effectively.

With kind regards, (Signed) Hon. Ludwig Scotty, M.P., President, Republic of Nauru.”

4. **Leave Sought For**

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) sought leave of the House to move a motion of censure.
Leave was not granted.

5. **Motion to Suspend Standing Orders**

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move his motion.

Mr. Detenamo (Buada) seconded.

Question put and passed.

6. **Division of the House Called for**

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) and the Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) called for division.

The House divided.

AYES		NOES	
Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Detenamo	Mr. Scotty	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Harris	Mr. Ekwona	Mr. Jeremiah	Mr. Waqa
Mr. Adam	Mr. Botelanga	Dr. Keke	Mr. Namaduk
Mr. Stephen	Mr. Gioura	Mr. Akua	Mr. Thoma
Total - 8		Total - 8	

Question put and negatived. (S.O. 234)

7. Appointment of Parliamentary Standing Committees

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

(a) Standing Orders Committee

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Clodumar (Boe) and himself to be members of the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be a member of the Committee.

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

Mr. Akua accepted the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) withdrew his name as a candidate for the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) and Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare), having accepted their nominations were duly appointed members of the Standing Orders Committee, with the Speaker (ex-officio), the Deputy Speaker (ex-officio) and the Leader of Government Business (ex-officio.)

(b) Committee of Privileges

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Detenamo (Buada), Mr. Thoma (Aiwo), Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan), Mr. Adam (Buada) and Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be members of the Committee of Privileges.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Detenamo declined his nomination.

Mr. Thoma accepted his nomination.
Mr. Stephen accepted his nomination.
Mr. Adam accepted his nomination.
Mr. Akua accepted his nomination.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated the Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Education) to be a member of the Committee of Privileges.
The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.
The Hon. B. Waqa accepted his nomination.

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo), Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan), Mr. Adam (Buada), Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) and the Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Education), having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the Committee of Privileges.

(c) **Library Committee**

The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) and the Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Education) to be members of the Library Committee.
The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.
The Hon. B. Waqa and Mr. Akua accepted their nominations.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and himself to be members of the Library Committee.
Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

The Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Education), Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare), Mr. Clodumar (Boe) and Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan), having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the Library Committee with the Speaker (ex-officio).

(d) **House Committee**

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) nominated the Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) and Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Anetan) to be members of the House Committee.
The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.
The Hon. D. Adeang and Mr. Namaduk accepted their nominations.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) to be members of the House Committee.
Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.
Mr. Stephen and Mr. Ekwona accepted their nominations.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance), Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Anetan), Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Ekwona (Yaren), having accepted their nominations were duly appointed members of the House Committee with the Speaker (ex-officio.)

(e) **Subsidiary Legislation Committee**

The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) nominated the Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) and Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be members of the Subsidiary Legislation Committee.

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

As the Hon. R. Kun was not in this House, his nomination was not accepted by the Chair. Mr. Akua accepted his nomination.

His Excellency the President nominated Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) and Mr. Adam (Buada) to be members of the committee.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Thoma accepted his nomination.

Mr. Adam declined his nomination.

Mr. Adam (Buada) nominated Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) and Mr. Clodumar (Boe) to be members of the Subsidiary Legislation Committee.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare), Mr. Thoma (Aiwo), Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) and Mr. Clodumar (Boe) having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the committee. The House agreed to postpone further nominations until the next sitting.

(f) Private Business Committee

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) nominated Mr. Gioura (Ubenide) and Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) to be members of the Private Business Committee.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Mr. Gioura and Mr. Botelanga both accepted their nominations.

His Excellency the President nominated Mr. Clodumar (Boe) as the other member of the committee.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Clodumar accepted his nomination.

Mr. Gioura (Ubenide), Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) and Mr. Clodumar (Boe), having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the Private Business Committee with the Speaker (ex-officio).

(g) Printing Committee

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) nominated Mr. Harris (Aiwo), Mr. Adam (Buada) and Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) to be members of the Printing Committee.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

Mr. Harris, Mr. Adam and Mr. Botelanga accepted their nominations.

His Excellency the President nominated Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Ametam) to be the other

member of the committee.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Namaduk accepted his nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo), Mr. Adam (Buada), Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) and Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Anetan), having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the Printing Committee.

(h) **Public Accounts Committee**

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) and Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) to be members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Akua and Mr. Thoma both accepted their nominations.

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Anetan) to be members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Hon. D. Jeremiah (Minister for Works) seconded.

Mr. Stephen and Mr. Namaduk both accepted their nominations.

Mr. Adam (Buada) nominated Mr. Clodumar (Boe) to be the other member of the committee.

Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) seconded.

Mr. Clodumar accepted his nomination.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare), Mr. Thoma (Aiwo), Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan), Mr. Namaduk (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Clodumar (Boe), having accepted their nominations, were duly appointed members of the Public Accounts Committee

8. **Message from the President**

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty announced his Cabinet Ministers to the House -

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty : Minister for Foreign Affairs, Public Service, Civil Aviation, Women's Affairs, Audit, Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust, Economic Development and Republic of Nauru Finance Corporation.

Hon. David Adeang : Minister assisting the President, Minister for Finance, Island Development and Industry which includes the Bank of Nauru and Nauru Phosphate Corporation and Telecoms.

Hon. Dogabe Jeremiah : Minister for Works, Housing, Department of Planning and Construction and Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority.

Hon. Russel Kun : Minister for Justice and Good Governance

Hon. Baron Waqa : Minister for Education, Youth Affairs, Culture and Tourism

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke :: Minister for Health, Sports and Transport

9. **Election of Deputy Speaker**

Due to the vacancy in the Office of Deputy Speaker upon the appointment of Dr. Kieren Keke as Minister for Health, the Chair called for nominations for the position of Deputy Speaker.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) as Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr. Akua accepted the nomination.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Botelanga accepted the nomination.

There being more than one candidate the election of Deputy Speaker took place by secret ballot.

Result :	Mr. Botelanga -	10 votes
	Mr. Akua -	6 votes.

Mr. Botelanga (Meneng) was duly elected Deputy Speaker.

10. **Leave of Absence**

The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) sought leave of absence for the Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) who is away overseas on government business.

Leave was granted.

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

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

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

Question put and passed.

12. **Adjournment**

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at forty five minutes past six 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, except

- * Mr. R. Kun

Frederick Cain
Clerk of Parliament

- * Leave of Absence