

**Votes & Proceedings
of the
Fifteenth Parliament**

No. 21

**Third Sitting of the Seventh Meeting
Thursday, 26th February 2004**

10.00 a.m.

1. The House met at 10 a.m. in accordance with the resolution made on Tuesday, 24th February 2004.
2. The Hon. Ludwig D. Scotty, M.P., Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Amendment to Parliamentary Standing Committees**

The Chair informed Members of the need to amend membership of certain Parliamentary Standing Committees due to the changes in the Office of the Speaker of Parliament and subsequent appointments of Cabinet Ministers of government.

The Speaker informed the House of the following -

(i) **Standing Orders Committee (S.O. 11)**

Hon. L. Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) to replace his predecessor, Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, as Chairman (ex officio). The membership is now as follows -

Hon. L. Scotty - Speaker (ex officio)

Hon. T. Adam - Deputy Speaker (ex officio)

Hon. R. Namaduk - Leader of government business (ex officio)

Hon. K. Clodumar

Hon. Riddel Akua

(ii) **Library Committee (S.O. 13)**

Hon. L. Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) to replace his predecessor, Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, as Chairman (ex officio). The membership is now as follows -

Hon. L. Scotty - Speaker (ex officio)

Hon. B. Waqa

Hon. K. Clodumar

Hon. T. Adam

Hon. R. Akua

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

Hon. L. Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) to replace his predecessor, Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, as Chairman (ex officio). Hon. Marcus Stephen to be replaced by successor Hon. Kinza Clodumar (Minister for Finance). The Committee members to read as

follows -

Hon. L. Scotty - Speaker (ex officio)
Hon. K. Clodumar
Hon. Dr. K. Keke
Hon. P. N. Ekwona
Hon. D. Adeang

(iv) **Private Business Committee**

Hon. L. Scotty, Speaker of Parliament, to replace his predecessor, Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, as Chairman (ex officio). The committee membership now to read as follows

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Hon. L. Scotty - Speaker (ex officio)
Hon. F. Ribauw
Hon. B. Waqa
Hon. K. Clodumar

(v) **Public Accounts Committee**

Hon. Kinza Clodumar to be replaced due to his appointment as Minister for Finance on 31st December 2003. Hon. Russel Kun to be replaced due to his appointment as Minister for Justice on 24th February 2004. The Chair then called for nominations.

His Excellency President Rene Harris nominated Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) to be a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Hon. D. Gioura (Minister Assisting the President) seconded.

Mr. Ekwona accepted the nomination.

Dr. Kieren Keke (Yaren) nominated Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Adeang accepted his nomination.

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

Dr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.

Mr. Stephen accepted the nomination.

Mr. Ekwona (Yaren), with no objections from the House, withdrew his name as candidate for the Public Accounts Committee.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) were declared members of the Public Accounts Committee. The members are -

Hon. Vinson Detenamo
Hon. Terangi Adam
Hon. David Adeang
Hon. Riddel Akua

Hon. Marcus Stephen

3. **Notices of Motions**

(i) The Hon. Russel Kun (Minister for Justice) gave notice that at a later stage of the meeting, he shall present the Banking (Amendment) Bill 2004.

(ii) Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) gave notice that at the next sitting he shall move the following motion -

“That a Select Committee of this House be established to investigate and recommend into the Allegation of Sale of Republic of Nauru Passports/Certificates for Permanent Residency in Nauru, and Multiple Entry Visas issued by certain high government functionaries and/or public servants.”

4. **Questions Without Notice** were asked.

5. **Motion - Article 24**

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved the following motion -

“That pursuant to Article 24 of the Constitution the President and Ministers be removed from office on the grounds that this House has no confidence in the Cabinet.”

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide), Mr. Adeang (Ubenide), Mr. Waqa (Boe), Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) stood in support of the motion.

President Rene Harris did not accept the motion, so the question on whether the motion should be entertained by the House was put and passed.

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

His Excellency President Rene Harris and Hon. Derog Gioura (Minister Assisting the President) called for division.

The House divided.

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

The question on whether the motion should be entertained by the House was resolved in the negative.

The Chair, with the concurrence of the House, suspended the sitting , to resume at 2 pm in the afternoon.

Resumed

8. Motion - Adjournment of Motions on Notice Paper

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) moved that consideration of Motions 2 to 8 on the notice paper be adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. D. Gioura (Minister Assisting the President) seconded.

Question put and passed.

9. Motion - Anti Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill 2004

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved to present the Anti Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill 2004.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

10. Motion - Second Reading

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Under Standing Order 159 further debate was adjourned to the next sitting day.

11. Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that Standing Order 159 be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

12. Division of the House Called for

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) called for division.

The House divided.

	AYES		NOES
Mr. Harris	Mr. Detenamo	Dr. Keke	Mr. Ribauw

Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Ekwona	Mr. Adeang	Mr. Jeremiah
Mr. Gioura	Mr. Adam	Mr. Stephen	Mr. Waqa
Mr. Botelanga	Mr. Thoma		
Mr. Kun	Mr. Akua		
Total - 10		Total - 6	

Question put and passed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) called for division.
 The House divided.

AYES		NOES
Mr. Harris	Mr. Detenamomo	Mr. Ribauw
Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Ekwona	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Gioura	Mr. Adam	Mr. Stephen
Mr. Botelanga	Mr. Akua	Mr. Jeremiah
Mr. Kun	Mr. Thoma	Mr. Waqa
Dr. Keke		
Total - 11		Total - 5

Question put and passed.
 The Bill was read a second time.

14. **Leave Sought for**

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading.
 Leave was granted.

15. **Motion - Third Reading**

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.
 The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.
 Question put and passed.
 The Bill was read a third time.

16. **Motion - Leave Sought for**

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to present the Banking (Amendment) Bill 2004.

Leave was granted.

17. Motion - Banking (Amendment) Bill 2004

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved to present the Banking (Amendment) Bill 2004.

The Hon. N. Botelanga (Minister for Health) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

18. Motion - Second Reading

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Hon. N. Botelanga (Minister for Health) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Under Standing Order 159 further debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

19. Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that Standing Order 159 be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.

The Hon. N. Botelanga (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

20. Division of the House Called for

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) called for division.

The House divided.

AYES

Mr. Harris	Mr. Detenamo
Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Ekwona
Mr. Gioura	Mr. Adam
Mr. Botelanga	Mr. Akua
Mr. Kun	Mr. Thoma

Total - 10

Question put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

21. Leave Sought for

NOES

Mr. Ribauw
Mr. Adeang
Mr. Stephen
Mr. Jeremiah
Mr. Waqa

Total - 5

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill.
Leave was granted.

22. Motion - Third Reading

The Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.
The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a third time.

23. Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting

His Excellency President Rene Harris moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.
The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.

24. Motion of Amendment

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved to amend the motion -
“That Parliament at its rising do adjourn until next Tuesday at 10 a.m.”
Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.
Question put and passed.

25. Division of the House Called for

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) and the Hon. D. Gioura (Minister Assisting the President) called for division.
The House divided.

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

There being an equality in the voting, under Article 46(2) of the Constitution, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the noes.
The question on the motion of amendment was resolved in the negative.

26. Motion of Amendment

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) moved to amend the motion -

“That Parliament at its rising do adjourn until next Thursday at 10 a.m.”

Dr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) called for a division.

The House divided.

AYES

Dr. Keke

Mr. Adeang

Mr. Stephen

Mr. Akua

Mr. Ribauw

Mr. Jeremiah

Mr. Waqa

Mr. Thoma

NOES

Mr. Harris

Mr. Clodumar

Mr. Kun

Mr. Adam

Mr. Gioura

Mr. Botelanga

Mr. Ekwona

Mr. Detenamo

Total - 8

Total - 8

There being an equality in the voting, under Article 46(2) of the Constitution, the Speaker gave his casting vote to the noes.

The question on the second motion of amendment was resolved in the negative.

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

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

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

29. **Adjournment**

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed

And then the House at forty minutes past four 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