

**Votes and Proceedings
Of the
Nineteenth Parliament**

No. 10

Tenth Sitting of the First Meeting

Tuesday, 1st June 2010

10:00am

1. The House met at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Chairman (Mr. Frederick Cain) took the Chair and read prayers.

3. Election of Speaker.

The Chairman called for nominations from Members for the vacant position of the Office of the Speaker.

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be Speaker of Parliament.

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Scotty accepted the nomination.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be Speaker of Parliament.

Mr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.

Mr. Tabuna accepted the nomination.

There being more than one nomination, voting was done by a secret ballot.

Result of the First voting.

Scotty – 9 , Tabuna – 9

Result of the Second voting.

Scotty – 8, Tabuna – 10.

As the result of the voting by secret ballot Mr. Tabuna was declared Speaker of Nineteenth Parliament.

The Chair suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resumed.

4. Statement from the Chair.

Honourable Members,

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honour of conferring upon me, to be Speaker of this august House. I know it won't be an easy task, at times, to conduct our proceedings in the House but with your assistance and support, I believe this will make my task easier for us to move forward and attend to the nation's interest and the aspirations of our people.

Normally, we should now proceed to deal with the formalities after election of the Speaker and that is, the election of Deputy Speaker, two Deputy Chairman of Committees and finally the election of the President of the Republic. However, in the best interest of the House and to all concerned, I think it would be best to defer all these to the next sitting to allow you more time to consider your nominations as well as those whom you would be nominating to be member of the various Parliamentary Standing Committees.

I know we have a busy schedule ahead of us but I ask your indulgences if we could attend to all these matters at the next sitting.

Accordingly I will now suspend the House and we shall resume at 10:00am this coming Thursday.

*Hon. Dominic Tabuna M.P.,
Speaker of Parliament*

Then the House was suspended at fifteen minutes past 2:00 o'clock pm until Thursday 3rd June, 2010 at 10:00am.

Resumed (Thursday 3rd June, 2010 – 2:00pm)

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting to allow ample time with the ongoing talks between Members and to resume tomorrow Friday 4th June, 2010 at 2:00pm.

Resumed (Friday 4th June, 2010 - 2:00pm)

5. Statement from the Chair

The Chair informed the House and for public interest that there has been dialogues and agreement amongst Members to form a Government yesterday.

This understanding has opted me to accept the position as Speaker of Parliament and to ensure its proceedings are carried accordingly.

However, the outcome of what has been agreed to last Tuesday and yesterday morning has since changed to the contrary.

Personally, despite efforts for the House to move forward I felt that it would not be prudent for me to occupy the Chair since the group that put me in this position has since had a disagreement of what was agreed to earlier, including to my understanding the formation of a new Government at today's sitting. However, this now seems most unlikely and with regret I will suspend the sitting to tender my resignation and I hope that the public and in particular the constituents of Yaren, will understand what has taken place today.

Thank you.

The Chair then suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resumed

6. Letter of Resignation

The Chairman (Mr. F.Cain) took the Chair and read letter of resignation from the Speaker which read as follows:-

Dear Clerk,

Under Article 34(c) of the Constitution, I hereby tender my resignation as Speaker of Parliament.

It is with much regret that I tender this letter as I had taken up the Speakership with the understanding that on Tuesday, members were ready to elect a Government. However, since new developments early yesterday, the views and progress made on Tuesday seem to have been lost and this indicate that I have lost the mandate to continue my tenure as Speaker of this August House.

Hon. Dominic Tabuna, M.P.

Speaker of Parliament

7. Election of Speaker

The Chairman called for nominations from members to nominate a member to take up the vacant position of the office of the Speaker of Parliament.

There being no nominations forthcoming from members, the Chairman with concurrence of the House adjourned the sitting until Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 10 a.m.

Members Present

All members were present at some time during the sitting.

John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk of Parliament