

**Votes & Proceedings  
of the  
Fifteenth Parliament**

**No. 20**

**Second Sitting of the Seventh Meeting  
Tuesday, 24th February 2004**

**10.00 a.m.**

1. The House met at 10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Hon. N. Botelanga, M.P., took the Chair and read Prayers.

The House was suspended and to resume when the bell rings.

**Resumed.**

3. The Chairman, Mr. F. Cain, took the Chair and announced that he had received letters of resignation from the Speaker, Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, M.P., and the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Terangi Adam, M.P., which read as follows -

(i) *“Dear Clerk,*

*By virtue of the provisions as contained under Article 34(3)(e) of the Constitution of Nauru, I, Nimrod Botelanga, hereby tender my resignation from the Office of the Speaker of Parliament.*

(Signed) *Nimrod Botelanga, M.P., Speaker”*

(ii) *“Dear Mr. Clerk,*

*In light of the provisions as stipulated under Article 35(3)(e) of the Constitution of Nauru, I, Terangi Adam, hereby tender my resignation from the Office of Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Nauru.*

(Signed) *Terangi Adam, M.P. Deputy Speaker”*

4. **Election of Speaker**

The Chairman then called for nominations to fill the vacant position of the Speaker of Parliament.

Dr. Keke (Yaren) nominated Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) to be Speaker of Parliament.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Ekwona declined the nomination.

Dr. Keke (Yaren) nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be Speaker of Parliament.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Adam declined the nomination.

Dr. Keke (Yaren) nominated Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be Speaker of Parliament.

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

Mr. Scotty accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) was declared Speaker of the Fifteenth Parliament.

#### 5. **Motion**

His Excellency the President moved that the House adjourn until 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon.

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

Question put and negatived.

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

His Excellency the President and the Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) called for division.

The House divided.

#### **AYES**

Mr. Harris	Mr. Adam
Mr. Gioura	Mr. Kun
Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Ekwona
Mr. Detenamou	

**Total - 7**

#### **NOES**

Dr. Keke	Mr. Stephen
Mr. Waqa	Mr. Jeremiah
Mr. Akua	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Thoma	Mr. Ribauw

**Total - 8**

Question put and negatived.

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

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) sought leave of the House to move the following motion -

*“Pursuant to Article 24 of the Constitution of Nauru, the President and Ministers be removed from office on the grounds that Parliament has no confidence in the Cabinet.”*

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Leave was not granted.

#### 8. **Motion - Suspension of Standing Orders**

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) moved that all relevant standing orders be suspended to enable him to move his motion.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Question put and negatived.

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

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

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

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

The House was suspended, to resume at 2.30 p.m.

**Resumed.**

**10. Notices of Motions**

Dr. Keke (Yaren) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move a motion pursuant to Article 24 of the Constitution.

**11. Election of Deputy Speaker**

His Excellency President Rene Harris nominated Mr. Adam (Buada) to be Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr. Adam accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Adam (Buada) was declared Deputy Speaker of the Fifteenth Parliament.

**12. Questionw Without Notice** were asked.

**13. Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

(i) His Excellency the President made the following statement on Regional Assistance Mission in the Solomon Islands -

*“Hon. Speaker and Members, I wish to inform and update this august House and the public on the Regional Assistance Mission in the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).*

*On the 22nd January 2004, the Cabinet approved the ratification of the RAMSI*

*for the deployment of a small contingent of police officers from the Nauru Police Force to the Solomon Islands.*

*RAMSI is a mission agreed at the last Forum Leaders Summit in Auckland, concerning the operations and status of police and armed forces and other personnel deployed to the Solomon Islands to assist the restoration of law and order and security.*

*Hon. Speaker and Members, Australia has invited four Nauruan police officers to take in RAMSI 2 operations.*

*I wish to inform the House and the general public that Australia will meet all the necessary costs of this expedition, except for insurance coverage, which will be Nauru's responsibility.*

*Australian funding includes costs of pre-deployment training and preparation, actual deployment to the Solomon Islands, and also per diems for the duration of the assignment of six months.*

*The Nauru Police Force has nominated four of its best officers to participate in RAMSI, and they are as follows -*

- 1. Sergeant 1st Class Iven Notte*
- 2. Senior Constable Simpson Deidenang*
- 3. Senior Constable Marvin Tokaibure*
- 4. Senior Constable Squire Jeremiah*

*These officers will depart for Canberra this 12th March, and I wish these brave young officers a safe trip.*

*Hon. Speaker and Members, to the families of these officers, I thank them all."*

- (ii) His Excellency the President announced new members to his Cabinet as follows -  
Hon. Nimrod Botelanga, M.P., as Minister for Health and  
Hon. Russel Kun, M.P., as Minister for Justice & Fisheries.

- (iii) His Excellency the President made the following statement to the House -  
*"I am pleased to announce that the Government only recently, on Monday 16th February 2004, signed a Protocol on Economic and Technical Co-operation with the Government of the People's Republic of China as a means of implementing the Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation signed between the two governments on September 23, 2003.*

*Under the Protocol, the Government of the People's Republic of China agreed to implement three projects under the basis of the loan in the 2003 Agreement and they are -*

(i) ***Construction of Aiwo Kindergarten Building***

*The Kindergarten is to be located in the District of Aiwo and is intended to accommodate children within the ages of 3 years to 5 years. As it stands, the nearest kindergarten to cater to these children is located in the District of Boe, however due to the constant influx of children, not only from the neighbouring districts but also from around the island, the school is incapacitated to accommodate a large number of children. Therefore the Government has taken the initiative to establish a kindergarten to cater to those in Aiwo and Buada for easy access for parents and their children.*

(ii) ***Rebuilding of the Nauru Community Centre and Indoor Sports Complex***

*This project will see the recommencement of work which ceased on the workshop located in Yaren District for the completion of a main hall to house sports activities as well as community cultural activities. This project includes the building of spectators stands to accommodate 500 persons. The completed community centre and indoor sports complex will be equipped with superior illumination and audio-amplifying facilities.*

(iii) ***Completion of the Anabar Inland Fish Farming Project***

*Under this project, work will recommence on completing the fish farm located in the District of Anabar as a means for food sustainability for the nation.*

*Work on the listed projects will be undertaken by the China Friendship Development International Engineering Design and Consultation Corporation (FDDC). After completion of these projects we shall commence to negotiate for the next set of projects.*

*This Protocol was effected on the date signed by our respective governments and will be in force until all obligations stipulated have been fulfilled.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of the People's Republic of China and its Embassy on the island for this initiative to be finalised so that the people of Nauru will reap benefits in the near future.*

*Thank you."*

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved that the statement be noted.

(iv) The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) made the following statement on an update on the GE loan -

*"Mr. Speaker and Members, as I have said earlier the matter is progressing and I thought I should take you in confidence and let you know that as far as the Savoy Park Plaza Hotel is concerned, the financier is HongKong Shanghai Bank. The letter of offer is issued and upon signing and upon agreement they will be drawing down as soon as possible. This is for a sum of \$10 million.*

*On the Downtowner on Lygon, which is the property of the Super Board, the offer from Hongkong Shanghai Bank has been received for refinance of \$9 million. A letter of offer has also been received.*

*On the Randwick Shopping Centre, the ING Bank has offered a letter of \$52 million of refinancing.*

*On Nauru House, which is a problem, it is either Colonial First State or Ernest and Young. An offer of \$80 million, but under negotiations and due diligence because of the issue that I had intimated to the House earlier.*

*On the Mercure Hotel, it is either the Commonwealth Bank or the Hongkong Shanghai Bank have offered money for it, and on the building in the States, I think there is one there called the Raytheon Building, Ernest and Young or First Colonial have both offered the sum of \$6 million for the refinancing.*

*Thank you gentlemen."*

14. **Motions**

The Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) moved that Motions 1 to 8 on the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting day.

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

Question put and passed.

#### 1.5 **Motion - Amendment to Parliament Standing Orders**

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved a motion to refer a proposed amendment of the Parliament Standing Orders to the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

#### 16. **Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President Rene Harris moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until next Thursday, 26th February 2004, at 2.00 p.m.

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

#### 17. **Motion of Amendment**

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved to amend the motion -

*“That Parliament at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.”*

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) seconded.

Question put and passed.

#### 18. **Division of the House Called for**

His Excellency the President and Hon. K. Clodumar (Minister for Finance) called for a division.

The House divided.

<b>AYES</b>		<b>NOES</b>	
Mr. Thoma	Mr. Akua	Mr. Harris	Mr. Detenamo
Mr. Waqa	Mr. Stephen	Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Ekwona
Mr. Jeremiah	Mr. Adeang	Mr. Gioura	Mr. Adam
Mr. Ribauw	Dr. Keke	Mr. Botelanga	Mr. Kun

**Total - 8**

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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 motion of amendment was resolved in the negative.

#### 19. **Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President Rene Harris moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until Thursday, 26th February 2004 at 10. a.m.

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

Question put and passed.

## **20. Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that Parliament do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And then the House at fifteen minutes past five o'clock p.m. adjourned until Thursday, 26th February 2004 at 10 a.m.

## **Members Present**

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

John Garabwan  
**Deputy Clerk of Parliament**