

**Votes and Proceedings
Of the
Twentieth Parliament**

No. 3

**First Sitting of the Third Meeting
Monday, 1st November 2010**

10:00 a.m.

1. The House met at 10:00a.m pursuant to the advice given by His Excellency the President Hon. Marcus Stephen, M.P.
2. Hon. Landon Deireragea M.P (Deputy Speaker) took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Election of Speaker**

The Deputy Speaker called for nominations for the Speakership.

His Excellency the President, nominated Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be the Speaker of the House.
Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) seconded the nomination.
Mr. Scotty accepted his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, Mr. Scotty was duly elected Speaker of the House.

The mover and seconder of the motion escorted Mr. Scotty to the Chair.

The Speaker made a short statement to the House and thanked Members for the honoured conferred upon him.

4. **Election of President**

The Chair called for nominations for the election of President of the Republic of Nauru.

Mr. Deireragea (Ewa/Anetan) nominated Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) to be President.
Dr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.
Mr. Stephen accepted his nomination.

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) nominated Mr. Dube (Aiwo) to be President.
Mr. Waqa (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Dube accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, voting by secret ballot took place.

Result:	Mr. Stephen	11 votes
	Mr. Dube	6 votes

Mr. Stephen was duly elected President of the Republic.

At the request of the President and with the consent of the House, the Chair then suspended the sitting, to resume when the bell rings.

The sitting resume at 1.10pm

5. Members of Cabinet

His Excellency the President announced to the House, his appointment of Ministers and allocation of portfolios:-

H.E. President Marcus Stephen, M.P. Chairman of the Cabinet

- Cabinet Secretariat
- Good Governance
- Government Information Officer
- Audit

Minister for Public Service

- Chief Secretary's Department
- Public Service Administration
- Human Resource & Labour
- Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
- Nauru Post & Philately
- Nauru Superannuation Board

Minister for Police & Emergency Services

- Nauru Police Force
- National Disaster Management

Minister for Home Affairs

- Department of Home Affairs
- Women's Affairs

- Nauruan Culture
- Nauru Media Bureau
- Lands & Survey
- Nauru Lands Committee

Minister for Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, M.P.

**Minister for Assisting the President
Minister for Finance & Sustainable Development**

- Department of Finance
 - Treasury
- Bureau of Statistics
- Development Planning Policy Division
- Aid Management Unit
- Directorate of Payment
- Insurance

Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade
-Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Hon. Frederick Pitcher, M.P.

Minister for Commerce, Industry & Environment

- Department of Commerce & Environment
- Commerce & Business Development
- Food Security, Agriculture & Livestock
- Tourism
- Environment
- Foreign Investment
- Offshore Registry
- Nauru Agency Corporation
- Eigigu Holdings Corporation
- Eigigu Headquarters & Civic Centre
- Eigigu Civil Works
- Eigigu Supermarket
- Menen Hotel
- Republic of Nauru Phosphate Corporation (RONPHOS)
- Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation (NRC)

Minister for Public Utilities Authority

Hon. Roland Kun, M.P.

Minister for Education

- Department of Education
- Youth Affairs
- Technical & Vocational Training

Minister for Fisheries

- Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority

Hon. Mathew Batsiua, M.P.

Minister for Health

- Department of Health & Medical Service

Minister for Sport

- Department of Sport

Minister for Justice and Border Control

- Department of Justice & Border Control
- Justice
- Customs
- Immigration & Passports
- Quarantine
- Prison & Correctional Services
- Judiciary & Courts
- National Coordinating Committee on Anti-Money Laundering & Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Hon. Riddel Akua, M.P.

Minister for Telecommunications

- Department of Information & Communication Technology
- RONTEL
- Cenpac

Minister for Transport

- Department of Transport
- Land Transport

- Civil Aviation
- Maritime Affairs
- Nauru Port Authority
- Nauru Air Corporation
- Nauru Fire & Rescue Services

6. Parliamentary Standing Committees

The Chair called for nominations for the various Standing Committees.

a) Standing Orders Committee

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Waqa (Boe) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide).

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Waqa and Mr. Adeang accepted their nominations.

His Excellency the President nominated Hon. Batsiua (Minister for Health/Justice and Sports)

Hon. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Hon. Batsiua accepted his nomination.

Mr. Waqa withdrew his nomination.

There being no other Members nominated the following Members were appointed as Members of the Standing Orders Committee

Hon. Ludwig Scotty-Speaker (Ex-officio)

Hon. Landon Deireragea-D/Speaker (Ex-officio)

H.E. Hon. Marcus Stephen-Leader of Govt. Business (Ex-officio)

Hon. Mathew Batsiua

Hon. David Adeang

b) Privileges Committee

Hon. Pitcher (Minister for CIE) nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) and Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Education & Fisheries)

Hon. Dr. Keke, seconded.

All accepted their nominations.

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Waqa (Boe) Mr. Dube (Aiwo) and Mr. Bernicke (Buada)

Mr. Waqa (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Waqa and Mr. Dube accepted their nominations

Mr. Bernicke withdrew his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Privileges Committee

Hon. Dominic Tabuna

Hon. Sprent Dabwido

Hon. Roland Kun

Hon. Baron Waqa

Hon. Milton Dube

c) **Library Committee**

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Bernicke (Buada)

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) seconded

Mr. Bernicke accepted the nomination

His Excellency the President nominated Mr Deireragea (Ewa/Anetan), and Mr. Tabuna (Yaren)

Dr. Keke seconded

Both accepted their nominations

Mr. Waqa (Boe) nominated Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) and Mr. Thoma (Aiwo)

Mr. Bernicke (Buada) seconded

Mr. Amwano and Mr. Thoma declined their nominations

Mr. Tabuna withdrew his nomination

There being no other nominations forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Library Committee

Hon. Ludwig Scotty-Speaker (Ex-officio)

Hon. Shadlog Bernicke

Hon. Landon Deireragea

Hon. David Adeang

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo

d) **House Committee**

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Amwano (Ubenide)

Mr. Solomon (Meneng) seconded

Both Members accepted their nomination.

Mr. Waqa (Boe) nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) and Mr. Thoma (Aiwo)

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) seconded

Mr Dowiyogo accepted the nomination

Mr. Thoma declined his nomination

His Excellency the President nominated Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance), Hon. F. Pitcher (Minister for CIE) and Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport)

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded

All accepted their nominations.

There being more than four Members nominated other than the Speaker (ex-officio), voting by secret ballot took place.

Results:	Mr. Dowiyogo	16 votes
	Mr. Keke	13 votes
	Mr. Akua	12 votes
	Mr. Pitcher	10 votes
	Mr. Adeang	6 votes
	Mr. Amwano	7 votes

The following Members were duly appointed as Members of the House Committee

Speaker – (ex-officio)

Hon. Keiren Keke

Hon. Riddell Akua

Hon. Frederick Pitcher

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo

e) **Subsidiary Legislation Committee**

Hon. R. Akua nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) & Mr. Dabwido (Meneng)

Hon. M. Batsiua seconded

Both members accepted their nominations

His Excellency the President nominated Hon. M. Batsiua

Hon. K. Keke seconded.

The Member accepted his nomination

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Solomon (Meneng) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide)

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) seconded.

Both Members accepted their nominations.

There being no other nominations forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Subsidiary Legislation Committee

Hon. Dominic Tabuna
Hon. Sprent Dabwido
Hon. Mathew Batsiua
Hon. Rykers Solomon
Hon. David Adeang

f) **Private Business Committee**

Hon. R. Akua nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng)
Hon. M. Batsiua seconded.
The Member accepted his nomination

His Excellency the President nominated Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) and Mr. Amwano (Ubenide)
Both Members accepted their nominations.

There being no other nominations forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Private Business Committee

Hon. Ludwig Scotty-Speaker (Ex-officio)
Hon. Sprent Dabwido
Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo
Hon. Aloysius Amwano

g) **Printing Committee**

His Excellency the President nominated Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), Mr. Dabwido (Meneng), Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) and Mr. Amwano (Ubenide).
Hon. K. Keke seconded.
Mr. Tabuna, Mr. Dabwido and Mr. Amwano accepted their nominations.
Mr. Dowiyogo declined his nomination.

Mr. Waqa (Boe) nominated Mr. Bernicke (Buada)
Mr. Amwano seconded.
The Member accepted his nomination.

There being no other nomination forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Printing Committee

Hon. Dominic Tabuna
Hon. Sprent Dabwido
Hon. Aloysius Amwano
Hon. Shadlog Bernicke

h) **Public Accounts Committee**

Hon. R. Akua nominated Mr. Dabwido (Meneng), Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) and Mr. Deireragea (Ewa/Anetan)

Hon. M. Batsiua seconded.

All Members accepted their nominations.

Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Adeang (Ubenide), Mr. Solomon (Meneng) and Mr. Amwano.

Mr. Waqa (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Solomon and Mr. Amwano declined their nominations.

Mr. Kun (Minister for Education) nominated Mr. Dube.

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) seconded.

The Member accepted his nomination.

There being no other nominations forthcoming, the following Members were appointed as Members of the Public Accounts Committee

Hon. Sprent Dabwido
Hon. Dominic Tabuna
Hon. Landon Deireragea
Hon. David Adeang
Hon. Milton Dube

i) **Constitutional Review Committee**

Hon. R. Akua nominated Mr. Batsiua, Mr. Pitcher, Mr. Kun, Mr. Keke and Mr. Tabuna.

Mr. Dabwido seconded.

All accepted their nominations.

Mr. Dabwido nominated Mr. Scotty.

Hon. F. Pitcher seconded.

Mr. Scotty accepted his nomination.

Mr. Dowiyogo nominated Mr. Amwano, Mr. Waqa and Mr. Adeang.

Mr. Solomon seconded.

All accepted their nominations.

There being no other nominations forthcoming the following Members were appointed as Members of the Constitutional Review Committee

Hon. Mathew Batsiua
Hon. Frederick Pitcher
Hon. Roland Kun
Hon. Keiren Keke
Hon. Dominic Tabuna
Hon. Ludwig Scotty
Hon. Aloysius Amwano
Hon. Baron Waqa
Hon. David Adeang

7. Notice of Motion

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) gave notice of his intention to move to present the Customs (Rate of Duty) Bill 2010.

The Chair then suspend the sitting until the bell rings.

The sitting resumed at 6.00pm

8. Questions without notice

Questions without notice were asked with a further extension of time of thirty minutes.

9. Leave Sought For

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to present the Customs (Rate of Duty) Bill 2010 of which notice had earlier been given.

Leave was granted.

10. Motion: - First Reading

Customs (Rate of Duty) Bill 2010

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved to present the Bill.
The Bill was presented and read a first time

11. Motion: Second Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read Second time.

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Seconded reading speech ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time.

12. Letter of Recommendation

The Speaker Hon. L. Scotty read the letter of Recommendation under Article 60 of the Constitution of Nauru as Follows:-

Article 60 of the Constitution of Nauru

I, Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru, as Chairman of the Cabinet and in Pursuance of a resolution of the Cabinet, hereby notify Parliament that the imposition of the rates of Customs Duty as proposed in the Customs (Rates of Duty) Bill 2010 is recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet

Dated this 1st Day of November, 2010

*Marcus Stephen
President & Chairman of the Cabinet*

13. Leave sought for Third Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill

Leave was granted.

14. Motion – Third Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a third time.

15. Motion

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to present the Courts (Amendment) Bill 2010.

Leave was granted.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

16. Motion: Second Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

Under S.0159, debate was adjourned to a future date.

17. Motion to Suspend of Standing Orders.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the second reading debate to ensure forthwith.

His Excellency the President seconded

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time

18. Leave Sought for Third Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to enable the Bill to be read a third time.

Leave was granted.

19. Motion: Third Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

20. Motion- Appropriation Bill 2010-2011

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved to present the Appropriation Bill 2010-2011.

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

21. Motion: Second Reading

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

Under S.0159 debate on the Bill was adjourned to a future date.

22. Suspension of Standing Orders

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Second Reading debate to proceed forthwith.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Second Reading debate on the Revenue and Expenditure of the Bill ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

23. Letter of Recommendation

Under Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru, the Speaker Hon. L. Scotty read the letter of Recommendation as follows;

Appropriation Bill 2010 – 2011

Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru

I, Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru, as Chairman of the Cabinet and in pursuance of a resolution of the Cabinet, hereby notify Parliament that the purposed of the withdrawals from the Treasury Fund as proposed by the Appropriation Bill 2010-2011 is Recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet.

Dated this 1st Day of November, 2010

*Marcus Stephen
President & Chairman of the Cabinet*

24. Leave sought for Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the Bill.

Leave was granted.

25. Motion: Third Reading

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

26. Motion Fixing the Time & Date for the Next Sitting

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

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

27. Motion to Adjourn the House

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

Hon. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second Reading debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

And the House at twenty five minutes past eleven o' clock p.m adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Members Present

All Members were present at sometime during the sitting.

Frederick Cain
Clerk of Parliament