

**Votes and Proceedings  
Of the  
Twentieth Parliament**

**No.25**

**First Sitting of the Sixteenth Meeting  
Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**10.00am**

**1. Sitting**

The House met at 10.00am in accordance with its resolution made on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**2. Speaker**

Hon. Ludwig Scotty MP, Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.

**3. Notice of Motion**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next Parliamentary Sitting he will move to present the *Disposal of Human Remains Bill 2012*.

Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) seconded.

**4. Questions without Notice** were asked.

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

- I. His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido made a statement on the tabling of the *Electoral Fees Regulations 2012*.

*Mr. Speaker and Members,*

*As required by the Interpretation Act 2011, I wish to table in the House today the Electoral (Fees) Regulations 2012 made by Cabinet on 8 October 2012.*

*The Regulations are consequential to the enactment of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2011. That Act, amongst other things, established a new regime for transfer of enrolment and for nominations of candidates. The fees support those regimes.*

*The fee for an application for transfer of enrolment is \$10. The fee for the nomination of a candidate for election is \$100.*

*Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

- II. Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Transport) made a statement on the tabling of the *Nauru Utilities Corporation Regulations 2012*.

*Mr. Speaker,*

*As required by the Interpretation Act 2011, I wish to table in the House today the Nauru Utilities Corporation Regulations 2012 made by Cabinet on 16 October 2012.*

*The Nauru Utilities Corporation Regulations 2012 deal with two separate matters: procedures of advisory committee and enforcement for unpaid fees of post-paid customers.*

*The advisory committee is established under section 7 of the Act but the Act is silent as to its procedures. The regulations provide for the appointment by Cabinet of a chairperson from amongst the 5 members of the Committee. Basic procedural requirements are set out in the regulations.*

*The Regulations also establish honesty and accountability measures for the members of the advisory committee. These members provide an important advisory function to the Minister and must act in their own self interest.*

*The Act provides for fees, for products and services to be determined by the Corporation but contemplates in section 27 that regulations may be made about enforcement processes. The regulations contemplate 28 days notice of a payment date and a further 7 days notice if services are to be restricted or cut off for nonpayment by a post-paid customer.*

*Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

**The Chair, in concurrence with the House, suspended the House until the ringing of the bells**

**Resumed**

- III. His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido made the following statement on his official visit to Indonesia:

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members,*

*I wish to provide a report of an official trip which I undertook some weeks ago in my capacity as Minister for Police and Emergency Services.*

*On the 17th of October I departed Nauru to attend the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. This is a biennial conference which on this occasion was convened in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and was co-hosted by the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.*

*More than 70 countries from the Asia-Pacific region participated at this conference Nauru was represented by myself, the Police Commissioner Mr. Richard Britten and Private Secretary Ms. Kim Aroi.*

*The Conference offered Nauru and other countries the chance to share and exchange ideas and learn from each other's experiences. It also allowed us the rare opportunity to contribute to the development of common strategic approaches to reduce disaster risks induced by natural and manmade hazards, including the global phenomena of climate change.*

*It was clear from the very large number of participants at this Conference that disaster risk management is a major issue of concern. In fact, the Conference clearly highlighted that the Asia-Pacific region is prone to natural disasters and that no one nation stands alone in this challenge. While the risk cannot be completely eliminated, it can be managed – and in many cases reduced – when national, regional and international entities combine efforts to put at-risk communities at the centre of all risk reduction efforts.*

*Nauru has been very fortunate as it has managed to avert any severe disasters so far. But this does not mean that we can become complacent. Certainly not! With the advent of climate change, science has proven that sea levels are rising, oceans are acidifying, droughts are much more frequent and prolonged, storms are more intense and the climate is becoming more and more unpredictable. So it is very important that we remain vigilant and continue to plan and prepare for any eventuality.*

*I am pleased to note that we have already passed the Disaster Risk Management Act, which is the overarching law in Nauru from which others may prepare plans. The Disaster Risk Management Act not only identifies clear lines of control should a disaster occur, but also ensures that the program of recovery can be implemented and the resources required be mobilized or deployed immediately in the event of a disaster.*

*Nauru's challenge right at this moment is the building of an appropriate and effective early warning system. We have considered a number of options from sirens to flag-raising. But while we may not yet agree on what is the best and most suitable system for Nauru, we are however in full agreement that an investment in disaster risk reduction is an investment in resilience.*

*Having said this Mr. Speaker, it is therefore very critical that we remain focused on what is around the corner. As the old familiar saying goes "we should always hope for*

*the best but prepare for the worst". My Government remains committed to disaster risk reduction in all forms and will continue to engage in activities and programs which will strengthen our preparedness and build our resilience towards any disaster that may occur in the future, thank you Mr. Speaker.*

**6. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2012**

**a. Motion to present**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved to present the *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2012*.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

**b. First Reading**

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

**c. Motion – Second Reading**

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

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

**d. Motion – Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Question put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill read a second time.

**e. Motion - Leave sought for third reading**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill.

Leave was granted.

**f. Motion – Third Reading**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Question put and passed.

The Bill read a third time.

**7. Motion – Orders of the Day**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved that motions Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 be deferred and remain on the notice for the next sitting.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**8. Motion – Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill 2012**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved that motion No. 6 the *Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill 2012* be withdrawn from the notice paper.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**9. Motion – Accommodation Registration Bill 2012**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) moved that motion No. 7 be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**10. Public Finance (Control and Management)(Amendment) Bill 2012**

**a. Motion to present**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) moved to present *Public Finance (Control and Management)(Amendment) Bill 2012*.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

**b. First Reading**

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

**c. Motion – Second Reading**

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

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

**d. Motion – Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill read a second time.

**e. Motion - Leave Sought for third reading**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House for the Bill to be read a third time.

Leave was granted.

**f. Motion – Third Reading**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister of Finance) moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Telecommunication) seconded.

Question put and passed.

The Bill read a third time.

**11. RONPHOS (Amendment) Bill 2012**

**a. Motion to present**

The Hon. Dominic Tabuna (Minister for Justice) moved to present the *RONPHOS (Amendment) Bill 2012* and for it to be read first time.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

**b. First Reading**

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

**c. Motion – Second Reading**

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

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 159 further debate on the second reading was adjourned to a future date.

**12. Motion – Public Service Bill 2012**

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido moved that motion No. 10, Public Service Bill, remain on the notice paper to be presented at a future date.

Hon. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

**13. Motion – Public Health Bill 2012**

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido (on behalf of the sponsoring Minister Hon. Dr Kieren Keke) moved that motion No. 11 remain on the notice paper to be presented at a future date.

Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded.

**14. Shipping Licences Bill 2012**

**a. Leave to present**

The Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Transport) sought leave of the House to move to present the *Shipping Licences Bill 2012*.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Leave was granted.

**b. Motion – Shipping Licenses Bill**

The Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Transport) moved to present *Shipping Licenses Bill 2012* and be read first time.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

**c. First Reading**

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

**d. Motion – Second Reading**

The Hon. Riddell Akua (Minister for Transport) moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Minister for NPRT) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 159 further debate on the second reading was adjourned to a future date.

**15. Motion – Public Health Bill 2012**

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) moved to defer presentation of the Public Health Bill and that it remain on the notice paper for the next sitting.

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.

**16. Order of the Day No. 1 - Currency (Amendment) Bill 2012**

**a. Resumption of second reading debate**

Debate on second reading ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

**b. Motion - Leave Sought for third reading**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House for the Bill to be read a third time.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Leave was granted.

**c. Motion – Third Reading**

The Hon. Roland Kun (Minister of Finance) moved that the Bill be read a third time.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill read a third time.

**17. Order of the Day No. 2 – *Private Security Bill 2012***

**a. Resumption of second reading debate**

Debate on second reading ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a second time.

**b. Motion - Leave Sought for third reading**

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido sought leave of the House for the Bill to be read a third time.  
Leave was granted.

**c. Motion – Third Reading**

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido moved that the Bill be read a third time.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill read a third time.

**18. Order of the Day No. 3 – *Geneva Conventions Bill 2012***

**a. Resumption of second reading debate**

Debate on second reading ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a second time.

**b. Motion - Leave Sought for third reading**

The Hon Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) sought leave of the House for the Bill to be read a third time.  
His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.  
Leave was granted.

**c. Motion – Third Reading**

The Hon. Dr Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) moved that the Bill be read a third time.  
His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill read a third time.



**19. Order of the Day No. 4 – Chemical Weapons Convention Bill 2012**

**a. Resumption of second reading debate**

Debate on second reading ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a second time.

**b. Motion - Leave Sought for third reading**

The Hon Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) sought leave of the House for the Bill to be read a third time.  
His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.  
Leave was granted.

**c. Motion – Third Reading**

The Hon. Dr Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) moved that the Bill be read a third time.  
His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill read a third time.

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

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido, MP, moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.  
Hon. Dr Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.  
Question put and passed.

**21. Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

And then the House at one minute past eight 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. Bernicke

Gabrissa Shirani Hartman  
**D/Clerk of Parliament**