

**Votes & Proceedings
of the
Fifteenth Parliament**

No. 6

**Sixth Sitting of the First Meeting
Tuesday, 20th May 2003**

10.00 a.m.

1. The House met at 10 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, M.P., took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Election of Speaker**

The Deputy Speaker again informed the House that before it proceeds to the despatch of its business there are still vacancies as shown on the Notice Paper and accordingly called for nominations for the position of Speakership first.

There being no nominations forthcoming it was put to the House by Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) that the House be suspended until 2.00 pm in the afternoon to enable Members more time to consider the matter before the House.

Under Standing Order 28, His Excellency President Derog Gioura indicated to the House that Parliament meet next Thursday at 10 a.m.

There being no seconder to the suggestion made by His Excellency the President, the Chair suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

4. **Statement From the Chair**

The Chair commented on the current stalemate of the House since its first sitting after the elections and being drawn to his attention on the relevancy of Article 16(b) of the Constitution of Nauru, and to enable him to seek legal advice on the matter, the House was suspended until 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

Resume.

5. **Statement From the Chair**

The Chair apologised for the lengthy delay in resuming since its suspension, for want of legal advice from the Justice Department, but was now content and encouraged that the matter in question, Article 16(5), will now be referred to the Supreme Court as advised to the Chair by the President.

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

His Excellency President Derog Gioura, M.P., moved that the House at its rising do adjourn until next Thursday, 22nd May 2003 at 2.00 pm.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

Question put and passed.

7. **Adjournment**

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

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at fifty-five minutes past four o'clock pm adjourned until next Thursday afternoon at 2 pm.

Members Present

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

Mr. Namaduk

Mr. Botelanga

Frederick Cain
Clerk of Parliament