

**Votes & Proceedings
of the
Fifteenth Parliament**

No. 9

**Ninth Sitting of the First Meeting
Thursday, 29th 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**

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) nominated Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) to be Speaker of the Fifteenth Parliament.

Mr. Kun (Ubenide) seconded.

Mr. Ribauw accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) was unanimously elected Speaker of the House, and was duly escorted to the Chair by the mover and seconder.

4. **Statement From the Chair**

The Speaker acknowledged the honour conferred upon him by the House and sought support from all Members to assist him in running the affairs of the House in a smooth and efficient manner and that he will try to be impartial as much as he can.

5. **Election of President**

The Chair informed the House that three candidates were nominated at the sitting of the House on 6th May 2003, namely Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare), Mr. Clodumar (Boe) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide), and accordingly the election proceeded by secret ballot in which the candidate with the least number of votes will be eliminated and a second ballot to be conducted again between the two remaining candidates.

First Ballot	:	Mr. Clodumar	- 7 votes
		Mr. Scotty	- 6 votes
		Mr. Adeang	- 4 votes

Mr. Adeang was duly eliminated from the election.

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) sought concurrence of the Chair if the House could take a

break of half an hour before the final ballot for the presidency.

The Chair indicated to the House that sufficient time had been given to all Members to consider their nominees and will therefore continue with the election of the President.

6. Motion

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) moved that the House be suspended for half an hour.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe) seconded.

Question put and negatived.

7. Division of the House Called for

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) and Mr. Clodumar (Boe) called for a division.

The House divided.

AYES		NOES	
Mr. Harris	Mr. Ekwona	Mr. Akua	Mr. Scotty
Mr. Thoma	Mr. Clodumar	Mr. Waqa	Mr. Namaduk
Mr. Detenamo	Mr. Adam	Mr. Jeremiah	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Stephen	Mr. Botelanga	Mr. Kun	Dr. Keke
Mr. Gioura			
Total - 9		Total - 8	

Question put and passed.

The House was suspended for thirty minutes.

8. Election of President - Second Ballot

Results : Mr. Scotty - 10
 Mr. Clodumar - 7

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) was duly elected President of the Republic.

9. Leave Sought for

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) sought leave of the House to move a motion in that the Deputy Speaker vacates the Chair.

Leave was not granted.

10. Motion To Suspend Standing Orders

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

Mr. Ekwona (Yaren) seconded.

Question put and passed.

11. Division of the House Called for

Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Dr. Keke (Yaren) called for a division.

The House divided.

AYES

Mr. Harris
Mr. Detenamo
Mr. Clodumar
Mr. Adam
Mr. Botelanga
Mr. Stephen
Mr. Ekwona

TOTAL - 7

NOES

Mr. Adeang
Dr. Keke
Mr. Akua
Mr. Kun
Mr. Waqa
Mr. Gioura
Mr. Namaduk
Mr. Jeremiah
Mr. Thoma
Mr. Scotty

TOTAL - 10

Question put and negatived.

12. Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty, M.P., moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until next Tuesday morning, 3rd June 2003 at 10 a.m.

Dr. Keke (Yaren) seconded.

Question put and passed.

13. Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at fifty minutes past one o'clock p.m. adjourned until next Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Members Present

All Members were present at some time during the sitting.

F. Cain
Clerk of Parliament