

**Twenty-fifth Sitting of the Eighth Meeting
Thursday, 22nd June 2004**

Hon. David Adeang, M.P., (Speaker of Parliament) took the Chair and read Prayers.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Mr. Speaker, I seek leave of the House to move a motion in relation to the dissolution advice of Mr. President.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Member for Ubenide. Honourable Members, is leave granted?

Member for Yaren, you have the floor.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Mr. Speaker, I move that -

“Whereas President Rene Harris, did advise the Speaker to dissolve Parliament pursuant to Article 41(2) of the Constitution, under his hand delivered on 16 June 2004;

And whereas this advice was placed before the House by the Speaker on 17 June 2004 in accordance with Article 41(2);

And whereas Article 41(4) of the Constitution provides that the House shall stand dissolved on the seventh day after the advice is referred to Parliament, unless a resolution to remove the President from office under Article 24 is approved;

I hereby move that in accordance with the provisions of Article 41 in relation to an advice of dissolution of the House by the President and pursuant to the provisions of Article 24 of the Constitution of Nauru referred to in the Article on dissolution, that Parliament resolves that the President and Ministers be removed from office and that in accordance with Article 41(4), the advice for dissolution be nullified.”

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Member for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare, Mr. Akua, also by the Member for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare, Mr. Scotty., the Member for Meneng, Mr. Jeremiah and the Member for Boe, Mr. Waqa.

Mr. Gioura (Minister for Good Governance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, ngune bitune motion move ei eow turin amea Member for Yaren, orin move ei out of order. There are matters to be resolved before the motion of no confidence can be accepted. Ekeowei ngea President ian bitune House me under the Constitution bita motion enim oudon amea President tsinia accept ei oa eo accept ei. Me dogin ngaga ekeowei President, Mr. Speaker, ouge anga bwe bita motion enim eo intertain ei.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Acting President, I take it that you do not accept the motion of no confidence.

Mr. Gioura (Minister for Good Governance-Ubenide): Exactly, Mr. Speaker, me normally animen amea Mr. President ngea enim accept ei ngea bita motion.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, wo nim ogaroa gama bwe ngea an dorer amea pan an eo accept ei bita imin dogin ngaga ekeowei ine amea President. I thought ei tik ine, as a Member ngago remove ei amea former President, who is now deceased, ngea tik overseas ngaga amea former President Rene Harris remove ei in. Me ateng anga bwe ei enim ogaro eken ngea pwer ea bitune House ngaga ei kor tsied, was part of that move. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Member.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Thank you Mr. Speaker. If I may draw your attention to Standing Order 97(a), murane Standing Order ogaroa gata ngana eo necessary is President accept ei, ita pan amea appropriate Minister, me ngune amune appropriate Minister in the House amea Acting President me nungi ia kaiot he is declining to accept the motion, there aeo retsinei murane 97(a), you should put the question whether this motion should be entertained by the House.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Ngea bed ion ateng totu ian met House, Mr. Speaker, I was Speaker one time ngago remove ei in amea President ekeowei bwe under murana dibidi n operate, oreit operate ei ian Australia me bitune House remove ei in under Article 24, that means tsimine precedence, we have done that, it is in the practice of this House. Mr. Speaker, tubwa.

Mr. Speaker: The question is

Mr. Gioura (Minister for Good Governance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, kaiot aen amea Member for Anabar. Yes, egona remove ei President me won Ministers ia they have got the numbers, me tsinia ekeow wangara numpa re eo gona bwe requires nine Members.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Acting President, I think the motion is in order. The question is that the motion as moved by the Member for Yaren be entertained.

(Question resolved in the affirmative)

Mr. Gioura (Minister for Good Governance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, for purposes of records, I call for a division.

Division conducted.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Mr. Speaker, point of order. A eo kaiot engame second ei won motion amea Acting President.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Member for Yaren for alerting the Chair to that, therefore the motion is ruled out of order. The motion can go ahead.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Mr. Speaker, I move that the question be put.

Mr. Speaker: Second ei eow turin Member for Ubenide, Mr. Ribauw.
The question is that the motion as put by the Member for Yaren be now put.

(Question resolved in the affirmative)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the question is that the motion as put by the Honourable Member for Yaren, Dr. Keke, seconded by Members for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare, Messrs. Scotty and Akua, also the Member for Meneng, Mr. Jeremiah nullifying the motion for the dissolution be now put.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Point of order Mr. Speaker. Ateng ita ogoro bita motion bwe oaro ngana parts to the motion. Ngea adamonin, enim remove the President from office pursuant to provisions of the Article referred to, me ngea second part enim nullify ei bita dissolution advice.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I will read out the motion again for clarity, as moved by the Member for Yaren, Dr. Keke.

“Whereas President Rene Harris, did advise the Speaker to dissolve Parliament pursuant to Article 41(2) of the Constitution, under his hand delivered on 16 June 2004;

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The question is that this motion be agreed to.

(Question resolved in the affirmative)

Mr. Gioura (Minister for Good Governance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I call for a division.

Mr. Speaker: Ita ouga Mr. Acting President ngana eko wam seconder.
Sorry. Bells will be rung for the conducting of a division.

Division conducted.

The Clerk:- Mr. Speaker, Members voting for the ayes are Mr. Clodumar, Dr. Keke, Mr. Ribauw, Mr. Jeremiah, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Waqa, Mr. Akua, Mr. Scotty and Mr. Thoma. Total nine.

Members voting for the noes are Mr. Gioura. One.

Mr. Speaker: The results of the division is that the ayes have it. Government stands removed from office.

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker. With the kind indulgence of the House, I would seek that we have a break following these developments. It is prudent that Members have the opportunity to discuss the election of the next President.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Seconded.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Member for Ewa, Mr. Stephen. I think that is normal. The House shall recess and resume when the bell rings.

Resumed.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the next business before us is the election of a new President. I will call for nominations? Are there any nominations for the Office of President.

Mr. Clodumar (Boe): Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I nominate the Honourable Member for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare, the Hon. Ludwig Scotty, for the Office of President. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Honourable Member for Anabar./Ijuw/Anibare, Mr. Akua. Mr. Scotty, do you accept.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, ouwak ngune emakur a tsiet, me ouge anga bwe anim oquaqui o eow ean aeo onuwaiw makurin bwiet. I accept.

Mr. Speaker: Any other nominations for the Office of President?

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Ateng congratulate ei amea wora new President, amea Member for

Mr. Speaker: Member for Meneng,

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Ada a eo gona congratulate ei amea ngame?

Mr. Speaker: Wo overtake ei on wong.

There being no other nominations for the Office of President, I declare the Hon. Member for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare, Mr. Scotty, President of Nauru. Congratulations.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker.

Gain jump bwe gain eo tsiet ino tik ata kamarar, me ateng bwe enim ita nuwaw wora imin. Ebo kor ngana aeo dorer. Congratulate ei amea Honourable Member for Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare dogin bitune won new post as President. Tobei bed ngana, bwe ang tsiet ngune engame

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo): Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, eken won cue amune, debate ngune wona eken? Gona oa iok ogaroa bitune ewak.

Mr. Speaker: Oreit oberei bwe anim aea. Why don't we move on to ask the President what his wishes are.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, eko anga aeo kamarar bwe ateng bed ngago ia enim dorer amea bwe eo deri aeo ibibogi ia ei adamonit engame congratulate ei o.

Mr. Speaker, anga ita aiqet imin ateng pan, mo epo bed burio ngaga anim babiyi emakur me ita dogin ngana roe burio ngaga ekeowei government, ekeowei ura atsin iat House. I am very sincere ngana ngago ia ro tik ine inan aiong dobar ata onuwaiw imin, me it so happens ngana kaia ro aiyan oa ibun ro ararag. Ouge anga bwe kaia mo tsinia ang ogun dorer eken, mo bed ia kongon buriot House bwe ang nim onano me ang nan tik redodu, oiame edae bwe anim aea amebuna amen buogo ian bita edogor. Anim aea kor medenao me ia eimwi aeo oweiyoo oa ekeow.

Mr. Speaker, anan kongon that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Seconded.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Member for Ewa and Anetan, Mr. Stephen. The question is that the Parliament at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

(Question resolved in the affirmative)

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Anga second ei.

Mr. Speaker: Seconded by the Member for Meneng. Honourable Members, the opportunity arises to debate if you so wish.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Ateng ogoro aeo bwe amuno wanga colleague amen Aiwo odugida o, kaia eo goro an mangi ngago the other night.

Ateng kor ita bita, anim wish ei a amuno emawir mo bwe enim mag ron ea eben bwien bwe etik iat ekeyeya ngune bitune eb. Tsiet ngana eo meroro ngune emakur ian obwen, me amuno dangota ino, Hon. Kinza Clodumar, tsiet bed ngana towada bed an puok ian mungane imin bwe eduwa gata ata memori. Tubwa.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Anim extend ei wanga congratulations ea amea new President. He has a hard task ahead of him me sincere thanks ea amuno Honourable Member for Boe, brave. Everybody was waiting for the dissolution, nobody was willing to orre ine but he made a move that is beneficial

to the country. Eo benefit ea wora politics but aeo believe ei kor, it is a very good move dogin eben bwien, dogin eben bwieta me engame memak. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Akua. Any further contributions to the adjournment debate?

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo): Mr. Speaker, anan teng bed totu aeo dorer ian bitune adjournment debate.

Adamonit imin ateng congratulate ei amune incoming President, Hon. Ludwig Scotty, amen Anibare/Ijuw/Anabar.

Eko ngakena aeo ateng pan Mr. Speaker, bwe so much was said ngago last week ean bita dissolution ngana ang nim go into, in fact I used the word “locked in” me ngaga a meta aton me atik aeaea bitune eb me nungi ngune bitune ememori n dissolution nungi eo kor appropriate at this time bwe iyu wora budget me ngea GE ino tik ngage ang ita megada ine ang eo bed magit tsiet bwe ngabuna amebuna enim orre me pan mungana imin re eo metu ine. Tekei bed amie ied ngana eko bed oangaun ngana mungana seats, eiki dogin.

Me ogen enim ita nuwaw ngune ewak me ngune bitune imin meta ine, ouge aeo babiyi ngana ngea bita imin ang nim block ei bitune dissolution bwe ngago ia enim nuwaw ngune bitune dissolution ang nan tik onuwaiw oaro maramen dogin bita process of re-election. Me eo ita ouga bed bwe anga ring ei Acting President ngago nene bwe anim oudo ngage ang nan metu ian dissolution inan inga emuk ngaga ang oreit riring wora min ngata. Inan inga imin ea ngabuna amen bwieta aton ngabuna oreit oberei mwakena epene egona ea ura ia metu, me eko bed dorerit emuk ia enim metu me babuog aura ranga ura bwiora. Ouge anga eimwi bitune imin ang riring ngage ngaga ang eo onuwaiw bitune dissolution bwe ang inan totu burden ean ngabuna amen bwieta aton.

Magen aeo, Mr. Speaker, tubwa.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Thoma. Any further contributions to the adjournment debate?

Dr. Keke (Yaren): Tubwa Mr. Speaker. Anga bed ateng support ei mungana aen amebuna amen debate amo. Congratulate ei amune President tsimeduw, His Excellency Ludwig Scotty, me ateng bed pan ngana agree ea mungana points raised. Ngune bitune dissolution eo mo ea eb at this time ngago ia enim dissolve, me a ied ngana some Members have the resolve and the strength to see that and take action appropriate to that. Ngago ia ang dissolve ian bitune week me eko budget in place after this month inan otenamwanin an operate government. Me tekei an Member for Aiwo pan, what effect would that have on the GE negotiations ngago ia ang nim dissolve this week.

Ateng pan ngana oebibogin ied ngana there are Members in this House who have a lot of experience in this House, me ro ied an goganedo mungane issues ouge, me ro ied ngana pwer daein ata dissolve me they had the strength to follow through with that. Enim eo allow this country to run into chaos because one man decided to dissolve at an inappropriate time.

A ied bed ngana once the decision was made the actions backed up the words me allowed things to progress rapidly without delay, without confusion and this, Mr.

Speaker, ian meo gives the people outside in Nauru and outside of Nauru the clear indication that there is a government now in place in Nauru that commands the mandate to govern. There is a government now in place with a President elected unopposed, with full support of the Members in the House. I think that is a valuable message to send at this time when there is a lot of confusion about the state of Nauru, me I think the message is clear to everybody outside, Mr. Speaker. Nauru now has a stable government with a President elected with a clear mandate and from here we can work forward.

Ateng pan bed, Mr. Speaker, ngana the way we have been working over the last few months this group has come together with a strong team and I believe we have got additional members to the team and the team has grown together strong and work as a team for the benefit of Nauru, unlike in the past where there had been members of government who worked for their own interest. I believe that this new government will work together as a team for Nauru. Tubwa, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Keke. Any more contributions to the adjournment debate?

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, kaia eimwi bwe anim dorer bed eken. Eab raquo bed aeo. Gaiten eiki bita imin anim pan ngage, gaiten lost for words.

Ouge anga bwe ateng otubwa an kamarar Members of Parliament, me a eo meyion bed ngamen bwieta Naoero ro meg iat ekeyeya, ro tik iat ekeyeya tekei ata pan. Me ouge anga ateng otubwa amebune dango dogin aura oiyame wangara support. Ateng bed oudon ian mora ngana wanga job eab easy, very hard kor ngune. Tsinia enim angan sole person ion ngea enim mag ron, eke anga President babiyi bwieta, ouge anga bwe enim tsimine support atsin tangun amebune dango.

Me ang tsiet bed, Mr. Speaker, ngana mungana ministries oad me inan etubuda engame ibun me eab etubuda engame ibun, akonga burion amebuna dango bwe ngabuna anga iyiy bwe anim totu ina tangu bwe enim buogo me oquaqui gama, amebuna bed ibun re eo actually meg ian bita ministry re nim eo roe buriora bed bwo ro tsiet ngana ura bed me ma need ei wangara support. Towada imin ang nim onuwaiw ian bwieta, wora budget bed ngarana ian obweta, enim oderderida. Towada bed imin ang nim oderderida.

Ouga bed aeo kongong ea amebuna Members ibun ngabuna ekeowei ura, deo ia re nim eadon buriora. Anga aeo kamarar deo ia ma nim buriowin ura, yoriow ura, tsimine bed etang ino ma nan teng bwo ro nim buog gata ian. Mr. Speaker, omaran ngana amebuna wora forefathers ngago ro ogiten pan ngana ngune Naoero it is a unique country dogin ata oad, ang kadudu me ang tsiet memak gata, tei ata memak one whole big family, ang nim oweiyio ian dogin bwe ang tsiet bed ngana inon wora system ngaga bed ata Members of Parliament ang oreit towe bed emakur inon, me ngea bita I was told by amea wora founding father ngago ngana orin ouga dogin bwe dogin ata oad, ang need ei every ability, qualification ang teng owenon. Anga aeo kamarar, ateng anga ia ang nim eo eke karamwen wora imin ngage ouge, ang nim eo dissolve.

Anga bed ion amen eo ied ngea bita dissolve ang goganedo nungunung at this time. Eko ngea bwe it is bwait last resort, me ouge anga I cannot see my way clear ia anim support ei bita, bwe ang nim quoquon me odereder ngune bitune bwieta. Ang nim epon omamo eben bwieta Naoero, towada kor imin ang nim riring anga ian meo. Ogen

anan need ei support from all Members of Parliament, especially amebuna iat Cabinet me amebuna bed atonit Cabinet. Tubwa kor Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. President.
The question is that Parliament do now adjourn.

(Question resolved in the affirmative)

Mr. Speaker: Parliament stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m