

# Votes and Proceedings of the 20th Parliament

## No 28

### First sitting of the Nineteenth meeting

1 March 2013

10.00am

#### 1 Meeting of House

The House met at 10.00am according to the resolution of the House made on 7 February 2013.

Hon Ludwig Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) took the Chair and read Prayers.

#### 2 Message from President

Hon Ludwig Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) read the following message from HE President Sprent Dabwido:

*"I have given the current political situation much thought and deliberation, and I believe that that we cannot reach consensus to continue to run my government with integrity and stability.*

*Mr. Speaker, it is therefore in the best interest of Nauru and our people that pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution, and in accordance with Article 41 (2), I hereby advise you today to dissolve Parliament.*

*I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the support provided to me and my government during my tenure as President.*

*GOD BLESS NAURU"*

#### 3 Statement from Chair

The Chair made a statement expressing disappointment and sadness about the behaviour and lack of respect from members during the last sitting of Parliament. The Chair said that this resulted in the House being in a shambles and the Chair being put to shame. He pointed out that while he could have ordered the police to remove certain members he chose not to, realising it would cause further shame. The Chair explained he had been Speaker twice and that last sitting was the first time he had vacated the Chair because of dishonourable behaviour by members. He quoted founding father

and past President of the Republic, Hammer DeRoburt, as saying that members are the few chosen out of the multitude by the people of Nauru to be called honourable.

#### **4 Adjournment**

Hon Ludwig Scotty (Speaker of Parliament) adjourned the House *sine die*.

#### **Members present**

All members were present at some time during the sitting.

**Ann-Marie Thoma**  
**Acting Clerk of Parliament**