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The Chief Commissioner: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam

Mrs. Arlelte Perrine-Begue: A point of order Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Yes, what is your point of order. Does it has any bearing with what we have to discuss today.

Mrs. Arlelte Perrine-Begue: Of Course it has too, Mrs. Deputy Chairperson. Yes my point of order is regarding the Order Paper itself because as you can see a special Assembly has been convene at the request of eight members of the minority group and we see that no transaction on the Order Paper concerned the minority group and I would like to know Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, the first point according this request it is surprising that our motion standing in the name of the minority and we would like to know by whose on whose request this Assembly has been called because according to us this is not regular there are standing Order which deal Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam

Commissioner Clair: If there is a point of order it should be according to the Standing Orders and not which is the point of order which section of the standing order are

The Chief Commissioner: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam furthermore this is the challenge of the authority of the Chair, because the Chair has decided that the Order Paper has been printed and distributed to each and every member it is by the authority of the Chair we cannot challenge here that has been put on the Order Paper this should be done Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam in your Chambers and not in this House. So I will also invite you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam to ruled out the point or order.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: May I Madam Arlette Perrine Begue please I am talking. so may I just remind you that you have a letter explaining the reason why it does not appear your motion does not appear on the Order Paper you have been explained in a letter and if you want you can just follow the normal procedure. There is a procedure for that so if you repeat it make me think may be you are going to challenge the authority of the Chair and I didn't want you to ask the same question again.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Yes Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam.

The Chief Commissioner: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam She has no authority. May I invite you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, madam to ruled out the point of order to move either to give her way to proceed or to ruled out this point of order.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Yes thank you Chief Commissioner. I am going to ruled your point of order out and I would like that the Chief Commissioner proceed with his motion. Thank you. Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue you may not speak right now you will have ample time to speak later on. I have ruled that we shall listen to the Chief Commissioner. May the Chief Commissioner, please. I have said that you will have explained and now let us here the motion. You will the chance to explain later. So, Chief Commissioner, please.

The Chief Commissioner: Thank you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, I want to move the motion Standing in my name which reads as follows:-

“this Assembly resolves that it has absolute confidence in the Chairperson”.

The Chief Commissioner: Madame la vice Présidente aujourd’hui nous sommes réunis à la demande de l’opposition la minorité pour débattre sur la confiance que cette chambre a dans le Président de L’Assemblée Régionale. Je ne comprends, I cannot understand what it the move behind this move of putting a motion of no confidence in the Chairperson. Allow me first to comments on the ignorance of the parliamentary practices of the First Local Member of St. Gabriel . Some of them think there still in Government. What is the practice Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, What does the literature say that when there is a motion of no confidence go and look at the Hansard of the House of Commons in the Westminster system in the United Kingdom Parliament. Go and search if you don’t have the literature on the Internet make a search on motion of no confidence or motion of confidence. That

will be the outcome Mr. Deputy Chairperson, Sir the outcome says that, it says in the literature wherever there is a motion of no confidence in a minister, in the Commissioner and in the Chief Commissioner or in the Chair any motion of no confidence. Government often comes forward with a motion of Confidence and it is this motion of confidence which takes precedence over the motion of no confidence this is an ignorance again an ignorance. You can go back to school go back to your books to learn cultivate yourself learn parliamentary practice before coming here challenging the authority of the House challenging what had been put on the Order Paper. This is pitiful, Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam for a member, former Commissioner, and former member of the Standing Orders Committee. Qu'elle est la substance de la motion qui a été présentée et que nous avons rencontrée légalement dans la pratique par une motion de confiance. Qu'est que le Chairperson, Monsieur Lamvohee a fait ou a dit pour que la minorité vienne au début de la séance de la session parlementaire. Nous nous sommes pas encore réunis pour une session parlementaire normale nous nous sommes réunis pour la prestation de serment et nous nous sommes réunis pour un discours programme et c'est tout et Monsieur Lamvohee Le Président L'Assemblée Régionale qui est un homme de Loi comme le disait si bien à l'époque l'actuel Minority Leader qui était le Chef Commissaire à l'époque, durant la première Assemblée Régionale. Qu'est ce qu'il a fait. What are the facts against the Chairperson to motivate such a motion at the very start of this present session of this Regional Assembly. What has he done respected members what has he said. Are they Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam referring to his private life and this we will fight against them in this House because the private life of any member debating on a private life the political affiliation of any member is

not allowed in this Assembly. I do hope that Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam will not be lenient on that matter. Je ne comprends pas comme je viens de dire comment au tout debut de l'Assemblée on a pu venir avec une motion pareille. Laissez moi avec votre permission rappeler pour le bon plaisir des membres ce que le Chairperson avait dis le 16 decembre le jour de la prestation serment en presence de tout les membres en presence du President de la Republique. I quote "Respected members I am extremely honoured by the confidence and the trust that the House has again placed on me and according to customs I submit myself to the will of the House well for the first time I was elected to this office on that is on 12th October 2002 I recall having said the following fairness and impartiality will be my overriding principles the right of each and every member to expressed himself will be secretly safeguarded no matter whether the member belong to the majority or not and no matter whether it is use generally acceptable or not and I will not belong to any party. I wish to re-iterate these words and I wish to re-assure each and every member that his with a same frame of mine that I will keep maintaining the dignity of this House. Before I take the chair, I wish to thank the Clerk of the Regional Assembly and his personnel for the guaranty and devotion of every member of this House. I again thanks the House for the confidence it has placed on me and quote since the 16th of December which should be the date of reference for looking at the public behaviour 16th of December before that before 16th of December and after the dissolution of the House. Mr. Chairperson did not exist he was a simple citizen, he was free to do whatever he wanted to do before the law. When he became Chairperson it was then that he was submitted himself to the House and he did explicitly said it I submit myself to the House. And I am not aware of any breach of the Standing Order of any gross misconduct

from the part of the Chairperson. What misconduct can be attributed to him in his public life or in his private life This guise is a gentlemen and has always been a gentlemen. In the exercise of his function Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, so I therefore that I cannot understand the move behind this motion and I would invite members of the other side of the House to realise when and for all that they are in the Minority and that they will be there for five years and even more Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam. All sort of tactic have been used against my Regional Government. The first one Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam that they have brought a case in front of the court on which I will not comment. They have brought a case to object I say I will not comment.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: I say, I have a point of order. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam I am on my feet and I will invite you asking you to sit down because this what the Standing Orders says and this case Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam of which he has mentioned whether he said he is not commenting is **subjuditiate** I will asked you to ruled out the refer to such a matter.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: He is not going to refer to it because he is not going to comment on it .

The Chief Commissioner: The matter is subjudise, Second thing Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam,

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Point of Order . This is my right. Please asked him to sit down.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: This is your right but you cannot abuse of Standing Orders also you can abuse of point of orders. Let us here the person what he have to say he hasn't started talking yet and you. Sorry, Ruled out Madam.

The Chief Commissioner. Yes, thank you. Yes I was saying Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, all sort of tactic are being used to discredit the Regional Government duly elected on the 10th of December by 53 % of members of voters and in one local region Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, No. 2 when you add the votes you summed up of the two candidates of our friends on the other side of the House of the OPR political party when you summed up the votes of these two candidates you do not arrived to the votes obtained by the members on this side of the House in this Local Region and they are coming starting to say illegitimate Regional Government. Now they have stopped the people have reminded us that we are fully legitimate. All sorts of actions are being carried out. A member has come to this House again an ex Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner has come to this House with a private member motion asking that one thousand Rupees be paid to planters Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam and the motion has been circulated. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, this form part of all their tactic of demandat. They are like somebody being drown they are just ringing to one a everything trying to see what they can do to be in the press to see that they are doing something. A private member motion in breach of Standing Orders 66 whereby no members can buy motion increase or make provision for any financial payment this is a breach and I think the House will have to

consider when the time come to put this Motion on the Order Paper about the admissibility of such motions. Other moves Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam all sort of letters are being sent to Mauritius. They say that this country is an autonomous country but they are keeping every they send all sort of letters and these letters come back to us on my table of the Chief Commissioner's Office. All sort of letters saying we are not respecting the rules and regulations. We are doing front, we have stolen the money of Fisherman.

The Minority Leader: A point of order. We are out of the motion this is irrelevant. He is talking about a motions, he is talking on every thing and not the motion of confidence. Please

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: You may continue the Chief Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner: Thank you Mrs Deputy Chairperson, Madam my purpose is to show that there is a general complot by the opposition by all means to say that they are a bad government and our government is not legal etc etc... And one of these moves has consisted in putting a motion against the Chairperson and I do hope that there is solid arguments when coming to this motion because at summing up I will wash their brain Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam . I will wash up their brain and reminds them about some basic fundamentals. What are the fact Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam what do I know Mrs. Deputy Chairperson , Madam what do I know is serious does the Minority Leader remember that on the 16th of December all members remember Mr. Lamvohee was elected unanimously nobody propose another persons nobody voted against unless that two months after

they come with a motion of no confidence did they propose someone else to be the Chairperson of the House. Nobody propose which mean that they agreed with the choice of that person. From information I have as a politician Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam I am aware that somebody of the other side of the House went to see the Chairperson in his office while he was still Chairperson of the Assembly before the House was dissolve to invite him to join their party but as he declined this is why we come they have prevences towards that persons they invited to join he declined to join and this is why they came forward to this motion of no confidence Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam. This is the most ridiculous political move in the present history of this House and I would say again that they have to digest their defeat and accept that the Majority is for legally for the next five years until 10th of December 2011 rest on this side of the House and they will have to accept this and the Chairperson will continue whether they agree or not to reside over this Assembly. I thank you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So, may any member of the Minority may now addressed the House.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam , I wanted to make a point that for and I think it is very important to tell that you for me to be able to continue on with this motion. It is that I see that you are not with all the respect that I have for you because must some moment before we ask you to ruled out and to tell the Chief Commissioner to sit and I think when you are in the Chair you have to be both side on the House you answer on behalf of the person and you said

(interruption)

Commission Jabeemissar: On a point of order.

Mrs. Deputy chairperson: I have said that Mr. Gatean has a point of order

Commissioner Jabeemissar: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson; Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue I have to warn you that since the beginning of the Assembly at several occasions you have been challenging my authority as the Deputy Chairperson of this House. According to the Standing Orders you have no right to challenge what I have ruled. Whatever my ruling is it is final. If you continue according to punishment or according to Standing Orders will be applied, please if you want this Assembly to continue in a civil manner I will advise you to stop this.

The Chief Commissioner: With your permission Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, may I refer the respected member for the first local region member for St. Gabriel to Standing Order 39 (9) which says the discretion of the Chairperson over a person presiding calling a member who addressed in the Assembly shall not be challenged.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: You may now continue

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Donc on va pas faire de point or order du tout parce que Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam it is not without sadness

that I moved a motion of no confidence against the Chairperson Mr. Joseph Chenlye Lamvohee after having work with him for the last four years. But there are circumstances that compelled us to do so and I brought such a motion to normalise the situation and to say the institution which is new and sacret to the Rodriguan in general so that this House may carry out its work normally with the dignity that it expected of it . At the outset I would like to say two things as a matter of introduction Firstly that I have nothing against the person of the Chairperson the motion I tabled was not motivated by any personnel drudge what so ever so rest assured that on my part there will be absolutely no below the bell attacks towards him. I will make a point to be fair, to be just and honest in my criticism and I hope like it is mentioned in a letter that was forward to me that we will have ample time for debate. Because so far I see that this is not the case. In fact to seize the opportunity to say that like a christian and a patriot, I was happy to see back the Chairperson in the Chair being the first Rodriguan lawyer of the modern times and having abandoned his post as Magistrate. I will talk with humility but we have thing to say and you will said here otherwise if each thing we are going to be crash because this is the first time I see an Assembly being ruled this way we will walked out. So I can

(Interruption)

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Mrs. Madam Arlette Perrine-Begue. Once again you are challenging the power of the Chair. I will let you go for the first time and I too would like to know what want to say but if you continue like that I have warned you that standing Orders will be applied. You may proceed

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Being the first Rodriguan Lawyer of the modern time and having has abandoned his post as Magistrate I can feel the way of his sacrifice as in 2002. We were two persons who left our job definitely to give a helping hand to the newly autonomous in Rodrigues. And secondly it is not because the Chairperson is elected by our opponent that we bounds upon him this motion and have a motion of sensor. No that will be **growtest** I am happy that the same Chairperson is back then of course I agree that the new majority have chosen and voted him and as you know we did not opposed like you say on the 16th December 2006. We did not proposed somebody else we could have choosing a Chairperson a Speaker. It is a more political decision in parliamentary practice than a professional one. But once chairperson in office he must know his duties not as a party members but as a Chairperson. My motion was motivated by reasons and not purely by political feelings. My motion is related to the conduct and behaviour of the Chairperson after his election as Chairperson office for this new session. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam there are facts and there are truth which form the substratum of the motion that I tabled I will assure the House that issues raise from our side will be debatable of the framework of the Standing Orders and parliamentary here I would like to quote to make a number of quotations first Standing Order 40 of the National Assembly which says that the practice allows a member to comment upon the conduct of the Speaker and second I will caught the Erskine May which is the Bible of the parliamentarian which says unless the discussion is paid amongst the substantive motion drawn at proper times and here we are talking of the motion of no confidence. Motion of Confidence whatever it is reflections must not be concerned unless the

discussion is based upon a substantive motion drawn in proper terms reflection must not be cast in debate upon the conduct of the Speaker. We are here debating a substantive motion unless it is a substantive motion so if it is a substantive motion we can debate on and reflects on the Speaker on the Chairperson conduct. We would recall these are the points on which I based myself to be relevant to the Standing Orders and to parliamentary practice. We would recall that the Chairperson started his b and the Chief Commissioner just mentioned it last time so many thing some minutes ago with so many good intention indeed. I have for proof Mr Chairperson speech itself when he was elected to a very high office on both 12th October 2002 and 16th December last. A speech where in partiality I quote his word I belong to no party. These words resign in my ears d'une facon **tonutriante** and I will attempt to show to the House that Mr. Chairperson has deviated from his motor that he mentioned in both of his speeches and instead publicly to partiality and bias because once he has taken serious and honour responsibility of Chairperson. The way he behaves reflect on the dignity of the House. The way he behaves or in the House and in the outside so what are the reproach because we are talking of conduct and I will remain and I will stick to conduct. Well the House must know that there are a number of them .

Commissioner Grandcourt: A point of order, Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, the respected member is talking of conduct. I think that the attention should be drawn that she has to addressed herself to the Chair not to us.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So addressed yourself to the Chair.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: What is exactly what I am doing. Firstly so what are the reproached Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, the House must know that we have a number of them regarding his conduct. Firstly I would like to reflect to an incident which occurred on Sunday the 14th January 2007 between a forman newly posted at the Water Unit in a consumer of Port Mathurin . whereby the former refused we don't know what happened and the forman who were engaged in that incident gave a declaration to the Police giving his version of the occurrence until here there is nothing abnormal but yes what happened six minutes later the Chief commissioner appeared at the Police Station together with other political activist and the Chairperson Mr. Lamvohee I caught the Police Diary Book. The Delegation were to accompany that forman in the recording of his declaration and one hour later I caught again the Police Diary Book.

The Chief Commissioner: On a point of Order. Severe allegation are being made here in this House again myself members of the my majority and the Chairperson and coating the Police Diary etc.. I don't know whether the member can substantiate what she is saying unless he can substantiate and table what she is saying. I will invite her and invite you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam to call her to order She cannot put such malicious accusations on my part and on the part of the Chairperson. And most of all she was not there she does not what was happening.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So, I 'll ask the lender to table the proof of this.

Mr. Nicolson Lisette: I have a point of order on the point of order the Chief Commissioner. It is said Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, Whenever there is a debate in the House if any member feels that whatever is going to say is going to be relevant to the debate there will be no utility there is no need to put proof in the Assembly so that he can continues. So I want you to ruled in that matter.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Yes for that point. You never ends with point of orders.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes we can keep on going with point of order to the cube, to the power of four, to the square, to the power of five where is **contention**. Can't we speak here I said she has made serious **contention** can she come forward Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, if she can't come forward if she can she table or otherwise keep on with your speech. We have work to do Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Yes it seems to me that Madam Arlette Perrine-Begue has something to table.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Via our lawyers I am tabling here Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam a copy the extract of the Port Mathurin Diary Book and in it this is what our lawyer gave us and this is what we have asked to get Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam I cannot take the Diary Book.

The Chief Commissioner: I have an objection to this paper being tabled. Any Member can go on a Computer and any matter and table it unless the

paper is certified a true copy. We ask Mrs. Deputy Chairperson to ruled out this paper.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So I will need a proper paper to be tabled with a proper declaration made and if not the debate will not continue on that matter.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam you will agree with me I cannot bring in here a copy of the Diary Book but this is true. This is absolutely true....

(Interruption)

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Order please. I would advise that Mrs Arlette Perrine-Begue, you continue your speech but you withdraw that part, please. You should not continue on referring to that declaration.

Commissioner Agathe: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, a point of order can we know whether the letter that has been tabled is authentic or not.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: It is an extract only on the Diary Book. There is no signing and we cannot

(Interruption)

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue : A Point of order

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: I am talking let me finish and then you may talk. There is no stamp, no signature it is just a copy it could have been made by anybody. So, I cannot from my power I cannot ruled that this is can be certified a copy of the Diary from the Police station so please.

Mr. Lisette: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam a point of order please .Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, I remember on a point of order raised by the minority the then Minority Leader says in this very House that everybody has freedom of speech and whenever a member has freedom of speech in this Assembly Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, there is no need to come up with proof to speak about anything that they feel is important to debate. Once again Mrs. Deputy Chairperson Madam, I would like you to rule on this matter.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So I'll like say that I do agree you have the freedom of speech to voice your opinion and your views but when it comes accusing people you would like to .. . So an allegation made on people we should have proof on it we cannot just debate on false allegation . I will request that the member just carry on with her speech and let have your point of view on your speech, please.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Yes Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, I have a point of order. Yes my point of order we can talk on any body, These are privileges brought in the RRA Act and we are not being given way to speak. And by the way if this paper is not admissible I will like to have back my paper .. It has been table and not admissible. Could I have back my paper please.

The Chief Commissioner: The Member is still either saying thing which is out of order she has just table of copy of something that I don't. Where she got it and now she is keeping the proper business of the House to continue And she is being help by other members putting on point or orders which are pointless. So can we please proceed with the proper debate which is standing on the Order Paper.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So I advise you once again Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue, this will be the last time . You carry on with your content.

The Majority have been walked out in the House

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So any member who wants to addressed the House.

Commissioner Clair: Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, Thank you very much for allowing me to address the House inspite regretted absence of the Minority group. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, the election of the 2006 was a call to change not merely to change the call the control of the island but for a new direction. Nowhere were the Rodriguan people more about the need for a new direction. We have demonstrated Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam that Rodrigues is a place for good ideas and activism not a place where and demagogy was dominant. The motion of confidence put to this House by the Chief Commissioner is a motion of support to the Chairperson of this blessed House. We are giving one and all a chance to register confident in this House .No show no confidence in the Chairperson means that the whole House is a place of **keos** where rules are

not being respected. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson we know that there is growing this content among the Minority group because the electorate has sack them. They are now looking for something to swallow the lets hardship. Let me remind them that it is only the second session despite the fact that they are there of the RRA. They have been ridiculous enough as they table a motion of no Confidence in the Chairperson to satisfy their esotericism. Some people do not understand what is the democracy what is the role of the Chairperson. If you do not mind Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam I will teach them the lesson. The Chairperson of the House is elected they will get it later on by his and her fellow members to preside the House. In the United States the Speaker or the Chairperson maintained free roles representative of her district Leader of her party and Leader of the House. I would like that Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue to be here to hear that. Furthermore it is said that a party that whole a Majority of the seats in the House will generally elect representative of their own party to serve as Speaker or Chairperson. The role and the responsibility of the Speaker or Chairperson is to call the House to order to preside our debate, preserve order and delegate power to the Deputy, to send the House's Agenda, to leave the appointment process for the chair or various committee. In many countries especially those who adopted the Westminster system of Government the position of the Speaker or Chairperson is model after the office of the Speaker of the British High of Commons. The Chairperson is thus scrupulously bound to be politically neutral and is not concerned with substantive issues. In the House of Commons it is the practice to choose a Speaker from the ruling party. Being given these argument if the Minority wanted to criticize the impartiality of the Chairperson. They should have moved the motion for the election of another one as the Chief

Commissioner have said at the swearing in session itself which they would surely have loss as you know majority rules. They did not have the **briant** idea at that time they have been Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam looking for crack to fill in like termite since the beginning of their mandate as members of the minority have been defeated in all their attempts to create The MR Majority have worked with the Chairperson for four years. There have been hard times work out discussion and even disputes. Inspite all these apparent tension we have managed to work together and the spirit of democracy have prevailed and the rules of law in the House will not often agreed to have been expected. La preuve est maintenant nous sommes de l'autre cote de la chambre et nous en somme fier. This partnership has been a fruitful one and we are very proud to have work with a person of such caliber as Mr. Lamvohee. The people who are now laying the Chairperson I don't know what who keen working with her only a few months back. On retourne si facilement sa reste du mauvais cote Madame La vice Presidente. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam what we are witness of today is the most judicious way of hanging things. The Chief Commissioner has again proved that he is a man of action who also all concepts be tourism, social, political, social, Public relation and so on. What kind of minority are we having on the other side dissolution people . I would ask them if they are listening someway to bear there head high to walk as man and women who is respect others and especially those who have voted for them to stop making full of themselves they are too stinky for that. The Chief Commissioner has now dump her motion of confidence by putting forward the first motion of confidence in the history of parliament in Mauritius and Rodrigues and may be elsewhere in the world. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam there is not enough word to speak of it state of affairs. The first

session with question will start only the 13th February and it is the time for them to pass judgment and we are sure that the Chairperson will be able to deliver moderate debate may **curling** some procedure decides who speak and discipline member of the House are impartially as possible. He will not fail in his duty and as will not fail endeavour to lead Rodrigues on the part of Rodrigues Economic Independence. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam I am extremely proud this day that the mover of this motion the Chief Commissioner is aware that the Chairperson deserve our full support as he is a man of integrity. Thus as some one says some day that we cannot put the same member who move the motion of no confidence. We cannot put baseless frivolous and **vecsatiuous** motion of no confidence a tort et a travers et maintenant elle viens dire le contraire. We cannot indulge in two cheap politic like one she said but we have to reflect on our role as member of this Assembly.. However this respected member already forgotten what she said once. The conduct of the Chairperson, Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam, like any human character cannot be viewed as divine or exemplary he is a man and a man is made to act, to love, to create to sustain, to breath, to judge, to participate, to activate to govern and to oppose. So far we have not been able to make a positive or a negative opinion of the Chairperson. Our new mandate sanction by the electorate to a majority of 53% has not witness the foul play of the Chairperson. We think given that the long experience of the Chairperson in dealing with legal matters combine with thorough and challenging time he met the Chairperson of this Assembly he would be able to deliver the goods. During the time he were on the other side of the House he did not reckon any lesson as to how he should behave as Chairperson. The way some people were here towards the **raising** all the qualities of the Chairperson with so eloquent words and valuable phrases

on 9 March 2005 left up word founded today. Today we are also is quite surprise to see it the other way round. We would be reminded of strong and well meaning words towards the office of this vulnerable young man from people who spoke real flowers from their mouth. Now these same persons in to have bats in there **belfry** we should an history will recall word such as the Chairperson is too lenient. The Minority of that day which was the MR Minority is making a combat de (end of cassette)

the end of dominance of one character of Affairs of the Island and the Affairs of the House has brought a sudden change in the political affairs of the country and the affairs of the House. Moreover some people tend to be more hostile to share power to loose and to be behind the screen. They will no longer be the centre of interest where everybody will be scrolling behind the little persons. Well what is stupid thing to do because you only leave once. Power is not internal and never ending. So it is important for these people who have just walk out sometime to shade a small pole light if there candle or lamp has burned down. However one thing go they have under estimated the Mouvement Rodriguais governing body to be ignorant of one once ignorance is the maladi of the ignorance Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam for the information of the Minority group I would like to tell them next to judge a tree from its fruit not from it leaves. We know that a tree has a thousand formers Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam but defeat is an orphan il sont aujourd'hui des orphelins c'est pourquoi il montre les dents. We have experienced that so many times but the things is that we have to..... clean to not someone . Your ego is sometimes your worst companion and the worst council and it is voice that blows into your head from time to time, revenge, revenge and revenge. When all your pears have left you and people your truth him has defeated purpose of your

struggle . You will try the last by all means often it is not the best solutions Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam as elected member and pioneer women in the post of Deputy Chairperson and member of the Movement Rodriguais you are the pride of our island. You surely know and as women truth worthy and reliable persons that your role is to be impartial and you should abide to the Standing Order despite you belonging to one party. I am sure that you are capable of delivering the goods within partiality, Furthermore Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam as an Education officer you know for experienced that to be a good teacher you cannot favour anyone of your pupils inspite of your relationship with them and I think the same rule will apply here in the House. I think that the Chairperson Mr. Chenlye Lamvohee too is fully aware that his post require absolute impartiality and a respectful attitude towards members of this Assembly and Public in General. The Chairperson is a well meaning and dedicated citizen for people suffering from justice as he might be a Chairperson inside this House but outside he is a lawyer he is also citizen and he is attentive to all cases of abuse. He should be considers as a man of principle one time some will qualified us as people in a playground. Today we have no words to confine the motion of no confidence as they wanted to put to this House . When she run in playground they are doing exercise. Sympathising with friend learning to be in groups doing something positive. But I don't think there anything positive in the motion the minority group put to that House that day. Once people have ruled do they not know where and where they start and where they stop . Have they suddenly forgotten Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam all they call correct ones. The pioneers of Rodrigues Regional Assembly has they claim to me seem like des Brebis egarer. Some people think that they are no legal limits to their authority and that the system of the local

government that they have established which match the personality met their arrogance and compulseness. But today they have seen that they did not have their way. Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam our majority group know that it will be difficult to find support from the minority side for this motion of confidence. We have started from lower started social scale and we are confident that they would reach higher. Let us reconcile our ideas but redeem our source, the minority group has walk out and they have lost the opportunity of speaking in this House and they are to blame. There is nothing democratically motivated in there attempt as they have often criticize this kind of attitude. We have born them for four consecutive years and they did not even there to spend five minutes with us. So if they have walked out this shows that they are simpler tone. The Chairperson Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam merite notre consideration. Well he will be unable to influence any courts judgment now but he is in this House the guardian of our democracy. I would ask everyboby to reflect on these few words and to say long live to the Deputy Chairperson, to the Chairperson and long live to the MR Majority.

Thank you Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: Any other interventions.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Madame la vice Presidente encore une fois comme je disais au debut. Nous sommes temoins du redicule. Une membre de l'Assemblee Regionale a voulu mettre une motion au debat du comportement of the bahaviour of the Chairperson ensuite qu'est-ce qu'on a vu ils ont voulu venir de l'avant avec toute sorte d'argument. Les

argument falacieux, des papiers que je ne sais pas ou il sont alle retirer sa, les papiers sorti les cahiers la boutique comme ou dis pour venir ici. Il n'y a pas une seul authentification de ce que je dis extract copy Port Mathurin Diary Book on dois passer des questions because we hold a majority dans cette Assemblée. On dois se poser des questions est-ce que le Diary Book de la Police c'est comme le journal qu'on trouve a la Librarie publique n'importe qui peut venir feuillter quest- ce que Monsieur x est venu faire quest ce que Monsieur Z est venu faire et sur sa je crois qu'on dois demander des comptes aux Divisional Commander de la Police pourquoi the extract of his Diary Book at the Port Mathurin Police Station. Comment se fait t'il qu'un membre du Public se retrouve avec des extraits. Quelle confiance allons nous avoir dans la Police, qu'elle confiance la population doit avoir dans la Police car le Diary Book de la Police les extraits du Diary Book de la Police sont en libre circulation. Qu'elle confiance avoir dans cette Police, qu'elle confiance avoir dans le Divisional Commander et ces officiers Madam la vice Presidente. Voyons ce qui est dis meme si c'est pas admissible. 14 Fevrier, 12.40 Mr. Joseph Aliong Chan Show alias Ti leng 48 Years forman at Water unit and residing at Anse aux Anglais called in for a regular declaration. 12.46 Mr. Johnson Roussety Chief commissioner calls him at Station together with Mr. Rosaire Perrine and Mr. Lamvohee. It is not said which Lamvohee, Mr. Lamvohee. It can be Sylvio Lamvohee or any Lamvohee to accompany Mr. Aleng Chan Show in the recording of his declaration. 13.15 Mr. Aleng Chan Show Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson Roussety, Rosaire Perrine, Mr. Lamvohee left the station after a declaration made by Mr. Joseph Aleng to their satisfaction and made no complaints and Mr. Roussety stated etc... Where are the fault even if Mr. Lamvohee I d'ont know whether he was there. Even if Mr.

Lamvohee the Chairperson was there. Mr. Lamvohee leaves at Anse aux Anglais, he is a villager at Anse aux Anglais Mr. Aleng Chan Show is the President of the village of Anse aux Anglais and Mr. Chan Show was assaulted that day by notorious political agent of these people of the other side who left the House because Mr. Aleng Chan Show is distributing water on a Sunday doing overtime, the notorious political agents ask for more water or something that could not be given to him and then he try to strangle the public officer and I was called upon and I was in the vicinity and I was been told that a public officers has been assaulted what could be done I just came and we accompany the guide to the Police Station even if Mr. Lamvohee accompany the guide where is the problem can't he show sympathy to a person of his village to the President of his village. Will these persons from the other side remind him or reproach to him the fact that he has shown sympathy. Can't he be present at a Police Station. Did he appears as a Counsel no. He did not appear as a counsel for that guise he was there he was a Chairperson but he was not there as a political activist etc... it was his right to support his friend and it was my right as Chief Commissioner, Commissioner for Civil Service Matters to be there also and if he was there it is a coincidence he was there. Where is the problem ou est la faute. Ou est l'erreur, ou est la honte dedans, la honte est dans ces gens qui viens de partir qui ont une motion blame et qui n'ont pas eu le culot the **cuts** to keep on this majority and we are strong and we have be strong in the opposition and we are strong in the majority there have left today because they have no argument Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam. This is why I say the Police will have to answer I will write to the Prime Minister to say what is going on in the Police here. We are not satisfied with their work. We come back our members who just left unfortunately they have left but Mr.

Serge Clair the First Island Region Member with surely recall would have the dates the time when he was Editor in Chief of a news paper called Le Vrai Rodriguais of a issue Number 82 of Tuesday 29th December 1998 where stand well members, the actual Chairperson Mr. Joseph Chenlye Lamvohee was designated Le Rodriguais de L'annee 98 par le journal de Monsieur Serge Clair. I am pleased to table this for the information of members. Mr. Serge Clair le redacteur en Chef de Vrai Rodriguais a ecriis en 1998 sur Monsieur Lamvohee. Joseph Chenlye Lamvohee Rodriguais L'annee 1998. Premier avocat Rodriguais des temps moderne. C'est l'aboutissement d'une ambition et je suis fier d'etre le premier avocat Rodrigues . I will quote an extract of the Article where Mr. Lamvohee was designated Rodriguais de L'annee 1998. Apres avoir suivi de pres le parcours de Monsieur Joseph Chenlye Lamvohee et après avoir considerer le choix qu'il a fais et l'orientation qu'il s'est donner etre au service des Rodriguais et de Rodrigues le vrai Rodriguais a la joie de decerner la palme du Rodriguais de L'annee 1998. Nous tenons a le feliciter pour sa perseverance durant ces annees d'etudes et qu'aujourd'hui il sois un exemple pour tout ces jeunes qui se forge un chemin dans la vie. This speech by itself Mrs. Deputy Chairperson, Madam and I now invite you to put the motion.

Mrs. Deputy Chairperson: So I shall now put the question on the motion of the first local member of Port Mathurin that question that this Assembly resolves that it has absolute Confidence in the Chairperson. So those in favour say ayes those again say no. So the Ayes have it.

The Motion was put and agreed too.

At the Assembly be adjourned for 13 day of February 2007.