

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CUSTOMS (RATES OF DUTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013
SECOND READING SPEECH
Honorable David Adeang MP
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the House today a Bill for the amendment to the *Customs (Rates of Duty) Act*.

This Bill is not a lengthy one, but it is proposed with a lot of passion for the people of this country. Mr. Speaker, as you would be aware; there is a global increase in the number of people losing their lives to Non-Communicable Diseases. This has urged many of our Pacific Island neighbors to promote healthy living among their people and one such mechanism being used by governments is the increase in duty charged on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I urge this government also to take heed of the warnings and embark on furthering the work done by previous governments of Nauru in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

In allowing these amendments, we are also able to capture the economic benefits to be derived and can funnel these funds into much needed infrastructure for our people.

Mr. Speaker, the explanatory memorandum describes in detail the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.