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**COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
10TH TO 21ST DECEMBER 2007**

Hon. Taomati Iuta - Speaker of Parliament

Cabinet

H.E. Anote Tong MP - Beretitenti and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

Hon. Teima Onorio MP - Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP - Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP - Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development

Hon. Kautu Tenaua MP - Minister of Health and Medical Services

Hon. Ioteba Redfern MP - Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development

Hon. Taberannang Timeon MP - Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

Hon. Natan Teewe MP - Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Hon. Patrick Tatireta MP - Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development

Hon. Kouraiti Beniato MP - Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Hon. Tawita Temoku MP - Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Hon. James Taom MP - Minister of Education

Hon. Titabu Tabane - Attorney General (Ex-officio Member)

Private Members

Mr. Alexander Teabo MP	-	Butaritari
Mr. Banuera Berina MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Bauro Tenano MP	-	North Tarawa
Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP	-	Abaiang
Dr. Harry Tong MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP	-	Nonouti
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa MP	-	North Tarawa
Mr. Jacob Teem MP	-	Kiritimati
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP	-	Tamana
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP	-	Beru
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP	-	Makin
Mr. Kunei Maaka Etekiera MP	-	Nonouti
Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP	-	Kuria
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP	-	Kiritimati
Mr. Moote Terukaio MP	-	Nikunau
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	-	North Tarawa
Mr. Reete Bokai MP	-	Betio
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP	-	Teraina
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP	-	Nikunau
Mr. Taneti Mamau MP	-	Onotoa
Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP	-	Abaiang
Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki (<i>Nominated</i>)-	-	Banaban Community in Rabi
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP	-	TabSouth
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Tetaan Mweretaka MP	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP	-	Maiana
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP	-	Marakei
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP	-	TabNorth
Mr. Timon R Aneri MP	-	Banaba
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP	-	Butaritari
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP	-	Betio
Mr. Willie Tokataake MP	-	Abemama

Principal Officers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

Hon. Taomati Iuta	-	Speaker
Mr. Ioataake Timeon	-	Clerk
Mr. Eni Tekanene	-	Deputy Clerk
Mr. Kirata Komwenga	-	Parliamentary Counsel
Mrs. Terengaiti Tebao	-	Secretary to Parliamentary Committees
Mr. Airata Teemeta	-	Hansard Editor

MEMBERSHIP OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Public Accounts Committee

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)	-	Chairman
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)	-	Member
Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)	-	Member

Business Committee

Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)	-	Chairperson
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa MP (North Tarawa)	-	Member
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa)	-	Member

Privilege Committee

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)	-	Chairman
Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)	-	Member
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)	-	Member

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper No.	Title of Paper
17 September 2007	9/07	Declared Members of the Ninth Maneaba ni Maungatabu
13 December 2007	10/07	Report of the Maneaba Members' Salaries Tribunal; 2007
17 December 2007	11/07	2008 Budget
17 December 2007	12/07	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 2007
18 December 2007	13/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Government for the year ended 31 st December 2004
21 December 2007	14/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Plant and Vehicle Unit for the year ended 31 st December 2000
21 December 2007	15/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Copra Mills Limited for the year ended 31 st December 2004 and 2005
21 December 2007	16/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Housing Corporation for the year ended 31 st December 2003
21 December 2007	17/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Captain Cook Hotel for the year ended 31 st December 2006

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
Hon. Natan Teewe	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2007	17 December 2007	20 December 2007	20 December 2007	4/01/08	5/2007
Hon. Natan Teewe	Appropriation Bill 2007	13 December 2007	20 December 2007	20 December 2007	4/01/08	6/2007
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern	Trade Union and Employers Organisation (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007				
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern	Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007				
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern	Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Election of the Beretitenti (Amendment) Bill 2007	21 December 2007 <i>(rejected)</i>				

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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for
Monday, 10th December 2007

1. After H.E Te Beretitenti has been escorted to his seat inside the Chamber, the conch shell was blown for two minutes and the procession of the Mace led by the Sergeant-at-Arms, followed by the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk proceeded into the Chamber. All Members of Parliament and distinguished guests inside the Chamber rose and remain standing until the end of Prayers. Prayers were sung by the SDA Youth inside the Chamber.

2. ADDRESS BY HON. SPEAKER

The Hon. Speaker gave a few remarks to mark the opening of the Second Meeting of the Ninth Maneaba ni Maungatabu and also remarking that this is when H.E Te Beretitenti will deliver his Government Policy. He also reminds the Members the significant of their roles as Members of Parliament.

3. ADDRESS BY H.E TE BERETITENTI

H.E Te Beretitenti as Head of State addressed Parliament on the Government Policy Statement for the next four years to come.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Immediately after H.E Te Beretitenti's address, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for two days and to resume on Thursday, 13th December 2008 at 10.00 am, pursuant to Rule 21(4).

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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for
Thursday, 13th December 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the Chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Hon. Tetabo Nakara and Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki.

2. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Attorney General took his oath before the Hon. Speaker.

3. STATEMENT BY H.E TE BERETITENTI

H.E Te Beretitenti made a statement on the Order of Government Business.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY HON. SPEAKER

The Hon. Speaker made short announcements on the following:

1. Absence of the Nominated Member from Rabi.
2. Reminder to all Members to debate and speak like as if they are debating in a traditional Maneaba.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF H.E TE BERETITENTI

Mr. Teburoro Tito asked the Hon. Speaker to make a ruling as to who should move the Motion before he could move his Amendment. H.E Te Beretitenti indicated that since no one has been nominated yet to move the Motion, they see no problem if the Member moved his Amendments. The Hon. Speaker nevertheless asked the Member to move his Amendments.

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved his Amendments to the Motion as follows:

We the Maneaba ni Maungatabu of Kiribati beg leave to offer thanks for the speech which you have addressed to the Maneaba **and we respectfully call upon Your Excellency to further strengthen our sovereignty and self reliance in the implementation of the policy.**

(Amendments highlighted)

The following Members spoke on the Amendments:

Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
H.E Te Beretitenti

Mover of the Amendments then made a sum up. The Hon. Speaker did not put the question on the Amendments as all the Members mutually accepted the Amendments.

Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) moved the Motion as Amended as follows:

We the Maneaba ni Maungatabu of Kiribati beg leave to offer thanks for the speech which you have addressed to the Maneaba and we respectfully call upon Your Excellency to further strengthen our sovereignty and self reliance in the implementation of the policy.

The following Members spoke on the Motion as Amended:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Mamau

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm. The House resumed at 2.00 pm and the discussion on the Amended Motion continued as follows:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Timon R Aneri

6. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By the Chairman of the Maneaba Salaries Tribunal

Report of the Maneaba Salaries Tribunal – 2007

(Paper No. 10/07)

7. SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The following Members were nominated and approved as Members of the Business Committee:

Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) as Chairman
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa MP (North Tarawa) as Member
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa) as Member

8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNT COMMITTEE

The following Members were nominated and approved as Members of the

Public Account Committee:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) as Chairman
Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau) as Member
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin) as Member

9. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MANEABA PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE

The following Members were nominated and approved as Members of the Maneaba Privilege Committee:

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru) as Chairman
Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei) as Member
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) as Member

10. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

10.1 Q. 3 by Mr. Bauro Tonggai MP (Abaiang)

Where are we now with our pearl farming in Abaiang lagoon?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, the pearl farming in Abaiang is still ongoing and we are now waiting for the next seeding and harvest procedures, which are planned for 2008.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teatao Teannaki raised three supplementary questions.

10.2 Q. 8 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

What is Government's plan for the construction of the causeway between Tabuaikia and Taku?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Tabuaikia to Taku causeway has been approved as a priority project for Tabiteuea South Council for 2007 and project requirement preparations and plans are being undertaken on it.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito

raised one supplementary question.

10.3 Q. 19 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Can the responsible Ministry consider the increase in the amount of all allowances which are stated in the National Conditions of Service?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, the review of allowances in the National Conditions of Service is one of our priorities as highlighted in the Policy Statement of My Government. It will be a comprehensive review of all allowances to ensure that they are conducive to our local needs and in line with international standards.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Mikaere Baraniko also raised supplementary questions.

10.4 Q. 5 by Mr. Bauro Tonggai MP (Abaiang)

Does Government see the need to review or increase the rate currently used in the cost of:

- (i) local materials for maintenance work,
- (ii) new local buildings (te bobou) and the like?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, Yes, the Government sees the need to review its rates currently used for cost of building materials and new constructed buildings which are of local materials.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Taneti Mamau, Mr. Teatao Teannaki, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

10.5 Q. 24 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

What is Government plan for Taku solar pump as no maintenance work on the long outstanding break-down had been carried out?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Taku is connected to the solar pump at Katabanga village which serves the two villages and it is still operating without problem

according to the report from our water technician on the island. My Ministry, however, is prepared to discuss the matter further with the Honourable MP from Tabiteuea South should the capacity of the existing system fail to supply water to Taku village.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

10.6 Q. 21 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Can the responsible Ministry ensure that trainees of MTC are sent to their ships in good time after the completion of their trainings?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, my Ministry will continue to work closely with SPMS and MTC to ensure that trainees are sent to their ships in good time after completion of their trainings.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

10.7 Q. 6 by Mr. Bauro Tonggai MP (Abaiang)

The Women Interest Worker (WIW) is paid fortnightly by the Island Council. Does Government have the initiative in paying wages of Woman Interest Workers?

Replied by Hone Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government has no immediate plans to take over the responsibility of WIW remuneration.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Tebuai Uai also raised supplementary questions.

The House adjourned for afternoon break at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm. The House continued with Questions.

10.8 Q. 26 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)

Could Government assist with the dredging digging of boat passages under the following villages; Buariki, Tearinibai, Nuatabu, Taratai, Nooto, Abaokoro, Marenanuka, Tabonibara, Kainaba, Nabeina, Tabiteuea and Buota?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government will need to study various aspects of these boat passages before it could actually give definite answer.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

10.9 Q. 37 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

As to the need for a fisheries officer in Tabuaeran, could the Government speedily provide one for Tabuaeran?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, the posting of a Fisheries Assistant (FA) to Tabuaeran will be made as soon as housing accommodation is available for him and his family by the Council on Tabuaeran.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tekiau Aretateta raised one supplementary question.

10.10 Q. 20 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Can the responsible Ministry allow trainees of both MTC and FTC to attend their own churches services every Sunday?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, MTC and FTC trainees are free to go and attend their own church services every Sunday.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

10.11 Q. 33 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Minister responsible explain when will the second phase of the construction work on Malana Island Council office begin?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Phase II of the project will commence soon.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tebuai Uaai raised one supplementary question.

Question time ended at 5.00 pm.

11. BILL – BUDGET SPEECH

11.1 Appropriation Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development presented a budget speech on the Appropriation Bill 2007 to the House.

The debate on the Appropriation Bill was deferred pursuant to Rule 58(2).

The House then proceeds to deal with Questions remaining on the Order Paper.

12. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were also raised to the Government:

12.1 Q. 13 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

The need of toilet on Betio is great. What kind of assistance that Government can offer to solve this problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, Sir, Government is working together with the Betio Town Council to identify areas where the additional toilets will be constructed and funds to build them.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

12.2 Q. 41 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

It was noticed that there's a team from EU carrying out renovations on Outer island clinics. Could the Government explain to this House, when will this team come to Maiana?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, according to the KIRI-EU Health Project's construction schedule, work on the Maiana health center and clinics or dispensaries will

commence in July 2009.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Taneti Mamau also raised supplementary questions.

12.3 Q. 23 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Since the responsible Minister appoint members of the liquor Board for BTC. Can then that Ministry be responsible for paying their sitting allowances?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, with regard to the question raised from one of the MPs from BTC relating to the payment of the Liquor Board allowance. This Ministry is not ready to pay the sitting allowance for the Liquor Board members at this point in time.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora interrupted at 6.00 pm.

12.4 Q. 43 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House why did the examiners from the MTC did not conduct exams on Teraina in the years 2006 and 2007 when they visited the Line and Phoenix Groups at these times to conduct exams?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, The MTC was not able to conduct their intake exam on Teraina in 2006 because the ship on which the examination supervisor was traveling unexpectedly cut short its stay at Teraina not allowing sufficient time to conduct the exam.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Moote Terukaio and Mr. Timon R. Aneri also raised supplementary questions.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 14th December 2007.

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Friday, 14th December 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki and Hon. Tetabo Nakara.

2. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 49 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Government conduct a survey on the re-growth of 'te bun' on Maiana as it is believed to have been exhausted from all over the lagoon of Maiana?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, a team from Fisheries Division will visit Maiana at the beginning of new year to assess 'te bun' resource inside the lagoon and if necessary, restock the lagoon to enable recovery of the resource.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Mamau, Mr. Reete Bokai, Mr. Inatio Tanentoa, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 48 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Nowadays, visiting Tabuaeran and Teraina is not a problem as transports between the islands are always available. In connection with this, the Minister responsible is asked to explain to this House, why the dental team did not visit these islands but only visited Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Health & Medical Services

Speaker, because of the shortage of qualified dentists and dental therapists, the Tungaru Central Hospital cannot afford to have more frequent nor prolonged visits to the Line & Phoenix Group – hence the visit to Kiritimati only, trusting that dental patients from Teraina and Tabuaeran should have been referred to the Kiritimati Hospital before the arrival of the visiting dental team to the island.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 57 by Mr. Timon R Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could Government inform this House, if the construction of a Maneaba for Banaba as already been pro-docted and agreed is still on?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to mention that the construction of a maneaba for Banaba is still on.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Mikaere Baraniko, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 60 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible clarify what are the main roles of the Health Inspector under the law?

Replied by Hon Minister for Health & Medical Services

Speaker, the roles of Health Inspectors are not specified under the law but, according to practice, they are normally appointed, in line with legal requirements, to help with the enforcement of the Quarantine Ordinance & Regulations, Public Health Ordinance & Regulations, Food & Safety Act, including the Consumers Protection Act and Bye laws.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Temate Ereateiti, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 65 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

When would construction work of a cold storage facility in Tabiteuea North commence?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, the construction work on the cold storage facility in Tabiteuea North is expected to commence sometime in 2008 after the completion of the North Tarawa fish centre.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 75 by Mr. Taneti Mamau MP (Onotoa)

What is Government policy in relation to the chalk allowance?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government (within the next 4 years) plans to look into the existing National Conditions of Service to seek improvements of working conditions and their safety in the workplace in line with internationally accepted standards. The chalk allowance will be carefully assessed in the review exercise.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mr. Temate Ereateiti also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 82 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House when will the construction of a public road at Tabuaeran commence?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, the road upgrading on Tabuaeran will be carried out once funds have been secured.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised a supplementary question.

2.8 Q. 80 by Mr. Taneti Mamau MP (Onotoa)

Could Government make sure that government employees who are working on the outer islands, not only receive their fortnightly pay, but their pay slips as well and on time?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, we will look into the issues raised. It will form part of the reform initiatives we will embark to improve financial and budget management including documentation processes.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake also raised a supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 84 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Minister responsible ensure that patients admitted to Kiritimati hospital are not returned to their island before they are fully recovered?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Health & Medical Services

Speaker, the decision to discharge patients to their home island is based on the treating doctor's discretion, but usually guided by the following factors:

- 17 The patient is well to be discharged from hospital
- 18 The patient can continue taking prescribed medication(s) at home or do home care treatment.
- 19 The patient can undertake the proposed means of transport without compromising his/her health or he/she is medically fit to travel.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Mikaere Baraniko also raised supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 86 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (Tabuaeran)

Question for clarifications; what will happen to those who have been selected to go to New Zealand but have not yet arrived on Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, It is with regret that I have to inform the Honourable Member that the employer has already completed the selection of his workers and those who were not here during the second screening have now missed out from that final selection.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 1

That this House requests the Government to conduct a survey on the increasing of Land Rent before the review of land rent in 2009.

Motion proposed; The following Member spoke on the Motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti

The Mover then sum up.

Question put: Carried

3.2 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 5

Certain sections of Cap 79 of the Public Finance (Control and Audit) have not been complied with. So this House urges Government to request Australia or New Zealand to urgently provide technical assistance to help update and complete the audit and examination of the government's annual accounts and those of its companies that have remained outstanding to date.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.
Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Reete Bokai
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Attorney General
H.E Te Beretitenti

Mover then sum up.

Question put: Not Carried.

House adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.55 pm and resumed at 4.25 pm.

3.3 Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) moved:

Motion No. 4

That the Government is requested to see the need for a solar system to be installed at Teraina and other islands in the Line Group as the request was already raised.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Kouraiti Beniato
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Taneti Mamau
H.E Te Beretitenti

Mover of Motion then sum up.

Question put: Carried.

3.4 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 2

Before the Motion was moved, H. E Te Beretitenti proposed amendments to the Motion, which the Mover accepted. The Mover then moved the Motion as Amended as follows:

That this House requests the Government to review the maternity leave of women employees from two which is now being used under the NCS.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion as amended:

H.E Te Beretitenti
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Reete Bokai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Mover of the amended Motion then sum up.

(Hon. Iotebwa Redfern interrupted at 6.00 pm.)

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.10 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 17th December 2007.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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Monday, 17th December 2007

1. The meeting commenced at 10.00 am with a prayers read by the Hon. Speaker.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

By Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development:

2008 Budget (Paper No.
11/07)

Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 2007 (Paper No.
12/07)

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 31 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Could the Government revise the policy of the responsible office that controls the usage and selling of discarded catches of fishing vessels from Korea which are unloaded at Betio wharf to be used by CPPL?

***Replied by Hon. Minister for Fisheries & Marine Resource
Development***

Mr. Speaker, Government on its own could not revise the policy of the responsible office that controls the usage and selling of discarded catches from foreign fishing vessels off-loading at the Betio wharf to CPPL but may convey the request to the Board of Directors if there is a need to do so.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

3.2 Q. 76 by Mr. Taneti Mamau MP (Onotoa)

The Member sought leave from the chair to withdraw his question No. 76 as the response has already given in one of his questions.

3.3 Q. 34 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Government carry out repair work on 'Wa-uowa' owned by the CPPL, which are being used by local fishermen on Maiana?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, Government has no fund to carry out repairs on Wa-uowa owned by the CPPL, which are being used by local fishermen on Maiana or other islands in Kiribati. However, CPPL has a special Canoe Fund that it may carry out repairs and replacement of Wa-uowa if necessary.

The Member asked three supplementary questions as well as the following:

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Matang Tekitanga
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam

3.4 Q. 46 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

I request the Honourable Minister who is responsible to answer my question which says; when will the branch of KOIL be extended to the island of Teraina whose building site has been provided for by the Council and has repeatedly been a major issue from the past years?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

The branch of KOIL will be extended to the island of Teraina in 2008.

The Member asked one supplementary question as well as the following:
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko
Mr. Temate Ereateiti

3.5 Q. 85 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Regarding workshops conducted on Tarawa, could our participants from Tabuaeran attend?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, efforts have been made to ensure that all eligible participants are invited to workshops conducted on South Tarawa. However, for costs implications, workshops conducted in South Tarawa are replicated on Kiritimati island to ensure that those at Teraina and Tabuaeran could also be covered.

The Member asked one supplementary question as well as the following:
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria

3.6 Q. 55 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Speaker, people from my island constituency have reported the long delay by Bank of Kiribati when reconciling their passbook accounts, which could take weeks (or longer) to complete. This ongoing problem has caused much inconvenience to passbook holders on the outer islands when they are unable to draw money from their savings accounts for weeks, are left without cash to pay for an unexpected family/village commitment, and some are forced to borrow money elsewhere. Could the Government assist in resolving this problem with Bank of Kiribati?

Replied Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Planning Development

Mr. Speaker, Government can assist by approaching the Bank of Kiribati with this issue.

The Member raised one supplementary question as well as the following:
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

3.7 Q. 69 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government settle outstanding payments on maintenance and new constructions from previous years and to ensure that such funds never

run out?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Internal and Social Affairs

Speaker, from records on maintenance requirement that MISA had received from Council's clerk and with the fund being distributed already to Tabiteuea North this year, it was noted that there were none outstanding payments on maintenance and new constructions from previous years that left unsettled until now. The Government always ensures that all maintenance and new construction works are to be paid when they are completed.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

3.8 Q. 77 by Mr. Taneti Mamau MP (Onotoa)

Could the Government negotiate with the Bank of Kiribati (BOK) on the need to seek innovative banking services and programmes, particularly, in connection with saving and lending, which are more relevant to outer island needs and capacity?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Government can negotiate with the Bank of Kiribati on the need to seek more innovative banking services and programmes for the outer islands.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

3.9 Q. 27 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)

The people of North Tarawa have been assured by the Government that an ice plant on North Tarawa will be established. When will that project commence?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, work on the construction of the ice plant project for North Tarawa is expected to commence as soon as funding is received from the Japanese Grassroots Project fund in April 2008.

The Member asked two supplementary questions as well as the following:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa

Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

3.10 Q. 7 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government table the Monthly Report on the RERF valuation during every Parliamentary meeting?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Government can table the Monthly report on the RERF during every Parliament.

The Member asked five supplementary questions as well as the following:
Mr. Taneti Mamau

3.11 Q. 29 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Does the Government have any plan to make any amendments that will improve the 'LIQUOR ORDINANCE' particularly on Section 27, Sour Toddy Producer's License?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, there is a plan to review the Liquor Ordinance and make amendments to the license fees including the Sour Toddy Producer's License.

The Mover and Mr. Teburoro Tito asked one supplementary question each.

3.12 Q. 42 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Government as soon as possible repair telephones installed in villages of Tekaranga and Bubutei on Maiana since they have been left broken and not fixed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Speaker, since the required infrastructure, that is the two masts, are already in place at the two villages referred to the Ministry concerned is

prepared to look into this request with TSKL.

The Member asked two supplementary questions as well as the following:
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tekiau Aretaataeta

Question time ended at 11.30 am and the House proceed to the next item on the Order Paper.

4. MOTIONS

Prior to allowing the Hon. Minister to move his motion to suspend Rule 50 to enable the three Bills to be read for the first time, the Speaker reminded him that as the motion is intended to cover the said Bills, the consequence will be that if the motion in question is defeated, the House could not proceed any further on the three Bills.

Dr. Harry Tong made a point of order that under Rule 36(6), the motion should not contain more than one subject matter, but as replied by H.E Te Beretitenti, the motion in question only dealt with one subject, that is, the suspension of Rule 50.

Hon. Speaker ruled that the motion is in order and the Mover of the motion should now proceed on the motion.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

Motion No. 17

That this House approves the suspension of Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu in order to enable the first reading of the Bills listed hereunder to take place in this session of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

1. Trade Union and Employers Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007
2. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007, and
3. Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the motion:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
H.E Anote Tong
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwmenikarawa
Mr. Reete Bokai

Question Put: Carried

5. BILLS – FIRST READING

5.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No.1 Bill) 2007

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Taneti Mamau

At 12.30 pm, Hon. Speaker interrupted for the House to be adjourned for lunch break and to resume at 2.00 pm. The House resumed at 2.00 pm and the discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Taneti Mamau (finish remaining time)
Mr. Reete Bokai
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

At 3.00 pm, the Hon. Minister of Finance summed up.

5.2 Trade Union and Employers Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Trade Union and Employers Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Reete Bokai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Alexander Teabo

At 4.00 pm the Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea and resume at 4.30 pm.

The Mover of the Bill summed up.

Question Put: Carried

5.3 Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Reete Bokai
Hon. Attorney General

The Mover of the Bill then summed up.

Question Put: Carried

5.4 Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed, the following spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. James Taom interrupted at 6.00 pm
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Reete Bokai
Hon. Attorney General

Mover of the Bill summed up.

Question Put: Carried

The Hon Speaker adjourned the House at 6.23 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 18th December 2007.

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Tuesday, 18th December 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and read Prayers. All Members were present.

2. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By the Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Government for the year ended 31 December 2004.

(Paper No.13/07)

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 25 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)

Could Government assist with the tar-sealing of the road at Buota?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, government is presently undertaking upgrading of roads on Betio and South Tarawa and will consider including Buota in this project.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa moved two supplementary questions each while Mr. Tebuai Uaai raised one.

3.2 Q. 99 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government provide another nurse to assist the medical assistant on Kuria?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, under existing policy, I regret an additional nurse to assist the Medical Assistant on Kuria cannot be provided.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria raised one supplementary question.

3.3 Q. 50 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Speaker has Government included in its 2008 budget a provision for; (1) the maintenance cost of outer islands primary schools and JSS permanent buildings; and (2) the maintenance cost of primary school maneaba?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Hon. Speaker, the answer to the Honourable Members' question are:

1. There is inclusion of maintenance costs of outer islands primary schools and JSS permanent buildings in the 2008 development budget provisions.
2. Government needs to develop a uniform policy for Primary school maneabas before it can include maintenance costs in its budget provisions.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions and another one raised by Mr. Alexander Teabo

3.4 Q.13 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Could the responsible Minister tell this House the amount of revenue the Government had generated from the sale of our National Flag to overseas ships?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, as of today's date the amount of revenue Government has received so far from its Open Ship Registry is AUD\$134,289.32.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions while one supplementary question was raised by Mr. Alexander Teabo.

3.5 Q.1 by Mr. Bauro Tongai MP (Abaiang)

The initial construction of Tuarabu clinic on Abaiang had already been granted approval by the Ministry of Health. Could the clinic in question be included in the KIRI-EU project?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, clinics being built under the KIRI-EU project is for the replacement of those already built at the time of project design. The proposed clinic at Tuarabu had not been built then and therefore has not

been included under the project.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions followed by one from Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria, Mr. Teatao Teannaki, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and two from Mr. Teiwaki Areieta.

3.6 Q. 4 by Mr Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

Has Government considered the need for the establishment of another JSS on Abaiang?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, Government has not yet made any final decisions on the need to establish another JSS on Abaiang.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Teatao Teannaki and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa moved two supplementary questions each.

3.7 Q. 64 by Dr Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the present Government fulfill what it promised during its last term that it will make new and improve existing boat and canoe passages in Tabiteuea North as well as to other outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr Speaker, the concerned Ministry is committed to improving existing boat and canoe passages in Tabiteuea North as well as other outer islands as soon as funds can be made available to carry out those tasks.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria also raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Alexander Teabo raised one.

3.8 Q. 40 by Mr Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

With regard to the construction of clinics in some part of Kiribati, why is Tabuaeran excluded from this project?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, I regret that a number of islands, including Tabuaeran, are not covered under the EU-funded project. Government will, however, ensure that appropriate support is provided to those health facilities on

islands not covered by the EU project.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions and one question each raised by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria.

3.9 Q. 28 by Mr Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

What is the current plan of Government in maintaining the WWII relics, which are left on Betio without paying much consideration to them?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, with limited funds available for this undertaking, Government will continue to maintain the WWII relics left on Betio. Voluntary assistance from the public would be welcome.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta raised one question each while Mr. Reete Bokai raised two.

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Appropriation Bill 2007 (Budget Debate)

The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Ioteba Redfern

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch. At 2.00 pm the House was back in session again and the discussion on the Bill continued.

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern continued to speak on the Bill followed by Mr. Taneti Mamau, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, H.E Anote Tong and Dr. Tetaua Taitai.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea break and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai continued his discussion followed by the following Members:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Reete Bokai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Mover of the Bill then summed up.

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 7.16 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 19th December 2007.

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Wednesday, 19th December 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 2 by Mr. Bauro Tongai MP (Abaiang)**

Could BKL outlets on the outer islands provide transport for cargo delivery to retailers?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, yes BKL outlets on the outer islands could provide transport for cargo delivery to retailers if retailers are connected by a good road.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Taneti Mamau raised one supplementary question.

- 2.2 **Q. 17 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Has Government plans to consider better working conditions for special constables?

Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, my answer to the Honourable Member's question is, yes.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 47 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House, the latest decision on the request for improving the boat passage on Tevalua on Teraina, as it continue to cause problems and that this problem has not been resolved yet?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, the need for improvements to the passage on Teraina has been well acknowledged in the Policy Statement as a priority requirement. A technical design study will be undertaken to determine funding requirements.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 59 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible send a water Engineer to Beru Island to conduct a water resource assessment for quality of water at all villages and prepare a report for presentation to the island council for future development?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, monitoring and assessment of water quality on the outer islands including Beru is one of the priorities in my Ministry Operational plan and I am pleased to say that this will be implemented as soon as possible.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Moote Terukaio and Mr. Timon R Aneri also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 9 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could the Minister responsible tell this House the month(s) in which the

Government has lately paid the KPF contribution for its employees?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, payment for employees' KPF contribution up to the last payday of November 2007 has been paid.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Matang Tekitanga also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 54 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Speaker; how many small grants projects for the outer islands communities under the Island Councils SDG (Strengthening Decentralised Governance) programme have been implemented so far?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, none of the small grants projects for the Councils and Local Communities, to be funded by the SDG have been implemented so far. The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Temate Ereateiti also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 39 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

With regard to the Government project on telephones could the Government explain why this project has not been implemented on Tabuaeran?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, I agree that Tabuaeran together with other islands in Kiribati remain unserved by mobile telephones. However, for Tabuaeran and Teraina Government is exploring options for combining the use of BPA equipment on the islands for other telecommunication requirements.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 97 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Shortage of RBC is a problem in Marakei, could the Minister responsible increase the RBC to fifty thousands dollars for the island of Marakei?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, review of cash ceilings on the outer islands is an ongoing process, and this includes cash requirement on Marakei.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teatao Teannaki and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 98 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government included pre school teachers as Government staff so that they could be paid according to the Government salary scale?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, regret that Government is not in a position to include pre-school teachers as Government staff at this time.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria, Mr. Reete Bokai and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.43 am.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba) moved:

Motion No. 6

That this House request Government to find ways of securing funds for compensation to those who have suffered from asbestos hazard in Kiribati.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti
Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.
Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern

The Mover then sum up.

Question put: Carried

3.2 Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa) moved:

Motion No. 11

That this House requests the Minister concerned to consider amending Regulation 54 (2) of the Radio Communications Regulations 2005 by repealing the limit placed stated therein of 27.405 and substituting 27.995 so that all citizen band radio users may have more channels which they can use to communicate on and especially to enable them to communicate with other citizen band radio users outside Kiribati.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Reete Bokai
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa
Mr. Moote Terukaio

House adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.25 pm.

Since there were no more Members wishing to speak on the Motion, the Hon. Speaker called upon the Mover to sum up.

Question put: Carried

3.3 Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari) moved:

Motion No. 7

The theme of fair distribution of wealth has not been practicably applied to all islands and to the general population and this House is to remind this Government that governing is meant for all and not for some islands and some portions of the general population only.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

Mover of Motion then sum up.

Question put: Carried.

3.4 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 3

That this House requests the Government to make arrangements that will immediately help fishermen who earn money mainly from fishing so that they could get their loans right away from places where money can be borrowed to buy their fishing items.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion as amended:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Reete Bokai
(Hon. Kouraiti Beniato interrupted at 6.00 pm.)
Hon. Teima Onorio

Mover of the Motion then sum up.

Question Put: Carried

3.5 Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa) moved:

Motion No. 13

That this House requests the Government to quickly review its service delivery to the outer islands with the object of introducing far more efficient and effective ones.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

At 6.50 pm, the Hon. Speaker called upon the Mover to sum up.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.52 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 20th December 2007.

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Thursday, 20th December 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and read Prayers.

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 81 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)**

Government is requested to explain what are its plans for seaweed on Tabuaeran?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, Government plans to invigorate the seaweed operation in Tabuaeran as a matter of priority.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Reete Bokai raised one supplementary question.

- 2.2 **Q. 66 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

Would the Minister responsible ensure that cash for the payment of telmos sent from outer islands to Tarawa never runs out?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, All telmos sent to Tarawa from outer islands should be paid once received. My Ministry will ensure that funds do not run out.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Temate Ereateiti, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Matang Tekitanga also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.3 **Q. 22 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Can Government cars be used for private businesses? Please inform this House.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government vehicles are intended to be used for official purposes only.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 63 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible clarify how many classrooms are required for accommodating class 1 to 6 in primary school levels?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, the number of classrooms varies from school to school depending on the number of pupils and teachers.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tonganibeia Taam raised one supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 96 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Could the Minister responsible pay maintenances and new construction wages unpaid to the workers at Taiti Primary School in Marakei immediately?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Internal & Social Affairs

Yes, payment should be effected immediately after completion of verification of claims submitted lately.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teiwaki Areieta, Mr. Teatao Teannaki, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Alexander Teabo raised one supplementary question each.

2.6 Q. 101 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government consider improving the operation of CPP Branch on Kuria as its operations in the past has never been satisfactory?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, Government through CPPL has plans to improve the operations of CPPL's Branch on Kuria and this falls within CPPL's work

plan.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 45 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

In the past meeting of this House, it was mentioned that there was a total amount of \$200,000 provided and was available to be used for activities such as 'Pre Schools', Could the Minister responsible explain to this House, that in connection with this, what are other plans to be implemented besides the Training of teachers?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, Government has assisted in securing development assistance for the purchase of school needs such as furniture, toys and stationeries besides the Training of teachers.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri, Mr. Temate Ereateiti, Mr. Reete Bokai and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 121 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Electricity supply to the villages of Boran, Banana and Tabwakeauea is always disrupted, could Government explain to this House why?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, power failures in villages of Boran, Banana and Tabwakeauea sometimes occur due to technical faults to the electricity supply system, delay in fuel delivery and the aging of generators used.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Taneti Mamau raised one supplementary question each.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The Maneaba resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

3.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2007

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$10,000 under Head of

Expenditure 11 – Judiciary stand part of the Schedule.

The following Member asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$140,000 under Head of Expenditure 31 – Subsidies, Grants and Other Commitments stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1 to 3 of the Bill stand part of the Bill.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the Long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question Put – Carried

3.2 Appropriation Bill 2007

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,045,475 under Head of Expenditure – 09 Office of Te Beretitenti stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taaneti Mamau

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,026,886 under Head of Expenditure –10 Public Service Office stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to queries raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,195,264 under Head of Expenditure – 11 Judiciary stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to points raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$6,355,333 under Head of Expenditure 12 – Police and Prisons stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Teburoro Tito

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to questions raised.

Question put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$183,385 under the Head of Expenditure 13 – Public Service Commission stand part of the Schedule.

Question put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,085,549 under Head of Expenditure 14 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,594,804 under Head of Expenditure 15 – Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs stand part of the Schedule.

The following Member asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Committee Stage of the Appropriation Bill 2007 continues.

The following Members also asked questions for clarifications on Head 15:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Taneti Mamau

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Mr. Inatio Tanentoa

Hon. Amberoti Nikora replied to points raised by the Members.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,568,155 under Head of Expenditure 16 – Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Taneti Mamau

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Tetabo Nakara clarified issues raised by the Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,683,411 under Head of Expenditure 17 – Maneaba ni Maungatabu stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Taneti Mamau

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to questions raised.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,039,231 under Head of Expenditure 18 – Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives stand

part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Teima Onorio clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$547,788 under Head of Expenditure 19 – Kiribati National Audit Office stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Alexander Teabo

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to questions raised by the Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$424,809 under Head of Expenditure 20 – Office of the Attorney General stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,801,729 under Head of Expenditure 21 – Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teiwaki Areieta
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Hon. Taberannang Timeon replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$12,674,236 under Head of Expenditure 22 – Ministry of Health & Medical Services stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$19,629,663 under Head of Expenditure 23 – Ministry of Education stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa

Hon. James Taom replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$3,080,993 under the Head of Expenditure 24 – Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Member asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Tebuai Uai

Hon. Patrick Tatireta replied to questions raised by the Member.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,352,970 under the Head of Expenditure 25 – Ministry of Finance & Economic Development stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,633,585 under the Head of Expenditure 27 – Ministry of Works and Utilities stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,969,450 under the Head of Expenditure 28 – Ministry of Labour & Human Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Hon. Ioteba Redfern replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,833,375 under the Head of Expenditure 29 – Ministry of Line & Phoenix Islands Development stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the no amount under the Head of Expenditure 30 – Debt servicing stand part of the Schedule.

The following Member asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Natan Teewe replied to questions raised by the Member.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$10,913,163 under the Head of Expenditure 31 – Subsidies, grants and other commitments stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Teatao Teannaki
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko

The replies to questions raised by the Members were made by the following:

Hon. Natan Teewe and Hon. Amberoti Nikora.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$78,639,254 stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

On completion of the Schedule of the Bill, clauses of the Bill were then considered.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill form part of the whole Bill.

Questions Put: Carried.

The Maneaba adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.35 pm. House resumed at 5.00 pm

4. BILLS – SECOND READING

4.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

4.2 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Appropriation Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

5. MOTION

5.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

Motion No. 18 (2008 Development Budget)

That this House approves the 2008 Development Budget in the sum of \$74,704,1459 and the Supplementary to the 2007 Development Budget in the sum of \$19,454,134 as presented in the 2008 Budget Report beginning from page 43 onwards and the accompanying attachment.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
H.E Te Beretitenti
Hon. Natan Teewe interrupted at 6.00 pm.
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Teburoro Tito

The Mover of the Motion then sum up.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 21st December 2007.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Second Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Friday, 21st December 2007

1. The Meeting commenced at 10.00 am with a prayers read by the Hon. Speaker

2. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the PVU for the year ending 31st December 2000.

(Paper No. 14/07)

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Kiribati Copra Mills Company Ltd for the years ended 31st December 2004 and 2005

(Paper No. 15/07)

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Kiribati Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st December 2003.

(Paper No.

16/07)

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 104 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Government advise this House the latest information on procuring a vessel for Ribono village, which was approved by Island Council as its first priority project for this year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the vessel project for Ribono village has been included among the list of 2007 priority projects.

The following Members asked supplementary questions for clarification:

Mr. Teatao Teannaki
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Reete Bokai

3.2 Q. 117 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could I ask the responsible Minister to liaise with KCCS to expedite the payment of labour charges for loading copra during the last call in Abemama?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, yes I will liaise with KCCS to expedite the payment of labour charges for copra during the call of the copra boat in Abemama.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions as well as Mr. Teatao Teannaki

3.3 Q. 51 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Speaker; could a brief explanation be given to this House as to the purpose of the projects titled 'Small Community Project Fund' and 'Emerging Social Issues Facilities', administered by the Office of Te Beretitenti whose approved funding for 2007 are \$200,000 and \$25,000 respectively?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the 'Small Community Project Fund' is intended to provide financing in a responsive and timely manner to the development needs of small community groups while the "Emerging Social Issues Facilities" provides assistance to address emerging social issues.

The following Member asked supplementary questions;

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Teburoro Tito

3.4 Q. 71 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Nonouti is believed to have a big lagoon with rich marine resources. My question is directed at the Minister responsible. Will he be able to conduct a survey/study of the lagoon to determine those marine resources with a potential for commercial exploitation?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry has plans to undertake marine profiling surveys on outer islands including Nonouti to determine the standing stock of the marine resources, especially those resources that have food and commercial values. A project proposal is being formulated to seek funding to undertake these surveys.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Jacob Teem
Dr. Harry Tong

3.5 Q. 74 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

The number of desks is not enough for the primary and JSS students on Onotoa, and as a result, three or four students are sharing one desk during class. This is not good for learning. Could government make sure that each student in these schools on Onotoa is provided with a desk?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, yes government will try to make sure that all students in Kiribati at JSS and primary levels are provided with a desk.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

3.6 Q. 130 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, The Butaritari Maneaba project is part of the 2007 funds allocation from the Republic of China, Taiwan as reported by Government. Can the Minister explain why such allocation never eventuate this Financial Year, 2007?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the construction of Butaritari maneaba has been well delayed until today to ensure that the site for the maneaba is well secured and safe for the Butaritari people.

The Member asked one supplementary question as well as the following:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Jacob Teem
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

3.7 Q. 61 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible clarify the status on Kariraia causeway project in Beru as whether it has been acquitted subsequently after completion in 2006 or not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform this House that this project has been completed in 2006 and will to be acquitted in due course.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

3.8 Q. 100 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government ensure that when teachers are transferred, especially principals, that they are not transferred unexpectedly?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, it is the policy that all teachers should not be transferred unexpectedly without justifiable reasons.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Matang Tekitanga
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

3.9 Q. 133 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could the Government accept the request of Makin inhabitants for the establishment of one causeway between Makin and Kiebu in its 3 passages?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government may accept the construction of Makin's causeway but it has to follow normal project procedure.

The Mover and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake asked one supplementary questions each.

3.10 Q. 18 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Can the responsible Ministry decrease the rent of KHC houses, which are

in poor conditions?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti

Mr. Speaker, we will refer this request to the Board of the Kiribati Housing Corporation for consideration.

Question time lapsed at 11.30am and the following questions were not covered; 166, 62, 72, 118, 115, 14, 32, 67, 78, 90, 120, 94, 124, 126, 131, 134, 135, 145, 140, 137, 110, 105, 53, 119, 11, 73, 122, 83, 128, 92, 112, 30, 111, 144, 95, 87, and 16.

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Election of the Beretienti (Amendment) Bill 2007

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved:

That the Election of the Beretienti (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

After the Mover completed his discussion on the Bill, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Hon. Patrick Tatireta

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon break and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Mr. Teburoro Tito summed up.

Question Put: Division called and the result was as follows:

For = 11 Against = 33 Absent = 2

From the result of the Division the First Reading of the Bill was Not Carried.

5. MOTIONS

5.1 Mr. Baraniko Mikaere MP (Kiritimati) moved:

Motion No. 16

That this House requested government to see the appropriation of doing the recruitment in Kiritimati for those who are recruited from the Line Islands to work in New Zealand under the Recognised Seasonal Employment Scheme.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Ioteba Redfern
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Jacob Teem
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka

Mover then summed up.

Question Put: Motion Carried

H.E Te Beretitenti made interruptions in accordance with Rule 16(3) and prior to moving a motion on the adjournment sine die, H.E expressed his thanks to the Speaker for his leadership and to all the Members for their continued support and cooperation. The following Members representing their different political parties also conveyed their appreciation for the Speaker's guidance during the last two weeks of the meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu; Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina.

The Hon. Speaker in return also thanked all the Members for their cooperation and patience.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die at 6.15 pm in accordance with Rule 13(5).

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