

**JOURNAL OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE NINTH
PARLIAMENT
22ND APRIL TO 5TH MAY 2008**



**KIRIBATI PARLIAMENT
AMBO TARAWA**

**By Authority
Office of the Clerk of Parliament**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Composition of the House	2 – 3
2. Schedule of Papers	4
3. Schedule of Bills	5
4. Minutes of Proceedings	6 – 81
5. Index of Statements	82
6. Index of Oral Questions	82 – 86
7. Index of Topics	86
8. Index of Motions	86 – 87
9. Lists of Acts Passed	87
10. Assented Acts	

COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
22TH APRIL TO 5TH MAY 2008

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 Resources 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 Communications, 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 (<i>deceased</i>)	-	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

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper No.	Title of Paper
22 April 2008	01/08	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 2008
24 April 2008	02/08	Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent
24 April 2008	03/08	Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent
2 May 2008	04/08	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Kiribati Government for the year ended 31 st December 2004

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
Hon. Natan Teewe	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2008	22 May 2008	28 April 2008	28 May 2008	11/05/08	5/2008
Hon. Taberannang Timeon	Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008	24 April 2008	1 May 2008	1 May 2008	29/05/08	4/2008
Hon. Itebwa Redfern	Trade Union and Employers Organisations (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007	1 May 2008	1 May 2008	15/05/08	3/2008
Hon. Itebwa Redfern	Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007	24 April 2008	24 April 2008	15/05/08	2/2008
Hon. Itebwa Redfern	Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007	17 December 2007	24 April 2008	24 April 2008	15/05/08	1/2008
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneabani Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008	29 April 2008	5 May 2008	5 May 2008	11/05/08	6/2008
Hon. Natan Teewe	Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008	28 April 2008				
Hon. Natan Teewe	Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008	28 April 2008				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Religious Bodies Registration (Amendment) Bill 2008	25 April 2008 (rejected)				

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 22nd April 2008

1. Prior to the commencement of Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament, a conch shell was blown in accordance with section 20(1) of the Rules of Procedure and the procession of the mace led by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Hon. Speaker and the Clerk proceeded. At the conclusion of the procession in the Chamber, the Hon. Speaker proceeded to take his chair and read prayers.

All Members presented except Dr. Harry Tong who is on medical treatment overseas.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER**

The proceedings of the Maneaba officially started at 10.00 am with a brief announcements by the Speaker for a minute of silence in remembrance of the late MP Reete Bokai who has passed away, followed by details on the status of accounts of state-owned enterprises.

3. **STATEMENT BY H.E TE BERETITENTI**

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

4. **PRESENTATION OF PAPER**

By Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2008 (Paper No.1/08)

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 5.1 **Q. 35 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)**

Communications from Tamana to Tarawa by using VHF caused a lot of problem for a long time. Is there any plan by this Government to install a new telephone system on Tamana?

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

Yes, there is a National Telecommunications Development Project which intends to install new telephone system throughout the country. The project has already started and is now in Phase II which is almost complete. The Southern Kiribati (including Tamana) and the Linnix group are to be covered in Phase III.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

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

Could the Minister responsible include Teraina in the upgrading of roads project throughout Kiribati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, yes, Government is prepared to include Teraina in the upgrading of outer island road project.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria

Mr. Taneti Maamau

Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Mr. Tekiau Aretateta

Mr. Temate Ereateiti

Hon. Amberoti Nikora also assist in providing clarifications.

5.3 Q. 40 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

In response to one oral question raised by the MP from Tab/South in the past, government had agreed to inform Parliament during every session the latest value of the RERF, would this be done this Parliament session?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

I am very happy to inform Parliament that the latest information on the RERF is being distributed during this session.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina (x3)

Mr. Tebuai Uai (x1)

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa (x1)

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

Can the Solar Pump, installed at Katabanga village for the people of Taku, be removed from Katabanga?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, it is not advisable to transfer the solar pump from Katabanga to Taku due to the following reasons:

- (i) the Katabanga solar pump is serving both the people of Katabanga and Taku villages
- (ii) the water salinity at Taku is quite high (1,270 micro siemen) compared to Katabanga and thus cannot sustain high level of water draw down especially during long period of droughts.

The Member asked four supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina asked one supplementary question.

5.5 Q. 36 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Could the responsible Minister inform this House when will the remaining outstanding payments be made for repatriated NPC employed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, apart from one remaining payment to be made, all other outstanding payments due to repatriated NPC workers have been made.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka (x2)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai (x1)
Mr. Alexander Teabo (x2)

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

The Minister responsible is requested to provide one fax machine for Teraina?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to assist in finding means to provide a fax machine as herewith requested.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria (x2)
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (x1)
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua (x1)

5.7 Q. 24 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible send a Water Engineer to study existing problems related to accessing drinking water in the villages of Tekabwibwi, Tekaman and Aiwa Tabiteuea North?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the existing solar water systems in the villages referred to by the Hon. MP from Tab. North are functioning satisfactorily except for the installation of the Aiwa water system which has been delayed due to land dispute. My Ministry, however, is prepared to look into this in consultation with our water technician on the island, and send the water engineer where appropriate.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

5.8 Q. 18 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Sending allotment to outer island was always late. Could the responsible Ministry find ways of improvement to this problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

My Ministry is very willing to look into this issue with all relevant agencies responsible for sending allotments to the outer islands.

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

Mr. Temate Ereateiti (x1)
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (x1)
Mr. Alexander Teabo (x1)

Question time ended at 11.30 am and the House proceed to the next item on the Order Paper which is the first reading of Bills.

6. BILL – FIRST READING

Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Ioteba Redfern

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

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Hon. Ioteba Redfern continued his discussion
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Taneti Maamau
H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Matang Tekitanga
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Teburoro Tito

At 4.00 pm the House adjourned for afternoon break. At 4.30 pm the House resumed and Hon. Natan Teewe was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put: First Reading of the Bill carried.

Hon. Speaker informed the House to make use of the remaining time to discuss additional oral questions which had been prepared on a Supplementary Order Paper for the day.

7. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

7.1 Q. 2 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Towards the end of the year 2007, seawater flooded into bwabwai pits destroying bwabwai on my island. Is there a compensation that Government could provide to those affected?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I regret that Government is not liable to provide compensation for the damage caused by seawater flooding of the bwabwai pits.

7.2 Q. 13 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau) was deferred as the Member was not present, but his question will appear in the next Order Paper.

7.3 Q. 52 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible consider appointing 3 more special constables to increase to 6 the total number of special constables who are to assist with the police services on Teraina?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to consider this request in accordance with established policy and procedures.

7.4 Q. 16 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau) was also deferred.

7.5 Q. 67 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

The delay in providing materials required for affected areas by strong winds and sea erosion can cause more serious problems. Could the Minister responsible ensure that the requested materials be sent at the first available opportunity?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government will ensure that it responds to disaster-related needs as and when required in a timely manner.

The Member asked two supplementary questions while Mr. Alexander Teabo asked one supplementary question.

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

Could the Ministry concern explain to this House the guidelines on the dirt bonus allowances. How many kinds of rates are used to medical staff entitled to this allowance?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, there are two types of dirt bonus allowances with different rates. The guidelines are as follows:

Dirt Allowance (a) (Sewage) – NCS E.67: Rate is \$0.25 per hour. This is payable to employees who deal with sewage that is very messy work and dirty in nature such as garbage collection, cleaning of backyards and around the offices.

Dirt Allowance (b) (Sewage) – NCS E 68: Rate is \$0.63 per hour. This is payable to employees whose work involves contact with sewage or dirt of human debris and leftover.

Medical staffs receive a dirt bonus of 63c an hour under NCS E68 since their work involves clearing debris and dirt in connection with very sick patients.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Tonganibeia Taam (x3)
Mr. Taneti Maamau (x1)
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua (x1)

7.7 Q. 14 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau) was also deferred.

At 5.45 pm, Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 23rd April 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 23rd April 2008

1. PRAYERS

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who is on medical treatment overseas.

2. ORAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q.14 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Could the Government consider the development of the existing pond at Neinriki in Nikunau into the milkfish pond and also to accommodate other marine species?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

My Ministry will be happy to assist in the development of Neinriki for milkfish and other marine species if there is potential to do so.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised 2 supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 3 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could government assist BTC and TUC in demarcating their different zones and to instruct bus owners to post bus fares on their buses?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Government can assist but it is the responsibility of the respective councils.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions while Mr. Bauro Tenano raised one supplementary question.

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

Could the Minister responsible provide a Fisheries Officer, whose assistance is needed on Teraina?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

My Ministry will be happy to dispatch a Fisheries Assistant (FA) if there is indeed a need for one on Teraina.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions. The following Members raised one supplementary question each: Mr. Temate Ereateiti, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta.

2.4 Q. 43 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Could Government provide subsidy for village Nurse Aids so that they all have the same wages since they have the same job description and their role is of great significance to the Health Sector in their respective villages.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, Government has already provided subsidy to councils for this purpose.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions while Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua raised only one supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 4 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could the Government assist the workers on Makin who have worked on the ice plant under a contractor and not through the Council working conditions and who, until now, have not received their wages?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

My Ministry had liaised with the contractor who constructed the ice plant on Makin for the settlement of outstanding wages for those workers employed outside the working conditions of the Council.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 49 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)

Is there a plan by Government to construct monuments on historical site throughout Kiribati including the site for King Keewe in North Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Yes, there is a plan by Government to construct monuments on historical site throughout Kiribati including the site for King Keewe in North Tarawa provided they are submitted as priority projects from the Island Council concerned.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina raised only one.

2.7 Q. 41 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, Does Government have plans to exempt building materials brought for Religious Churches, maneabas including village maneabas from custom duty and port charges or not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Government has already granted 50% exemption from customs duty on Church building materials only.

The Mover raised only 3 supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 38 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

It is noted in the past that KPF monetary estates of a deceased parent disbursed amongst his/her offspring and kept in the ANZ/BOK under the custody the Director of Lands are usually affected by the bank's monthly dormant fee to the extent that the money could become exhausted before the children withdraw their money at the eligible age of 18 years. Could government reimburse those children's money which has been affected as a result of the bank's dormant fee?

Reply by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, I thank the Honorable Member from Nikunau for raising the matter of the bank charges on the monetary estate of the deceased held in trust under the custody of the Director of Lands for the minor inheritors. I am pleased to advise this House now that all losses to the affected accounts will be made good jointly by the Bank of Kiribati and government.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions while Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Moote Terukaio raised one supplementary question each.

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

When will government start the construction of a causeway between Taku and Tabuaikia?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I regret to mention to the Hon. MP that the construction of Taku causeway is still pending.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 13 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Can Government implement the sea cucumber project on Nikunau island?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

My Ministry will be willing to assist in the implementation of the Sea Cucumber project on Nikunau if they know what is specifically required in this project.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions and one supplementary question each was raised by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Rimeta Beniamna.

2.11 Q. 21 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister concerned ensure that essential medicines for all diseases such as Diabetes mellitus and Hypertension never run out on all outer islands including Tabiteuea North?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Yes, I would continue to the best I could to ensure that essential medicines for common diseases such as diabetes mellitus and hypertension never run out of stock from all outer islands including Tab North.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka raised one supplementary question each.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Motion No. 1 by Mr. Tebuai Uaii MP (TabSouth) was ruled out as it contravened section 115(4)(b) of the Constitution in that the Public Account Committee have not present a report to the Maneaba on the account of the Kiribati Government for the year 2004.

4.2 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 3

That this House requests the Government to consider amending the Local Government Act to upgrade the status of a Tiibi Kauntira to reflect the significant of this office on the island and to change his title to a 'mayor'.

Motion proposed: the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mover summed up his motion.

Question Put: Carried

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

4.3 Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari) moved:

Motion No. 6

Mr. Speaker, the problem of late transport for students to their schools from their home islands was becoming a worse process and this House is to express its dissatisfaction on the Government's failure and inability in eventuating prompt transportation for students and advise Government to instigate its plans and financial provision before hand when handling this nation wide need.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. James Tom
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka
H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Mover then summed up his Motion.

Question Put: Not Carried

4.4 Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) moved:

Motion No. 2

That the present Government is asked to make sure that all vessels used for sea travel by passengers are well equipped with the necessary provisions and facilities to ensure that passengers using them are comfortable, safe and do not suffer in any ways.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Patrick Tatireta

Mr. Tekiau Aretateta

The House adjourned for afternoon break at 4.00 pm and resumed again at 4.35 pm.

Discussion on the Motion continued by the following Members:

Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

The Mover summed up at 4.57 pm.

Question Put: Carried

4.5 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved

Motion No. 4

That this House strongly reminds government not to issue money again from the Consolidate Fund A/c No.1 to the Development Fund A/c No.4 without Parliament's approval, which requires that money transferred from Consolidated Fund No.1 be included in the first Appropriation Bill after the issue of such warrants, noting that this has happened twice for a certain project when \$2,399,785 was transferred in 2006 and \$1,690,569 was transferred in 2007 without Parliament's approval.

Amendment was made. Refer to text of amendments and replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

H.E. Te Beretitenti

The Mover summed up at 5.55 pm.

Question Put: Division Called

Results of Division: For – 9 Against – 30 Absent – 6

From the result of the Division the Motion was Not Carried

At 6.15 pm the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10. 00 am on Thursday, 24th April 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Thursday, 24th April 2008

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By H.E. Te Beretitenti

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent.

(Paper No. 02/08)

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent.

(Paper No. 03/08)

3. **STATEMENT**

Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa) made the following statement:

Promises under the Maneaba roof which have not been fulfilled.

The following Members asked short questions:

H.E. Te Beretitenti	x 7
Mr. Tebuai Uai	x 1
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina	x 1
Hon. Taberannang Timeon	x 1

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 4.1 **Q. 30 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)**

Could the Ministry responsible as soon as it can build toilets in public parks along side the Nippon causeway on BTC and TUC side such as Taiwan Park?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member from Betio for his question on one of the activities included under my Ministry's Operation Plan for 2008, which we very much like to complete as soon as possible.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

4.2 Q. 16 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister responsible carry out a project to repair leaking aluminium boats on Nikunau to be partially funded by the Government?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, I hasten to apologize to the honored MP from Nikunau but my Ministry is not prepared at this stage to support the proposed project.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised supplementary questions. H.E. Te Beretitenti and Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti assisted in replying to supplementary questions.

4.3 Q. 32 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Could the Minister responsible improve the condition of the tennis and basketball court inside the Sport Complex compound, as there is a great need for it by the sportsmen?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, the tennis and basketball facilities inside the Sport Complex will be improved.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

4.4 Q. 53 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House the latest development on the need for a DBK agent on Teraina, a request that have repeatedly been raised in the past Houses?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

A review towards the end of 2007 was done on Teraina to assess the need for the establishment of a DBK agency and according to the assessment; establishment of an agency on Teraina was not justified.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised two supplementary questions.

4.5 Q. 26 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible improve its Ministry's care to female students during their sea travel on official charters to their home islands for school holidays and also for the start of the new school term?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, every time there is an official charter to return students to their families or pick them for the start of the school year my Ministry sends one of its staffs on the vessel with the intention of looking after students.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Mikaere Baraniko, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Temate Ereateiti also raised supplementary questions.

4.6 Q. 1 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin) was withdrawn

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

Could the Government increase or construct more manholes connecting toilets to the sewage at St. Betero and Ekuetoa in Temakin and other places on Betio where there is a need for it?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry will take up the matter with PUB to assess the sewage and manhole requirements at the Betio areas including St. Betero and Ekuetoa referred to by one of the MPs from Betio before I could appropriately response to the question.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

4.8 Q. 37 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Why do boys from KGV/EBS attend classes daily from their homes?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, the boys from KGV/EBS attend their classes daily from their homes because their dorms are considered unsafe for dwelling.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Temate Ereteiti, Mr. Inatio Tanentoa and Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question each.

4.9 Q. 11 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible explain the current plan to continue the collection of copra from Teraina since MV Moomi is no longer doing it?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, it is planned that LC Betiraoi will continue with the collection of copra from Teraina once the repair work to her engine has been fixed.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

5. BILL – FIRST READING

5.1 Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development moved:

That the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tebuai Uai

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Banuera Berina

The Mover of the Bill then sum up.

Question put: Carried

6. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

6.1 Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007

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 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved an amendment to clause 4.

“by repealing \$1000 and substituting \$250,000 and to imprisonment for life”

Mr. Taneti Maamau, Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Ieremia Tabai and Hon. Attorney General spoke on the amendment.

Question put on the amendment: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 4 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved amendments to clause 5.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 5 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 7 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved amendments to clause 8.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 8 as amended 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

6.2 Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007

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.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved amendments to clause 2.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved amendments to clause 4.

Mr. Teburoro Tito and Hon. Attorney General spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 4 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 7 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved amendments to clause 7.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 7 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 9, 10 and 11 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved an amendment. The insertion of a new clause 12 – insertion of a Schedule.

The House adjourned at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Committee Stage of Bill continued.

The following Members spoke on the amendment:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Alexander Teabo

Hon. Speaker after realizing that the Schedule is quite a substantial inclusion to the Bill ordered that the Schedule should be debated like in the first reading of a Bill so that the Members could have the opportunity to express their views on it.

The following Members spoke on the Schedule:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tebukai Uai (The Member also question the constitutionality of the amendment but the Hon. Speaker however decided that it is up to the Maneaba to decide, whether they will accept or reject the amendment.)

Mr. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Question put on the amendment: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 12 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

The House resumed after being a committee.

The Hon. Speaker then proposed that a committee of the House should be established to review the Schedule which have just been passed so that the essential services bodies included in the Schedule have the opportunity to express their views to the committee. The committee should consist of 4 members, one from each party and should present its report to the Hon. Speaker for passing to Cabinet.

7. BILLS – SECOND READING

7.1 Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried

7.2 Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the second and do pass.

Question put: Carried

Hon. James Taom interrupted to indicate that it is now after 6.00 pm.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 25th April 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Friday, 25th April 2008

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 31 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)**

The number of KHC houses for policemen on Betio is not enough, what assistance are there to assist policemen who have been waiting for a long time to have a house?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the Housing Corporation is prepared to consider reviewing its housing allocation policy and an agreement signed between Government and the Corporation dated 31 December 1986 as part of efforts to allow police officers' housing applications to be included for consideration for houses not presently tied to the Kiribati Police Service.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina raised one supplementary question.

- 2.2 **Q. 33 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)**

Does the Government have vision to increase the price of copra from what is being used now of 60c a kilo?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, the Government has no vision to increase the price of copra from its current price of 60c a kilo.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Matang Tekitanga and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 61 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government/ Minister reimburse expenses spent on the counting of students' marks who meet the pass marks after recounting?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, at the moment the policy is not to refund the amount of \$10.00 per subject as it was intended to cover the re-marking work, however it can be re-considered in light of fairness.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Taneti Maamau, Mr. Teetan Mweretaka, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 5 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could BKL branches on the outer islands deliver cargoes to those ordering from places separate from the mainland?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

BKL branches on the outer islands are not yet ready to deliver cargoes to those ordering from places separate from the mainland.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 10 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Now that some outer islands maneaba in Temaiku have been completed, could Government allow local patients from outer islands to stay in their own maneaba?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, Government has yet to determine policy guidelines that would allow patients referred from the outer islands to be accommodated at their island maneaba at Temaiku.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 34 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

Is there a possibility that the rate of land rents of leased plots leased by Government be uniform throughout Kiribati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, under existing policy land rent rates for the outer islands are different from that applied to BTC and TUC.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Temate Ereateiti and Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 102 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Who is responsible for the delivery of drums of fuel like benzene, diesel and kerosene to the retailers, the retailers, or customers or KOIL?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, it is the responsibility of KOIL to deliver drums of benzene, diesel and kerosene to retailers and/or customers on South Tarawa, Betio and the outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka, Mr. Matang Tekitanga and Mr. Temate Ereateiti also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 57 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Minister responsible explain the delay in sending funds for the renovation of classrooms and teacher's houses on Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the fund requested for outstanding maintenance requirement that was submitted by the Maintenance Coordinating Committee on the island, based on a survey conducted on the 8/5/07, I would say that this had already been sent not long after the receipt of the request in the same year. Up to now Abemama has not requested for any maintenance fund this year. The maintenance fund is only issued to the island upon receipt of the maintenance requirement.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 72 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

The increasing number of family members on one acre of land on Fanning creates overcrowding problems. What would be the Government plan on this problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to inform the Honourable Member and this House that Government will review the situation and consider options to address the overcrowding problem that appears to be an issue for the people of Tabuaeran.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria also raised a supplementary question.

2.10 Q. 94 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Currently NZ has two particular important initiatives for our people: seasonal workers scheme and organized migration. I want to ask whether we know the attitude of the new Australian Government on these initiatives?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, yes we know the attitude of the new Australian Government on these initiatives.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.11 Q. 48 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)

Due to the distance to the nearest Primary school, there is a need for a Satellite Primary School at Buariki, North Tarawa. Could Government look into that need and assist at the earliest opportunity?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Education will consider this request along with other requests received on the same issue.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

3.1 Religious Bodies Registration (Amendment) Bill 2008

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved:

That the Religious Bodies Registration (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

When the House resumed there was no quorum and the buzz was sounded until the quorum was attained.

Discussion on the Bill continue as follows:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai continued his discussion on the Bill.
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Alexander Teabo

Mr. Teburoro Tito then summed up.

Question Put: First Reading of the Bill was not carried.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (MP Tabuaeran) moved:

Motion No. 10

That this House requests the government to motivate all employees at different offices, companies to carry out their roles as expected.

Motion proposed.

Before H.E. Te Beretitenti gave his reply to the Motion, the House was adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

The Speaker took the chair and made a few announcements before proceeding to business.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti.
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Matang Tekitanga
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria
Hon. Tetabo Nakara

At 5.38 pm, the Hon. Speaker gave the floor to the Mover to sum up.

Question Put – Carried.

At 6.00 pm, Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua interrupted in accordance with Rule 16(3).

4.2 Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei) moved:

Motion No. 8

That this House requests the Government to find the way to pay the maintenances and new construction costs still unpaid since 2007.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa

At 6.25 pm, the Mover then summed up.

Question Put – Carried.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.30 pm and to resume on Monday, 28th April 2008 at 10.00 am.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 28th April 2008

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 71 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)**

Rats on Fanning Island destroy so many young green nuts. Could the Minister responsible help to solve the problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, yes, Government will assist in solving the problem.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

- 2.2 Q. 103 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)**

A couple of Kiribati sailors who have worked on Korean Fishing boats are anxiously waiting for the recovery of their lost remittances after being told that some funds have been received from the Government of Korea in the amount of over A\$200,000 which would cater for this purpose. Could Government explain when will these funds be paid back?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I confirm that there are on-going negotiations with the government of the Republic of Korea who have undertaken to provide assistance, but funds have not yet been received.

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

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Alexander Teabo

2.3 Q. 104 by Mr. Taneti Mamau MP (Onotoa)

How many from the ten selected from Onotoa have been sent to New Zealand to work under the Recognized Employment Scheme?

Replied Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, I regret to advise that none from Onotoa has travelled to New Zealand to work under the RSE Scheme.

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

Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Matang Tekitanga
Mr. Alexander Teabo

2.4 Q. 17 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Announcing the shipping schedules on Radio Kiribati is very important for the people of Kiribati. Could the Minister and Members of the Board of Directors allow these to be announced freely on Radio Kiribati?

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

BPA is regrettably unable to freely announce the shipping schedule on Radio Kiribati.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Moote Terukaio
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Taneti Mamau
Mr. Willie Tokataake

2.5 Q. 90 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Does Government see the need at this time to increase the \$50,000.00 grant per island Maneaba to be built on South Tarawa with Taiwan funds?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government will maintain the cost of \$50,000 per Maneaba to make it fair for those Maneabas being completed within the amount of \$50,000.

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

Mr. Teetan Mweretaka
Mr. Alexander Teabo

2.6 Q. 15 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister responsible instruct ships anchoring at Rungata in Nikunau to anchor too at Nikumanu and to load copra, cargoes and passengers from there since it has been recognized as the second port in Nikunau?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communications, Transports & Tourism Development

KSSL ships normally call at primary ports only, such as Rungata village in Nikunau. However, they can also call at secondary ports, such as Nikumanu in Nikunau, only when there is sufficient cargo, copra or passenger to pick or discharge at that other secondary port.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 19 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Could the Minister responsible explain why there is no entrance exam for KTC, School of Nursing and Police Training School from outer islands?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Applications for registration for KTC, School of Nursing and Police intakes are normally advertised to attract interest from South Tarawa and the outer islands. For KTC and School of Nursing, registration usually opens in August and closes in November every year. This is done to allow interested applicants from outer islands to make necessary arrangements for their registration, as well as making themselves available on Tarawa for an interview or for tests normally carried out as part of the admission requirement. The same applies to intakes for the Police Training School although this is done bi-annually.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Alexander Teabo

2.8 Q. 20 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

When will the construction of Copra Sheds for our island, Tabiteuea Maiaki commence?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, the construction of one copra shed for Tabiteuea South is part of the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society's (KCCS) Copra Sheds project and will commence once all arrangements are in place.

The Member asked six supplementary questions, and the Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs also assist in providing responses.

2.9 Q. 27 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

How long will the present fare structure used by Air Kiribati continue, and is it possible to ensure that there are flights between all outer islands and those that have Secondary Schools on them?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, Air Kiribati will continue with the present fare structure until there is need to change. Air Kiribati could organize flights between and amongst all outer islands and those outer islands on which secondary schools are located as long as advance notice is given to Air Kiribati.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai (3)
Mr. Matang Tekitanga (1)
Mr. Kouramaera (1)
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (1)

2.10 Q. 51 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

The Minister responsible is asked to request the Government to increase the RBC ceiling for Teraina from \$20,000 to \$40,000?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

A review of the monthly revenue and expenditure of Teraina Island Council for the last year 2007 shows that the Council is able to operate with the current RBC ceiling of \$20,000.00

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

Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta
Mr. Temate Ereateiti

2.11 Q. 60 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government give advices for clarification to the people of Kuria at Oneeke, and together with villages on other islands who needs the

Government explanation on what requirements are needed, so that Primary schools could be completed from class 1 to class 6?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, Government is currently reviewing the requirements required, so that Primary Schools can be completed from Class 1 to Class 6.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

2.12 Q. 78 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government provide one medical doctor to be stationed on Abemama?

Replied Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, with the present number of Doctors, my Ministry still cannot afford to provide Abemama and the rest of the outer islands with a Doctor.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Willie Tokataake (x2)

Dr. Tetaua Taitai (x1)

2.13 Q. 66 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government set plans for private ship owners to pay the 5% Agency Fee for loading copra from outer islands as KSSL does?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government, regrettably, cannot impose the payment of the 5% agency fee for the loading of copra on private shipping companies as there is no legislation to enforce it. The application of the 5% agency fee is entirely a matter for the individual ship owners to decide.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

2.14 Q. 74 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Payment of leasing land becomes a major problem to those whose lands are leased by the Government and stay on Fanning. Could the Ministry concerned staff to see the concerned people in order to ease their problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development

Mr. Speaker, the Land Management Division (LMD) is always ready to check and confirm the rental fee paid to landowners whose land is leased by

government. Landowners residing on Tabuaeran can communicate directly, or through a third party, the detail of what they see as not right with their rental income to the LMD branch office on Kiritimati. They can also bring their issue to the touring staff of LMD when they visit Tabuaeran.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

2.15 Q. 65 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government help to confirm staff movements to outer islands eg: teachers in case of deviating decision making for movements that already decided or planned for them, either they exchanged islands or refused to go?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr Speaker, yes Government will do as asked.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Matang Tekitanga (x2)

Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria (x1)

Question time lapsed at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed, the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Ieremia Tabai

Mr. Taneti Maamau

At 12.35 pm, Hon. Natan Teewe summed up.

Question Put: First Reading of the Bill Carried.

3.2 Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed, the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mover of the Bill then sum up.

Question Put: First Reading of the Bill Carried.

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

4.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2008

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$327,956 under head of expenditure 02, Contribution to Development Fund stand part of the Schedule,

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$315,201 under head of expenditure 15, Ministry of Internal ad Social Affairs stand part of the schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$86,758 under head of expenditure 24, Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development stand part of the schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$150,000 under head of expenditure 31, Subsidies, Grants and other Commitments stand part of the schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$879,915 stand part of the schedule.

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

5. BILL – SECOND READING

5.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried.

As there are questions on the Order Paper not yet covered, Hon. Speaker ruled that the adjournment motion be deferred to enable the House to discuss these oral questions.

6. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

6.1 Q. 84 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Minister clarify the arrangements regarding primip cases on Tabuaeran. Should they give birth on Tabuaeran or be sent to Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, the arrangement for all primips is the same as for other outer islands and that they should be delivered on Tabuaeran, unless they have risk factors.

The Member asked four supplementary questions while Mr. Tekiau Aretateta asked one.

6.2 Q. 79 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government quickly pay outstanding wages of road labourers on Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry had already paid out all labour related costs to workers for Abemama road project and is not aware of any outstanding wages.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

6.3 Q. 83 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Could Government review its agreement with NCL so that more Cruise line companies besides NCL could visit Tabuaeran and help boost the economy of the island?

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

Mr. Speaker, the Cruise Agreement between Government and Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) had already been reviewed and renewed for another 2 years, i.e. from April 1st 2007 to April 1st 2009. During that review the request raised by the Honourable Member was also addressed.

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

Mr. Tekiau Aretateta

Mr. Taneti Maamau

6.4 Q. 82 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government give urgent consideration on road improvement on Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government may provide assistance to road improvement on Abemama after reviewing its policy on road upgrading for outer islands.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

6.5 Q. 89 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

There are people on Nikunau who are fishermen, copra cutters and island council employees wishing to loan from DBK but cannot provide to DBK their guarantors. Instead they have in their possession certain securities that can be used as collaterals against their loan. Could Government allow these people to loan from DBK?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

DBK has 4 types of Commercial loan packages. Business Loan Package 3 and 4 are for potential clients without any regular source of income or liquid assets. Loans under these packages are subjected to a lot of scrutiny due to the high risk they carry and most applications are declined due to incomplete information and difficulty in establishing project viability.

The Member asked three supplementary questions.

6.6 Q. 93 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

What is the current government policy for financing the construction of buildings for pre-schools on the outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, government does not have a separate policy for financing the construction of buildings for pre-schools on the outer islands.

The Member asked two supplementary questions while Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria asked one supplementary question.

6.7 Q. 96 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

The actual expenditure against the small community project fund provided by Taiwan under the office of Te Beretitenti for the year 2007 was \$149,065.00. For the sake of transparency, could H.E. Te Beretitenti provide and inform this House the breakdown of the amount \$149,065.00?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, A summary of disbursements under the Small Community Projects Fund per island for the year 2007 is as follows:

Island	Total Disbursements
Makin	\$11,697.90
Butaritari	\$20,960.55
Marakei	\$7,720.65
Abaiang	\$23,281.22
North Tarawa	\$8,626.20
South Tarawa	\$14,978.00
Maiana	\$303.50
Kuria	\$7,691.75
Aranuka	\$15,728.45
Abemama	\$4,356.55
Nonouti	\$2,106.00
Tabiteuea North	\$2,925.00
Tabiteuea South	\$1,082.00
Beru	\$1,020.00
Nikunau	\$0.00
Onotoa	\$4,202.00
Tamana	\$1,868.25
Arorae	\$4,440.70
Banaba	\$983.55
Kiritimati	\$156.40
Tabuaeran	\$100.00
Teraina	\$7,125.00

I would be happy to provide a detailed list of activities funded under this facility to those Members interested, in details for their respective constituencies.

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

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito

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

Could the Minister responsible assign the Clerk to the Council of Marakei immediately?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk for the Council of Marakei is still on leave now but will be posted to Marakei immediately when she returns from leave.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

6.9 Q. 100 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

What is the class of travel which primary and secondary school teachers are entitled to take up when traveling officially on ship?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker the following information is provided in response to the question raised by the Honourable Member for Onotoa, as stipulated in Appendix H1 of the NCS:

- a) 1st class for those carrying salary level of Level 10 and above
- b) 2nd class for those carrying salary level of Level 14 to Level 11
- c) Deck class for those carrying L15 and below.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

6.10 Q. 110 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)

There are public employees in Kiritimati who borrowed money from ANZ Bank and their loan repayments were deducted from their salaries every 2 weeks. Despite that arrangement, the Bank still charged them the late repayment fee every payday. Could the Minister responsible explain why the bank has refunded only part of the fee wrongly deducted and not the full amount?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

My Ministry has liaised with the Bank of Kiribati and the Bank of Kiribati has given its assurance that it will refund any late payment fees charged in error. Those fees charged correctly, will not be refunded.

The Member asked one supplementary questions as well as Mr. Tonganibeia Taam.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea and resume at 4.15 pm. Oral Questions and Answers continued.

6.11 Q. 101 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Does Government have a training programme for special constables?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that the Kiribati Police Service has a training program for Special Constables that has been on-going since 2001.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

6.12 Q. 116 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Could the Government implement a project which is milkfish pond on the Council remote barren area at Marakei Lagoon Side, as it is believed milkfish can be breed there?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government may consider the milkfish pond project for Marakei if it is the Council's priority.

The Member asked one supplementary as well as Mr. Tekiau Aretateta.

6.13 Q. 119 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House when will Island Councils first priority project for 2007, be ready to be implemented?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I regret to mention to this House that Government will soon come up with a fair decision on how to deal with Island Council priority projects for 2007, since the total funding required had exceeded the \$2m funding limit.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

6.14 Q. 117 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Can Government provide fund for the road at Marakei? While Council can't maintain its capacity at present.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government may provide assistance to road improvement at Marakei after reviewing its policy on road upgrading for outer islands.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

6.15 Q. 123 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)

There are many renovation and upgrading works as well as new development projects to be carried out in order to cater for the basic needs of the community in Banana village on Kiritimati, but all of them have been suspended because Government still can not finalize its decision, regarding the relocation of the village to its new site. Could Government inform this House when it could finalize its decision regarding the idea as to whether Banana village should be relocated to a new site or not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to inform my MP colleague from Kiritimati and this House that the final decision of Government is that, Banana village should be relocated to a new site.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

At 4.40 pm all oral questions on the Order Paper were covered, and the Hon. Speaker adjourned the meeting and to resume at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 29th April 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 29th April 2008

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 25 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

Would the Government undertake tar-sealing work on the main road on Tabiteuea North as this is required for patients from the Southern Kiribati group and also from Tabiteuea North who will be using the new hospital?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government will consider the proposal to tar-seal the main road on Tabiteuea North provided it is submitted through normal project procedures.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised three supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 50 by Mr. Bauro Tenano MP (North Tarawa)**

Could Government encourage the Public Utilities Board to extend electricity service to all households on Abatao and nearby villages?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, yes, Government is prepared to encourage PUB to extend electricity service to all households on Abatao and nearby villages within PUB line proximity to Nabeina village.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised a supplementary question.

2.3 Q. 58 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government ensure that copra money is paid to the copra cutter at the time the copra is weighed?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

The Government through my Ministry is prepared to work closely with other related government ministries and KCCS to explore ways of addressing this need.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 98 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Could the Minister responsible appoint an assistance fisheries officer for the ice plant at Marakei?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is prepared to provide a Fisheries Assistant to assist with the initial operation of the Marakei fish center.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 80 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government liaise with KCCS to settle outstanding wages of copra workers on Abemama for the last copra uploading?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, a report from KCCS indicated that all outstanding wages of copra workers on Abemama for the last copra uploading have long been settled.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka also raised a supplementary question.

2.6 Q. 107 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Could Government standardize the rate of hiring a motorboat on the outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult for Government to standardize the rate of hiring a motor boat on the outer islands because the boat owners are at liberty to charge their own rates based on fuel cost and other expenses related to the hire.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 109 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government recruit more peoples' lawyers?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti

Speaker, Government will consider this request in the light of our commitment to improve access to the services of the Office of the People's Lawyer by those located outside Tarawa.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.8 Q. 81 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government liaise with KCCS to consider increasing copra agency fee?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretienti

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is prepared to liaise with KCCS to consider reviewing its current copra agency fee level.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 120 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Abaiang Island Council is paying rent on land used formerly by OIP at Tabontebike. Could Government take over the responsibility to paying rent to landowners as OIP is no longer in existence?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

My Ministry is prepared to liaise with the Board of Directors of the CPPL which operates the fish centre at Tabontebike at Abaiang regarding responsibility for rent payment to land owners for the use of their land.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 122 by Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa) was skipped, as the Member was absent.

2.11 Q. 129 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Notwithstanding our deep sense of gratitude to foreigners assisting Kiribati in areas of expertise which are not yet possessed by I-Kiribati, will Government inform this House whether or not it has a plan to localize the position of Chief Justice and if so how long more should Kiribati wait before it can celebrate the

attainment of such important mark of mature nationhood particularly in the field of law?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti and Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, My response to the Honourable Member's question remains unchanged from that I gave in the last meeting of the Eighth Parliament to a similar question from the Honourable Member. The response remains that the position of Chief Justice will be localized as and when circumstances permit.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised a supplementary question.

2.12 Q. 68 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) was deferred, as the Hon. Minister replying wants to amend his reply.

2.13 Q. 73 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

The BKL branch at Fanning continues to sell out its cargoes, which are out of date and stale. Could there be a discount on these cargoes?

Replied by Te Kauoma ni Beretienti and Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, The cargoes that has reached their expiry dates and considered not good for human consumption should not be sold out.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

2.14 Q. 105 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Heavy plants such as loader, tipper truck, backhoe, mixer and others are in great and urgent demand to help in the construction of Aoraereke causeway in Onotoa. Could Government advise when will these heavy plants be transported to Onotoa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, we acknowledge the increasing demand of outer island councils for heavy plant to enhance faster implementation of their big projects such as Aoraereke causeway on Onotoa island. However, given the shortages of heavy plants on hand with PWD and while some plants are still out on the other islands it is difficult at this point in time to give exact date and time to send the heavy plants to Onotoa.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised a supplementary question.

2.15 Q. 91 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Despite Parliament's approval in the past years for government to use local funds (i.e. public funds) to fund specific development projects, they have not been implemented to date, such as;

Banaba Airstrip Preparatory Work (\$7.8 million), Teabike College Classroom (\$376,180), JSS Capital Costs (\$1.5 million), Satellite Primary Schools (\$300,000), Primary School Water Tanks (\$100,000), Renovation of Primary School Classrooms Ph. 1 (1.0 million), and many others.

Could government explain to this House why these projects have not been implemented?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

The status of projects approved for GOK funding is dependent on the circumstances of each project. For example, there are some projects on hold due to land issues and others due to the need for proper survey.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. All Questions on the Order Paper were covered.

3. MOTION

3.1 H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

Motion No. 22

That this House approves the suspension of Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu in order to enable the first reading of the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008 to take place in this session of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

H.E. Te Beretitenti then sum up.

Question put: Carried

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008

Prior to proposing the Bill, H.E. Te Beretitenti wants to make some amendments to the Bill. The Hon. Speaker on seeing that there will be a lot of amendments to the original Bill ordered that the new amended Bill be distributed to replace the old one and that the House will adjourn so that the Members have enough time to study the amendments before it is debated after the adjournment.

While the amended Bill is distributed the House proceeds to deal with the remaining Question on the Order Paper.

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

5.1 Q. 122 by Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with the Public Utilities Board to seek the possibility of allowing electricity consumers to be allowed to accompany meter readers when they record the electricity consumption of such consumers (meter reading) to avoid the possibility of such consumers complaining about and questioning the accuracy of their electricity bill?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, yes, I am prepared to take up the matter with PUB for consideration.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Matang Tekitanga, Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Alexander Teabo raised one supplementary question each.

The House took an early adjournment and resumed at 2.00 pm.

6. BILL – FIRST READING

6.1 Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Mr. Inatio Tanentoa
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

H.E. Te Beretitenti then sum up

Question put: Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 30th April 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 30th April 2008

1. PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and read prayers.

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who is on medical leave overseas.

2. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 121 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

The people of Nuotaea did the maintenance work on the teachers' quarters at Nei Tearintarawa Primary School in Nuotaea last year. I want to direct my question to the Minister responsible when will they be paid?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the claims for maintenance work at Nei Tearintarawa Primary School in Nuotaea last year has been verified and will be settled immediately.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised 3 supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 124 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible ensure that where teachers are needed for at least a year they are offered contract rather than temporary employment terms?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, yes the Ministry of Education will ensure this is done

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 137 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

The seaweed is known as the major income for all the people on Tabuaeran, but still the financial problem in funding the seaweed do exists. Can other companies, businesses or different people be allowed to buy seaweed from Tabuaeran people?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, Government has no objection to other companies or businesses buying seaweed directly from overseas farmers.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 128 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible consider the difficulties faced by certain employees of the Betio Shipyard Ltd relating to their condition of work, and others as already submitted to the Board and to the Minister himself?

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

Mr. Speaker, the Board has received such complaints from employees of the Betio Shipyard Ltd as raised here and the company is now considering remedial actions to assist where possible.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 42 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Could the Minister responsible, allow for the inclusion of both Ukiangang and Tanimaiaki namonrua under the Namonrua project now under implementation at Butaritari bearing in mind incompleteness of the 7 months duration stipulated in the Project Document and the availability of remaining project fund balance.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Government will review this request taking into account the availability of funds under the Namonrua Project.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions while one was raised by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake.

2.6 Q. 63 by Mr. Matang Tekitang MP (Kuria)

Could the Government liaise with KSSL to increase cargo and copra handling charges, as we know that freights of cargoes and copra, including sea-fare were increased?

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

Mr. Speaker, the rise in cargo freight and passenger fare has nothing to do with cargo or copra handling charges. The rise was to counteract the increase in the fuel price from \$0.60 per litre in 1993 to \$1.10 in 2006 and again lately to \$1.23 per litre. If cargo and copra handling charges were to be increased, then KSSL will also need to correspondingly increase its freight and passenger charges to match that further increase also. The impact of this will, at the end of the day, ultimately fall on consumers.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions while Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua raised one.

2.7 Q. 75 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

A few patients who had been checked by a doctor were confirmed to have “eye problems” and were informed to wait for the eye team. How long are they going to wait?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, I am happy to inform this House that these eye patients will be seen and treated fairly soon based on the assurance given to the Ministry by those who will be providing the humanitarian assistance to this effect.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions while Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka raised one each.

2.8 Q. 111 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)

When would the residential leases be actually released to those who had been selected from Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development

Speaker, the residential leases on Kiritimati would have been released to the successful applicants from Kiritimati in early March this year. However, due to the submissions that have been made by some people on Kiritimati on the result of the processing of the applications the release is being delayed now to clear some matters that will require further consideration. We expect to be able to start processing the lease agreements with the successful applicants in May this year.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Banuera Benira raised one. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka raised one. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam raised one.

2.9 Q. 86 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Shortage of medicine on Tabuaeran is a major concern of the people. Could the Minister responsible diagnose and give the right solution to this recruiting problem.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

My Ministry has already taken steps ahead in trying to improve the Ministry's pharmaceutical management capacity and systems from which I expect the problem of drug shortage in Tabuaeran and the country at large would be eliminated.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 134 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

When the water reserves on Maiana will be leased and paid?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, the Land Management Division is liaising now with the Island Council, the Lands Court and the landowners on Maiana to confirm the land boundaries on the water pump sites and mark the land plots to be leased. Once the land plots are confirmed and the lease agreement is signed the land will be paid to the landowner.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions while Mr. Taneti Maamau raised one supplementary question.

2.11 Q. 113 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Can the responsible Minister inform this House of the current policy regarding the referral of a very sick patient to come to TCH Nowerewere for medication?

Replied by Hon Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, The Ministry's existing Standard Operational Procedures and Guidelines stipulate that all cases to be referred to the Tungaru Central Hospital must be approved by the concerned specialist doctor whose decision must be guided by information on the patient provided by the Medical Assistant on the island from which the patient will be referred.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions. One supplementary question raised each were raised by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Dr. Tetaua Taitai

2.12 Q. 132 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Government brief this House, in relation to a submission of the Tarawa Joint Council, as to the latest position with regards to the overcrowding of landowners suffering from lack of lands caused by Government's leasing of their lands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, the submission of the Tarawa Joint Council to Government on the overcrowding of South Tarawa landowners is being given the outmost priority consideration in the relevant schemes being implemented by government to relieve the problem of overcrowding faced generally by the people of Kiribati, but more acute on South Tarawa.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions.

Questions time ended at 11.30 am.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa) moved:

Motion No. 18

That this House urges the Beretitenti to see the justification for the removal of one of his Ministers who has been involved with the agreement for the purchase of a vessel MV Mataraoi by Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd since it is confirmed that the removal by the Minister of some members of the Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd Board of Directors when they were trying to protect the company's interest was an act that was not right and just and that it simply confirmed the concerns expressed by the public regarding the appointment of the member as a Minister in the first place.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti
Hon. Patrick Tatireta

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Discussion on the Motion continued by the following Members:

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

Sum up by the Mover

Question put: Division Called

Result of Division: For (15), Against (21), Abstain (4), Absent (5) and Deceased (1) = 46 members

From the result the Motion was Not Carried

3.2 Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari) moved:

Motion No. 5

This House urges Government to comply with the requirements of the Procurement Act and other laws.

Motion Proposed. Members speaking on the Motion are as follows:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Banuera Benira
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

The House once again adjourned at 4.00 pm for afternoon break and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Discussion on the Motion continued and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Ieremia Tabai

Sum up by the Mover

Question Put: Carried

3.3 Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) moved:

Motion No. 1

Motion was again ruled out as it contravenes sections 115 and 109 (5) of the Constitution. However, before it is ruled out, the following Members seek clarification on the Motion:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito

3.4. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru) moved:

Motion No. 17

This Government is requested to consider and approve the possibility of adopting the following schedule for KSCL vessels to Southern Kiribati as such routes have been seen by the people of Beru as highly workable and inducible and if approved it must be observed at all times by ship masters.

Steaming Up – Trw/Beru/Nik/Tamana/Arorae/Onotoa/Tab/Trw

Steaming Down – Trw/Tab/Onotoa/Arorae/Tamana/Nik/Beru/Trw

Motion Proposed. The following Member spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Patrick Tatireta

Sum up by the Mover

Question Put: Carried

3.5 Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa) moved:

Motion No. 13

That this House asks the Government to include an allocation for sports in its annual scholarship and in-service training programme as part of promoting a sustainable sports development programme in the country.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Sum up by mover

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.35 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 1st May 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Thursday, 1st May 2008

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

All Members presented except Dr. Harry Tong who is on medical leave overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 114 by Mr Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)**

May I ask the Minister concern to confirm to this House and the people of Kiribati that the cancer sickness is a death warrant in Kiribati.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, This is not true. Cancer has different stages at which it can be benign or malignant to the patient.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake (x2)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai (x1)
Mr. Alexander Teabo (x2)
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam (x1)

- 2.2 **Q. 135 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)**

Could the Government increase the number of flights to Maiana to 3 times a week, as there is an increase in the need to travel between them?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government can liaise with Air Kiribati for an additional flight to Maiana from two to three flights per week.

The Member asked two supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina asked one supplementary question.

2.3 Q. 22 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the High Court schedule the hearing of cases in outer islands at least once a year or once every 2 years, as this will create problems to people in outer islands if the Court is not held within these periods?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that the High Court is prepared to consider increasing the frequency of its sessions in the outer islands as requested.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai (x2)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina (x1)
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka (x1)

2.4 Q. 136 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Government explain the delay in paying maintenance costs to Urintebura Primary School, Abitabu Primary School and Tewaiwai JSS on Maiana?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the cause of the delay was due to the late submission of Returns on the funds warranted to the island for settlement of outstanding maintenance work. My office is continuing work on this with the assistance of the responsible division within Ministry of Finance and to remit the required sum immediately.

The Member asked four supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 55 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible appoint an agricultural officer for Teraina as this position has been vacant on the island for 4 to 5 years?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, Yes. An Agricultural Assistant will be posted soon to man Teraina.

The Member asked two supplementary questions. Mr. Ieremia Tabai also asked two questions for clarification.

2.6 Q. 12 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Could the responsible Minister advise as when the new satellite telephone to be arrived in Nikunau replacing the current system?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, Depending on availability of funds to continue implementation of this project for the rest of Kiribati, construction and installation of the new satellite telephone system for the island of Nikunau is scheduled for 2009 under TSKL, project outline plan submitted to Government.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Moote Terukaio (x1)
Mr. Ieremia Tabai (x1)
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka (x1)
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta (x1)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina (x1)

2.7 Q. 44 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

The four telephone lines allocated for Butaritari and Makin are insufficient to meet the demands of telephone users on both islands and a plan to install more telephone lines has been conveyed to the people of Butaritari. Could the Minister responsible indicate the scheduled date for the realization of the plan?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, TSKL is now working on an increase to those additional satellite channel expansion from 4 to 8 for these islands.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Alexander Teabo (x3)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake (x1)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai (x1)
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa (x1)

2.8 Q. 87 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

There has been a need for a court house to be built on Teraina. Could Government consider attending to this need?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Island Development

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that Government is prepared to consider the request.

The Member asked two supplementary questions while Mr. Tekiau Aretateta asked one supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 54 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible consider changing the voyage schedule of ships now used in the Line Islands so that a ship could travel from Kiritimati to Tabuaeran and Teraina and back to Kiritimati and in the next trip from Kiritimati to Teraina and Tabuaeran and back to Kiritimati?

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

Mr. Speaker, The request can be looked into however, it should be realized that KSSL current operation routes in the Line Islands have been developed on economic and commercial basis.

The Member asked three supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 64 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government through KSSL see the propriety of increasing cargoes labour charges during low tide from \$2.00/ton to \$12.00/ton?

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

Speaker, I regret to advise that KSSL, at this time, is not in a position to increase its cargo handling charges as requested.

The following Members asked supplementary questions:

Mr. Matang Tekitanga (x3)
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa (x1)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina (x1)

As all Oral Questions were covered, the House moved to the next item on the Order Paper.

3. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into committee to consider the following Bills:

3.1 Trade Unions and Employer Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007

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 the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question Put: Carried

3.2 Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008

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 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake moved an amendment to clause 4 (b) (ii) of the Bill as follows:

By repealing the figure “\$50,000” and substituting the figure “\$10,000.

The following Members spoke on the amendment:

Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
H.E. Te Beretitenti

Question Put: Amendment not carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Tebuai Uai moved an amendment to clause 10 (1) (a) (b) and (c) as follows:

- (a) inserting the phrase , “ in possession of a valid permit issued under section 5” between the words “vessel” and “has”.
- (b) Deleting the phrase, “the provisions of section 5” and substituting the words, “any condition attached to the permit”.
- (c) Inserting between the words, “agreed sum” and “(in this section referred to as an administrative penalty) the phrase, “of not less than \$25,000 for each condition attached to the permit”.
- (d) Inserting a new line at the end of the paragraph which shall read as: “Provided that, for the sake of transparency, the Minister shall report to the Maneaba ni Maungatabu at its meeting next following receipt of an administrative penalty and shall include in the said report details of the foreign fishing vessel(s) concerned, conditions of the permit the breach of which administrative penalty has been paid and any other details that the Minister consider relevant.”

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch break. The House resumed at 2.00 pm and resolved into committee. Mr. Tebuai Uaai continued his discussion on his amendment.

The following Members spoke on the amendment:

Hon. Attorney General
Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Question Put: Not Carried

Mr. Tebuai Uaai moved an amendment to clause 10 (2) of the Bill as follows:

3. “renumbering paragraph “(3)” as “(6)” and inserting new paragraphs “(3)”, “(4)” and “(5)” which shall read as follows:
“ No agent, fishing master, master, charterer or owner of the vessel shall provide or attempt to provide a reward or a benefit, in cash or in kind, to any person holding a ministerial portfolio or public officer in connection with the determination of the administrative penalty.”
4. “No person holding a ministerial or public office shall receive or agree to accept an offer of reward or benefit referred to in the preceding subsections.”
5. “Any person who acts in contravention of subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall liable on the conviction to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 2 years.”

The following Members spoke on the amendment:

Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Banuera Berina

Prior to putting a question, Hon. Speaker ruled that for future guidance on any amendment to a Bill to be moved by a private Member, the mover should ensure to complete his discussion on his amendments within the time set of 20 minutes.

Question Put: Not Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 11 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

4. BILLS – SECOND READING

4.1 Trade Unions and Employer Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development moved:

That the Trade Unions and Employer Organization (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

4.2 Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development moved:

That the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

In light of sufficient time remaining, Hon. Speaker informed Members that a supplementary Order Paper has been prepared for the House to discuss some of the Topics by private Members.

5. TOPICS

5.1 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 1

Ordering cargoes from overseas by our local agent.

The following Members contributed to the discussion on the topic:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

5.2 Topic No. 2 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) lapsed, as the Mover was absent.

5.3 Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 3

Life of an I-Kiribati is threatened by the long period of drought.

The following Members contributed to the discussion on the topic:

H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariki

5.4 Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 4

Vacating a clinic the Nurse can cause death to an emergency case.

The following Members contributed to the topic:

Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua

Prior to adjournment, Hon. Speaker reminded the Members of the workshop by MELAD and PAC members.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.30 pm and to resume on Friday, 2nd May 2008 at 10.00 am.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Friday, 2nd May 2008

1. PRAYERS

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas, Hon. Natan Teewe, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka, who were on official business overseas.

2. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

By the Chairman of the Public Account Committee

Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Kiribati Government for the year ended 31st December 2004.

(Paper No. 04/08)

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 62 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government find other immediate ways to prevent land erosion at Kuria and also to other islands faced with this problem?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, Government is working with various agencies to develop appropriate responses to address the issue of coastal erosion that is impacting on all islands in the country.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions.

3.2 Q. 68 by Mr. Teatao Tennaki MP (Abaiang)

Abaiang is another island with a big lagoon which rich resources. Could I ask the Minister responsible for Fisheries to undertake a survey/study as soon as possible in order to protect its marine resources from depleting?

Replied Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, we do share the same concern with the Honoured MP and Abaiang Island has been included in the project which is now being implemented to undertake marine resources assessment of islands in Kiribati.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions. One supplementary question each was raised by Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Taneti Maamau, Mr. Inatio Tanentoa and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria.

3.3 Q. 131 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) was raised by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Will Government table before this House a list showing grant allocations for each and every church from Taiwanese aid appearing in the development budget of the office of the Beretitenti?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, My ministry is prepared to provide the list of how the annual church grant of \$500,000 is distributed for all registered churches to my MP colleagues who need them.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 108 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Below are the teachers working on Fanning who have lodged their request to the Ministry of Education for their salary arrears and pays for the past few years. When will their case be looked into? Their names are:

- (1) Tiaoti Tiaon – no pays for 6 paydays in 2005
- (2) Tarebwaia Riua – same as above
- (3) Eren Etekia – a monitor at Tebonnano Primary
- (4) Tebaabo Teerau – a monitor at Poland
- (5) Teuta Ausong – correction of salary from JSS to Senior Secondary
- (6) Etekia Tiama – a hospitality allowance for teacher Tekannato Tooma
- (7) Terenga Buroro – correction of salary for being a librarian at MTSS

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, we apologise for the delay in dealing with the cases of the above named people as the above problems occurred some years ago and there is

a problem obtaining relevant records, but these are now being considered and will be sorted out during this year.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions. One supplementary question each was raised by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Timon R. Aneri, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Tebuai Uai.

3.5 Q. 56 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government inform this House its plan on wells built in clinics on Abemama, are they going to be paid for?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, under existing policy, the cost of building wells for clinics on all islands is the responsibility of the villages for which the clinic has been built.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 95 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, Could the Minister responsible explain why faxing service offered by TSKL on Butaritari require all faxes to go through TSKL office in Bairiki and not straight to their original receiving ends?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communications, Transport & Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, TSKL is using the resent system of transmission for the following:

1. For transmission records so that they can be traced when they get missing;
2. To ensure they are correctly sent to their right destinations;
3. To ensure payment from outer islands for the use of such services have actually been paid;
4. Telmos or any kind of Money Order transmissions from and to Tarawa and outer islands needs to be properly recorded for accounting purposes.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake raised one.

3.6 Q. 118 by Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei)

Could the Minister responsible decreases the cost of an electrical light generated from solar panel (DC) from \$9.00 down to \$5.00 monthly?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr Speaker, I am prepared to take up the proposal with the Board and Management of Kiribati Solar Energy Company for consideration.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. The following Members also raised one supplementary question each:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa

3.7 Q. 77 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Minister concerned, explain why saloon passengers on KSSL automatically be given deck meal during the trip?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, I regret to say that according to KSSL, no complaint of this nature has been received by them. Nonetheless, KSSL is willing to look into the complaint if details of it can be made available to them.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions.

3.8 Q. 126 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) was raised by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Will the Minister responsible table the amount of money actually spent by the Government of Kiribati in financing scholarships for study at the USP Suva campus yearly from 2004 up to now, not counting inservice trainees?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker these are the expenditures for all overseas pre-service scholarships to all institutions including USP, Suva:

a)	2004	\$1,696,526
b)	2005	\$1,509,531
c)	2006	\$1,900,000
d)	2007	\$1,549,990
e)	2008	\$1,460,136 (budgeted)

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions.

3.9 Q. 70 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Can Government inform this House: When will communication telephone network be installed in villages which are isolated from the main land such as Nuotaea and Ribono Abaiang?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, Given that the required telecommunication infrastructure already exists at Taburao village in Abaiang, telephone connectivity for Nuotaea and Ribono is therefore possible. TSKL is prepared to assist with this matter as soon as it is able to.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa raised one supplementary question each.

Questions time ended at 11.30 am.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Temate Ereateiti MP (Marakei) moved:

Motion No. 9

That this House requests the Government to review leave grant for Special Constables as they are doing same duties with Constables.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Sum up by the Mover

Question Put: Carried

4.2 Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa) moved:

Motion No. 14

That this House requests the Government to (provide relevant training programmes for pre schools teachers) come up with a clear policy that would facilitate the development advancement of pre schools in the country.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. James Tom
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

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

4.3 Motion No. 21 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) was moved by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio).

Motion No. 21

That this House request Government to defer implementation of the new Local Government Act until areas of concern in relation to the new Act have been resolved.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Sum up by the Mover

Question Put: Division Called

Result: For (10), Against (24), Absent (11), Deceased (1) = 46 members

Motion Not Carried

4.4 Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati) moved:

Motion No. 16

That this House requests Government to have in place a policy to compensate stranded passengers in Kiritimati from Teraina and Tabuaeran whose traveling schedule by boat to Tarawa was delayed due to the operator's own problem.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tekiau Aretateta
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

4.5 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No.11

Knowing that the increase in cost of fuel and certain food commodities provide most of the impetus for any increase in the cost of living, that this House requests government to assess the current cost of living for I-Kiribati on Tarawa and outer islands and compare it with previous years' cost of living, and if the cost of living had increased dramatically, Government is asked to inform Parliament what measures are there to address this problem

so that people are able to meet the higher cost of living and be self reliant as well.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti

House adjourned at 4.10 pm for afternoon break and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Discussion on the Motion continued and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

4.6 Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran) moved:

Motion No. 24

That this House requests Government to see the need for a convenient transportation by school teachers who intend to take leave during school break to their respective home islands.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. James Tom
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

4.7 Motion No. 19 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam (Betio) was withdrawn.

4.8 Motion No. 13 by Mr. Taneti Maamau (Onotoa) was already dealt with.

4.9 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 12

That this House requests Government to ensure that if it wishes to grant subleases on leased lands its must seek the wishes of the landowners to find as to whether they want to sublease the leased land or not.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

4.10 Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari) will move:

Motion No.7

The cost of education nowadays is getting expensive to a level that the provision of subsidy for school fees provided by Government has less effect in reducing the cost of education and this House is to ask Government to quickly assess the situation with a view that a more standardized and affordable amount of school fees is followed.

Motion proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. James Tom
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mover summed up

Question Put: Carried

At 6.38 pm the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 5th May 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Third Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 5th May 2008

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

All Members were present except Dr. Harry Tong who was on medical treatment overseas, Hon. Natan Teewe, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka, who were on official business overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 125 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) raised by Mr. Tebuai Uai**

Will the Minister responsible consider the request of employees of the ECO FARM regarding their wish to have their salary, leave grants, etc increased to such levels as applicable to their counterparts in government ministries as was the case under the policy of the previous government?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, my Ministry through the Project Management Committee is currently reviewing wages and conditions of employment including those raised by the honourable MP from South Tarawa for Ecofarm project workers.

The Member raised five supplementary questions.

- 2.2 **Q. 39 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

Could the Government ensure that food cargoes ordered by the Nikunau Boboti and other retailers on Nikunau are not offloaded at some outer-islands other than Nikunau as reported by MOEL and BKL, especially when these islands did not order the food cargo offloaded?

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

KSSL will liaise with wholesalers on the improvement of cargo management on ships and will ensure that cargoes for Nikunau Boboti and other retailers are offloaded at Nikunau and not at other islands.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised a supplementary question.

2.3 Q. 69 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Can Government explore how much is the price of marine products per kilo such as shark fins, sea cucumber and bech der mer which are now exported to overseas markets?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, yes my Ministry can assist the honourable MP in providing him with the indicative prices for marine products exported to markets overseas.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 88 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

The people of Nikunau have been affected by the frequent cancellation of Air Kiribati flights to the island, and recently on 07/04/08 and 14/04/08 after the plane returned from Beru on those same days. Can Nikunau and Beru flights be made on separate days?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to liaise with Air Kiribati on this request.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised a supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 92 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Will the Minister explain why the work on the Tebuange/Matabou causeway stopped towards the end of last year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, work stopped on the Tebuange/Matabou causeway at Nonouti due to cost overruns and the need to secure supplementary funding to allow completion of the project.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta and Mr. Kunei Maaka Etekiera also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 106 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Whose responsibility is it to meet the costs of maintaining retired civil servants while awaiting for their transportation to their home islands?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Retired employees are responsible their maintenance costs while awaiting transportation to their home islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 99 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

In its policy statement delivered in December last year mention was made of replanting of coconut trees. What is the latest development on this?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Mr. Speaker, replanting of coconut trees is one major policy issue included in my Ministry's Operational Plan. This will involve a review of the on-going program of assistance to individual landowners provided by the Agriculture Division, drawing lessons from past replanting schemes and considering cost effective options for replanting.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua, Mr. Timon R. Aneri, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Temate Ereateiti also raised one supplementary question each.

2.8 Q. 112 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)

The involvement of JAXA staff with the services of Air Pacific to Kiritimati and also with works of Air Kiribati office in Kiritimati is on the rise. Could Government explain why this has happened?

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

Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that my Ministry is not aware of any direct involvement of any JAXA staff on Kiritimati as alleged.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 9 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Does Government have a plan to improve completed boat passages which are now becoming shallower, especially in rough places?

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

Mr. Speaker, Yes, as soon as sufficient funds for the project are available. The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa also raised supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 23 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government undertake reef blasting for canoe passages at Terikiai and Aiwa villages and also improve the existing one at Tenatorua village, Tabiteuea North as there is provision for such work in this year's development budget?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government has already committed to improving existing passages on the outer islands. The blasting of new passages, including Terikiai and Aiwa will be subject to funding availability and priority ratings for each island.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised a supplementary question.

2.11 Q. 115 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

A pregnant lady from Tabuaeran who had given birth to a death foetus is now staying at Nawerewere. What is the responsible Minister's plan for this patient?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, currently the patient is on medication to cure her infections and once these infections are cured, surgical repair will be performed.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised a supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.00 am. All Questions on the Order Paper were covered.

3. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

3.1 Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008

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.

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to clause 2.

Question put on the amendment: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved amendments to clause 3.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 4 and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved amendments to clause 6.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clause 6 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 stand part of the Bill.

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to clause 10.

Mr. Taneti Maamau spoke on the amendment.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 (as amended) and 11 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

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

The House resumed after committee stage.

4. BILL – SECOND READING

7.1 Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried

5. MOTION

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) as Chairman of the Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No. 25

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Government Account for the year ended 31st December 2004 tabled as Paper No. 04/08 and approves the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Taneti Maamau

At 4.10 pm the Mover of the Motion was given the floor to sum up.

Question put: Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE MOTION

H. E. Te Beretitenti moved that this House do now adjourn sine die.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai gave a few remarks on the Motion.

Question put: Carried

Before adjourning the House sine die the Hon. Speaker made a few remarks thanking the Government for allowing the Public Account Committee report to be presented on its Government timetable and also express his concerns on other outstanding accounts. He also announced the visit of the Members of Parliament from Canberra to Kiribati and encourages Members to find time to meet them while they are in Kiribati. After thanking the Members for their patient and obedient, the Hon. Speaker then adjourned the House sine die.

**STATEMENTS
(Index)**

Subject	Presented by	Page No.
Order of Government Business	H.E. Anote Tong	6
Promises under the Maneaba roof which have not yet been fulfilled	Mr. Taneti Maamau	18

**ORAL QUESTIONS
(Index)**

Text of Question	Raised by	Quest. No.	Page No.
New telephone system for Tamana	Kabetite Mwetaka	35	6
Upgrading of roads for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	45	7
Report on the latest value of RERF	Rimeta Beniamina	40	7
Solar water pump for the people of Taku	Tebuai Uaai	8	7
Outstanding payments for NPC employees	Kabetite Mwetaka	36	8
Fax machine for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	46	8
Water engineer to study water problems in TabNorth	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	24	8
Improvement of sending allotments	Kabetite Mwetaka	18	9
Compensation for bwabwai destroyed by seawater in Makin	Kouramaere Kautoa	2	10
More special constables for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	52	10
Materials for areas affected by strong wind and sea erosion	Teatao Teannaki	67	11
Medical staff dirt bonus allowances	Tonganibeia Taam	28	11
Development of Neinriki to milkfish pond	Moote Terukaio	14	12
Demarcation of BTC and TUC zones	Kouramaere Kautoa	3	12
Fisheries officer for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	47	13
Improvement to Nurse Aids wages	Alexander Teabo	43	13
Unpaid workers on ice plant in Makin	Kouramaere Kautoa	4	13
Monuments on historical sites in Kiribati	Bauro Tenano	49	13
Exemption of custom duties on imported materials for religious purposes	Alexander Teabo	41	14
Reimbursement of children moneys affected by the bank's dormant fees	Rimeta Beniamina	38	14
Construction of causeway between Taku and Tabuaiakia	Tebuai Uaai	7	14
Sea cucumber project for Nikunau	Moote Terukaio	13	
Essential medicines for all outer islands not to run out	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	21	15
Public toilets along side Nippon causeway	Tonganibeia Taam	30	18
Project to repair leaking aluminium boats on Nikunau	Moote Terukaio	16	19
Improvement of tennis and basketball courts on Betio	Tonganibeia Taam	32	19

DBK agency for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	53	19
Caretaker for female student during sea travels	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	26	20
More sewage manholes on Betio	Tonganibeia Taam	29	20
KGV/EBS boys student attending classes daily from their homes	Rimeta Beniamina	37	20
Plans for collecting copra from Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	11	21
Houses for policemen on Betio	Tonganibeia Taam	31	26
Copra price increase	Bauro Tenano	33	26
Reimbursement of expenses for recounting students' marks	Matang Tekitanga	61	27
Cargo delivery to remote places by BKL	Kouramaere Kautoa	5	27
Patients from outer islands to stay in their own maneabas in Temwaiku	Kouramaere Kautoa	10	27
Land rents to be uniform through out Kiribati	Bauro Tongaai	34	27
Delivery of fuel to retailers	Taneti Maamau	102	28
Funds for renovation of classrooms and teachers houses on Abemama	Willie Tokataake	57	28
Overcrowding on Tabuaeran	Tekiau Aretateta	72	28
Australian initiatives on seasonal workers scheme and organised migration	Ieremia Tabai	94	29
Satellite primary school for Buariki in North Tarawa	Bauro Tenano	48	29
Rats destruction on Tabuaeran	Tekiau Aretateta	71	32
Recovery of lost remittances for Korean fishing boats sailors	Taneti Maamau	103	32
Recognised Employment Scheme workers from Onotoa	Taneti Maamau	104	33
Announcement of shipping schedules on Radio Kiribati	Kabetite Mwetaka	17	33
Increase of funds for islands maneaba	Rimeta Beniamina	90	33
Anchoring of vessels in Nikumanu	Moote Terukaio	15	34
Entrance exams to KTC, Nursing School and police recruits on outer islands	Kabetite Mwetaka	19	34
Copra shed for Tabiteuea South	Tebuai Uaai	20	34
Continuation of present fare by Air Kiribati	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	27	35
Increase of RBC for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	51	35
Requirements for building primary schools	Matang Tekitanga	60	35
Medical doctor for Abemama	Willie Tokataake	78	36
Agency fee for loading copra by private owned vessels	Matang Tekitanga	66	36
Payment of land rent issues on Tabuaeran	Tekiau Aretateta	74	36
Confirmation of teachers transferred to outer islands	Matang Tekitanga	15	37
Primip cases for Tabuaeran	Teetan Mweretaka	84	39
Outstanding wages of road labourers on Abemama	Willie Tokataake	79	39
Review of agreement with NCL	Teetan Mweretaka	83	39

Road improvement on Abemama	Willie Tokataake	82	40
Loan from DBK by fishermen, copra cutters, council employee, etc	Rimeta Beniamina	89	40
Constructing buildings for pre schools on outer islands	Ieremia Tabai	93	40
Breakdown of small community project fund	Alexander Teabo	96	41
Clerk for Marakei island council	Temate Ereateiti	97	42
Entitlements of primary and secondary school teachers on sea vessels	Taneti Maamau	100	42
Refund of late repayment fees by ANZ	Mikaere Baraniko	110	42
Training program for special constables	Taneti Maamau	101	43
Milkfish pond project for Marakei	Temate Ereateiti	116	43
Implementation of Councils first priority projects for 2007	Teatao Teannaki	119	43
Relocation of Banana in Kiritimati	Mikaere Baraniko	123	44
Tar sealing of roads in TabNorth	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	25	45
Extension of electricity services to Abatao	Bauro Tenano	50	45
Payment of copra money when copra is weighed	Willie Tokataake	58	46
Standardised boat hiring rates on outer islands	Taneti Maamau	107	46
More peoples' lawyers	Matang Tekitanga	109	47
Increase of copra agency fee	Willie Tokataake	81	47
Land rent for OIP in Abaiang	Teatao Teannaki	120	47
Localising the Chief Justice post	Teburoro Tito	129	47
Sale of stale and out of date cargoes on Tabuaeran	Tekiau Aretateta	73	48
Transportation of heavy plants to Onotoa	Taneti Maamau	105	48
Implementation of locally funded development projects	Rimeta Beniamina	91	49
Electricity consumers to accompany PUB meter readers when recording meters	Banuera Berina	122	50
Payment of maintenance costs for Nei Tearintarawa Primary School in Nuotaea	Teatao Teannaki	121	52
Contract employment for teachers	Teburoro Tito	124	52
Operation of seaweed by private companies	Tekiau Aretateta	137	53
Consideration of Betio Shipyard Ltd employees' conditions of employment	Teburoro Tito	128	53
Inclusion of Ukiangang and Tanimaiaki namonrua under Butaritari Namonrua project	Alexander Teabo	42	53
Increase of cargo and copra handling charges	Matang Tekitanga	63	53
Eye problems patients for Tabuaeran	Tekiau Aretateta	75	54
Release of residential leases in Kiritimati	Mikaere Baraniko	111	54
Shortages of medicine on Tabuaeran	Teetan Mweretaka	86	54
Payment of rent for water reserves on Maiana	Teiwaki Areieta	134	55
Policy on referral of patients to Nowerewere	Toakai Koririntetaake	113	55

Submission of Tarawa Joint Councils on the overcrowding of landowners	Teburoro Tito	132	55
Cancer is a death warrant in Kiribati	Toakai Koririntetaake	114	59
Increase of flights to Maiana	Teiwaki Areieta	135	59
High Court hearing on outer islands	Dr. Tetua Taitai	22	60
Payment of maintenance costs of school buildings in Maiana	Teiwaki Areieta	136	60
Agricultural officer for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	55	60
New satellite telephone for Nikunau	Moote Terukaio	12	61
More telephone lines for Makin and Butaritari	Alexander Teabo	44	61
Court house for Teraina	Rereao Tetaake Eria	87	61
Voyage schedule of ships in the Line Islands	Rereao Tetaake Eria	54	62
Increase of cargo handling charges during low tide	Matang Tekitanga	64	62
Ways to prevent land erosion on Kuria	Matang Tekitanga	62	67
Survey/study of Abaiang big lagoon	Teatao Teannaki	68	67
List showing grant allocations to churches from the Taiwanese fund	Teburoro Tito	131	68
Teachers on Tabuaeran salaries arrears	Tekiau Aretateta	108	68
Plans for clinic wells on Abemama	Willie Tokataake	56	69
Faxes from Butaritari through TSKL	Alexander Teabo	95	69
Reduction of solar electricity monthly charges	Temate Ereateiti	118	69
Meal of saloon passengers on KSSL vessels	Tekiau Aretateta	77	70
Scholarships to USP allocations from 2004 to date	Teburoro Tito	126	70
Telephone installation to remote areas in Abaiang	Teatao Teannaki	70	70
ECO FARM employees improved conditions of service	Teburoro Tito	125	75
Offloading of Nikunau cargoes on other islands	Rimeta Beniamina	39	75
Prices of marine products per kilo	Teatao Teannaki	69	76
Separation of flights for Beru and Nikunau	Rimeta Beniamina	88	76
Reasons for discontinuation of work on Tebuange/Mataboou causeway	Ieremia Tabai	92	76
Maintenance of retired civil servants awaiting transport to home islands	Taneti Maamau	106	76
Replanting of coconut trees	Ieremia Tabai	99	77
JAXA staff involvement in the services of Air Pacific	Mikaere Baraniko	112	77
Improvement of completed boat passages	Kouramaere Kautoa	9	77
Reef blasting for canoe passages on TabNorth	Dr. Tetua Taitai	23	78
Plan for Tabuaeran post pregnant patient staying in Nawerewere	Tekiau Aretateta	115	78
Funds for the road at Marakei	Temate Ereateiti	117	43
Fisheries officer for ice plant at Marakei	Temate Ereateiti	98	46

Outstanding wages of copra workers on Abemama	Willie Tokataake	80	46
---	------------------	----	----

TOPICS (Index)

Subject	Initiator	Topic No	Page No.
Ordering cargoes from overseas by our local agent	Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka	1	65
Life of an I-Kiribati is threatened by the long period of drought	Mr. Taneti Maamau	3	66
Vacating a clinic by a nurse can cause death to an emergency case	Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake	4	66

MOTIONS (Index)

Subject	Mover	Motion No.	Page No.
Amendment of the Local Government Act in relation to Tiibi Kauntira	Mr. Tonganibeia Taam	3	15
Late transport of students to their schools	Mr. Alexander Teabo	6	16
Vessels for sea travels to be well equipped	Dr. Tetaua Taitai	2	16
A reminder to Government not to issue money from Consolidated Fund to Development Fund	Mr. Rimeta Beniamina	4	17
Motivation to all government employees to carry out their roles as expected	Mr. Tekiau Aretateta	10	30
Payment of unpaid maintenance costs and new construction costs for 2007	Mr. Temate Ereateiti	8	31
Removal of Minister responsible for KSSL	Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	18	56
Government compliance with the Procurement Act	Mr. Alexander Teabo	5	57
KSSL shipping schedule to Southern Kiribati	Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua	17	57
Scholarships and in-service training to develop sport	Mr. Taneti Maamau	13	58
Leave grants for special constables	Mr. Temate Ereateiti	9	71
Training programs for pre school teachers	Mr. Taneti Maamau	14	71
Defer implementation of new Local Government Act	Mr. Teburoro Tito	21	72
Compensation scheme for stranded passengers	Mr. Mikaere Baraniko	16	72

Measures to address higher costs of living	Mr. Rimeta Beniamina	11	72
Transport for teachers taking their leave	Mr. Tekiau Aretateta	24	73
Grant of sublease on leased lands	Mr. Tonganibeia Taam	12	73
Government subsidy for school less effective due to increase in education costs	Mr. Alexander Teabo	7	74
Suspension of Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu	H.E. Te Beretitenti	22	49
PAC report on the Government account for 2004	Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka	25	80

LIST OF ACTS PASSED

No.	Title	Assented
1/2008	Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Act 2008	15/05/08
2/2008	Employment (Amendment) Act 2008	15/05/08
3/2008	Trade Unions and Employers Organisations (Amendment) Act 2008	15/05/08
4/2008	Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2008	
5/2008	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Act 2008	11/05/08
6/2008	Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal (Amendment) Act 2008	11/05/08