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**COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
5TH DECEMBER TO 19TH DECEMBER 2005**

Hon. Etera Teangana	-	Speaker of Parliament
<u>Cabinet</u>		
H.E. Anote Tong MP	-	Beretitenti and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration
Hon. Teima Onorio MP	-	Kauoman ni Beretienti and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
Hon. Bauro Tongaai MP	-	Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development
Hon. Ioteba Redfern MP	-	Minister of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives
Hon. James Taom MP	-	Minister of Public Works and Utilities
Hon. Martin Tofinga MP	-	Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP	-	Minister of Finance and Economic Development
Hon. Natan Teewe MP	-	Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development
Hon. Natanaera Kirata MP	-	Minister of Health and Medical Services
Hon. Tawita Temoku MP	-	Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development
Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP	-	Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development
Hon. Titabu Tabane	-	Attorney General (Ex-officio Member)
<u>Private Members</u>		
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP	-	Kuria
Mr. Banuera Berina MP	-	South Tarawa
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP	-	Onotoa
Mr. Biribo Neemia MP	-	Beru
Mr. Emile Schutz MP	-	Abaiang
Dr. Harry Tong MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP	-	Nonouti
Mr. Jacob Teem MP	-	Kiritimati
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP	-	Tamana
Mr. Kaneang Betero MP	-	Nikunau

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP	-	Marakei
Mr. Reete Bokai MP	-	Betio
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP	-	Nikunau
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP	-	Marakei
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP	-	Betio
Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP	-	Abaiang
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP	-	TabSouth
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (<i>Nominated</i>)	-	Banaban Community in Rabi
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP	-	Maiana
Mr. Tetaake Eria MP	-	Teraina
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP	-	TabNorth
Mr. Timon R Aneri MP	-	Banaba
Mr. Tinia Mariano MP	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP	-	Butaritari
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP	-	Butaritari
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee MP	-	Nonouti
Mr. Willie Tokataake MP	-	Abemama

Principal Officers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

Hon. Etera Teangana	-	Speaker
Mr. Ioataake Timeon	-	Clerk
Mr. Kirata Komwenga	-	Parliamentary Counsel
Mrs. Terengaiti Awerika	-	Secretary to Parliamentary Committees
Mr. Airata Teemeta	-	Hansard Editor

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper Number	Title of Paper
5 December 2005	18/05	Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Captain Cook Hotel for the year ended 31 May 2005
5 December 2005	19/05	Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiritimati Maintenance Company for the year ended 31 January 2004 to January 31 January and six months of operation ending 31 July 2005
5 December 2005	20/05	Certificate of urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent
5 December 2005	21/05	Certificate of urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent
5 December 2005	22/05	Certificate of urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent
5 December 2005	23/05	2006 Budget
6 December 2005	24/05	Schedule of Virement Warrants: No. 02/2005
6 December 2005	25/05	Establishment Register 2006
19 December 2005	26/05	Ana ribooti Kometen ana Mwane Kiribati iaon ana akaunti te Tautaeka ibukin te ririki ae toki n 31 Ritembwa 2002

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill 2005	6 June 2005	5 December 2005	5 December 2005	30 December 2005	14/2005
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Parole Board (Amendment) Bill 2005	9 June 2005	5 December 2005	5 December 2005	30 December 2005	8/2005
Hon. Attorney General	Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2005	13 June 2005	5 December 2005	5 December 2005	29 December 2005	9/2005
Hon. Attorney General	Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005	6 December 2005				
Hon. Natanaera Kirata	Food Safety Bill 2005	6 December 2005				
Hon. James Taom	Building Bill 2005	8 December 2005				
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Appropriation Bill 2005	8 December 2005	15 December 2005	15 December 2005	30 December 2005	10/2005
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005	13 December 2005	19 December 2005	19 December 2005	30 December 2005	11/2005
Hon. Amberoti Nikora	Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005	13 December 2005	19 December 2005	19 December 2005	30 December 2005	12/2005
Hon. Attorney General	Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005	13 December 2005	19 December 2005	19 December 2005	29 December 2005	13/2005
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Broadcasting and Publications Authority (Amendment) Bill 2005	16 December 2005 <i>withdrawn</i>				

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Seventh Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

**Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 5th December 2005**

1. Before the Seventh Meeting starts, the conch shell was blown for two minutes followed by the Mace procession into the Chamber. The Hon. Speaker proceeded to the chair and before he reads Prayers he announced that there would be a 30 seconds silence after Prayers in honour of Mr. Katarake Tebweao, a former MP who have passed away. The Hon. Speaker reads Prayers followed by a 30 seconds silence. All Members inside the Chamber remain standing until the 30 seconds silence was over.

The proceedings officially starts at 10.05 am.

All Members were present except Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria), Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang), Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) and Mr. Teiwaki Areita MP (Maianai) who were overseas on official businesses.

2. **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**

The Hon. Speaker made a brief welcoming remark to Members and also acknowledges the presence of some members of the diplomatic corps in the Chamber.

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

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

4. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table.

By the Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Captain Cook Hotel for the year ended 31st May 2005

(Paper No. 18/05)

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiritimati Maintenance Company for the year ended 31st January 2004 to 31st January 2005 and six months of operation ending 31st July 2005

(Paper No. 19/05)

By H.E Te Beretitenti

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E Te Beretitenti certifying the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent

(Paper No. 20/05)

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E Te Beretitenti certifying the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent

(Paper No. 21/05)

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E Te Beretitenti certifying the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005 as urgent

(Paper No. 22/05)

By the Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Budget Report for 2006

(Paper No. 23/05)

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

5.1 Q. 2 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House when will be the next round for installation of solar lighting to households in Butaritari who have prepaid for their solar lighting and have been long waiting for their turn and how many solar light will be distributed in this second round?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker,

As explained to previous meetings of the House, the second round of solar lighting installation to households will be dependent on securing funds for a new project to continue the on-going activity. Island Councils have already been informed by the SEC to advise their people who have paid up for their households solar light installations to apply for a refund if they wish to do so. Until such a time that the Donor gives its official agreement to fund the project and releases funds for such, SEC is unable to provide information at this stage to this House as requested by the Hon. Member from Butaritari.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) and Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) also raised supplementary questions.

5.2 Q. 4 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government explain to the people of Tabiteuea South, especially to the people of Taku village, when will the causeway between Taku and Tabuaikia be constructed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

I regret to say that the construction of the causeway between Taku and Tabuaikia awaits finalization of discussions relating to the project.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

5.3 Q. 9 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible explain whether outstanding payments for KPF and salaries of employees in the Orona Kakai Scheme have been paid or not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Island Development

Speaker, remaining payments of outstanding KPF and salaries of employees in the Orona Kakai Scheme are currently being paid out.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised supplementary questions.

5.4 Q. 12 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

The Government is asked to increase to twice a week the flight of Air Kiribati from Tarawa to Beru?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Air Kiribati is prepared to consider increasing the number of scheduled flights to Beru and to other islands but subject to flight payload.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

5.5 Q. 20 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister concern explain to this House the main reason for not giving Nikunau Island Council the subsidy or the Copra Tax this year and in which the Government had promised to pay?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

I regret to inform that the copra subsidy ceased at the end of 2004 and therefore there is no subsidy for this purpose in 2005.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth), Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) and Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) also raised supplementary questions.

5.6 Q. 19 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could the Minister of Health confirm that the provision for the cost of medical supplies ordered from overseas is shown under code number 2212000045 of his 2005 Budget?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, yes, my ministry's 2005 budget for pharmaceutical and medical supplies to be ordered from overseas is catered for in output 2212 under expenditure code or input 45.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am and the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for morning tea. The House resumed at 12.05 pm.

6. BILL – Appropriation Bill 2005 (Budget Speech)

The Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development presented to the House a budget speech on the Appropriation Bill 2005.

At 12.30 pm the House adjourned for lunch. The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

The Hon. Minister continued with his budget speech and at the end of his speech, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) requested if the Hon. Minister could provide the Members with a copy of his speech.

7. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

7.1 Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

7.2 Parole Board (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 3 and 4 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

7.3 Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part I (clauses 1 and 2) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part II (clause 3) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part III (clauses 4 to 9) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part IV (clauses 10 to 14) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part V (clause 15) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part VI (clauses 16 to 24) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part VII (clauses 25 to 34) stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

House resumed.

8. BILLS – SECOND READING

8.1 Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill 2005

H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

8.2 Parole Board (Amendment) Bill 2005

H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Parole Board (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

8.3 Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

9. TOPICS

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

Topic No. 1

Thank you Taiwan for your financial support to Kiribati.

The following Members contributed to the discussion on the topic:

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa) – The Speaker shortened the Member's discussion as the Member insisted on debating on the topic.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

9.2 Mr. Tamwi Naotari MP (Betio) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 2

Increasing problems on underage people drinking alcohol

The following Members contributed to the discussion on the topic:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)

Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

At 4.00 pm the Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea. The House resumed at 4.33 pm.

9.3 Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 5

The need for an inter-transport for the Line Islands.

The following Members contributed to the discussion on the topic:

Hon. Tawita Temoku MP (Kiritimati)
Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)
Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)

As the Topics on the Order Paper were all covered, the House proceeded to consider Questions remaining on the Order Paper.

10. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

10.1 Q. 39 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

It is our understanding that out of \$10m that Taiwan gave us annually, \$2m is allocated to one priority project for each Council. Could this allocation be increased above \$2m to enable more projects to be completed on the outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, one of this Government's policy is to increase assistance to the outer islands.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) also raised a supplementary question.

10.2 Q. 16 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could the responsible Minister considers to make a policy/ordinance for all ships in Kiribati to pay dirt allowance per metric ton for cement to stevedore workers when unloading them from the ships to the consignees' premises in all outer island ports of discharge?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Government would be ready to consider the matter in question after consultation with appropriate bodies.

No supplementary question was raised.

10.3 Q. 42 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Government consider building new school complex for Nei Guano Primary School that was built during BPC era and is deteriorating?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government is about to commence with maintenance work on permanent classrooms on the outer island. Banaba Primary School will be part of this programme.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised a supplementary question.

10.4 Q. 15 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

This Government is asked if it could assist with a universal delivery of fuel, such as benzine and kerosene to businesses on villages and islets which have ordered from the KOIL branch on Beru?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir. The KOIL plans to implement this in 2006.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised supplementary questions.

10.5 Q. 24 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Minister responsible advice the House the progress on construction of Abaiang Island Council office?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

The Abaiang Island Council Office is listed among the 2005 projects submitted to the Ministry of Finance for funding consideration. Work on this project will commence once funds are available.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised supplementary questions.

10.6 Q. 34 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Could the Minister responsible make it its policy to fund new constructions for outer island clinics?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, the pros and cons of the idea to let my Ministry bear the full cost of constructing new clinics in the outer-islands will be carefully studied before it could be made part of the existing policy.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei), Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) and Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) also raised supplementary questions.

10.7 Q. 41 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Can the Minister responsible confirm our understanding that the work on Tebuange/Matabou causeway will start early in the new year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Tebuange/Matabou causeway project is included among projects earmarked for 2005 funding. The work can commence once funding is available.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei), Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) and Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) also raised supplementary questions.

10.8 Q. 45 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Banaba Island has been experiencing draught for over the last 5 months. Drinking water is getting scarce and plants are dying. Is there any plan by the Government to relieve the situation?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Government recognizes the vulnerability of the Banabans to the effect of draught on water supply, and contingency plans are already in place to contain its effects.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised a supplementary question.

10.9 Q. 21 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

This Government is asked what are its construction plans for the two causeways on Beru so that fish and other living plants which once grow well there before the construction of these causeways are brought back to normal?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the rehabilitation work on Beru causeway is still ongoing but it looks as though this is an additional proposal to what has been carried out by the Ministry of Public Works & Utilities. If it is an additional proposal for the two causeways then usual project procedures should follow before my Ministry can deal with this new proposal.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) also raised a supplementary question.

All questions as well other businesses on the Order Paper were all dealt with.

11. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Teima Onorio MP (Arorae) moved:

That this House do now adjourn.

Question put: Carried.

At 6.07 pm, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume on Tuesday, 6th December 2005 at 10.00 am.

Additional Notes:

(Kiribati Television (KTV) recorded the procession of the Mace into the Chamber and some initial businesses of the House inside the Chamber but was soon ordered to leave, as the Maneaba have not yet authorized the recording of its proceedings by a live television.)

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Seventh Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

**Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 6th December 2005**

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

All Members were present except Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria), Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang), Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei) and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana).

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By the Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Schedule of Virement Warrants No. 02/2005

(Paper No. 24/05)

Establishment Register 2006 Government of Kiribati

(Paper No. 25/05)

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 10 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

The Minister responsible is requested to inform this House when will the outstanding payments be made for repatriated NPC employees?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

There is expectation that half of the outstanding payments to repatriated NPC employees will be paid in January or February and the balance in June or July next year.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa), Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) and Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth) also raised supplementary questions.

3.2 Q. 17 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Our three (3) villages namely, Katabanga, Nikutoru and Taungaeaka are very prepared to construct their Health Clinic Center (HCC) according to the set guidelines for constructing HCC on outer islands. In addition, the TabSouth Island Council has also considered and endorsed such requests.

Could Government provide Nursing Officers to work in the 3 HCCs once they are completed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, one of the requirements of the guidelines on clinic construction on outer islands is for the Island Council to apply in writing to my Ministry or MISA. The latter would refer the matter to us. My Ministry would then discuss and assess the need depending on set criteria in addition to our nurse manpower status. The result of this assessment including recommendations is then presented to Cabinet for approval. Our records now show that there are no formal applications or request from Tabiteuea South Island Council for construction of a clinic each for these three villages. Therefore my Ministry is not in a position to provide nurses to work in the three clinics once they are completed.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 31 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Government advice this House the progress on a request from Abaiang for construction of Abaiang Island Maneaba in Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the building of Abaiang Maneaba on Tarawa will be considered once all requirements for the project are met.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) and Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) raised one supplementary question each.

3.4 Q. 11 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

The Government is asked to explain the guidelines on the voyages of the Kiribati Shipping Services Limited vessels to the Southern Kiribati, especially to Beru?

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

Mr. Speaker, it is a common practice in setting KSSL's schedule that islands are visited regularly on a routine basis. For instance an island first visited in the last trip would become last in the next trip. This is done to distribute more evenly the burden of passenger fare to be paid based on the distance between Tarawa and the final destination.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa), Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) and Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) also raised supplementary questions.

3.5 Q. 33 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Could KCCS go through these and implement them urgently:

- (1) Increase labour costs associated with transfer of copra from shore to ships from the existing \$6.00 and \$9.00 per tonne.
- (2) Payment of outstanding charges for hire of copra sheds and transport vehicles.
- (3) Employment of a copra inspector for Tenatorua village which it has approved already by the Council.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker:

The following responses are provided for the Hon. Member's questions:

- (1) The KCCS regrets it cannot increase labour costs associated with transfer of copra from shore to ships.
- (2) KCCS is continually paying outstanding charges for hire of copra sheds and transport vehicles received from the Copra Supervisor but if there are still remaining outstanding charges the KCCS is willing to check and implement necessary action.
- (3) At this point in time KCCS advises that the weighing of copra for Tenatorua village would continue to be done under current arrangements.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised one supplementary question each.

3.6 Q. 40 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

One economic activity on the outer islands that needs urgent attention is the replanting of the coconut and other traditional fruit trees. Could the Minister tell this House his plans/activities that address this resource?

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the Ministry has plans to carry out the replanting of coconut trees and other traditional fruit trees.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari), Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa), Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tientoa MP (Onotoa) and Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) also raised supplementary questions.

3.7 Q. 44 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Government consider installation of floating buoy on Banaba, as it will be convenient for ships calling Banaba and fishermen there?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Government would consider the request through an assessment to be made by appropriate bodies to the need in question.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth), Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru), Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) also raised supplementary questions.

3.8 Q. 22 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) is withdrawn upon the Mover's request to withdraw his question.

3.9 Q. 35 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government increase its support grant to all Island Councils to meet the increase in salaries of its employees?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Increasing the subsidy for the Council employee salary is an issue that should be carefully considered since the Council has its own condition of service that includes the increase of wages to its employees. The Council has the power to increase the wages from time to time but not the Government.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) and Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) raised one supplementary question each.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Two Questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

4. MOTION

4.1 H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

Motion No. 13

That this House approves the suspension of Rule 41(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu in order to enable the following Bills to be presented to the Maneaba ni Maungatabu for their first reading:

1. the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005
2. the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005
3. the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005
4. the Building Bill 2005
5. the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005
6. the Food Safety Bill 2005

Motion proposed: the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamia MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

H.E. Te Beretitenti summed up.

Question Put: Carried.

5. BILLS – FIRST READING

5.1 Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005

Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.30 pm for lunch. The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

Hon. Attorney General was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

5.2 Food Safety Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services moved:

That the Food Safety Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill.

Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)
Hon Iotebwa Redfern (Betio)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Hon. Martin Tofinga MP (TabNorth)
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

At 4.00 pm H.E Te Beretitenti interrupted to request if the House could be adjourned due to a very urgent matter that need their attendance.

Discussion on the Bill continues:

Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services was given the floor to sum up at 4.08 pm.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.08 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 7th December 2005.

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Wednesday, 7th December 2005

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

All Members were present.

2. **STATEMENT**

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tuntoa Tito MP (Onotoa) made a statement on the following:

The need to extend the sitting of this Parliament to 2 more days to accommodate the increasing motions and topics of concern from Private Members.

The following Members asked short questions:

H.E Te Beretitenti	- 3
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)	- 2
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)	
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)	
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)	
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)	
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)	

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 64 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tuntoa MP (Onotoa)**

When MV Momi called in at Onotoa on 17th November this year, could the responsible Minister explain why she had to leave immediately after dropping off the passengers without off loading cargoes or even picking up copra?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir. As reported to me, during the call of MV Momi to Onotoa on 17th November this year, a total of 2.224 tonnes of cargo to various consignees were off loaded. Copra was not loaded as the KCCS did not pay for the freight, as required now under current arrangement.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions while Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) raised one supplementary question.

3.2 Q. 36 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible clarify the dryness of copra that is acceptable to the Kiribati Copra Co-operative Society?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

The acceptable dryness specified in Section 3(a) of the Copra Marketing Regulations prescribed in accordance with Section 7 of Copra Marketing Ordinance Chapter 15 of the Laws of Kiribati states that:

“Copra of fair merchantable grade shall contain less than 6.5 percent by weight of moisture”.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions while Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) and Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised one supplementary question each.

3.3 Q. 1 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Honourable Speaker, there are some high court land appeals in Butaritari that have been long pending for almost five years now and some of these claimants are now getting very old age. Could government consider that these cases should be heard immediately before these people could not properly present their cases in court as they may get unsound minded or even worse if they die before their cases would be heard?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question raised by the Honourable MP, I have been advised that the High Court sat on Butaritari in July 2004 at which time all pending cases were heard. Since then two cases have been filed for hearing. There are plans to visit all islands for High Court sitting annually with priority given to those islands with the most cases to be heard.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth), Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) and Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth) also raised supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 18 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government offer its assistance in resolving the problem faced by the WIW from TabSouth who was nominated by the AMAK to attend the SPC Workshop held in Fiji in March 2005 on the followings:-

1. Reimbursing the outward and returning ticket to TabSouth,
2. Paying the daily subsistence allowance to the WIW when staying in Tarawa.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir. I regret to advise the Honourable Member from Tabiteuea South that under existing policy, Government does not pay for the expenses raised in the question.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) also raised a supplementary question.

3.5 Q. 28 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

It was found out by landowners that there are discrepancies between the Land Register kept at the National Archives in Bairiki and the one kept by the Court Clerk in Abaiang. Could the responsible Minister advice this House which Land Register should be used?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir. I confirm that there are two sets of land registers for each island, one with the National Archives and the other with the Court Clerk on each island. If there should be any discrepancies between these two registers, the register with the Court Clerk should be taken as the authoritative one as these are up to date and include recent minutes of court decisions.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa) and Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Motion No. 1 and Motion No. 17 lapsed as the Movers were absent when their motions were called.

4.2 Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) moved:

Motion No. 4

That, this House requests Government to consider the payment of elderly cash benefit or the 'mwane ni karinerine' to those who have reached the age of 60 years.

Motion proposed: the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)
Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)
Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

Before the debate on the Motion continue the Hon. Speaker announced that the House will conclude its business at 4.00 pm to enable the Members to attend the funeral of the late KPC Moderator Reverend Baiteke Nabetari.

The debate on the Motion continues as follows:

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)
Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP (Beru)
Mr. Timon R Aneri (Banaba)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

At 3.15 pm the Mover was given the floor to sum up.

Motion put: Division was called and the result was as follows:

For: 12 Against: 25 Absent: 3 Abstain: 1

Motion was not carried.

4.3 Motion No. 12 lapsed as the Mover was absent when his motion was called.

At 3.45 pm the House was adjourned and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 8th December 2005.

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

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 49 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Is there a Government plan for the members of the Police Service to be trained overseas? If the answers is yes, where and when?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Government has a training programme for the Police Service which includes long term formal degree programmes as well as short term skills upgrading training, these are ongoing and some earmarked for 2006 in Fiji, Hawaii and some in country.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 13 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

The Government is asked if it could consider initiating a 'Were' cultivation project on Beru?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

At this time the Fisheries Division is still conducting spawning trials and cultivation of 'Te were' on a land based system at Tanaea. Once these trials have been proven successful the Ministry would then be able to dispatch the seedlings produced to the outer islands including Beru for mass cultivation.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) also raised a supplementary question while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised two supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 29 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

It is gracious of the Government for its decision to increase salary for the civil servants next year. Could this pay rise be applied to Magistrates on Outer Islands as well?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Magistrates on the outer islands are not paid salaries, they are paid an allowance for the times they sit in court proceedings. Government is willing to review this allowance as well as other allowances paid by Government in 2006 although this has not been included in the 2006 budget tabled before the House.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana) and Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 32 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

In response to my question in the earlier meetings of this House on the telecommunication project for Nonouti, the Minister said that the timing of implementation had been deferred from this year to the next. Can the Minister tell us now when in next he expects the project to start?

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

Mr. Speaker, work on Nonouti would mark the beginning of Phase 2 of the Outer Island Telecommunication Project and according to the project work schedule, phase 2 is expected to start in September 2006.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru), Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang), Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuriai), Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) and Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) also raised supplementary questions.

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

Could the Government explain the reason for the shortage of copra funds now experienced in Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker, according to our records there is sufficient copra funds sent to Abemama during this year and no shortage should have occurred.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari), Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) and Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 52 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

There is a problem that public graves are not well looked after. What can this Government do to help this problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government is willing to look into the problem regarding the public graves and to provide solutions for proper care.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 38 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

The people on the outer islands depend on the lagoon and coastal fish resources for their livelihood. The question I want to ask – what are the government current plans for the sustainable use and management of these resources?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

The sustainable use and management of fish resources from the lagoon and coastal areas should not be seen as Government responsibility alone, but also the responsibility of Island Councils and their communities who are in essence the owners and users of these resources. To this end, my Ministry, at Government level, has various on-going programs geared towards the monitoring and addressing of such management and sustainability issues raised by the Honourable Member from Nonouti.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) and Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 75 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government urge KCCS to pay the wages of copra handlers on Abemama as soon as possible?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker, yes, Government can do as asked.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 53 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

We thank the responsible Ministry for the installation of streetlights around Betio. Could then the responsible Ministry install the same lights between houses in places in Betio where they are needed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Speaker, we really welcome the word of thanks expressed by the Hon. Member from Betio and hope that the installed streetlights will serve its purpose in providing safety and security to the general public, encouraging economic and communal activities at night. We will also ask the public on Betio for their support in protecting these streetlights from vandalism for the benefit of all.

Speaker I regret to inform the Hon. Member from Betio that at this time there are no plans for the installation of lights between houses in places where they are needed in Betio.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) also raised one supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Building Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities moved:

That the Building Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Hon. Martin Tofinga MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)
Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.30 pm for lunch. The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

Discussion on the Bill continues as follows:

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities was given the floor to sum up at 2.15 pm.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

3.2 Appropriation Bill 2005

Debate on the Appropriation Bill 2005 took place and the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Hon Iotebwa Redfern (Betio)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)

(At 6. 00 pm Hon. Tawita Temoku MP (Kiritimati) interrupted in line with Rule 8(3)).

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

At 7.30 pm the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

The House adjourned at 8.10 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 9th December 2005.

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

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 57 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister responsible explain or tell this House whose responsibility is to select or to put up whatever projects that have to be the first priorities of the council's projects?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, it is the responsibility of the Council to select their priority projects.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 72 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

The digging of the present sea passages to make them deeper and wider is needed on the outer islands, especially on my island so could the Minister responsible inform this House when will this need be addressed?

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

Mr. Speaker, in my previous response to similar questions in the previous House I stated that funding for this kind of project was awaited. Now that period of waiting is no longer exists as funding for the National Reef Passage Improvement Project is now available under the Taiwan Grant and work will commence upon arrival of heavy plants.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru), Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) and Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 74 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Is there a Government plan to increase the price of copra from what is now being used?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Government does not have any immediate plans to increase the price of copra from what is now being used.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa), Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth), Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) and Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 61 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Government explain to this House what is the Government policy on patients waiting for overseas referral, and how long should they wait for referral from the date of admission to hospital?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, my ministry does have a policy in place which sets out the criteria and procedures to be followed in deciding who can or cannot be referred overseas for further treatment but the waiting time or length of time spent by a patient at the hospital or TCH is not one of these criteria. This means that a patient can remain at the hospital for a long time but still cannot be referred overseas if he or she does not meet the said criteria.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) also raised two supplementary questions while Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) raised one supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 3 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could Government explain whether the workers should or should not get dirt allowance (when working with cement) and wet allowance (when working in the sea) at Nan Teibo causeway?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir. The workers could be paid a cement bonus in accordance to the conditions set out for the payment of such a bonus but are not entitled

to the wet allowance as work on the causeway is intended to be carried out only at low tide.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari), Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama) and Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 26 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Government explain to this House what is the policy on freights for boats and vehicles used on Tarawa to Outer Islands? Could the freight be refunded 100% similar to other cargoes?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

The existing policy used on freights, for boats and vehicles used on Tarawa to Outer Islands, is the same used for general goods and other goods. Under the Import Levy (Special Fund) Ordinance (Cap.42) and the Import Levy Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (Section 7), it clearly states that the rates provided from time to time by Kiribati Shipping Service Limited (KSSL) shall be used at all times.

Currently, the consignee, who paid freights for boats and vehicles, gets 100% refund provided the consignee and the shipper possess a valid business license. Charges for lighterage and wharfage are not refundable.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) and Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth) raised one supplementary question each.

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

Could the Government liaise with KOIL in order to increase the wet allowance to those who handle fuel at sea?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is the responsibility of a carrier to meet the costs related to the delivery of fuel on to dry land.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised two supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 82 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

There was a mention of funds made available by the Government of Taiwan for the procurement of machineries/equipment for food processing. Could the Minister responsible elaborate further on this project?

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

Yes, there is the sum of AUD \$111,830 offered by the Government of Taiwan towards the establishment of the Fruit Processing in Kiribati.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari), Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau), Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tenta MP (Onotoa) and Mr. Teburoro Tito (South Tarawa) raised one supplementary question each.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

3.1 The First Reading of the Education (Amendment) Bill 2005 was deferred to await the Hon. Speaker final ruling on it.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi) before moving his motion proposed changes to his motion which was accepted and moved his motion as amended:

Motion No. 18

That this House request the Government to consider the payment of the ex gratia allowance for elders, to those who are entitled to this monthly allowance but are living outside Kiribati and have special status under Chapter IX of the Constitution.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)
Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

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

Mr. Timon R Aneri (Banaba)
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Division called. The result was as follows:

For: 16 Against: 22 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2

Motion was not carried.

4.2 Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa) moved:

Motion No. 5

That this House instructs Government to consider the acquisition of an additional fire truck to be used as a “back up” of the existing one.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)

The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Carried.

4.3 Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 11

That this House requests Government to consider the idea of establishing BKL branches on outer islands especially to those who ask for it.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)
Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP (Beru). At the conclusion of his speech the Minister indicated that it is now 6.00 o'clock.
The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Carried.

Hon Speaker adjourned the House at 6.08 pm in accordance with Rule 9 and to resume at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 13th December 2005.

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

All Members were present except Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang) and Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi).

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 92 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)**

Could the Minister concern inform this House what was the latest information to our Revenue Equalisation Reserve Fund (RERF).

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

If my interpretation of the question from the Honourable MP is correct, the value of the RERF as at November this year (latest) is \$627,536,878.09.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 27 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

Could the Government advice this House who is responsible for maintaining the deteriorating Land Registers and other important documents kept at the National Archives in Bairiki?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education Youth & Sport

Mr. Chairman, it is the responsibility of the National Archives to keep and maintain the good standards of Land Registers and other important documents.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 86 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Could the Minister responsible, advise this Maneaba how much funds has been spent to-date on Nan Teibo causeway upgrading work and what further work remains to be carried out to complete the project?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

The amount of funds spent on Nan Teibo Causeway upgrading project was \$189,829.00 from a total provision of \$198,609.00, as at end of November 2005, thus leaving a balance of \$8,780.00. The remaining work to be carried out to complete the project is the construction of the last culvert, which is currently undertaken and expected to be completed in about 2 weeks time.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) also raised a supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 46 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Teachers Maneaba and living quarters for Banaba have not been constructed, and the teachers living quarters are scattered in the island. Could the Government consider integrating teachers' living quarters as well as the Maneaba in due course, as the Island Council is ready to provide a piece of land for the purpose?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, plans to construct teacher's quarters for Banaba are pending availability of land on Banaba. The construction of JSS Maneaba (multi-purpose classroom) will be done in line with students' roll on Banaba.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio), Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria), Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 58 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible explain why Government cannot recruit new treasurers for island councils that have been without them for a long time as in the case of Onotoa Island Council?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Assistant Treasurers are currently undertaking the responsibilities of Treasurers until such time that we have completed the required recruitment process to fill in this position.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 83 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

The Government of Taiwan, through its resident technical mission in Tarawa and jointly with the Fisheries Division, will soon commence a pilot project on prawn farming at Ambo. Is it the intention to expand the project to the outer islands at the later date when the trial is proven viable or not, and if so are there any tentative plans to this effect?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Yes, it is the intention of this Government to expand the project on prawn farming to outer islands once proven viable. Accordingly, it is too premature at this stage to try and detail out such plans for the outer islands.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) also raised a supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 78 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

One of the major revenue resources for Tabiteuea Island Council is the collection of Copra Tax. Now that the Copra Tax Act has been repealed, could the revenue generated from the copra tax be subsidised by increasing the Government's support grant?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, it is the Council's responsibility to generate revenue resources for its Council but the Government would consider increasing the Council's support grant if it is considered necessary.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) and Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Six Questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Hon Iotebwa Redfern (Betio)

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.30 pm for lunch. The House resumed at 2.10 pm.

Hon Iotebwa Redfern (Betio) continued his discussion on the Bill.
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

At 2.40 pm the Mover was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

3.2 Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:

That the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)

The House adjourned at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Discussion on the Bill continues as follows:

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

The Mover was given the floor to sum up at 5.10 pm.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

3.3 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)

(At 6. 00 pm Hon. Martin Tofinga MP (TabNorth) interrupted in compliance with Rule 8(3)).

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Hon. Attorney General was given the floor to sum up at 6.35 pm.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House in accordance with Rule 9 at 6.45 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 14th December 2005.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Seventh Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

**Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 14th December 2005**

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

All Members were present except Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang) and Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi).

After Prayers the Hon. Speaker made a short announcement that a Medical Team from Nowerewere is available if any of the Members want to have a medical check up.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 63 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the responsible Minister give an update on the progress of Pearl farming on Onotoa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

The Pearl farming project on Onotoa is still on trial basis. At this stage there are more than 2,000 pearls being used in the trial. These pearls are showing promising growth rate and have reached 100 mm in length, suitable size for spawning and seeding purposes. The spawning and seeding of these pearls would have to be undertaken at the Pearl Farm in Abaiang, probably around August 2006, where seeding facilities are readily available, after which they will be returned to Onotoa for growing out purposes.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) and Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) raised one supplementary question each.

2.2 Q. 62 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Government explain to this House what is the Government policy for cash income generating activities on Banaba, as the island has no copra and seaweed industries?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Government is now working to determine cash income generating activities on Banaba.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 48 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Has now Government plan to consider making minimum wages for all employees in this country?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Government has no plans yet to fix the minimum wages for all employees in Kiribati.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) raised one supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 56 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister responsible indicate that the amount of money sent to Nikunau Island Council is enough to carry out the maintenance work for JSS, primary schools and clinics?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

The total amount of \$20,317.60 which has been warranted and issued to the Nikunau Island Council is sufficient to carry out prioritized maintenance work for JSS, Primary Schools and Clinics.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana) also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 84 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Could this Government liaise with the Kiribati Fishing Services and the Japan Tuna Association to find the most convenient time and consistent arrangement for payment of allotments to the parents and families in the outer islands in the same manner applied for the SPMS seamen?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Speaker, the arrangement had already been done and implemented whereby payment of allotments to outer islands is done during the fourth week of each month through the Post Office and TSKL so that the people may receive their allotments as telmos by the end of the month or during first week of the following month.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 117 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Can the Government confirm the primary teachers that are still posted as JSS teachers and not as primary teachers?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Tabuaeran that my Ministry had already processed the confirmation of primary teachers who were posted to JSS to become JSS teachers.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) also raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) and Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) raised one supplementary question each.

2.7 Q. 70 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House, does it have as its policy a resettlement scheme on the Line and Phoenix, such as on Kiritimati, Kanton, Manra, Orona, Millenium island and Nikumaroro as our people are still keen to settle on these islands?

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

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to inform this House that this Government is now finalising policies and plans for resettlement in Kiritimati. There will however be a need to review the current situation on Tabuaeran and Teraina to determine if further resettlement is possible. Government at this time has no plans in place for resettlement on the other islands in the Line group. Government is now reserving the 8 islands in the Phoenix group for developments other than resettlement.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) raised one supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Remaining Questions on the Order Paper were 10.

Before proceeding with Motions the Hon. Speaker made corrections to the Order Paper from page 4 to page 6. "Will move" should substitute "will initiate discussion on" in respect of the moving of Motions.

The Hon. Speaker also reminds the Members of Rule 28 (Manner of Debating) when they make their presentation.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 16

That this House urges the Government to consider the status of Chinese national staying in the buildings owned by PRC given that there is no longer diplomatic links between our two countries.

Motion proposed: the following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uaii (TabSouth)
Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm. The debate on the Motion continues as follows:

Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Timon R Aneri (Banaba)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

At 3.55 pm the Mover was given the floor to sum up.

The House adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.05 pm and resumed at 4.35 pm.

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

For: 24 Against: 13 Absent: 4

Motion was carried.

3.2 Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) made amendments to his Motion which were accepted and moved his motion as amended:

Motion No. 3

Government is requested to pursue discussion with the Governments of Japan and United States of America for those victims in Kiribati affected by World War II.

Motion proposed: the following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Mr. Tamwi Naotari MP (Betio)

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa). Before the Minister made his speech he indicated that it is now 6 o'clock.

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

At 6.18 pm the Mover was given the floor to sum up.

Question put: Carried.

At 6.25 pm the House was adjourned and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 15th December 2005.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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for
Thursday, 15th December 2005**

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

All Members were present except Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi).

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 76 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama) – Member withdrew his question, as there is a Motion on the same subject yet to be proposed where he could discuss his constituency concerns more on it.**

- 2.2 **Q. 105 by Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)**

Could this Government allow employees who are transferred from outer islands to Tarawa that their house is made available on arrival?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Unfortunately, Kiribati Housing Corporation cannot always provide housing for employees transferred from outer islands to Tarawa for the following reasons:

- 1) Due to insufficient supply of houses
- 2) All existing houses are all occupied and
- 3) It is impossible at this stage to get a single vacant house due to a high demand from government and state owned enterprises employees on Tarawa.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa) raised one supplementary question.

- 2.3 **Q. 90 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)**

To improve and to upgrade the knowledge and skills of Island Council employees, could this Government include these employees in their training programmes which is fully funded by aid donors and the Kiribati Government?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Government is willing to improve and upgrade the knowledge and skills of Island Council employees including Urban Councils. I am happy to inform the Hon. MP from Tamana that training for some Council members have already started and this will continue for the rest of the Council employees including the community who will also require some training in order to assist the Council to make good decision for their island development.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 108 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Is it possible for this Government to provide a subsidy to Air Kiribati Ltd for a possibility to reduce airfare?

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

Speaker, it is possible for this Government to do what the Honourable Member asks in his question, and that has already been done.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei), Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) and Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 93 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Government is currently seeking aid funds from overseas (\$500,000) for the repair works to public properties on the outer-islands damaged as a result of the impact of natural disasters early this year. Could those affected by the natural disaster proceed to do repair works to their damaged properties that require urgent repair, under the supervision of the island councils, and keeping a record of their expenses for reimbursement later when aid funds are received?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is indeed seeking funds to assist in repairing damage emanating from the strong winds that hit Kiribati earlier this year and \$125,000 of the total amount sought has now been secured for this purpose this year. The actual determination of what types of damage are to be funded from this facility is determined by a criteria that has been developed for the

purpose. There will therefore be a problem if work on these damages are to be done with an expectation for refund from this facility.

It is important to emphasize that this is a facility that will partially address this problem but is not intended to replace the very positive individual and collective community action during times of disaster as seen from this past strong wind.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth), Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) and Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 43 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Government consider furnishing JSS Banaba with Science Laboratory, toilet and water catchment as soon as possible?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, the science laboratory for the JSS on Banaba has been completed except for the science benches and some science equipment which are being processed and would be made available possibly before term one starts in 2006.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) raised one supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 123 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Would the Minister responsible agree that there is a need for an emergency ship trip to the Line Islands every month as the trip from Tarawa to this part is very long. Could an emergency trip be considered?

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

Mr. Speaker, the positioning of LC Betiraoi at Kiritimati that will take place shortly plus the schedule of MV Matangare to visit the Line Islands once in every two months in our view is adequate in meeting the need in question.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) raised two supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 60 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

The solar pump for Otoae village is the second priority project of the Onotoa Council. Could I ask the Minister responsible to give an update on this project?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, according to the priority list that was received from Onotoa, the Solar Pump for Otoae village is their 4th priority and therefore it will be difficult to attend to it now.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) also raised a supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 115 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the responsible Minister clarify with reasonable facts, why the voice of radio Kiribati has not been heard along with the Telephone service for the people of Fanning Island?

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

Mr. Speaker, my actual explanation is that the facilities are not yet in place on Tabuaeran for the reception of Radio Kiribati broadcast and a telephone service to be accessible to the people on the island. My reasonable assurance is that the facilities will be in place before the end of this Parliament term.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) and Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) also raised supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 87 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

It seems that quite a number of development proposals already in the pipeline will not be implemented and two in particular, are the namo-n-rua at Ukiangang/Bikati and the new jetty for Butaritari. Could Government inform this Maneaba if such projects are still likely to proceed but at a much later date or that one of the two may only be possible or that both projects will not be possible?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government will try as much as possible to ensure that all approved projects are funded and implemented.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) also raised a supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the **Appropriation Bill 2005**.

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) amendment to the Schedule was ruled out for being not in order.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,044,549 under Head of Expenditure 09 – Office of the Beretitenti stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)
Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

The Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm but before he did so he return the House first.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

Committee of the Appropriation Bill 2005 continues.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,024,970 under Head of Expenditure 10 – Public Service Office stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,184,438 under Head of Expenditure 11 – Judiciary stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified matters raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$6,369,562 under Head of Expenditure 12 – Police and Prisons stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to questions raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$181,935 under Head of Expenditure 13 – Public Service Commission stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,075,145 under Head of Expenditure 14 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

H.E Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

The House adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Committee of the Appropriation Bill 2005 continues.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,535,521 under Head of Expenditure 15 – Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs clarified matters raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,552,419 under Head of Expenditure 16 – Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development stand part of the Schedule.

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth) asked questions for clarifications and Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development clarified points raised by the Member.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,175,556 under Head of Expenditure 17 – Maneaba ni Maungatabu stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

H.E Te Beretitenti replied to questions raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,023,118 under Head of Expenditure 18 – Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee MP (Nonouti)

Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$541,463 under Head of Expenditure 19 – Kiribati National Audit Office stand part of the Schedule.

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) asked questions for clarifications and the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development replied to questions raised by the Member.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$501,478 under Head of Expenditure 20 – Office of the Attorney General stand part of the Schedule.

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) asked questions for clarifications and the Hon. Attorney General clarified questions raised by the Member.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,798,366 under Head of Expenditure 21 – Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development replied to questions raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$14,384,490 under Head of Expenditure 22 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$20,292,534 under Head of Expenditure 23 – Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sports clarified matters raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$3,107,320 under Head of Expenditure 24 – Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,350,265 under Head of Expenditure 25 – Ministry of Finance and Economic Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development clarified matters raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,715,460 under Head of Expenditure 27 – Ministry of Public Works and Utilities stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities clarified points raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,106,608 under Head of Expenditure 28 – Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development replied to questions raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,848,029 under Head of Expenditure 29 – Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development replied to questions raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$10,954,163 under Head of Expenditure 31 – Other Expenses stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

The following Ministers clarified matters raised by the Members:

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs
Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development
Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development
Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development
H.E Te Beretitenti
Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities
Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$79,767,390 stand part of the Schedule.

Question put: Carried.

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

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1 and 2 of the Bill stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

House resumed.

4. BILLS – SECOND READING

4.1 Appropriation Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Appropriation Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

5. MOTIONS

5.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development sought leave to defer Motion No. 14. Leave granted and Motion is deferred.

5.2 H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

Motion No. 15

That this House approves that this session of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu proceeds to meet on Monday 19 December 2005 to replace the day lost through a public holiday on Monday 12th December, 2005.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)

Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)

Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

At 10.02 pm, H.E Te Beretitenti summed up.

Question put: Carried.

At 10.07 pm, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume on Friday, 16th December 2005 at 10.00 am.

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

All Members were present except Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi).

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 124 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Could the Minister responsible discuss with the Kiribati Shipping and private shipping companies the need to improve on their ships trip to the Line Islands the following:

- (1) water
- (2) ration
- (3) reduce the number of passengers.

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

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry will discuss the issue in question with all shipping companies with a view to provide adequate water supply, ration and reasonable number of passengers.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran), Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 126 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

This Government has rejected to renew the contract of the last local judge of the High Court. Is there any plan to appoint another I-Kiribati Judge to localize this post?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government does not have such a plan at this time.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) raised four supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 116 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

When will the garage and workshop construction begin for the Fanning Island Council that is the first priority of its projects to the MISA of its development budget?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

The construction of Fanning garage/workshop will start once all needed materials are available on the island.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) also raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) and Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru) raised one supplementary question each.

2.4 Q. 110 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

There is a need for one more Special Constable for the village of Eten at Fanning Island. Could the Government give assistance to this need?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

There were quite a number of requests from Tarawa and other outer islands but further requests for additional special constables had been withheld since early 2004 due to the review of the special constable's allowances and employment conditions, which is still progressing.

When this review is done, the normal procedure for the recruitment of special constables was that the council submits a request; the police analyze the need by looking at the population size of the village or sub-village and crime rate, and submit recommendation to PSO for approval. The position for special constables for the year 2006 is now full.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) raised one supplementary question while Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) raised three supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 139 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

The Government is requested to have sympathy for the disabled on Beru to provide them with a mwaneaba and other necessary things like what the Toamatoa have on Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, we regret to advise the Hon. MP from Beru that Government is not ready to provide a Maneaba and other necessary things to the disabled on Beru.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 91 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Could this Government explain to this House, how island Magistrate selection being carried out?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, when there is a vacancy for a magistrate position on the island, the vacancy is advertised on that island. The applicants are required:

- i) to apply in writing
- ii) provide a curriculum vitae
- iii) provide two references from two respected persons on the island, such as a representative of the old men association and churches;
- iv) recommendation from the Council;
- v) a recent police clearance, and
- vi) an original birth certificate

A suitable candidate is selected by the Judiciary and recommended to Te Beretitenti for appointment.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 153 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government supply electricity to Itoin Mainiku and St. Francis High School?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Island Development

Speaker, the supply of electricity to Itoin Mainiku and St Francis High School is part of the plan of my Ministry.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) raised one supplementary question.

2.8 Q. 79 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Would the Minister responsible explain whether it is acceptable for employees occupying houses of the Kiribati Housing Corporation to build mobile store near their houses?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Under the current tenancy agreement Clause 2, part (i), the tenant shall not use or permit the Demised Premises to be used otherwise than as a private residence for use of the tenant and his/her family.

The Mover raised one supplementary question while Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) raised three supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 127 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Could this Government kindly explain to this House when the Government executes the payment of the Land Lease to land owners of the JSS Aontena?

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

Mr. Speaker, the Government is ready to pay out lease payment for lands within the JSS Aontena once lands within the mentioned JSS are properly determined by the Marakei Lands Court and concerned landowners and surveyed by the Land Management Division.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised one supplementary question and Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) raised two supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 54 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

When will the construction of Labour Line houses commence again at Takoronga Betio?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

There are no plans to construct more labour line type houses at Takoronga Betio, Bairiki and Bikenibeu. However there are plans in place to construct more E, D and C grade type houses and expected to commence in 2006. The remaining space within labour line area at Takoronga could be used to build either E or D grade type house.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.11 Q. 68 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible consider increasing the price of all materials required to maintain or repair classrooms, sleeping houses, clinics etc. so that

the source of income is broaden beside copra, could Government consider this?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Government is willing to consider increasing the price of building materials required to maintain or repair classrooms, sleeping houses, clinics, etc, if it is justifiable.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) raised one supplementary question.

2.12 Q. 146 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible re-activate the Lands Title Grievances Tribunal to perform its functions for those who wish to benefit from the avenues provided under the Lands Title Grievances Tribunal Act particularly those who are refused the benefit of hearing in the Court either because of the indefeasibility provision (i.e. Section 4) of the Native Lands Ordinance or because of the difficulty to prove the existence of fraud beyond reasonable doubt or both?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, in response to the question raised by one of the Honourable MPs from South Tarawa, I regret to advise that Government does not for now have any plans to reactivate the Lands Title Grievances Tribunal.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.28 am.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

3.1 The Broadcasting and Publications Authority (Amendment) Bill 2005 was withdrawn by the Mover.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Motion No. 30 lapsed as the Mover was absent when his motion was called.

4.2 Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) moved:

Motion No: 10

That this House requests Government to start taking appropriate measures to ensure that the constant problem of cargo shortages in outer islands is avoided in future.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)

Before the Minister replied, he sought the Hon. Speaker ruling on the Motion in relation to Rules 33(3) and 66. The Hon. Speaker ruled that the Motion is in order and will ensure that the debate concentrated on “the appropriate measures only “and not with the reasons and causes of the cargo shortage as already discussed in Motion No. 11.

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Hon. Amberoti Nikora MP (Aranuka)

Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

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

Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Mr. Timon R Aneri (Banaba)

Hon. Martin Tofinga MP (TabNorth)

Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tenta MP (Onotoa)

Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Hon. James Taom MP (Makin)

Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)

Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang)

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm. The House resumed at 4.33 pm.

The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Carried.

4.3 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 19

That this House sees the need for Government to quickly consider appropriate strategies to avoid problems often encountered by fishermen in order to minimize their chances of getting lost at sea and reduce the cost of search and rescue operations, which is increasingly becoming prohibitive.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)
Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP (Beru)
Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Tebuai Uaii MP (TabSouth)
Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern MP (Betio)
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)
H.E Anote Tong MP (Maiana)

(Hon. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang) interrupted at 6.00 pm)

Mover of Motion summed up at 6.00 pm.

Question put: Carried.

Hon Speaker adjourned the House at 6.08 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 19th December 2005 in accordance with the resolution of Motion No. 15 moved by H.E te Beretitenti on Thursday 15th December 2005 in which the sitting of the Maneaba was extended to Monday 19 December 2005 to replace the day lost through a public holiday on Tuesday 12/12/05.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Seventh Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

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

All Members were present except Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Nominated Member from Rabi).

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

H.E. Te Beretitenti made a statement on the Order of Government Business for Monday 19 December 2005.

3. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table.

By the Chairman of the Public Account Committee

Ana ribooti Kometen ana Mwane Kiribati iaon ana akaunti te Tautaeka ibukin te ririki ae toki n 31 Ritembwa 2002.

(Paper No. 26/05)

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 4.1 **Q. 23 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House what are its policy for entering KTC?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, the broad policies governing entry into KTC are that intake must be done in line with the Ministry's overall goal to provide quality teaching to the Primary and JSS schools. The minimum entry requirement for Primary and JSS Diploma candidates is a Form 6 qualification (PSSC) and a Form 5

Certificate (KNC) and/or having taught as a Monitor or Teacher Aid for five years for Primary Certificate.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria), Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

4.2 Q. 55 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

When will allowances be paid to church people who teach the Word of God to all schools?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the proposed allowances for Church people who teach the word of God to all schools will be reviewed by Government in 2006.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) also raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) raised one supplementary question each.

4.3 Q. 102 by Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio)

Could Government allow the insertion of a new clause to the National Conditions of Service in respect of the Housing allowance for employees who have been unable to secure a house from the Government?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I regret that Government can not at this time insert a new clause in the NCS in respect of the Housing Allowance for employees who have been unable to secure a house as Government is still studying the concept and its impact on its financial resources.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati), Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

4.4 Q. 66 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible consider providing an allowance to cover travelling costs of teacher, who are given the extra responsibility to oversee the work of all primary schools and teachers on the islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that allowances as such are considered not necessary for the Senior Grade One, or Head teachers when they inspect

schools because this is one of their duties to be carried out during normal working hours and that their transports costs are covered by the Ministry.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

4.5 Q. 69 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister inform this House what are its plans for preschool teachers, are their salaries included in the budget; if not when would they be paid by the Government and why there is a delay in addressing this need?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, Sir, policy guidelines are being reviewed to determine the level of sustainable and appropriate assistance to pre-schools in line with the Education Ordinance and standing regulations.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana), Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama) and Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) also raised supplementary questions.

4.6 Q. 89 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Could the Minister responsible explain what was the main delay in building an ordinary classroom for Tamana JSS?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, the existing number of 4 classrooms that Tamana JSS has is sufficient with the current roll of pupils of 61.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

4.7 Q. 95 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

What is Government's assistance to Nikunau Island Council if it wishes to resume its ice plant operations?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Nikunau Island Council can submit this project among its priority projects through the normal procedure of processing projects before assistance can be provided.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang) raised two supplementary questions.

4.8 Q. 106 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible inform this House as to when the long overdue construction works for the completion of Teabike College, TabNorth, start?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, the remaining construction works to complete Teabike College is one of Government top priorities and a project document is being prepared by my Ministry in consultation with other relevant stakeholders as a matter of urgency to secure funding.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

4.9 Q. 111 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Years ago Form 6 existed at the M.T.S.S. School for the students of the Line and Phoenix Islands. Now the M.T.S.S. Form 6 has been cancelled due to the lack of qualified teachers as they reject to attempt to their need. Could the Government deal with this action according to the theme of service condition?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, Sir. My ministry is still assessing the status of Meleangi Tabai Secondary School with the view of bringing back its Form 6 status, if appropriate.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati) also raised a supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Remaining Questions on the Order Paper were 21.

5. BILL – FIRST READING

5.1 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:

That the Local Government Amendment Bill 2005 be read the first time.

Bill proposed.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm. The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)
Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)
Hon. Natan Teewe MP (Abemama)
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

The House adjourned at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei) continued his discussion.
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Mover of the Bill summed up.

Question put - First Reading of the Bill Carried.

6. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

6.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 6 and 7 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) moved an amendment to clause 8 as follows:

That the word “lesser” be inserted between the words “other” and “period”.

Amendment proposed; The following Members spoke on the Amendment:

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP (North Tarawa)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Mover of Amendment summed up

Question put: Amendment Not Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

6.2 Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1 to 5 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 6 to 13 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 14 to 19 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 20 to 25 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 26 to 31 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) sought clarification and the Hon. Attorney General clarified the point raised by the Member.

Question put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 32 to 37 stand part of the Bill.

No questions were raised.

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

6.3 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

Corrections were made to grammatical errors as follows:

“may” in the second line of (2)(a) be deleted,
“the” replaced by “an” in (2)(a)(ii).

Question put: Carried.

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

Question put: Carried.

House resumed.

7. BILLS – SECOND READING

7.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

7.2 Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:

That the Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

7.3 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried.

8. MOTION

8.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

Motion No. 14 (2006 Development Budget)

That this House approves the 2006 Development Budget in the sum of \$81,881,784 and the Supplementary to the 2005 Development Budget in the sum of \$14,536,955 as presented in the Development Budget.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)
Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

The Mover was given the floor to sum up at 8.06 pm.

Question put: Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

H. E Te Beretitenti moved:

That this House do now adjourn sine die.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

H. E Te Beretitenti then summed up.

Question put: Carried.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die at 8.45 pm.

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