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COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
5TH JUNE TO 16TH JUNE 2006

Hon. Etera Teangana - Speaker of Parliament

Cabinet

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

Hon. Teima Onorio MP - Kauoman ni Beretienti and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Hon. Bauro Tongai 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)

Private Members

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. Kataotika Tekee MP - North Tarawa

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. Taokai 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. Eni Tekanene	-	Deputy Clerk
Mr. Kirata Komwenga	-	Parliamentary Counsel
Mrs. Maere Tekanene	-	Acting Secretary to Parliamentary Committees
Mr. Airata Teemeta	-	Hansard Editor

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper Number	Title of Paper
5 June 2006	01/06	Result of the Bye-election for North Tarawa
9 June 2006	02/06	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Tarawa Biscuit Company for the year ended 30 June 2000
9 June 2006	03/06	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of Bobotin Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31 August 2002
9 June 2006	04/05	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Kiribati Port Authority for the year ended 31 December 2003
6 June 2006	05/06	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 2006
	06/06	
12 June 2006	07/06	Proposed Revised Rules of Procedure
13 June 2006	08/06	Schedule of Virement Warrants: Number 1/2006
14 June 2006	09/06	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Plant and Vehicle Unit for the year ended 31 December 1996 to 1999

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
Hon. James Taom	Building Bill 2005	8 December 2005	6 June 2006	6 June 2006	25 July 2006	01/2006
Hon. Attorney General	Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005	6 December 2005	8 June 2006	8 June 2006	25 July 2006	02/2006
Hon. Natan Teewe	Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006	5 June 2006	12 June 2006	12 June 2006	7 July 2006	03/2006
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2006	6 June 2006	13 June 2006	13 June 2006	7 July 2006	04/2006
Hon. Attorney General	Law Society Bill 2006	12 June 2006				
Hon. Amberoti Nikora	Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005	19 December 2005	Deferred	Deferred		
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2006	15 June 2006				
Hon. Natanaera Kirata	Food Safety Bill 2005	6 December 2005	15 June 2006	15 June 2006		05/2006
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Kiribati Reserve Fund Bill 2006	16 June 2006 Not passed				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Native Lands (Amendment) Bill 2006	16 June 2006 Not covered				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2006	16 June 2006 Not covered				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Native Lands (Amendment) Bill 2006	Not covered				

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Eighth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 5th June 2006

1. Before the Eighth Meeting started, the conch shell was blown for two minutes followed by the Mace procession into the Chamber. The Sergeant-at-Arms led the procession followed by the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk. The Hon. Speaker proceeded to the chair and read Prayers.

The proceedings officially starts at 10.05 a.m.

All Members were present except Hon. Bauro Tongai, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, Hon. Natanaera Kirata, Mr. Reete Bokai and Mr. Tamwi Naotarai. The absentees were all excused.

2. **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa) took his oath administered by the Clerk.

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 Paper was laid on the Table.

By the Chief Electoral Officer

Result of the Bye-election for North Tarawa **(Paper No. 01/06)**

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

5.1 **Q.51 by Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) was deferred as the Mover was in hospital.**

5.2 **Q.2 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

Could this Government discuss with the Solar Energy Company Ltd to reduce the currently monthly rental of the solar lights to the consumers from \$9.00 to \$5.00?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Public Works & Utilities

Government is willing to discuss the matter with the Solar Energy Col Ltd but the final decision will be made by the Board and Management.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai (MP TabNorth), Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria), Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) also raised supplementary questions.

5.3. Q. 4 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

What was the reason for not allowing one patient by the Captain to board MV. Momi at that time when it arrived at Beru Island during the month of February 2006 as the matter has already been approved by the administration office in Nowerewere?

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

The KSSL Office, in liaison with the Captain of MV Momi, had no knowledge of a patient from Beru who was not allowed to board the vessel but was only aware of a mental patient from Beru which the Captain regrets he could not allow to board the vessel of the following reasons:

1. The long route to be undertaken (Beru, Onotoa, TabSouth, TabNorth, Tarawa)
2. The number of passengers on board the ship
3. The fear and anxiety of the passengers on board
4. The severity of the patient's condition and potential to cause trouble
5. The safety and welfare of the passengers

The captain, in the given circumstances above, had to refuse the mental patient from boarding the vessel.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teatao Teannaki and Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question each.

5.4 Q.23 By Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government explain clearly why the KPC Tewai Maneaba was selected for the installation of solar lights even though the requests from these villages; Taungaeaka, Katabanga, Nikutoru and Taku for the installation of solar lights in their Maneaba are now with the Solar Company?

Reply by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

The selection is based on a “first come first served” basis and KPC Tewai is No 1 on the list received from the Tabiteuea Maiaki Island Council. It also meets the criterion based on the size of the maneaba in relation to the size of the system to be installed.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised a supplementary question.

5.5 Q.7 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

Could this government designate suitable sites for Maneaba for any Outer Islands interested in applying for lands on Kiritimati Island?

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

Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform that this Government has no current plans to accommodate outer island maneabas on Kiritimati.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka, Mr. Tetaake Eria, Mr. Jacob Teem and Mr. Rutiano Benetito raised one supplementary question each.

5.6 Q.10 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Could this government inform this House its current development plans on the upgrading of existing sea passages in villages like Kainaba and Nabeina, and villages where this project has not covered the rest of North Tarawa?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government has not considered, at this stage, upgrading of existing lagoon passages, as raised by the MP from North Tarawa, due to the fact that there is absolutely no risk of danger to the lives of those traveling between villages in Tarawa lagoon.

The Mover raises two supplementary questions.

5.7 Q.3 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Could this Government make plans to send their experts before the end of this year to study the coastal erosions on the island of Marakei especially on the Western villages like Rawannawi, Temotu, Raweai and Tekarakan and rehabilitate as soon as possible to avoid further erosions?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Yes, Government can make plans to send experts to study the coastal erosions on Marakei as raised by the Honourable MP but only after the request is submitted to the Minister of Internal and Social Affairs through the Council providing some detail on what is required to be covered in the study so that a decision could be made in collaboration with relevant Ministries as to who, when and how the study should be carried out.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Willie Tokataake and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

5.8 Q.54 by Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) was deferred as Mover was in hospital.

5.9 Q.12 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Can the government inform this House its development and upgrading plans on;

- i) Existing causeways/bridges,
- ii) Construction of new causeways/bridges in places where appropriately needed in North Tarawa.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir.

1. the upgrading of existing causeway will be based on the specific request of each respective Island Council in accordance with set procedures.
2. the construction of new causeways and bridges where they are needed on North Tarawa are to be submitted as projects by the Council in accordance with set policies and procedures.

The Mover raises three supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m. and the Hon. Speaker adjourn the House for morning tea, and to resume at 11.50 a.m. The House resumed at 12.00 p.m.

6. BILL – FIRST READING

6.1 Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006

Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development moved:

That the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.35 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

The discussion on the Bill continue as follows:

H.E. Anote Tong
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Rutiano Benetito

The Hon. Speaker interrupt the Member's discussion and adjourned the House for afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m. The House resumed at 4.35 p.m.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito continued his discussion followed by Mr. Tinian Reiher and Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa.

The Mover of the Bill was given the floor to sum up at 5.20 p.m.

Question put: The First Reading of the Bill Carried.

All Government business on the Order Paper were covered and the House proceeded to deal with the remaining Questions not covered in the morning.

7. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Question were raised to the Government:

7.1 Q.24 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Mr. Speaker, there were few land owners who did not collect their land compensation in 2005. These plots of land are at Tenikatongtong, Tabiteuea North the place where the new hospital will be constructed. Mr. Speaker, these people had requested for the payment of their land compensation however payment has never been made to these people.

Mr. Speaker, what is the main cause for the delay in paying land compensation this year, 2006 to those who did not collect their land compensation last year, 2005?

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to stress here that there is no delay for claiming and collecting your compensation if you are the rightful and registered owner of the plot. There may be delays however, if you aren't the registered owner of the plot.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Patrick Tatireta raised one supplementary question.

7.2 Q.21 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

The following things were bought from the project fund for the new office for Tab/South Island Council:

- 1 wheel barrow
- 4 shovels
- 1 crowbar (25 mm x 1800 mm)
- 2 handsaw crosscut (26" x 5" x 1/2")
- 10 m hose (1.25")
- 4 towel plaster 10"
- 2 block mould (400 mm x 200 mm x 200 mm)
- 2 glass cutter
- 1 bolt cutter (30")
- 1 level line surface aluminium with hooks (4")

These things were taken back to Tarawa upon the completion of the project. Could Government explain whether these things should be taken back to Tarawa or given to the Council as they were purchased from the project fund?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir. The project items listed in the Honourable MP's question should be returned to Tarawa.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

All remaining Questions on the Order Paper were covered.

8. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Teima Onorio moved:

That this House do now adjourn.

Question put: Carried

The House adjourned at 6.25 p.m. and to resume on Tuesday, 6th June 2006 at 10.00 am.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Eighth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

for

Tuesday, 6th June 2006

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

All Members were present except Hon. Bauro Tongai, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, Hon. Natanaera Kirata, Mr. Reete Bokai and Mr. Tamwi Naotarai. The absentees were all excused.

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

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

3. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table.

By the Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2006

(Paper No. 05/06)

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 4.1 **Q.9 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

Would it be possible to reiterate the operation of Village banks by withdrawing their balance from IPO with the idea of regaining their strength in order to receive 25% and add it with 75% which has been granted to them in the first place?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Yes, provided that the bank is operating well.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

4.2 Q.55 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Kiribati Copra Co-operative Society increase the labour cost for the transfer of copra from village copra sheds to the Central Copra Shed from \$4.00 to \$6.00 tonne?

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

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Honorable MP that at this time KCCS is not able to increase the labour cost as requested.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Willie Tokataake also raised supplementary questions.

4.3 Q.11 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

At the sitting of the second meeting of the Eight parliament meeting held on 08/09/03, we appreciated government's reaction in procuring transportation for JSS pupils in Kiribati. However, based on what have said in support of the late former Member from North Tarawa, has government made any strategic plans in considering the transportation issues to isolated villages such as Kainaba, Nabeina, Tabiteuea, Abatao and Buota?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government is very sympathetic to the transportation needs of children who have to walk long distances to get to their schools and is heartened to hear that the problem has been greatly alleviated for most school children with the provision of trucks for this purpose.

Government is now looking at addressing the transportation requirements for those children who commute from isolated islets.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Willie Tokataake, Mr. Tinia Mariano and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake raised a supplementary question each.

4.4 Q.43 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

During the debate on the Motion of appointing a Select Committee or a Commission of Enquiry to independently investigate allegations of Taiwan and mainland China involvements in the Kiribati General and Presidential elections of 2003, Government rejected the motion and instead proposed that a Bill on the Leadership Code Act, which may be used to investigate leaders' allegations, be drafted and put up to Parliament for approval. Could Government inform this House the progress on this very important Leadership Code Bill?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government is in the final stages of preparation on the Leadership Code following consultations held with leaders such as MP and with the National Leadership Convention held last year. It is envisaged that this Bill will be presented to the December meeting of parliament.

No supplementary question was raised.

4.5 Q.13 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Could the government discontinue the collection of bus fares from pupils of the primary school and JSS from their own transport during school days in order to support and strengthen the policy on compulsory schooling?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker the decision on whether or not to charge bus fares for these trucks provided by Government rests with the Councils.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

4.6 Q.57 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government explain to this House the reason for its directive to wholesalers such as Punjas that they stop sending sugar to outer islands and to keep it for Tarawa people in Teinainano (TUC) and Betio only?

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

Mr. Speaker: The Government directed Punjas not to send sugar received on Kiribati Chief voyage 83/06 to the outer islands because it will cater for the needs of the people on TUC and Betio, while BKL was directed not to sell any of its sugar received on the same vessel trip to TUC and Betio because it will cater for the needs of the outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

4.7 Q.33 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

One of the issues raised during the recent ministerial tour to Nonouti was the need to improve the water quality for human consumption in a number of villages. I want to ask the Minister whether he is prepared to offer the necessary assistance given the urgent need?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir. All requests raised to Government teams on Ministerial tours and visits to the outer islands including to Nonouti, are currently being looked into and the more urgent requirements such as improving the quality of water, are being given priority for implementation.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Timon R Aneri, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Rutiano Benetito raised one supplementary question each.

Question time ends at 11.30 a.m. All Questions on the Order Paper were covered.

5. BILLS – FIRST READING

5.1 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2006

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Dr. Harry Tong
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Mr. Rutiano Benetito
Mr. Timon R. Aneri

At 6.25 p.m. the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried

6. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

6.1 Building Bill 2005

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part I stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part II stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part III stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part IV stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part V stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part VI stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part VII stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Schedule I stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Schedule II stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Schedule III stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

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

Question put – Carried.

The House returned.

7. BILLS – SECOND READING

7.1 Building Bill 2005

Hon. Minister of Public works and Utilities moved:

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

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Martin Tofinga moved:

That the House do now adjourn.

Question Put – Carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 7.30 p.m. and to resume at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 7th June 2006.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Seventh Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 7th June 2006

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

All Members were present except Mr. Hon. Bauro Tongai, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, Hon. Natanaera Kirata, Mr. Reete Bokai and Mr. Tamwi Naotara. The absent Members were all excused.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q.30 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

Could the Government provide potable water from potable wells to households at Kamwemwenang group in Buota as the water provided to them now has become brackish?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Yes, Government can assist in solving this problem.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Kaneang Betero and Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa raised one supplementary question each.

- 2.2 **Q.36 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

In the last House the Minister responsible advised the House that replanting of coconut trees would start in January or February this year. Will the Minister explain why his undertaking to this House was not fulfilled?

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

Mr. Speaker, I regret for the delay in carrying out the replanting of coconut trees and this is due to the fact that more planning work is needed by the Task Force recently established to look into this important development activity.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q.35 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

The design of the Buariki causeway provided for 5 openings, when completed there were only four constructed. Could the Minister advise why the original five were not constructed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir, The fifth culvert could not be constructed because the spot where it was supposed to be constructed was already blocked by accretion.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Biribo Neemia, Mr. Kataotika Tekee and Mr. Tebuai Uaai raised one supplementary question each.

2.4 Q.18 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

What causes the non-payment of the cash grant to teachers on Tabiteuea South when celebrating the “Teachers World Day” on 7 October 2005 though the Vice President had said that her Ministry shall pay a support grant of \$100 to teachers for this special day?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Mr. Speaker, this is so because there has been no claim/charge received by MEYS from Tabiteuea South for expenses incurred during the 2006 “World Teacher’s Day”.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Tetaake Eria also raised a supplementary question.

2.5 Q.34 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

One possible project for Nonouti in the near future includes the construction of openings in the causeways that presently have none. I want to ask the Minister if he could arrange for a survey and costing to be done before the end of the year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir, We will make arrangements for our technical staff to carry out the survey and costing as requested when they visit Nonouti some time during this quarter for the implementation of another project.

No supplementary questions were raised.

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

Normally, the post office does not put charges on any allotment when collected by parents on outer islands. However, if parents collected their allotment either in Betio post office, Bairiki and Bikenibeu then they are charged \$0.50 if their allotment is not more than \$50.00, \$1.00 if the allotment is not more than \$100.00 and \$2.00 if the allotment is not more than \$500.00.

Now the question I wish to ask, Mr. Speaker is as follows, "Is it proper and right for the post office to make charges as such"?

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

Mr. Speaker, The charge is proper to cover costs for extra work by the postal staff on such cases as mentioned by the MP. The deduction is made only after the payee has consented.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

2.7 Q.37 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

We understand that the telecommunication project for the outer islands had been suspended for lack of funds. Could the Minister advise the latest situation and whether the planned starting date for the work on Nonouti will be affected?

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

Mr. Speaker,

The telecommunications improvement project for outer islands is still progressing. For the radio links (DRCS) component the next islands to connect are Makin, Kuria and Aranuka expected to be done this year. For the satellite (DAMA) component Onotoa and Beru are the remaining islands to be completed under phase 1. Nonouti will be the first island to be done under phase 2, which is expected now to commence in 2007.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q.48 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) was deferred, as the Mover was absent.

2.9 Q.50 by Mr. Tamwi Naotarai MP (Betio) was deferred, as the Mover was in hospital.

2.10 Q.16 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was deferred, as the Mover was overseas.

The three above remaining Questions on the Order Paper were deferred, as the Movers were absent. Question time ended at 11.15 a.m.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana) moved:

Motion No. 1

That this House requests Government to consider amending Part XX of the Penal Code, relating to murder so as to include a sentence of death as one of the sentences and also to set out in that amendment categories of murder in which this sentence shall be given.

Motion proposed: The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong
Dr. Harry Tong
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa
Mr. Jacob Teem
Mr. Banuera Berina

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

Discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Timon R Aneri
Mr. Teburoro Tito

The Mover then summed up.

Question put – Carried.

3.2 Motion No: 2 by Mr. Tebuai Uaii MP (Tab/South) was deferred as the Speaker ruled that the Motion was too general and must be rephrased.

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

Motion No: 3

That this House instructs Government to take immediate steps to ensure that the recent unfortunate events which occurred in the Solomon Islands do not happen in Kiribati.

Motion proposed. After the Motion was moved, H.E Te Beretitenti sought leave to move an amendment to the Motion. Leave was granted and H.E Te Beretitenti moved the Motion as amended as follows:

That this House instructs Government, Members of Parliaments and Leaders to take immediate steps to ensure that the recent unfortunate events which occurred in the Solomon Islands do not happen in Kiribati.

Motion as Amended proposed: The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Dr. Harry Tong

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m. and resumed at 4.30 p.m.

Discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Hon. Attorney General

The Mover of the Motion as Amended then summed up.

Question Put – Carried.

3.4 Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 12

This House is asking the Government to reconsider its policy for the use of trucks for primary and JSS on outer islands.

Motion proposed: The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
(Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa interrupted at 6.00 p.m.)
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Teima Onorio
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

The Mover of the Motion was given the floor to sum up at 6.50 p.m.

Question put – Not Carried.

At 7.00 p.m. the House was adjourned and to resume at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 8th June 2006.

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

All Members presented except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai who was still in hospital, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa and Mr. Reete Bokai, both were away on official duty.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q.68 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

Could the responsible Minister advise this Maneaba when will the surveying of the clinic sites at Keuea and Tanimaiaki be carried out?

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

Mr. Speaker, The survey team is scheduled to depart Tarawa for Butaritari on 15 June 2006.

The Member raised one supplementary question.

- 2.2 **Questions 32, 52 and 27 were deferred as the Movers were absent.**

- 2.3 **Q.61 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

What is government's policy regarding caretakers for patients referred to Nowerewere from the outer islands?

Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, The policy in place stipulates that not all patients require a caretaker. Patients that require a caretaker are restricted to the following:

- 1) very sick patients as decided by a doctor after consulting the Medical Assistant or Senior Nursing Officer (whoever is in charge) on the island;
- 2) patients of less than 12 years of age;
- 3) patients of more than 65 years of age;
- 4) disabled;
- 5) blind or poor vision in both eyes;
- 6) mental patients; and
- 7) all major operation cases as advised or decided by a surgeon.

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

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

Mr. Biribo Neemia

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

2.4 Q.88 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible recruit and send to Teraina a water expert to test whether the water of the middle of Teraina potable or not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir

There may not be a need at this stage to recruit a water expert to test the quality of water from the inland lagoon at Teraina if it is potable or not since the conclusions from our water engineers are that the water is potable in its current condition but need to be filtered, cleaned and treated before it is fit for consumption or export.

The Mover asked two supplementary questions.

2.5 Q.78 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible consider the need of mothers who have just gave birth to have a separate Maneaba for them when they wait for their transport back to their islands so that their newly born babies are not infected by the disease of other sick patients staying with them in the same maneaba.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Prior to making his reply H.E Te Beretitenti made minor amendment to the English text of the reply by inserting the word “given” between the words “already” and “consideration”.

The Mover asked one supplementary question.

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

At the request of the people of Tabomatang, Nikumanu and Manriki villages who are recipients of the \$3,333 natural disaster aid funds, Nikunau island council has asked government for the provision of a qualified seawall engineer/expert to advise on the most appropriate seawall design and repair works.

When will the seawall engineer be dispatched to Nikunau so that the seawall repair works could start soon before the damaged seawalls deteriorate?

The MP made correction to the word “Nikunau” in the first line should be read as “Nikumanu”.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Government is ready to dispatch an engineer who can assist with the design of the seawalls on Nikunau in conjunction with another project expected to be done on Nikunau next month.

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

Mr. Timon R. Aneri

Mr. Tetaake Eria

2.7 Q.5 Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

What sort of assistance that can be rendered to patients on outer islands who are still in need for new replacement of their artificial leg after the operation has been made?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Sir The Rehabilitation Centre of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services has the capacity to fix/repair the damages to artificial limb however those affected are responsible to pay their travel expenses both from the outer islands and in Tarawa, meals, accommodation, repair cost, and new artificial limb.

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

Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Mr. Teatao Teannaki

Dr. Tetaua Taitai

2.8 Q.31 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

At the 2nd Meeting of the 8th Parliament on Thursday 9th September 2003 in reply to QuestionNo.35 raised by one member from Butaritari, relating the ice plant project, the Government say:

“..... the construction of ice plants on the outer islands of Kiribati including Butaritari will depend on the viability of the project on the island together with the willingness of the people on the island to implement the project.”

Could the Government explain to this House -

- 1) how many islands that have received this project?
- 2) did the meet the stated requirements of the project?
- 3) who funded this project? And
- 4) when will this project start on North Tarawa?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, The following is a reply to the MP of North Tarawa Oral Question No.31. However, before I proceed any further, I wish to first of all correct the understanding of the MP from North Tarawa on my past reply he is referring to which actually is as follows;

“ Mr. Speaker, the installation of a suitable ice plant on all islands in Kiribati including Butaritari may go ahead should the operation prove feasible, but more importantly when the donor is available”.

Nonetheless this is now the response to the MPs’ question as raised:

1. So far there are four islands where fish Centre projects have been implemented by this government.
2. Yes, those four selected islands did fully satisfy the requirements expected for the project.
3. The project is funded by the Kiribati government with the assistance of Japan as well.
4. North Tarawa has been included in the next round of Fish Centre Project expected to start in September later this year.

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

Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

2.9 Q.60 by Mr. Tinain Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Could this government see merits in liaising with the Kiribati Provident Fund on the possibility of allowing members to additional funds (term deposits so as to take advantage of the interest offered by the Fund?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, The government sees the merits in liaising with the Kiribati Provident Fund on the possibility of allowing members to invest additional funds (term deposits) so as to take advantage of the interest offered by the Fund.

The Member asked one supplementary question.

2.10 Q.42 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Could the responsible Minister explain what caused the delay in;

- (i) The collection of copra from Nikunau to Tarawa earlier this year which resulted in the Council's Maneaba being used as a copra storage shed?
- (ii) The payment of copra handling wages to people engaged in transferring dried copra from fully packed sheds to the Council's Maneaba?

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

Mr. Speaker, These are the response to the question raised:

1. Collection of copra from Nikunau at the beginning of this year was delayed because;
 - (a) most vessels visiting the southern islands were tied up with the transport of student back to secondary schools while other vessels did not have shipping routes to Nikunau and nearby islands or those that were not engaged with transporting students were already fully loaded with copra or copra from other islands.
 - (b) it was also unfortunate that copra production for this island increased towards the end of last year and beginning of this year and so made the situation worse.
 - (c) with regards to delayed payments there were problems in receipt of payment details from Nikunau by KCCS HQ, however, an officer from KCCS went to Nikunau in May this year to help sort out the problem and all payments should be clear by now.

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

Mr. Biribo Neemia

Mr. Teatao Teannaki

Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Question time ended at 11:35 a.m. and all Oral Questions on the Order Paper were covered.

3. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The Maneaba resolved into Committee to consider the **Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005**.

Mr. Chairman proposed that that Part I stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part II stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that that Part III stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part V stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part IV stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part V stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the Schedule stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

The House returned.

4. BILL – SECOND READING

Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Bill 2005 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the meeting at 11.45 a.m. and to resume at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th June 2006.

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

All Members were present except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tenta and Hon. Natanaera Kirata.

2. **STATEMENT**

Mr. Tebuai Uai made a statement on the following:

“Kaitiakan te bobwai man te KPC account n te Kiribati Supply Company Limited”.

The following Members asked short questions:

Hon. Titabu Tabane
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Hon. Ioteba Redfern

3. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By the Chairman of the Public Account Committee

Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of the Tarawa Biscuit Company for the year ended 30 June 2000 **(Paper No. 02/06)**

Report of the Public Account Committee on the Account of the Bobotin Kiribati Ltd for the year ended 31 August 2002 **(Paper No. 03/06)**

Report of the Public Account Committee on the Account of the Kiribati Port Authority for the year ended 31 December 2003 **(Paper No. 04/06)**

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

4.1 Q.16 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

How was the selection of going overseas on In-Service Training carried out in 2006 and will the responsible ministry inform this House how many who were selected from Government employees and how many who were selected from Government Companies and Corporations for this kind of training?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

The selection for 2006 In-Service was carried out exactly the same way as in previous years. New selection for students to commence studies this year only is as follows:-

Funding Source	Gov't Employee	Gov't Co. & Corp.	Total
GOK Local Awards	16	1 Trw Biscuit	17
AusAid	9	2 TSKL	11
NZAid	9	0	9
Gov't of Taiwan	2	0	2
Total of new students for 2006 only			39

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as the following:
Mr. Tinian Reiher

4.2 Q.14 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Has Government plans to build public toilet in areas in Betio where they are needed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Government is only too conscious of the need for more toilet facilities not only for Betio but for TUC as well and is currently finalizing plans to address this problem.

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

Mr. Teiwaki Areieta

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

4.3 Q.41 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Members of Parliament will recall a motion passed by Government on 27/11/03 to quickly establish a Select Committee to review the Rules of Procedure of Te Maneaba ni Maungatabu. What is happening to the Committee's report of the *Proposed Rules of Procedure* after it was discussed

briefly in Parliament on (Paper No. 13/04) and whose responsibility is it to re-table the same report, remembering quite well government's insistence to consider the report first before it is approved by Parliament?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

As Government understands it, the next step in the handling of the report by the Select Committee to review the Rules of Procedure of Te Maneaba ni Maungatabu rests with your office Mr. Speaker in conjunction with the Chairman of that Select Committee.

The Member asked one supplementary question as well as Mr. Teburoro Tito.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m.

5. MOTIONS

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

Motion No. 4

That House instructs government to take immediate steps to protect our local private sector from unfair competition from foreign business.

Motion proposed; the following members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Ioteba Redfern
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

The Maneaba adjourned at 12.30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2.00 p.m. and discussion on the Motion continued as follows;

Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
H.E. Anote Tong
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Hon. Martin Tofinga

Question Put: Carried

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

Motion No. 10

That this House recognize the need of dispatching medical doctors to islands in Kiribati where there is no regular flight.

Motion proposed; the following members spoke on the motion;

H.E. Anote Tong
Mr. Tinia Mariano
Mr. Tetaake Eria
Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa
Mr. Reete Bokai

Question Put: Carried

5.3 Motion No.13 by Mr Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) was withdrawn as it was a money motion

5.4 Mr Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 11

That this House is requesting the government to consider the idea of establishing its policy for building sea-walls at deserted areas (Nukamotu) to prevent or avoid the destruction to these areas caused by big waves during high tides.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the meeting at 4.00 p.m. for afternoon tea and to resume at 4.30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 4.30 p.m. and discussion on the Motion commenced.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Martin Tofinga
Mr. Tinian Reiher

Question Put: Carried

5.5 Dr Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa) moved:

Motion No. 5

That this House directs government to consider paying compensation to land owners whose land had been illegally utilized for the construction of roads.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Martin Tofinga
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Hon. Natan Teewe
Hon. Attorney General

Question Put: Carried

5.6 Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) moved:

Motion No.15

That this House requests government to liaise with Management of Air Kiribati to accept payment of some form of compensation to passengers and others whose cargoes has been wasted due to sudden cancellation of the airlines scheduled flight.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Rutiano Benetito
Mr. Banuera Berina

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the meeting at 6.30 p.m. and resume at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 12th June 2006.

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Monday, 12th June 2006

1. The Meeting commenced at 10.05 a.m. with Prayers read by the Hon. Speaker.

All Members were present except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai who was still hospitalized at Nowerewere hospital.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table:

By the Chairman of the Rules of Procedure Committee

Proposed Revised Rules of Procedures **(Paper No. 07/06)**

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 Q.91 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Could the government discuss with Dai Nippon Construction the possibility of sending its experts to evaluate ways of upgrading the boat passage at Tevalua on Teraina?

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

At present, Government sees no need for a discussion with Dai Nippon Construction Company, as the MP for Teraina had requested, simply because upgrading work to existing reef passage on Tarawa and the outer islands is not complex and will be consistent throughout.

The Member raised two supplementary questions while the following Members raised one question each;

Mr. Biribo Neemia
Mr. Teatao Teannaki

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

3.2 Q.66 by Mr. Tetao Teannaki (Abaiang)

What are Government plans for coastal erosion in villages of Abaiang such as Tebungginako, Koinawa and Borotiam?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir

Government is working on addressing the problem of coastal erosion with SOPAC and with the KAP II project which looks into shore line erosion nationally as part of the larger adaptation responses to climate change.

The findings from studies done this far is that hard structures such as sea walls can exacerbate the problem of coastal erosion and that other softer structures such as mangrove replanting along the coast and revegetating the coast with the usual shrubs (temao, te ren, te uri, ao te itai) can mitigate the erosion in a more cost effective and sustaining way for villagers and land owners to protect their properties.

Sea walls can be considered to protect roads etc, but are not to extend into reef flats or alter the flow of the current as this could cause more erosion to neighboring lands.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question from each of the following Members;

Mr. Biribo Neemia
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa
Mr. Rutiano Benetito

3.3 Q.15 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

Will Government explain to this House why was announcement for employment vacancies limited to form seven only, why not chances be given to form five and six for a trial?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

All vacant posts in the Public Service advertised for formal filling carry different entry criteria as to what educational level (form) is required in order to qualify for contest. There are positions that require forms 6, 5 and below as well as qualifications obtained from tertiary institutes.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. The following Members also raised one question each;

Mr. Biribo Neemia
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa
Mr. Rutiano Benetito
Mr. Teatao Teannaki

3.4 Q.63 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

At a meeting of this Maneaba last year I raised a motion on the possibility of increasing the working capitals of the village banks so as to allow the villagers to undertake larger projects. The motion was passed with the understanding that the Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs will undertake further study on the feasibility of the proposal. Has a study been carried out and what are the results?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I regret to mention that my ministry still cannot make a decision at this time as the feasibility study is still ongoing.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Korintetaake raised one supplementary question..

3.5 Q.39 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

What progress has been made to date towards further assessment works which Government said it intends to carry out on the integrated milkfish-poultry farming project for Nikunau island at Nein Riiki, a project initially proposed in 2002 but put aside by this Government, and what preparatory works have been undertaken so far for the same project to be implemented on the other outer-islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker,

I regret to inform the Honorable MP from Nikunau that the project he is referring to has remained dormant ever since the funding request for it was turned down by FAO.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

3.6 Q.98 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible inform this House as to when the salary of special constables will be reviewed and the salary scales for the special corporal, sergeant and inspector be differentiated?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Government has plans to review the entire Police Ordinance which is clearly outdated and would be quite a lengthy process. The process for the review is already underway with the procurement of a legal draftsman who will be assisting with the drafting of a new Police Act through the assistance of AUSAID. Part of the review would incorporate a review of the employment conditions and remuneration of special constables.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions

3.7 Q.104 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Does the Government have plan to control the extensive rise in fuel cost which is now currently experienced in Kiribati especially kerosene and benzene?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Yes, Government has plans to ensure that the current escalation of oil prices in the world does not drastically affect our people.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Each of the following Members raised one supplementary question;

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Mr. Teburoro Tito

At 10.35 a.m. question time ended; however, there were still remaining questions not covered on the Order Paper.

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Law Society Bill 2006

The Hon. Attorney General moved:

That the Law Society Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Banuera Berina

At 12.35 p.m. the Hon. Speaker interrupted and adjourned the House for lunch.

The House resumed at 2.05 p.m. and the following Members also spoke on the Bill;

Mr. Banuera Benira (continued with his speech)
Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

At 3.12 p.m. the Hon. Attorney General spoke again on the Bill to sum up all points raised by the Members.

Question Put: The First Reading of the Bill Carried

5. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

5.1 Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006

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

Mr. Teburoro Tito proposed an amendment to clause 1(2).
Hon. Natan Teewe replied.

Mr. Banuera Berina supported the Government clarification on the amendment

Question Put on Amendment: Not Carried

Mr. Teburoro Tito once again proposed an Amendment to Clause 3

Hon. Natan Teewe replied

Question Put on Amendment: Not Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Mr. Teburoro Tito proposed Amendments to Clause 8
Hon. Natan Teewe replied

Question Put on Amendment: A Division was called and the result was as follows:

For = 10 Against = 22 Absent = 9 Abstain = 1

From the result the Amendment was not carried.

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

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 9 and 10 stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Question proposed that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved an Amendment to clause 11

Hon. Natan Teewe and the following Members spoke on the Amendment:

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

H.E Anote Tong

Mr. Patrick Tatireta

The Mover of the Amendment summed up

Question Put on Amendment: Not Carried

Again Mr. Chairman proposed that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 12, 13 and 14 stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 15 and 16 stand part of the Bill

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved Amendments to Clause 16

Hon. Natan Teewe replied in that the first part of the Amendment to Clause 16 is accepted. Other amendments to the same clause were rejected.

Mover summed up

Question on rejected Amendments to Clause 16 put: Not Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 15 and 16 as amended stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill

Mr. Rutiano Benetito sought further clarifications

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

The House returned.

6. BILL – SECOND READING

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006

Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development moved:

That the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2006 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Amberoti Nikora moved the Adjournment Motion

Without any further objection on the Motion, the House was adjourned for the day at 6.45 p.m. and to resume on Tuesday, 13th June 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

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

All Members were present except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai who was still in hospital.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table:

By the Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Schedule of Virement Warrants No.1/06 **(Paper No.08/06)**

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** (Refer white sheet attached)

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q.27 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Will Government inform this House the total population of the unemployed separately in the areas of BTC and TUC especially those who are in the working age?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Government can provide unemployment figures for BTC and TUC as requested by the Honourable MP from Betio.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

- 3.2 **Q.106 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)**

Could Government arrange immediate payment for rental charge of Catholic Maneaba in Tanimainuku for storing cement for Nan Teibo causeway which has already received by the respective ministry.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

The issue has also been raised in the past by both Honourable MPs from Butaritari, the Council and the community and the response has always been that the reason for the non-payment of rental for the Maneaba was based on the agreement reached between my ministry, the council and Tanimainuku Catholic community before the materials were moved into the Maneaba.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as Mr. Tinian Reiher.

3.3 Q.71 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

What are government plans for the establishment of TTI Branch on Abaiang?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

My answer to this question remains unchanged to that provide to the question no.30 at the last Parliament and that is: "There has been changes to the original plan regarding the establishment of Island Learning Centre (ILC) on some of the outer islands. The changes are necessary to ensure that the plan to establish the ILCs are effective and sustainable.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Emile Schutz.

3.4 Q.77 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria)

The government, especially the Minister responsible is requested to increase the current price of fish so that fishermen could earn more from their catches they sell to CPP?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

CPP has just recently increased the purchase price of Ikanibong and Morikoi only last month in May according to the market demand in Tarawa. This has also been relayed to all four centres supplying fish to CPPL.

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

1. Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa
2. Mr. Emile Schutz
3. Mr. Jacob Teem

3.5 Q.81 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The number of tanks and drums of benzenes from KOIL at Kiritimati are not enough to support the need of the people. Could the responsible Minister

liaise with the manager to increase the number of tanks and drums of benzenes to the KOIL Branch in Fanning to assist the need of the people?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

KOIL agrees that the number of drums currently available at its Kiritimati Branch is insufficient and this is due to the limited number that shipping lines can take on from Tarawa to Kiritimati. As for the mobile tanks, the Kiritimati Branch has 5 at the moment serving Tabuaeran and Teraina but this will be reviewed to determine how many more is required.

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

1. Mr. Tetaake Eria

3.6 Q.45 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Some unemployed people on Nikunau (copra cutters, fishermen, etc) wish to start paying their contributions to KPF so they become full members of the KPF. Could the responsible Minister when would the new KPF scheme be introduced at Nikunau?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

It is expected that the KPF team will visit Nikunau on 7th August and return on 14th August 2006. Apart from the normal inspection of employers, the team will visit all village maneaba's on the island to carry out its awareness program and at the same time register those that are willing to join the KPF through the new voluntary contributor's scheme.

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

1. Mr. Tebuai Uaai
2. Mr. Jacob Teem

3.7 Q.19 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (Tab. South)

Why the Form 3 students in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 of the Tebouria JSS at Tabiteuea South had not been issued with the Junior School Certificate?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Form 3 Junior Secondary Certificates have been issued since 2002 due to a breakdown of the database and the change of computer program that keeps records of all students, JSS results. However, I am happy to inform Parliament that my Ministry has start processing the certificates, provision of

which is planned to commence soon after the completion of Tebouria JSS and all other JSS schools.

The Member asked six supplementary questions.

3.8 Q.1 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

In previous meetings of this House I raised to Government if it could send some employees to do attachment or training on the job overseas and the answer was encouraging. Has government plans for this kind of training in future?

Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Yes, Attachments and trainings on the job overseas are parts of government overall training plans for its civil servants every year.

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

1. Mr. Jacob Teem
2. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m.

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The Maneaba resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

4.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2006

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$21,645 under Head of Expenditure 15 – Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification;

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$180,835 under Head of Expenditure 24 – Ministry of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification;

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$34,989 under Head of Expenditure 29 – Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Tinian Reiher

Hon. Attorney General clarified points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,500,000 under Head of Expenditure 31 – Other Expenses stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$1,737,469 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 clause 1 stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the Long Title of the Bill form part of the whole Bill

Question Put: Carried

4.2 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2006

H.E Te Beretitenti sought leave from the Chair if they could be given some more time to go through the said Bill before it is finally presented to the Maneaba.

Mr Teburoro Tito asked the Chair for a short break so that Members have time to thoroughly go through the Bill.

House resumed.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the meeting and to resume at 2.00 p.m.

The House resumed at 2.00 p.m. and the Hon. Amberoti Nikora sought leave from the Chair to defer consideration of the Bill till the next meeting of Parliament so that the Members and the Government have more time to thoroughly study and sort out important issues concerning the Bill.

Leave granted and committee of the Bill was deferred.

5. BILL – SECOND READING

Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2006

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2006 be now read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

As there were Oral Questions not covered in the morning, Hon. Speaker ruled that the meeting continued to consider the remaining Questions.

6. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

6.1 Q.25 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)

“At the meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungtabau on 13 June 2005, the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Human Resources Development, in reply to my oral question #3, mentioned about the Ministry’s plan to conduct a study to identify options for job creations for youth in Kiribati and the study would be carried out sometimes in 2005 by experts from ILO and ADB. Could the Minister responsible kindly advise if such exercise has been done and if so, what are its findings?”

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Human Resources Development

In 2005 to early 2006, and the ILO through its office in Suva and the Ministry of Labour and Human Resources Development commenced the first phase of a study to ascertain the types of work that school leavers would be interested to pursue. The trial that was carried out for South Tarawa and Betio showed that school leavers were more interested in training for job opportunities that will allow self employment or opportunities to be employed in small businesses such as tv, video, radio and camera repairs and hair dressing. The ILO has indicated interest to continue with these trials not only in Tarawa but outer islands as well.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as the following;

1. Mr Kataotika Tekee
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher
3. Mr. Tebuai Uaai

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

Can government provide detail explanations as to why there has always been a delay in payment for renovations costs of school buildings and clinics on Abaiang?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

The delay in payment of maintenance funds to Abaiang is due to the delay in submission of returns from councils which are required before further funds could be warranted.

The Member raised three supplementary questions as well as the following;

1. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa
2. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
3. Mr. Emile Schutz

6.3 Q.118 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

What are government development plans regarding:

- 1) terminal building
- 2) Linnix Office

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, Government plan is to proceed with the implementation of the terminal building and Linnix Office.

The Member asked five supplementary questions

6.4 Q.87 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible include Teraina amongst the islands eligible to have the girls sitting the MTC entrance test.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Human Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, This is my reply to the question by the Honourable MP from Teraina.

There are plans to recruit into MTC girls from outer islands including Teraina if the result of the current trials to employ girls on overseas and local ships proves sustainable and successful.

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

1. Mr. Willie Tokataake
2. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

6.5 Q.107 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could government quickly pay the cost of repair work on classrooms at Abemama that had been completed but payment has not been made?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

The government will pay the cost of repair work on classrooms at Abeamama that had been completed provided the claim is approved by the Council and the Maintenance Committee.

The Member asked two supplementary questions for clarification as well as the following;

1. Dr. Tetaua Taitai

6.6 Q.119 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could the Minister responsible point out when will the work on Tabwakeauea roads commence?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line Phoenix Islands Development

Mr. Speaker, the work on Tabwakeauea roads will commence after the completion of the road work on Ronton.

The Member asked six supplementary questions of clarification.

6.7 Q.28 by Mr Tebuai Uaai MP (Tab South)

Could government consider the construction of a causeway between Taku and Tabuarikia?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker,

Yes, this government could consider the construction of a causeway between Taku and Tabuarikia if the necessary procedures and required criteria have been followed.

The Member asked six supplementary questions of clarification.

6.8 Q.59 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with the KSSCL and private owned shipping companies to refund the passengers the difference in fares resulted in the sudden change in the ship's schedule?

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

My Ministry can liaise with KSSL and private shipping companies regarding the matter raised by the Honourable Member.

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

1. Mr. Rutiano Benetito
2. Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa

6.9 Q.64 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

The Butaritari Island Council has submitted claims for maintenance works together with construction of new quarters (dwelling houses, dining, kitchens and toilets) for additional teachers posted to early this year. Could this Maneaba be advised if funds have been secured and the likely date of payment?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Maintenance funds have been warranted to Butaritari Island Council to settle claims for maintenance works on classrooms and teachers quarters.

The Members asked five supplementary questions of clarification.

6.10 Q.86 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The responsible Minister stated during the last meeting that the Fisheries Officer should be stationed in Fanning after the completion of their training in 2005, to train people in cultivating pearl shells and seaweed. Could the responsible Minister confirm when will the fulfillment of this request that is really needed by the people of Fanning urgently?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Earlier plans to post out FAs to outer islands by the end of last year had to be deferred to the end of this year in order that the new FA trainees may be able to complete their training program first.

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

1. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
2. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

6.11 Q.105 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Honourable Speaker, in Butaritari there are outstanding payments for transporting respective government officers to and from their place of work. Could government consider the following requests -

- i) immediate settlement of these long outstanding payments for transport charges.
- ii) the respective Ministry upon request for transport services shall secure funds to meet transport charges for immediate payment after service has been rendered.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government is happy to expedite payment of outstanding transport charges in respect of Government officers, and to take measures to prevent this problem from happening in future.

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

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern also provided clarification.

7. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. James Taom moved:

That this House do now adjourn.

Accordingly the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.50 p.m. and to resume on Wednesday, 14th June 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Eighth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

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Wednesday, 14th June 2006

1. The Meeting officially commenced at 10.03 a.m. with Prayers read by the Honorable Speaker.

All members of Parliament were present except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai who was still hospitalized at Nawerewere hospital.

2. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following Paper was laid on the Table

By Chairman of the Public Account Committee

PAC report on Account of the Plant and Vehicle Unit for year ended 31st December 1996 to 1999
(Paper No. 09/06)

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions were raised to the Government:

3.1. Q.108 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

The hospital building on Christmas is small in size, could Government consider building a new facility?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am happy to inform this House that the Ministry of Health & Medical Services does see the need to further improve and expand the present hospital premises in Kiritimati and, to this effect, it has already taken the necessary actions that need to be done.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions

3.2. Q.111 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with wholesale companies to ensure that cargoes sent to Abemama are sufficient for the people of the island and the secondary schools?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government has already liaised with BKL, which has a wholesale branch on Abemama to provide sufficient cargo for the people of the island and the secondary schools.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Kaneang Betero raised one question. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised one question.

3.3. Q.103 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Could Government include North Tarawa under its current rational Seaweed Development Programme? And if the answer is “yes”, Mr. Speaker, I would request the Hon. Minister responsible of the likely date the program is expected to take off?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, The Hon MP from North Tarawa will be pleased to know that North Tarawa has been included in Atoll Seaweed Company’s seaweed development program the first trials of which has already started since 2004.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

Mr. Kaneang Betero raised one question.

Mr. Emile Schutz raised one question.

Mr. Biribo Neemia raised one question.

3.4. Q.83 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the responsible Minister liaise with PUNJAS manager concerning the need of PUNJAS Branch at Fanning to help the need on cargoes shortage due to the limited cargoes from BKL on every shipment to Fanning to face the demand from the people. Could the Minister give assistance to this need since Tarawa is too far from the Line Islands?

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

Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am willing to liaise with the manager of PUNJAS to raise this request.

The Mover raised one supplementary question while Mr. Biribo Neemia raised two. Mr. Tetaake Eria and Dr. Harry Tong raised one supplementary question each.

3.5. Q.82 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the responsible Minister set plans to repair the airstrip at Fanning so that the private business airline by/owned by Wolfgang Bohringer could start soon as I have witness his letter of request to use his private planes on the Government approval to use the airstrip to run a route from Honolulu, Fanning, Xmas and Tarawa to promote the tourism, etc?

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

Government has a plan to upgrade landing airstrips on Fanning and Washington where appropriate.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria raised one supplementary question.

3.6. Q.112 by Mr. Waysang Kum Kee MP (Nonouti)

Could the Minister explain the reason why the KPF contribution for the Water Technician, Teimarane Teiroro for the years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 were not paid to the KPF?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker,

The KPF contribution for the employee named in this question should have been paid by the Nonouti Island council for the year 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002. His contribution for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 should have been paid automatically through the computerized system by the Salaries Section of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development like any other Government establishment staff.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Two questions raised by Mr. Rutiano Benetito. One question each raised by the following members; Mr. Kaneang Betero and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina.

3.7. Q.110 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government provide another Non-Direction Beacon for Cassidy airport?

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

The Civil Aviation Division of my Ministry is organizing for another Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) for Cassidy Airport.

The Mover raised only one supplementary question.

3.8. Q. by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The Seaweed grant/fund had run out for the period of 5 to 6 months. Could the Minister responsible give assistance to this problem and to see through that this does not occur again as the main income source for the people of Fanning is seaweed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest regrets to the Hon. MP from Tabuaeran for the inconveniences caused on Tabuaeran by the seaweed issue on the island. However, atoll seaweed Company itself is currently facing cash flow problems that has emanated as a direct result of the drastic decline in the value of the US currently at this point in time worldwide. Nonetheless, there are now moves to address the problems and which hopefully should also be able to resolve the problems on Tabuaeran.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by one question each raised by these members; Mr. Waysang Kum Kee, Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Biribo Neemia.

3.9. Q.109 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government liaise with Air Pacific to consider increasing cargo freight allowance for the Kiritimati route sector?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, My Ministry with Air Kiribati can liaise with Air Pacific on the request raised by the Hon. Member.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. One supplementary question raised by Mr. Emil Schutz.

3.10. Q.40 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)]

Could the responsible Minister explain to this House;

- i) Why it has taken so long to implement (this year) the Nikunau Island Council 2005 priority project?
- ii) If it is possible to also implement this year the 2004 Nikunau priority project, which is another project that has remained outstanding since 2004?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker,

- i) The cause of delay in implementing Councils priority projects for 2005 is due to the delay in securing funds.

- ii) My ministry has agreed with Nikunau Island Councils for the implementation of the Women Center this year, once additional funding is secured.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

Question time has ended at 11.30 a.m.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) moved:

Motion No. 16

That this House request Government to consider building the science lab for senior students of MTSS in the Line and Phoenix Islands as those students who pass their Form Six Science have to be transferred to KGV & EBS because of the absence of a proper science laboratory.

The following Members spoke on the Motion;

Hon. Teima Onorio
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee
H.E. Anote Tong
Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa

At 12.30 p.m. the Hon. Speaker interrupted and adjourned the House for lunch.

The House resumed at 2.04 p.m.

Discussion on the Motion continued in which the following Members also share their views:

Mr. Tinian Reiher
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Reete Bokai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

The Mover then summed up all the points shared during the discussions

Question Put: Motion Carried

4.2 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) moved:

Motion No. 25

That this House asks the Government to strengthen their policies and other relevant ordinances in regarding of outstanding accounts from Government owned Companies, Corporations, and from the Government.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

- i) Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
- ii) Dr. Harry Tong
- iii) Hon. Ioteba Redfern
- iv) Mr. Tinian Reiher
- v) Hon. Attorney General

At exactly 4.00 p.m. the House was adjourned. The discussion on the Motion continued after the break at 4.30 p.m. and the following Members also contributed to the discussion:

- vi) Mr. Ieremia Tabai
- vii) Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
- viii) H.E. Anote Tong
- ix) Hon. Natan Teewe
- x) Mr. Teiwaki Areieta
- xi) Mrs. Beta Tewareke Tentoa

The Motion was then summed up by the Mover, Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka.

Question Put: Carried

4.3 Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 19

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the account of Kiribati Port Authority for the year ended 31 December 2003 tabled as paper No. 04/06 and approves the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

The following Members spoke on the motion;

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee

The Mover then summed up the discussion on the Motion.

Question Put: Carried

The House was then adjourned for the day at 6.39 p.m. and to resume on Thursday, 15th June 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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

All Members presented except Mr. Tamwi Naotarai who was still in hospital.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following questions were raised to Government:

2.1 Question 114, 85, 115 and 99 lapsed as the Mover of each of these Questions were absent when their questions were called.

2.2 Q.113 by Mr. Waysang Kum Kee MP (Nonouti)

Could the responsible Minister explain, why nursing aids are paid charge allowance only for working on Monday to Friday and not on Saturday and Sunday?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

The present method of calculating the Nurse Aids' extra duty allowance, not charge allowance as referred to by the MP is based on existing policy.

The Member asked three supplementary questions.

2.3 Q.32 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Since the project on Aoraereke causeway is currently underway, can the Minister concerned explain to this House steps that will be taken prior to its implementation?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir

Funds have been secured for this project and procurement of materials will commence soon followed by the dispatch of personnel, materials and if necessary equipment to Onotoa.

The Member asked six supplementary questions. The Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development also made clarifications on government reply to the question.

2.4 Q.120 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Protection of bone fish on Christmas Island is urgently required, could Government finalize the regulation on this?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, a draft regulation on the protection of the bonefish resources in the Line and Phoenix Islands is now ready for implementation but needs further consultation with stakeholders and the community at large before it is finally adopted.

The Member asked two supplementary questions.

2.5 Q.93 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible ensure that the elderly benefits on Teraina are paid within a reasonable time?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government is happy to look into better ways of paying the elderly allowance on time for Teeraina.

The member asked two supplementary questions as well as the following;

1. Mr. Tebuai Uaai
2. Mr. Kataotika Tekee

2.6 Q.47 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible explain how the ice-plant at Onotoa is being managed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, It is anticipated that the new Fish Centre in Onotoa will be run and operated by the Onotoa Fishermen Association on the island.

The Member made corrections to the English text of the question by deleting the words 'is being' and replaced by 'would be run and'.

The Member raised four supplementary questions as well as the following;

1. Mr. Teatao Teannaki
2. Mr. Teburoro Tito

2.7 Q.22 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government support the recruitment of an Agent for the DBK who will be stationed at Tabiteuea South because an employee as such can, at any time, offer his/her advice and assistance to the people of Tabiteuea South when needed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, my Ministry will discuss this request and make the necessary representations to the Board of the DBK who is responsible for these matters.

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

1. Mr. Tinia Mariano
2. Mr. Tetaake Eria
3. Mr. Teatao Teannaki

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

What are the Government existing plans for Pearl Development in the lagoon of Abaiang?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, The pearl project at Abaiang is still ongoing and basically is still at the research stage with emphasis based on identifying suitable sites for culturing, developing farming and monitoring techniques for pearl oysters and the production of cultured pearls. At the moment the project is concentrating on identifying more appropriate grow out sites as the present site has proven not very suitable.

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

1. Mr. Emile Schutz
- Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa provided further clarifications.

2.9 Q.96 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible inform this House the reasons for the late arrival of students from the Line Islands to the extent of almost one term?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport

Mr. Speaker, The late arrival of students from the Line Islands was due to the delayed departure of the chartered ship from Tarawa coupled with coverage of other important commitments at the time.

Prior to making a reply the Hon. Minister and Vice President made a point of order that the question had already dealt with in one of the Motions discussed in previous sitting of this House as stipulated under Rule 66.

The Hon. Speaker ruled that the question be withdrawn.

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

Could Government conduct a study in Kiritimati on the exportation of live aquarium fish to be sustainable?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

It is also one of my Ministry's responsibilities to ensure that fisheries and marine resources are sustainable for future generations to come. In respect of concerns for the exportation of live aquarium fish in Kiritimati, my Ministry is currently looking at it with the view to identify what early measures to take to prevent over exploitation of that resource.

The Member asked three supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2006

H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006 be read the first time.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 12.30 p.m. for lunch. The Maneaba resumed at 2.00 p.m. and the discussion on the Bill continued as follows;

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Patrick Tatireta

At 2.50 p.m. H.E. Te Beretitenti summed up.

Question Put: Carried

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The Maneaba resolved into Committee to consider the **Food Safety Bill 2005**

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part I stand part of the Bill.

Motion proposed; The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Parts II and III stand part of the Bill.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part IV stand part of the Bill.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part V stand part of the Bill.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Part VI and VII stand part of the Bill.

Question Put – Carried

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

Question Put – Carried

The House resumed after Committee.

5. BILL – SECOND READING

Food and Safety Bill 2005

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

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

Question Put – Carried.

6. MOTION

6.1 Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) moved:

Motion No.26

That this Maneaba accepts the Report of the Select Committee for the review of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu tabled as Paper No.07/06 and approves the Committee's recommendations therein.

Motion proposed; the following spoke on the motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti suggested to the chair to work out the most appropriate approach or procedure in dealing with the Revised Rules of Procedure as well as some amendments that the Government would propose. H.E Te Beretitenti further proposed that the new Rules be adopted from the next Parliament meeting.

Mr. Teburoro Tito agreed.

Hon. Speaker then adjourned the Maneaba for afternoon tea. The Maneaba resumed at 4.30 p.m. and the Hon. Speaker ruled that the procedure under Rule 43 would be adopted when considering the Revised Rules of Procedure.

The Maneaba then resolved into Committee.

6.1.1 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 2 by inserting at the end of the following words, "pursuant to the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Mauntabau Act 1986".

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment;

1. Mr. Banuera Berina explained that the amendment did not make much difference to the proposed text.
2. Mr. Teburoro Tito

Question Put: Not carried (the amendment withdrawn)

6.1.2 H.E. Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 3(2) to delete it and replaced it with the following:

- (2) "Emergency has the same meaning as in the Constitution".

Motion Proposed; The following members asked question for clarification;

1. Mr. Tebuai Uaai
2. Mr. Teburoro Tito

Question Put: Carried

6.1.3 H.E Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 4(1): Oath of Allegiance by deleting the words “(electing the Speaker)” and replaced it with “this Rule”

Question Put: Carried

6.1.4 H.E. TE Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 4(2) to delete it.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Tebuai Uaai
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher
3. Mr. Ieremia Tabai
4. Hon. Attorney General proposed new wording to Rule 4(2) i.e. “The Speaker or the Chief Justice wherever the case may be shall administer the oath”
5. H.E Te Beretitenti

Question Put: Carried (new wording of Rule 4(2))

6.1.5 H.E Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 6(2) by deleting this sub Rule and replaced it with - “A member may propose a candidate who shall not be a member of the Maneaba, giving his name, age, occupation and Home island and the Clerk shall record such details”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Banuera Berina suggested the following changes-
 - (i) that the words “shall” in the 1st line be deleted and replaced by “is”
 - (ii) that the word “be” in the 1st line be deleted.
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher

Question Put: Carried (with proposed changes by the MP).

6.1.6 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 6(3) by deleting paragraphs (c) and (d) and substituting the following:

- (a) The voting shall continue until there are only two candidates left and the candidate receiving the majority of the vote of all members shall be declared by the Chief Justice as the Speaker,
- (d) Provided that if at any stage of voting, a candidate receives an absolute majority of all votes of all members the Chief Justice shall declare such candidate to be a Speaker.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Patrick Tatireta suggested that the word “a” in the 3rd line of paragraph (d) above be deleted and substituted by “the”.

Question Put: Carried (with the amendment suggested by the Member)

6.1.7 H.E Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 6(12) by deleting it.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.8 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 6(13) as follows;

- (i) Paragraph (a) by deleting the words “post of” and substituting the words “office of Te”; and
- (ii) Paragraph (b) by deleting the words “post of” and substituting the words “Office of Te”.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.9 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 7(1) (b) to be deleted and replaced with the following;

7(1) (b) In the absence of the Speaker or when the office is vacant a private member may be elected by the Maneaba to preside over as Speaker and who shall have full powers of the Speaker.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment;

1. Mr. Banuera Berina suggested that the words “delegated to the” in the 3rd line be deleted and replaced with “of”.

Question Put: Carried (with the amendments suggested by the member)

6.1.10 H.E Te Beretitenti moved an amendment to Rule 8(1) – to be deleted and replaced with:

Rule 8(1) The Speaker shall vacate his office if the Maneaba so resolves by resolution supported by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all members of the Maneaba.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Teburoro Tito
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher

Question Put: Not Carried

6.1.10 H. E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 9(1) and (2) – to be deleted. (Renumbering required in the next sections).

Question Put: Carried

6.1.12 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 10(8) – to be deleted.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Tinian Reiher

Question Put: Carried

6.1.13 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 12 as follows;

12(1) by deleting the whole of sub rule (1) and substituting the following:
“There shall be a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall be a police officer.”

12(2) by deleting the words “the orderly conduct of members during each meeting” and substituting the words “shall carry out the order of the Speaker for the orderly conduct”, and

12(3) by deleting the whole of sub rule (3).

Question Put: Carried

6.1.14 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 14(1) and (2) – to be deleted.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Teburoro Tito
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher
3. H.E Te Beretitenti provide clarifications
4. Mr. Banuera Berina
5. Mr. Patrick Tatireta
6. Mr. Reete Bokai

Question Put: Rule 14(2) Carried and Rule 14(1) withdrawn

6.1.15 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 15(1) by deleting the word “three” and inserting the word “two” between the word “for” and “weeks”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
2. M.r Tebuai Uaai
3. Mr. Teburoro Tito
4. H.E. Te Beretitenti provide clarification

Question Put: Carried

6.1.16 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 16(2) as follows;

1. deleting the words “after consultation with” and substituting the words “acting upon the advice of”, and
2. deleting the words “and the Leader of the Opposition”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Hon. Natan Teewe
2. Mr. Teburoro Tito

3. H.E Te Beretitenti provide clarification
4. Mr. Banuera Berina
5. Mr. Ieremia Tabai

It was agreed that the new text of Rule 16(2), taking into account the proposed amendments above, be read as follows-

“The Speaker, acting on the advice of the Beretitenti, and after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, may in the case of a period of public emergency defined in Rule 3(2), dispense with such notice and call for the meeting at the earliest time convenient”.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.17 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 17 by inserting the word “shall” between the words “which and “have”.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.18 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 18(2) by deleting 9 a.m. and substituting 10 a.m.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.19 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 18(3) by deleting “Clerk shall relay to the Speaker the lapse of time and replace with “business shall be interrupted by a Minister”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment:

1. Mr. Tinian Reiher provide clarification
2. Mr. Teburoro Tito
3. H.E .Te Beretitenti

Question Put: Carried

Consequential of the changes made to Rule 15(1), the following amendments are also required in Rule 31(3) as follows;

31(3) The word “second” in the 2nd line be deleted and replaced with “first”.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.19 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 32 by deleting sub rule 1 and substituting the following-

(1) “ Subject to sub rule (2) of this Rule, a member may, with the permission of the Speaker, on Wednesday during a meeting, ask no more than one question at a meeting without notice. The question shall be of urgent nature and relates to matters of public importance to the Nation”, and

Question Put: Carried

6.1.20 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 34(3) – to be deleted.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.21 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 35 by inserting a new sub rule (2) as follows;

(2) “Contents of statements shall be confined to subject matters of national importance”.

Rule 35(2) to be re-numbered to 35(3)

Rule 35(3) to be re-numbered to 35(4)

Question Put: Carried

6.1.22 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendment to Rule 38 by inserting a new sub rule (5) as follows:

(5) “The Maneaba shall not proceed upon any motion which in the opinion of the Speaker contravenes Section 68(2) of the Constitution”.

Rule 38(5) to be re-numbered to 38(6)

Question Put: Carried

6.1.22 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 42 as follows;

1. Numbering the existing paragraph as sub-rule (1), and

2. Inserting a new sub rule (2) as follows;

(2) A point of order so raised shall –

(a) Not be used as an opportunity to debate further;

(b) Draw the attention of the Maneaba to any breach of the rules of procedure; or

(c) Raise a brief correction to any statement made by the member speaking.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment;

1. Mr. Banuera Berina – drew the attention of the Maneaba to the word “and” in 2(b) be corrected to “or”.

2. Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Question Put: Carried

6.1.23 H.E TE Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 44(1) by deleting the word “to” between the words “restrict” and “observations” and substituting the word “his”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendment;

1. Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Question Put: Carried

6.1.24 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 48 by deleting sub rules (7)(a), (7)(b), (8) and (9).

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendments;

1. Mr. Teburoro Tito
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher
3. H.E. Te Beretitenti provide further clarification
4. Mr. Patrick Tatireta

Question Put: Carried

6.1.25 H.E Te Beteretitenti moved amendments to Rule 52 by deleting sub rule (1) and substituting the following;

(1) No Bill shall be presented to the Maneaba “if the Bill and Explanatory Memorandum are not submitted” 25 days before the day on which the Bill is to be presented to Parliament and thereof published in such manner as the Speaker may in each case direct; except an Appropriation Bill or Bill or proposal dealing with taxation may be submitted to the Maneaba by a Minister without notice.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.26 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 53(7) by deleting it and substituted as follows;

(7) Where a Bill as been certified as urgent, and before it is proceeded with at the Committee stage, the Beretitenti shall give reason for so certifying such Bill as urgent. The Beretitenti’s explanation shall not be debated.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.27 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 63(1) by deleting the words “no less and more” and replaced with “no less than three and no more”.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.28 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 64 as follows;

(1) In sub rule (1) to delete “five” and replace with “three” between the words “of” and “members”

Question Put: Carried

6.1.29 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 65(1)- to be deleted and substituted as follows;

(1) The Speaker after the election of the Public Account Committee shall conduct the election of the Privileges Committee which shall not exceed 3 members.

Question Put: Carried

6.1.30 H.E Te Beretitenti moved amendments to Rule 72(2) by deleting all the word appearing after the word “direct” and substituting the words “and that a copy be made available to a Member upon request”.

Motion Proposed; The following spoke on the amendments:

1. Mr. Teburoro Tito
2. Mr. Tinian Reiher
3. H.E. Te Beretitenti

Question Put: Carried.

At 7.45pm, the mover summed up.

Question Put: Carried

H.E Te Beretitenti then moved a motion that the new Rules of Procedure be adopted effective from the next meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 8.00 p.m. and to resume at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 16th June 2006.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Eighth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

for

Friday, 16th June 2006

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

All Members were present except Mr. Tamwi Naotari MP (Betio) who is still in hospital.

2. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 Q. 131 by Mr. Tiniah Reiher MP (Butaritari)

Could the responsible Minister liaise with the relevant authorities concerned, together with the Secretary of the KIOSU, to ensure that our ordinary seamen working on overseas ships do complete their sea-time during their second year employment contract with SPSM?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

My Ministry is happy to liaise with the relevant authorities concerned, together with the Secretary of the KIOSU, to ensure that our ordinary seamen working on overseas ships do complete their sea-time during their second year employment contract with SPMS.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri, Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Willie Tokataake also raised supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 8 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

What are Government's treatment policies to patients who are still accommodated by village Maneaba outside Nowerewere hospital compound?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

There are existing guidelines and policies in place for patients who are accommodated by village Maneaba outside Nowerewere hospital compound.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tetaake Eria also raised two supplementary questions.

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

Can Government install public phones on all villages of Abaiang?

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

With the existing telephone infrastructure on Abaiang, TSKL cannot install public phones on all villages of Abaiang.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri, Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Reete Bokai also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 56 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

What is Government's plan for the construction and long term maintenance of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)?

Replied the Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, The proposal for the FAD project has already been submitted to the Ministry of Finance for funding assistance. Once funds are available, materials for the FAD will be ordered from overseas and fabrication will commence. The FAD project includes a new FAD design that is believed to last longer with monitoring schedule to ensure the long term maintenance of the FAD.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 49 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Why was the planning and selection process to first year USP students this year not properly carried out? I request the Minister concerned to explain the matter?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Mr. Speaker, the planning and selection process to first year USP students this year has been properly carried out.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

2.6 Q. 126 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Can this Government inform this House what was the latest information on a Chinese House and their caretaker using it?

Replied by the H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, Government is awaiting a report on the issue. The report is expected to be available by the end of this month.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Reete Bokai raised two supplementary questions and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake raised one supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 129 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could Government extend piggery and poultry farming to the people of Butaritari who would be interested to invest in such projects and if accepted could Government offer assistance on the following:

- i) Free technical support in piggery and poultry farming.
- ii) Provide feed for sale to the investors.
- III) Secure the market in Tarawa for the investors products.
- iv) Offer free freight both at sea and by air through the freight levy scheme.

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

Mr. Speaker, Outer Island people (farmers) are encouraged to take up such investments and my Agriculture Division is very ready to provide technical assistance. As for the feeds, my Division cannot provide these but BKL, One Stop, Tiebo Electronics and MOEL are the suppliers of the feeds which the investor can order from. As for the freight, I invite the inputs by the Minister for Finance to address this issue.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Kataotika Tekee also raised one supplementary question while Mr. Reete Bokai raised two supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 74 by My. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

For the information of this House and the people of Kiribati, I would like to ask the Minister concerned to explain the following:

- 1) The Revenue of the chartered Air Pacific since it was started (which took Nadi, Xmas and Honolulu),
- 2) The expenditure of running this chartered plane.

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

Under the existing agreement with Air Pacific, the air services between Nadi/Xmas/Honolulu return, is on a quasi-charter arrangement, where the Kiribati Government is allocated 24 seats and 1 ton cargo each sector. The flight is on a weekly basis. The cost per flight is US\$78,250. The revenue can be calculated by multiplying the allocated seats and cargo with the fare of \$997,64 per passenger (Nadi/Xmas) \$865.00 (Xmas/Honolulu) and freight of \$5.00 per kilo of cargo (Nadi/Xmas) and \$8.00 per kilo of cargo (Xmas/Honolulu).

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised a supplementary question.

2.9 Q.76 by Mr. Bakeua Bakeua Tekitaa MP (Kuria) was withdrawn.

2.10 Q. 90 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister responsible explain why Teraina is the only island with no Peace Corps teachers? Could the Minister responsible provide two, one for Taiman JSS and one for Sunlight Primary School?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Speaker, Peace Corps policy does not encourage posting of volunteers to remote islands like Teraina to which transport and communication are difficult. For this reason, I regret to inform the Honorable Member that it is not possible to provide Peace Corps volunteers for Taiman JSS and Sunlight Primary School.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m. and remaining Questions not covered on the Order Paper were 28.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Kiribati Reserve Fund Bill 2006

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) moved:

That Kiribati Reserve Fund Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Dr. Harry Tong

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m. and resumed at 4.30 p.m.

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Banuera Berina
H.E Anote Tong

(At the end of his speech H.E Anote Tong indicated to the Hon. Speaker that it is now 6.00 p.m.)

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

At 6.45 p.m. the Mover of the Bill was given the floor to sum up.

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

For = 12 Against = 25 Absent = 5

From the result of the division the First Reading of the Bill was not carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

H.E. Anote Tong moved:

That this House do now adjourn sine die.

Question put: Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die.

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