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**COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 01<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

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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 Environment and Agricultural Development

Hon. Bauro Tongai MP - Minister of Health and Medical Services

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

Hon. James Taom MP - Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

Hon. Martin Tofinga MP - Minister of Commerce, Industry and Co-operatives

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 Public Works and Utilities

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

Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP - Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

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

**Private Members**

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

Mrs. Mary Tamwi - Betio

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP - Marakei

Mr. Reete Bokai MP - Betio

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP - Nikunau

Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP	-	Marakei
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
20 November 2006	10/06	Result of the Bye-election for Betio
20 November 2006	11/06	Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Kiribati Insurance Corporation (KIC) for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1993 to 2001.
20 November 2006	12/06	Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Development Bank of Kiribati (DBK) for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001 to 2004.
20 November 2006	13/05	Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Captain Cook Hotel (CCH) for the seven months period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2005.
20 November 2006	14/06	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiritimati Maintenance Company (KMC) for the period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2006.
20 November 2006	15/06	Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of Kiribati Copra Mill Company Ltd (KCMCL) for the years ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2002 and 2003.
20 November 2006	16/06	Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of Tarawa Biscuit Company (TBC) for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> June 2005.
20 November 2006	17/06	Report of the Auditor General on the account of Bobotin Kiribati Ltd (BKL) for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2003.
21 November 2006	18/06	Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Ports Authority for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2004.
21 November 2006	19/06	Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Government for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2003.
21 November 2006	20/06	Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) 2006
21 November 2006	21/06	Schedule of Virement Warrants (No. 2) 2006
21 November 2006	22/06	2007 Budget Book
30 November 2006	26/06	Reports of the Auditor General on the account of the Atoll Seaweed Company Ltd for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2003, 2004 and 2005.
30 November 2006	27/06	Reports of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Housing Corporation for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001 and 2002.

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

<b>Mover</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Committee Stage</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Date Assent</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
Hon. . Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Appropriation Bill 2006	23 November 2006	28 November 2006	28 November 2006	5/12/06	10/2006
Hon. Amberoti Nikora	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006	28 November 2006				
Hon. Martin Tofinga	Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006	27 November 2006				
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2006	21 November 2006	27 November 2006	27 November 2006	5/12/06	9/2006
Hon. Attorney General	Law Society Bill 2006	12 June 2006	23 November 2006	23 November 2006	26/01/07	7/2006
Hon. Amberoti Nikora	Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005	19 December 2005	21 November 2006	21 November 2006	26/01/07	6/2006
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2006	15 June 2006	27 November 2006	27 November 2006	4/12/06	8/2006
Hon. Attorney General	Privileges, Powers and Immunities of Te Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Am't) Bill 2006	Withdrawn				
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Leadership Code Bill 2006	30 November 2006				
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006	30 November 2006				
Mr. Rutiano Benetito	Education (Amendment) Bill 2006	30 November 2006 Not passed				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Native Lands (Amendment) Bill 2006	<b>Not covered</b>				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Government Borrowing and Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2006	1 December 2006 Not passed				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Native Lands (Amendment No.2) Bill 2006	<b>Not covered</b>				
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee	Kiribati Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2006	<b>Not covered</b>				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Peoples' Lawyer Bill 2006	<b>Not covered</b>				

**REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**



**MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU**

**Ninth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament**

**Minutes of Proceedings  
for  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

1. Prior to the commencement of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Eighth Parliament, a conch shell was blown in accordance with section 20(1) of the Rules of Procedure and the procession of the mace led by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk. At the conclusion of the procession in the Chamber, the Hon. Speaker proceeded to take his chair and read prayers.

The proceedings of the Maneaba officially started at 10.00 am.

2. **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Mary Tamwi, a new Member of Parliament from Betio took her oath administered by the Hon. Speaker.

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

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

4. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

**By the Chief Electoral Commissioner**

Results of Bye-election at Betio

(Paper No.10/06)

**By Hon. Speaker**

Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Kiribati Insurance Corporation (KIC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993 to 2001.

(Paper No.11/06)

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(Paper No.16/06)

Report of the Auditor General on the account of Bobotin Kiribati Ltd (BKL) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003.

(Paper No.17/06)

## **5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

### **5.1 Q. 2 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)**

The former Minister for Education stated in her answer to my question number 19 of June meeting this year that her "...ministry has started processing the certificates, provision of which is planned to commence soon after completion this year to Tebouria JSS..." Mr. Speaker, in view of the Minister's response I would like to ask this question; has the processing of certificates been completed?

#### ***Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports***

Mr. Speaker I regret to advise that the processing of certificates has not yet been completed.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

### **5.2 Q. 4 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

I would like to thank the Government on behalf of the people of Nikunau for the fulfillment of a need of supplying water to all the villages on Nikunau in which this had been done. I would like to ask the Minister why this project wasn't done for the people of Rungata village?

#### ***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Hon. Speaker, the budget provisions for the rehabilitation of water systems for outer islands only cover cost for maintenance and upgrading of existing water systems and therefore insufficient to install new systems for Rungata village which has been damaged and removed as a result of vandalism. I would therefore like to recommend to the Honourable MP to submit a project

document for the Rungata village water system through his island council for funding consideration under the capital budget.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised two supplementary questions.

**5.3 Q. 7 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

At the meeting of this House in June last year, I was asking the Minister of MISA about the two permanent buildings i.e board room and women center and in which they are the first priorities of the Nikunau Island Council. The answer given was: One of those buildings must be done/built first and so the work is about to start toward the end of 2005. Could the Minister give an update on this project?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Sir. The women's center project on Nikunau will start at the beginning of 2007.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina raised two supplementary questions.

**5.4 Q. 15 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

What are the Government plans to ensure that the elderly benefits is paid when it is due and that it is not delayed for a few months?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is our policy that the elderly allowance is paid monthly i.e. from the first to the fifteenth of the month. The current procedure is that returns must be received by the middle of the preceding month to enable the following month's lists to be prepared and sent in good time. The return is a vital document for the purpose of recording and monitoring of payments in accordance with standing financial regulations.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. The following also raised supplementary questions:

Mr. Teatao Teannaki  
Mr. Kaneang Betero

**5.5 Q. 19 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

Could the Minister responsible maintain improvements of roads connecting Tanaea and the whole of Buota?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, funding for general improvement of public roads at Buota has been secured and my Ministry is prepared to assist with the implementation of this project.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

**5.6 Q. 21 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Feeder roads beside houses on Betio need improvement. Can Government be responsible for these feeder roads since it has a lot of working equipments for maintaining them?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, BTC has received development funding assistance for feeder roads at Betio and my Ministry is prepared to assist the Council.

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

Mrs. Mary Tamwi

Mr. Timon R Aneri

**5.7 Q. 24 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was deferred.**

**5.8 Q. 31 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

When will actual construction works for the new hospital for Southern Kiribati on Tabiteuea North commence?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Hon. Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House and one of the Honourable MPs from Tabiteuea Meang that construction works for the new hospital for Southern Kiribati on the island of Tabiteuea Meang is expected to commence next month, December 2006.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka also raised one supplementary question.

**5.9 Q. 34 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

Would Government through its Solar Energy Company consider stopping the payment of \$9.00 monthly charges once the initial costs have been recovered?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that government through its Solar Company could not stop the payment of monthly charges of \$9.00 once initial costs have been recovered. The monthly charges, although insufficient to cover initial costs of system are only intended to cover cost of maintenance services and

replacement of parts for solar home system in order to ensure long term sustainability and reliability of solar lighting to the people on outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am and Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for morning tea as a token of appreciation to Members of the Diplomatic Corps who were attending the first sitting of the Parliament.

The House resume at 2.00 pm.

## **6. BILL – BUDGET SPEECH**

The Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, presented to the House the budget speech on the Appropriation Bill (2006).

The Hon. Speaker advised Parliament that under Rule 58(2), the debate on the Bill be deferred.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai made a point of order and asked for a copy of the budget speech by the Minister concerned to be made available to Members.

## **7. TOPICS**

**7.1** Topic No. 1 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee lapsed as the Member was not present when he was called to present his topic.

**7.2 Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa) initiated discussion on the following:**

### **Topic No. 2**

Development Projects on Outer Islands.

The following Members contributed to the discussion:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Further discussion on the topic was cut short when Hon. Speaker ruled that since the government has presented its response to the Topic this should be sufficient and ordered the House to proceed to the next item on the Order Paper.

The House proceeds to the Questions not covered in the morning session.

## **8. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**8.1 Q. 38 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

The seawall engineer from MWPU, which the people of Nikunau had requested to be dispatched to Nikunau to advise three villages on proper

seawall construction, had not been sent to Nikunau despite the Minister's promise in the last parliament sitting that the engineer would be sent. Could the Minister explain the reasons for the delay and whether the request has been turned down?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, I regret the delay in sending the engineer over to Nikunau, however I am pleased to inform this House that someone from our civil engineering department is now in Nikunau to assist with seawall construction there.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**8.2 Q. 41 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

Motorcycles and vehicles on Nikunau are severely affected by the road's poor condition. When will the outer islands roads be improved and tar sealed?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, it has been decided that the earlier decision to tar-seal roads on outer islands should be changed to well compacted earth road. I cannot, at this stage, inform the Hon. MP as to exactly when this project will be implemented on Nikunau.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions as well as the following: Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake.

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

Could this Government urgently arrange for better ways of processing copra payment straight after copra has been weighted without waiting for another week?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, my Ministry will definitely liaise with KCCS to ensure that copra payment is made straight after the weighing as being done in the past.

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

**8.4 Q. 11 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

Will the charges for the storage of copra in maneabas and other buildings on Beru, as well the watchman wages be paid or not as these outstandings have been overdue for so long?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, the KCCS had paid the sum of \$27,195.40 on 31/10/06 which include all outstandings for storages and watchman's wages for Beru only.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions as well as the following: Mr. Tetaake Eria, Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Teburoro Tito.

**8.5 Q. 28 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)**

Could the Minister responsible instruct the Copra Society to pay all the outstanding wages of copra handlers in Abemama as soon as possible?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, I am glad that the Copra Society had made payment to all outer islands on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 in regard to outstanding wages of copra handlers.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions as well as the following: Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Tebuai Uaai.

**8.6 Q. 30 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)**

Could the government immediately collect all copra from Abemama as all the copra sheds and maneaba are all full up?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, an arrangement had been made with all shipping lines to collect copra not only from Abemama but from all outer islands and collection is already underway.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions as well as the following: Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Teburoro Tito.

**8.7 Q. 62 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)**

Could the Minister responsible inform this House the source of funds for the solar powered water system for the village of Otoae?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, the solar powered water system at Otoae village is funded from Taiwan and Kiribati government.

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

**8.8 Q. 65 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)**

There was concern that the supervision for the construction of the Island Council garage was incapable. Could I ask the Minister the basis for this appointment.

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the concern raised by one of the Hon. MP from Onotoa about our staff supervising construction of the garage for Onotoa Council. The supervisor was appointed based on his experience and technical skills and we are confident that he could complete the task satisfactorily.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

Prior to adjourning the House, Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Tebuai Uai made a point of order with respect to the Speaker's ruling on the Topics. Hon. Speaker apologized for the oversight.

As all items on the Paper Order had been dealt with, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 5.30 pm and to resume on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006 at 10.00 am.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Ninth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings  
for  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006

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

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper were laid on the Table.

**By the Hon. Speaker**

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Ports Authority for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004

Paper No. 18/06

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Government for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003

Paper No.19/06

**By the Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development**

Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) 2006

Paper No. 20/06

Schedule of Virement Warrants (No. 2) 2006

Paper No. 21/06

2007 Budget Book

Paper No. 22/06

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

**3.1 Q. 5 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

I would like to ask the Minister concerned what has been done to the need of providing classrooms of 'permanent materials' to those Primary Schools which do not have such buildings. As this need had been brought up as one of the motions and accepted.

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

I regret to advise the respected MP that the provision of classrooms made from 'permanent materials' to those Primary Schools that do not have such buildings will be deferred as Government is now seeking financial resources to undertake urgent renovation and upgrading of current buildings made from 'permanent materials' that have not been repaired and maintained for so many years and are now in very poor conditions.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mrs. Mary Tamwi also raised supplementary questions.

**3.2 Q. 16 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

Could the Minister now responsible, take immediate and practical steps to increase land rentals to lands leased as water reserve areas on Buota and Bonriki employing a rate enforced to lands for commercial purposes?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment Lands & Agriculture Development***

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the honourable member that right now the rental rate used for the lands plots leased by government at both Buota and Bonriki water reserve areas is the same rate as that used for commercial leases paid to other government commercial leases on South Tarawa.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

**3.3 Q. 23 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Can Government consider the construction of a small port/wharf at the eastern side of the KPA opposites the High Court office to be used by private boats and small vessels?

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

Mr. Speaker,

As there is already the Betio Port with full wharf facilities just a few hundred meters away from the site in question, I regret that Government does not have any current plans to construct another small port or wharf in that area at this time.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

**3.4 Q. 25 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

Can the responsible Minister explain to this House the following:

- a) Hourly rate paid to the BKL, employees
- b) Number of working hours spent per day by the employees, and
- c) Total number of temporary employees.

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker,

- a) the hourly rate for BKL employees vary according to the level of the posts.
- b) the working hours for BKL employees is allocated according to the type of jobs they are doing.
- c) Sixty five.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

**3.5 Q. 42 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

Could the Minister responsible do something to improve the performance of the FAD deployed at Nikunau early this year so that it aggregates more pelagic fish?

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

Mr. Speaker, yes, the current FAD in Nikunau will be shifted to a deeper site for improvement of its performance in attracting pelagic species. This will be carried out as soon as the repair to 'Tebenebene' is completed.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

**3.6 Q. 32 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (Tabiteuea Meang)**

Would the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society see the need for an increase in the labour cost for the transfer of copra from \$4 per ton?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, my Ministry and the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society (KCCS) see the need to increase the copra handling rate and is currently studying the possibility of this needed increase.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Biribo Neemia, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Ms. Beta Tewareka Tentoa raised one supplementary question each.

**3.7 Q. 75 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

Will the Minister responsible explain the reason for the delay in paying the people who repaired and maintained government houses on Nonouti?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the delay in paying people who repaired/maintained government houses on Nonouti is due to delay in securing donor funds.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

**3.8 Q. 13 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

What are the guidelines for copra storage charges stored in locally-build maneabas and permanently –build buildings. Are the rates the same or are they different?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperative.***

Honourable Speaker, higher rates are applied to permanently build-buildings whereas lower for locally-build ones.

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

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Eight questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

**4. BILLS – FIRST READING**

**4.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2006**

**Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:**

That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Dr. Harry Tong  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
HE Anote Tong

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

The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

HE Anote Tong (continued his discussion)  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Hon. Martin Tofinga

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea. The House resumed at 4.30 pm and the discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Waysang Kum Kee  
Hon. Tetabo Nakara  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Mr. Banuera Berina

At 6.05 pm the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried

## **5. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE**

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

### **5.1 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005**

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

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 1 and 2.  
Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Reete Bokai spoke on the Amendments.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 1 and 2 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1 and 2 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 3, 4 and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clause 4.

The following Members spoke on the Amendments:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Tinian Reiher

HE Anote Tong

Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

Hon. Amberoti Nikora replied to the points raised by the Members and after seeking leave from the Chairman moved a further amendment to Clause 4 (b)(iv) as follows – “has been previously convicted and sentenced to a period of or more than 12 months imprisonment.”

Question on the amendments to Clause 4 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 3, 4 (as amended) and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

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

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 8 and 9

Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka spoke on the amendments followed by the sum up by the Mover of the amendments.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 8 and 9 put – Carried.

Hon. Speaker returned the House and adjourned the House for a 30 minutes short break at 9.00 pm. The House resumed at 9.30 pm and again resolved into Committee

Mr. Tebuai proposed amendments to Clause 9

Hon. Amberoti Nikora and Mr. Teburoro Tito spoke on the amendments.

Question on the amendments to Clause 9 put – Not Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 10 and 13.

Mr. Teburoro Tito spoke on the amendments.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 10 and 13 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 10, 11, 12 and 13, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Teburoro Tito sought clarifications on Clauses 15 and 17. Hon. Amberoti Nikora provides clarifications sought.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 20, 21, 22 and 23 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 24, 25, 26 and 27 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clause 24.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito sought clarifications on Clause 24

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 24, 25, 26 and 27, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 28, 29, and 30 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 29 and 30.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 29 and 30 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 28, 29, and 30, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 31, 32, 33 and 34 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 35, 36 and 37 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 36 and 37.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 36 and 37 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 35, 36 and 37, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 38, 39, 40 and 43.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 38, 39, 40 and 43 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42 and 43, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 47 and 50.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 47 and 50 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 51, 52, 53 and 54 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clause 54.

Question on the amendments to Clause 54 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 51, 52, 53 and 54, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora proposed amendments to Clauses 55, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 63.

Mr. Teburoro Tito spoke on the amendments and also asked clarifications.

Hon. Attorney General made clarifications.

Mover of amendments sum up.

Question on the amendments to Clauses 55, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 63 put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 63, (as amended) stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

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

Question put – Carried.

The House returned.

## **6. BILLS – SECOND READING**

### **6.1 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005**

#### **Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:**

That the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2005 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 10.55 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Ninth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings  
for  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006

1. The Meeting commenced at 10.00 am with a prayer read by the Hon. Speaker. All Members were present.

2. **STATEMENT**

Mr. Timon R Aneri made a statement on the following:

Words of thanks to Government.

Ten short questions were raised to the Mover by the following:

Mr Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Tebuai Uai  
Hon. Amberoti Nikora  
Hon. James Tom  
Mr. Teitirake H Corrie  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 46 by Mr Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) was withdrawn by the Member since the matter raised in the question has been fulfilled as confirmed by his Chief Councillor.**

- 3.2 **Q. 51 by Ms Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Will the Minister responsible confirm to this House that the shortages of cargoes, particularly foodstuff, will not recur again on Betio?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, in response to the question raised by one of the Honourable member from Betio, my Ministry has worked and continue to work towards alleviating problems associated with shortage of cargoes for the people of Betio and indeed for the whole of Kiribati.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as the following:  
Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Kaneang Betero, and Mr. Tebuai Uaai

**3.3 Q. 69 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

It is known that transportation of seaweed onboard ships from Fanning to Tarawa is a great expense concerning its freight. Could the government set plans to provide one suitable ship so that it could be used in transporting seaweed from Fanning to the Philippine?

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

Mr. Speaker, The Atoll Seaweed Company is negotiating with shipping operators including KSSL to ship out seaweed from Fanning and Kiritimati Islands directly to the Philippines.

The Member asked two supplementary questions as well as the following;  
Mr. Tinian Reiher, and Mr. Rutiano Benetito.

**3.4 Q. 70 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

It is believed that the Cruise vessel from NCL Company had undergone dry dock, then it was sent to Alaska to serve for six months without providing a replacement for NCL company to ensure tourist service operation continues. Could the responsible Minister explain that this action by the company does not breach the terms of the agreement made with the government?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Information and Tourism Development***

Mr. Speaker Sir, In answer to the question raised by the Hon MP from Tabuaeran, I am pleased to confirm that NCL has not breached any clause of our agreement with them.

The Member asked two supplementary questions

**3.5 Q. 76 by Mr Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

The delay in transporting copra form Nonouti to Tarawa is now a problem faced by many people. Will the Minister explain how he plans to address this problem?

***Replied by Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, an arrangement with all shipping lines had been made where they will make copra collection their priority upon all their return trips from outer islands to Tarawa. Payment of their freight and handling charges had to paid without delay as well.

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

Mr. Waysang Kum Kee  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Tetaake Eria

**3.6 Q. 81 by Mr Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

Could the Government advise this House the policy and usage of the \$1 million assistance from Taiwan for rehabilitation to damages caused by storm and high tide occurred a few weeks ago?

***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

The policy and usage of the \$1 million assistance from Taiwan is based on the existing guidelines for the Disaster Fund assistance.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as the following:  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

**3.7 Q. 54 by Mr Tebuai Uaai MP (Tab South)**

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House when will the construction of the causeway at Taku start as the distance of the passage between Tabuaikia and Taku had already been measured?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public, Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, the implementation of Taku causeway is subject to the completion of a report on its cost and likely environmental impact.

The Member asked six supplementary questions. H.E Te Beretitenti also assists in making replies to the queries.

Question time lapsed at 11.30 am.

**4. MOTIONS**

**4.1 Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved:**

**Motion No: 1**

That this House is asking the Government to see the possibility to improve the policy of weighing copra on outer islands as the present policy is discouraging and creating more problems to the copra cutters.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Martin Tofinga  
Mr. Willie Tokataake  
Hon. Natan Teewe

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

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

Hon. Ioteba Redfern  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
H.E Te Beretitenti  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa  
Dr. Harry Tong (the MP's speech was cut short by Hon. Speaker)  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
The Mover summed up.

Question Put: Carried

**4.2 Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa) moved:**

**Motion No: 3**

That this House asks the Government to realize the necessity to review its current policy guidelines with respect to the construction of new clinics on outer islands, where there is need for one.

Motion proposed; the following spoke on the motion:

Hon. Bauro Tongaai  
H.E Anote Tong  
Mr. Tinia Mariano  
The Mover then summed up

Question Put: Carried

The Maneaba adjourned at 3.54 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 4.30 pm.

**4.3 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved:**

**Motion No: 5**

In support of the National Development Strategies for years to come in relation to 'equipping people to manage change', that this House is requested to urge government to consider developing and implementing appropriate rehabilitation strategies, with the aim of treating and training offenders so that they are capable of returning to society and function as law-abiding members of the community after serving their sentences.

Motion proposed; the following spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong  
M.r Reete Bokai  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

(Hon. Tawita Temoku interrupt at 6.00 pm)  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake  
Hon. Amberoti Nikora

At 6.30 pm the Mover summed up.

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 6.38 pm and to resumed at 10.00 am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006.

# REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



## MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

### Ninth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings  
for  
Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006

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

#### 2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

##### 2.1 **Q. 71 by Mr Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

The impact of the neap tide in the month of September had caused a lot of damage to the coastal areas and affected coconut trees to fall down and had also damaged the public road in some areas. Could the government give hand in regaining the damages caused in a respective timing?

##### ***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

Government through the Disaster Fund is able to assist in repairing damages caused by high tides and strong winds to existing structures along the coastline for public areas. The request needs to come from the Island Council, which would then be channeled to the Ministry of Public Works & Utilities for their cost estimate, prior the release of assistance.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tetaake Eria and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake also raised supplementary questions.

##### 2.2 **Q. 57 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

Could the government explain how much that was spent for chartering a vessel used to return Marakei workers from Nauru?

##### ***Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development***

The total cost of the charter for the repatriation of our nationals from Nauru to the Northern Kiribati that also included workers from Marakei was \$57,066.42.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

##### 2.3 **Q. 53 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (Tabiteuea Maiaki)**

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House what should the government do to the Council's projects that has been properly prioritized from number one to ten by the Council?

***Replied by the Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the next step after the ten priority concerns has been prioritized by the Council is to convey these priority concerns to their respective communities or Council registered groups on their islands. The communities or registered groups then will identify their individual projects according to these priority concerns, submit them to Council for appraisal and approval.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

**2.4 Q. 37 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

Could this Government provide sitting allowance including meals for those attending the workshops administered on outer islands?

***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker, I regret the Government is not in a position to pay these allowances for workshops conducted on the outer islands or elsewhere.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.5 Q. 64 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoka MP (Onotoa)**

There was concern that no one passed the early test to MTC that was recently conducted in Onotoa. Could I ask the Minister responsible to explain to this House the entry requirements or qualifications in order to be admitted to MTC?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development***

Candidates should possess the qualities, skills and knowledge required by SPMS to comply with the international shipping industry standard in particular a good understanding and mastery of the English language, physical fitness and good discipline.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

**2.6 Q. 68 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

It is believed that the amount of seaweed from Fanning is enough to be exported to overseas. Could the Minister responsible set plans:

- i) to build a seaweed branch in Fanning so that it will help reduce the expenses?

- ii) To equip the branch with seaweed crusher so that it could increase the amount of seaweed that are to be transported in containers on board ships?

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

Mr. Speaker, most of the seaweed exported comes from Fanning and the current system of having two Agents on Fanning Island to supervise the purchasing and transporting of dried seaweed to Kiritimati is considered adequate and efficient.

I also wish to add that two seaweed bailing machine have been purchased and are expected to be shipped to Tabuaeran in early 2007.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**2.7 Q. 92 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)**

Could the Government advise this House when will the ice-making machine be installed in Banaba?

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House that ice-making machine for Banaba is expected to be installed in April next year, 2007.

Mr. Biribo Neemia, Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Tetaake Eria raised supplementary questions.

**2.8 Q. 14 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

Could this Government explain why repair work to the causeway between Nuka and Teteirio on Beru has not been carried out?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, repair work to the causeway between Nuka and Teteirio on Beru has been delayed due to insufficient funding of the original project compared to the scale of work experience during actual implementation.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

**2.9 Q. 72 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

A few years ago there were a few workshops from overseas that were conducted in Tarawa for the civil servants for Kiribati east. Could the Government arrange for those civil servants in Line and Phoenix to conduct their workshops in Christmas in years to come if there are any in the future?

***Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to inform the MP from Tabuaeran that workshops for Civil Servants are also organized in Kiritimati Island for the Line & Phoenix group, depending on workshop theme and relevance to the target audience, total costs involved, and travel convenience for both workshop facilitators and participants.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**2.10 Q. 111 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina )**

When will Teraina Island Council have a Clerk? Could the Minister responsible attend to this need as soon as he can?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the arrangement for Teraina Clerk has been formalized. At the moment the officer is on leave and will be posted to Teraina hopefully by the end of this year or at the very beginning of next year.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**2.11 Q. 73 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

When will the second truck be transported to the island for the pupils of JSS in Fanning which are the gift from Taiwan? Could the Government give support to this need?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Honourable Speaker, due to the unique physical structure of Tabuaeran island Government is favourable to the idea of providing another truck to the island to serve the need to JSS pupils. Immediate delivery of the truck to Tabuaeran will be done once the truck has been secured.

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

**2.12 Q. 29 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)**

Could the Minister responsible explain why the copra fund in Abemama ran out in October?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker, according to my Ministry's records on the disbursement of copra fund to Abemama, there should not be a shortage of copra fund in October.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m. Three questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

### **3. BILL – FIRST READING (BUDGET DEBATE)**

#### **3.1 Appropriation Bill 2006**

Hon. Speaker proposed that the Appropriation Bill 2006 be debated.

The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Dr. Harry Tong  
Hon. Natan Teewe

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

The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
HE Anote Tong  
Mr. Tebuai Uai

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea. The House resumed at 4.30 p.m. and the discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Tebuai Uai continued his debate  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Mr. Patrick Taiteta  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Ieremia Tabai  
Mr. Timon R Aneri  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito

At 7.00 p.m. the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for a 30 minutes break and resumed at 7.30 pm.

Minister of Finance and Economic Development was then given the floor to sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried

### **4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE**

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

#### **4.1 Law Society Bill 2006**

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai proposed amendments to Clauses 2, 4 and 5.

The following spoke on the amendments:

Hon. Attorney General  
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Banuera Berina  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Question put on the amendments to Clauses 2, 4 and 5 – Not Carried.

Hon. Attorney General proposed an amendment to Clause 4

Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Banuera Berina and Mr. Tebuai Uaai spoke on the amendment.

Question put on the amendment to Clause 4 – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 (as amended) and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai proposed amendments to Clause 6.

The following Members spoke on the amendments:

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

Question put on the amendments to Clause 6 – Not Carried.

Hon. Attorney General proposed an amendment to Clause 6.

Question put on the amendments to Clause 6 – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 6 (as amended), 7, 8, 9 and 10 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Teburoro Tito proposed amendments to Clauses 11.

Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Tebuai Uaai spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments to Clause 11 – Not Carried.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai proposed amendments to Clauses 13, 15 and 16.

Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Tebuai Uaai spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments to Clauses 13, 15 and 16 – Not Carried.

Mr. Chairman again proposed that Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20 stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai proposed amendments to Clause 17.

Hon. Attorney General spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments to Clause 17 – Not Carried.

Mr. Chairman again proposed that Clauses 17, 18, 19 and 20 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tetaua Taitai proposed amendments to Clauses 22 and 25.

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

Question put on the amendments to Clauses 22 and 25 – Not Carried.

Hon. Attorney General proposed amendments to Clause 22.

Mr. Teburoro Tito spoke on the amendments.

Question put on the amendments to Clause 22 – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 21, 22, (as amended) 23, 24 and 25 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 the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question put – Carried.

The House returned.

**5. BILL – SECOND READING**

**5.1 Law Society Bill 2006**

**Hon. Attorney General moved:**

That the Law Society Bill 2006 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried.

As all Businesses on the Order Paper were dealt with, the Hon. Speaker then adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Ninth Meeting of the Eight Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings  
for  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006

1. The Meeting started at 10.00 am with a prayer read by the Hon. Speaker. All Members presented.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

**2.1 Q. 40 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

What is the progress on the project proposal for Phase 2 of the outer islands solar lighting project (households and maneaba), which the European Union (EU) is targeted to fund?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, Phase 2 of the project proposal for the outer islands solar lighting project (households and maneaba), which the EU is targeted to fund is currently being discussed with the EU and to be implemented as soon as funding is made available.

The Member asked 4 supplementary questions as well as the following:

Mr. Tinia Mariano

Mr. Tetaake Eria

**2.2 Q. 59 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)**

Could I ask the Minister responsible to explain the reason why work had stopped on the new telephone system on Onotoa?

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

Speaker, work will continue on Onotoa new telephone system as soon as further funding for the Satellite Station Project is obtained.

The Member asked six supplementary questions.

**2.3 Q. 77 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

In the last House the Minister agreed to the request that one of the openings for Buariki causeway is to be constructed. Could this be done before the departure of the Works team after the completion of Tebuange causeway?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, My Ministry has carried out initial assessments of the causeway and it was found out that the opening of the fifth culvert for the causeway may have impact on the accreted sand bar alongside the causeway. The opening of another culvert for Buariki causeway therefore cannot be done immediately as it requires further technical and environmental assessment to confirm the damages likely to happen to the coastal area.

The Member asked five supplementary questions.

**2.4 Q. 88 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

Could Government see merits in assisting people who are facing severe hardship as a result of the recent strong wind and high waves that ravaged most of their root crops and other food plants such as bwabwai, banana and breadfruit trees?

***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

Government is willing to assist areas facing severe hardship as a result of the recent strong wind and high waves. However, a proper analysis will need to be done to ascertain the kind of assistance needed in order that the problem does not recur.

The Member asked one supplementary question as well as the following:  
Mr. Teatao Teannaki

**2.5 Q. 118 by Mr Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)**

Could the government as soon as possible improve the condition of the wharf at Tanimainiku Abemama by deepening it?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the deepening of Tanimainiku Wharf is the first priority project of Abemama Council for the year 2007, and therefore will be carried out next year.

The Member raised one supplementary question.

**2.6 Q. 58 by Mr Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

Could this Government advise this House if it could accept resident of isolated islets that have own cargo vessels to place order for petroleum product directly to KOIL in Betio?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is prepared to convey this special need to KOIL for appropriate and favorable consideration.

The Member asked three supplementary questions as well as the following:  
Mr. Emile Schutz

**2.7 Q. 122 by Mr Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)**

Could the Minister responsible explain the government financial assistance it could offer to fund restoration work to coastal area eroded and damaged by the recent strong wind in Maiana?

***Replied by His Excellency Te Beretitenti***

Government through the Disaster Fund is able to assist in repairing damages caused by high tides and strong winds to existing structures along the coastline for public areas. The request needs to come from the Island Council, which would then be channeled to the Ministry of Public Works & Utilities for their cost estimate, prior the release of assistance. The assistance offered is for two thirds of the cost estimate and earmarked for the provision of material.

The Member asked four supplementary questions as well as the following:  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee

**2.8 Q. 93 by Mr Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)**

Could the Government advise this House when will the rainwater catchments for 92 households be installed in Banaba?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, installation of the 92 polyethylene tanks for the 92 households on Banaba will commence as soon as possible.

The Member asked five supplementary questions as well as the following:  
Mr. Tetaake Eria

**2.9 Q. 124 by Mr Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)**

Could the Minister responsible explain when will phase 2 on the construction of the council office in Maiana commence?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Phase 2 on the construction of the Council office in Maiana will commence as soon as additional funds are available.

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

Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee

**2.10 Q.20 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

Could the Minister responsible take immediate actions to improve and upgrade the following sports facilities for North Tarawa:

- (a) Soccer fields
- (b) Multi-purpose courts etc, before the coming national sports championships?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport***

Mr. Speaker, while my Ministry can provide appropriate assistance it will be difficult to guarantee that such works can be completed before the coming sports championships without the assistance of the North Tarawa Island Sports Association and the Council.

The Member raised four supplementary questions.

**2.11 Q. 35 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

Would government provide the necessary school items without charge to all pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sport***

Mr. Speaker, at the moment Government provides most school items without charge to pupils except for pens, pencils, exercise books and school uniforms for Primary and Secondary Schools.

The Member asked five supplementary questions.

**2.12 Q.104 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

Collection of "fry" fish from most parts and areas of North Tarawa has been suspended for months now, could the Minister responsible resume collection again and considers an increase from one cent to five cents per 'fry'?

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

Collection of milkfish fry from parts and areas of North Tarawa may resume in future if there is a need for more fry. However, the proposed increased from one cent to five per fry is dependent on the overall viability of the Eco-Farm project at Temwaiku.

The Member raised five supplementary questions.

Question time lapsed at 11.30 am and the House proceeded to the next item on the Order Paper.

### 3. MOTIONS

The Hon. Speaker informed the Maneaba that he has received notification from H.E Te Beretitenti that Motion No.13 by Dr. Harry Tong raised the issue of confidence and therefore it is proper that the Motion in question should take precedence over other Motions. The Hon. Speaker further explained that if the Motion is supported by the majority of all Members, then the Maneaba would dissolve.

#### 3.1 Dr Harry Tong moved:

##### **Motion No.13**

That this House instructs the Beretitenti to remove the Minister of Finance from office for inefficiency and his poor management of the nation's finances.

Motion proposed; the following spoke on the Motion:

H.E Te Beretitenti  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

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

Hon. Ioteba Redfern  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka  
Mr. Banuera Berina  
Mr. Patrick Tatireta  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Hon. Tetabo Nakara

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea. The Maneaba resumed at 4.30 pm and discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Hon. Martin Tofinga  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Mr. Timon R Aneri  
Hon. Amberoti Nikora  
Mr. Reete Bokai

At 6.00 pm, Hon. James Taom interrupted for adjournment in line with Rule16.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa  
Mr. Biribo Neemia  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito

At 7.15 pm the Mover summed up.

Question Put: Division called and the results were as follows:

For = 12                      Against = 26                      Absent = 2      Abstain = 1

From the result the Motion was not carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 7.25 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Ninth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

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Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006

1. PRAYERS

The meeting commenced at 10.05 am with Prayers read by the Honorable Speaker. All members of Parliament were present.

2. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to Government:

2.1 Q. 18 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Could the Minister responsible connect the whole of North Tarawa that is Kainaba to Buariki with the main electricity supply?

*Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities*

Hon. Speaker, my response to this question will depend on the outcome of a feasibility study that is to be carried out on this issue.

The Mover raised 4 supplementary questions.

2.2 Q. 36 by Mr. Biribo Neemia (Beru) was withdrawn

2.3 Q. 58 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito (Marakei)

Could the Government explain reasons for chartering MV Nei Momi to return Marakei people from Nauru when it was proved not insured?

*Replied by Hon. Minister of Labor & Human Resources Development*

MV. Momi was chartered to transport repatriated Kiribati nationals from Nauru, whose home islands were in the Northern Kiribati including Marakei, because it was the only ship available at the time when there was an urgent call to start the repatriation exercise immediately.

The mover raised 3 supplementary questions. The following Members also raised one question each;

Mr. Reete Bokai

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Harry Tong

**2.4 Q. 85 by Mr. Tinian Reiher (Butaritari)**

Could the Minister responsible liaise with the Kiribati Copra Cooperatives Society Ltd to arrange for immediate collection/shipment of aging copra from the isolated islet of Bikaati as well as from villages of Kuma and Keuea in Butaritari?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honorable Speaker, arrangements with shipping lines have been set for copra collection for all islands including arrangements to move copra from places where ships cannot anchor.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions and 1 question raised by Dr. Tetaua Taitai

**2.5 Q. 86 by Mr. Tinian Reiher (Butaritari)**

What is the policy regarding the supervisory and control of public officers and employees of Government owned companies working on outer islands?

***Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker, public officers and employees of Government owned Companies working on the outer islands are supervised by the Island Council. Control remains with employer in consultation with the Council.

The Mover raised 5 supplementary questions.

**2.6 Q. 105 by Mr. Tetaake Eria (Teraina)**

Could the Honorable Minister responsible find ways to have all the copra from Washington Island collected frequently?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Honorable Speaker, Government's vessel currently at Phoenix group (LC Betiraoi) can now transport copra from Washington to Christmas Island. Other vessels can also collect from there direct to Tarawa or overseas.

2 Supplementary questions were raised by the Mover and 1 question raised by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

**2.7 Q. 102 by Mr. Tinia Mariano (Tabuaeran)**

MV. Betiraoi is considered to return to Tarawa for maintenance and repair on one of its rudder which had fallen into the ocean when the ship voyaged directly to Fanning from Washington. Also there are some problems with its

propeller blades. Could the responsible Minister liaise with KSSL to provide a replacement from one of its vessels if MV. Beitraoi is sent back to Tarawa?

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

Mr. Speaker, I inform this House that plans are already in place for MV. Betiraoi's replacement when maintenance repair is undertaken.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

**2.8 Q. 106 by Mr. Tetaake Eria (Teraina)**

Every time a ship calls to Washington, some businesses often sell their goods from the ship. Now could the Minister responsible liaise with these float businesses not to take away the cash but to have it telmoed to their main on Tarawa so that cash remain on the island when the float is conducted?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker, This is an issue that cannot be easily dealt with as trading was carried out by private businesses with their own right to choose what to do with their own money. However, I sincerely understand and share the concern for cash shortage on Washington that this could bring and I will try to, together with the assistance from the Chamber of Commerce, to work out possible solutions to alleviate the problem.

The Mover raised one supplementary question only.

**2.9 Q. 67 by Mr. Tinia Mariano (Tabuaeran)**

They are tired and desperate, those who cultivate seaweed in awaiting the seaweed fund from Tarawa that had been received. What would be a plan and a support of the Government which could give to this need, that is believed to be the only mean of earning money for the people of Tabuaeran is seaweed?

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

Mr. Speaker, ASCL has remitted part of the outstanding payment to Fanning and will settle the remaining balance once the fiscal payment on the October shipment is received from the buyer in the Philippines

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions.

**2.10 Q. 26 by Mr. Reete Bokai**

At the last meeting of this House the responsible Minister told this House that the last part of the redundant payment of ex-KCWS employees be reviewed. Can this House be informed the outcome of the review?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker, Government has agreed that the last part of the redundant payment to ex-KCWS employees that were made redundant should be paid.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised 3 supplementary questions.

**2.11 Q. 74 by Mr. Tinia Mariano (Tabuaeran)**

There is a need for establishing a Peace Corp's Center in the Line Group to give assistance to school, hospital, etc...Could the Government set a plan to assist the establishment of this project that is needed in a respective timing?

***Replied by H.E. Te Berentitenti***

Mr. Speaker, Government would look into that request, however, it is for the Peace Corp to decide on this matter.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria raised one supplementary question.

**2.12 Q. 83 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki (Abaiang)**

Could the Government advise this House if it has plan to introduce more income generating activities for those islands producing less copra?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker, this Government has a strong aspiration and desire to explore and create other income generating alternatives beside copra which has long been the main source of income of the people in the rural areas.

The Mover raised 2 supplementary questions. Mr. Kaneang Betero raised 2 supplementary questions and another one raised by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake.

**2.13 Q. 116 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi (Betio)**

Could the Minister concern explain why dust allowance is not applicable to teachers?

***Replied by H.E. Te Berentitenti***

Mr. Speaker, there is no such allowance in the National Conditions of Service.

The Mover raised 1 supplementary question. Mr. Reete Bokai also raised 1 supplementary question. Mr. Kaneang Betero raised 2 supplementary questions and Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one question.

**2.14 Q. 123 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta (Maiana)**

Could the Minister responsible explain the real purpose of the 10 percent deducted from the fisherman sales using the CPPL “Wauowa” as in real fact when these “wauowa” or engine need repair or maintenance it is the fishermen who pay for these expenses?

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

Mr. Speaker, the reason for the deduction of 10% from fishermen’s landings was for rental of the wa-uowa and engines provided under the OFCF project. The accumulated fund will serve as replacement fund to replace wa-uowa and engines that have come to the end of their lives or purchase additional ones so that fishermen can continue to fish and have greater access to wa-uowa. In the agreement between the CPPL and the fishermen it was clear that the withholding 10% value of catch landing was not be used for maintenance or repair purposes as these were fishermen’s responsibilities.

The Mover raised 6 supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

**3. BILL – FIRST READING**

**3.1 Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development moved:**

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

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill;

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Hon. Martin Tofinga

At 12.30 pm, the Hon. Speaker interrupted and adjourned the house for lunch until 2.00 pm. The House resumed at 2.00 pm and the following Members continued to speak on the Bill;

Mr. Martin Tofinga (continued his last speech)  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Attorney General  
Mr. Ieremia Tabai  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
H.E. Anote Tong  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Dr. Harry Tong

Hon. Teima Onorio summed up all the discussions.

Question Put: Carried

The House resolved into Committee.

#### **4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE**

##### **4.1 Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2006**

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

##### **4.2 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2006**

Mr. Chairman proposed that Judiciary expenditure be part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman once again proposed that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports expenditure become part of the Bill

Mr. Tinian Reiher raised a few points for further clarification. Then the Chairman moved the proposal again.

Question Put: Carried

Finally, Mr. Chairman proposed that Subsidies, Grants and other commitments stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that total amount being amended now stand part of the Bill

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1, 2, and 3 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.

## 5. BILL – SECOND READING

### 5.1 Public Order (Amendment Order) Bill 2006

**H. E Te Beretitenti moved:**

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

Question Put: Carried

### 5.2 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2006

**Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:**

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2006 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

Since there is adequate time to cover the remaining question on the Order Paper, the Hon. Speaker proposed to the House to proceed with the remaining questions uncovered earlier in the morning.

## 6. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### 6.1 Q. 129 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki (Abaiang)

Could the Government consider paying outstanding salaries and allowance for those who worked in Nauru whose names were missed out on the list that are currently staying in Tarawa awaiting for the government decision?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Labor & Human Resources Development***

Once full information has been collected the matter will be considered by Government.

The Mover raised 1 supplementary question. 2 supplementary questions raised by Mr. Tebuai Uai, 2 supplementary questions raised by Mr. Teburoro Tito and 1 supplementary question raised by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

### 6.2 Q. 130 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki (Abaiang)

Kiribati Handicraft & Local Produce is another income source for outer islands residents beside copra. Could the Government appreciate that the company must have sufficient running capital for purchasing product?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Mr. Speaker, Government agrees that KHL P should have sufficient working capital to operate as an ongoing entity – to continue buying handicrafts and

local produce from the outer islands. In relation to this, funds will be served for this purpose

The Mover moved 4 supplementary questions while Mr. Ieremia Tabai and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina raised one supplementary question each.

### **6.3 Q. 151 by Tinian Reiher (Butaritari)**

Could the Minister of Health & Medical Services see merits in explaining the criteria for selecting patients to be referred overseas?

#### ***Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services***

Speaker, a patient will not be referred overseas for further treatment if;

1. TCH has the capacity & capability (needed equipment & expertise are available to treat the disease (s) suffered by Patient
2. Suffers from cancer considered terminal or treatment of which would cost more than NZ \$100,000.00
3. Suffers kidney diseases that would require repeated follow-up e.g renal failure
4. Acute or chronic hepatitis
5. More than 70 years of age
6. Will not recover or gain any benefit from the referral

The Mover raised 6 supplementary questions.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Hon. Natan Teewe moved the Motion to adjourn the House.

Without any further objection on the Motion, the session of the House for the day was adjourned at 6.45 pm and to resume on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 10.00 am.

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and read prayers. After prayers Hon. Speaker announced minor amendment to the Order Paper and to include the Motion for the Development Budget 2007.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

**2.1 Q. 152 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)**

Could the Minister responsible inform this House of the arrival date of doctors from Cuba?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services***

Mr. Speaker Sir, the 10 Cuban doctors currently working for the people of Kiribati arrive on 31 October 2006.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions. Hon. Natan Teewe and Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa assist in answering supplementary questions.

**2.2 Q. 6 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

The Minister concern mentioned during the meeting of this House way back in 2003 or 2004, that the work on the Reef-Blast must be started as soon as arrangement and preparation has been laid down. I would like to ask the Minister to give an update on this project?

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

Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question raised by the Honourable MP from Nikunau regarding the latest progress on the Reef Blasting program, I wish to report to this House that whilst the project program itself is already in place, implementation, however, is pending availability of donor funds.

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

Mr. Tetaake Eria  
Mr. Biribo Neemia

**2.3 Q. 107 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Could the Minister responsible address the request of various religious missions on Teraina to have a water tank each?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to consider the request raised by the Honourable Member in this question.

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

Mr. Teatao Teannaki  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Mr. Kaneang Betero  
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake

**2.5 Q. 91 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

Why there has been considerable delay in the procurement of motor cycles for Keuea and Tanimaiaki clinics?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the request for new motorcycles for Keuea and Tanimaiaki clinics are new requirements whose inclusion in the budget needs the approval of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services who provide permanent hire for these motorcycles.

The Member asked three supplementary questions and the Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services assist in answering questions.

**2.6 Q. 49 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Will the Minister responsible urge the KPF to expedite payment to members who wish to withdraw their provident fund moneys and are eligible to do so under the KPF Act and not to delay such payment for two or three months?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development***

Mr. Speaker, Yes I would be pleased to discuss the Honourable Member's request with the Board of the KPF.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions as well as the following Members:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Kaneang Betero

**2.7 Q. 96 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)**

I would put a question to the Minister responsible now Mr. Speaker, has he got a new policy guideline on the construction of the bridge/causeway between Abatao and Buota?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities***

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry has no new policy guidelines on the construction of the bridge/causeway between Abatao and Buota as this remains the responsibility of the Island Council concerned to include it amongst its priority projects, if needed.

The Mover asked two supplementary questions.

**2.8 Q. 98 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)**

Since the opening of the JSS in Butaritari, there were some remaining works left uncompleted, could Government carry out such work during this coming long school holiday?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the remaining works that were left uncompleted at the JSS on Butaritari are included in an upcoming project for maintenance of outer island government buildings for which funding is currently being sought.

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

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

**2.9 Q. 3 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)**

The Minister of Finance stated in his response to my question number 22 of June Meeting 2006 that his Ministry will discuss the issue with the Board of DBK. Mr. Speaker, has the discussion between the Minister's Ministry and the DBK been carried out?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development***

Mr. Speaker, My Ministry has discussed the issue with the Board of the Development Bank of Kiribati (DBK). I regret, however, to advise that the Bank has no immediate plans to establish agencies on those islands which it does not presently have an agency, including Tabiteuea South.

The Mover asked four supplementary questions.

**2.10 Q.103 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

Question 103 by Mr. Tabai lapsed as the Member was absent.

**2.11 Q. 52 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Will the Minister responsible see that the annual interest increase for the KPF members?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development***

Speaker, I would be pleased to discuss the issue with the Board of the Kiribati Provident Fund.

The Mover asked one supplementary question as well as the following Members:

Dr. Tetaua Taiatai

Mr. Biribo Neemia

**2.12 Q. 138 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

Could the Minister responsible inform this House when will the construction of the Marakei Island Council Office be implemented?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, the Marakei Island Council Office will be implemented once funding is secured for the project.

The Mover asked five supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Three questions were left on the Order Paper.

**3. BILL – FIRST READING**

**3.1 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:**

That the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Hon. Attorney General

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 12.25 pm for lunch. The Maneaba resumed at 2.00 pm.

Hon. Amberoti Nikora summed up.

Question Put: Carried

#### **4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE**

The Maneaba resolved into Committee to consider the Appropriation Bill 2007.

##### **4.1 Appropriation Bill 2007**

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,040,838 under Head of Expenditure – 09 Office of Te Beretitenti stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
H.E Anote Tong clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,022,831 under Head of Expenditure –10 Public Service Office stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
H.E Anote Tong replied to queries raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,183,227 under Head of Expenditure – 11 Judiciary stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
H.E Anote Tong replied to points raised by Members.

Question Put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$6,306,357 under Head of Expenditure 12 – Police and Prisons stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Mrs. Mary Tamwi  
H.E Anote Tong replied to questions raised.

Question put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$182,551 under the Head of Expenditure 13 – Public Service Commission stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
H.E Anote Tong replied to queries raised by Members

Question put – Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,091,305 under Head of Expenditure 14 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification:

Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
H.E Anote Tong replied to questions raised by Members.

House adjourned at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea.

House resumed at 4.30 pm and resolved into Committee. Hon Speaker advised the Maneaba that Members who wish to ask questions for clarification on each item of expenditure may do so but to begin from first to the last code of expenditure.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,444,613 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

Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Hon. Amberoti Nikora replied to points raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,545,576 under Head of Expenditure 16 – Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications:

Mr. Kataotika Tekee  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai  
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa  
Hon. Teima Onoria clarified issues raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,511,631 under Head of Expenditure 17 – Maneaba ni Maungatabu stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
HE Anote Tong clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,021,402 under Head of Expenditure 18 – Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Hon. Martin Tofinga clarified points raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$542,265 under Head of Expenditure 19 – Kiribati National Audit Office stand part of the Schedule.

The following Member asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
H.E Anote Tong replied to questions raised by the Member.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$421,270 under Head of Expenditure 20 – Office of the Attorney General stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
The Hon. Attorney General replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,786,857 under Head of Expenditure 21 – Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mrs. BetaTewareka Tentoa  
Hon. James Taom replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$12,632,519 under Head of Expenditure 22 – Ministry of Health & Medical Services stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarifications.

Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Mrs. Mary Tamwi  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Teburoro Tito  
Mr. Ieremia Tabai  
Mr. Rutiano Benetito  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

The Maneaba adjourned for a short break. The Maneaba resumed at 8.00 pm and questions by Members on Expenditure Code 22 continued as follows:

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa

Hon. Bauro Tonggai, Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Hon. Amberoti Nikora also assist in providing responses to questions raised by Members.

***Due to repetition of some questions from Members, Hon. Speaker ruled that only eight questions be asked against each code of expenditure.***

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$19,627,210 under Head of Expenditure 23 – Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mr. Kataotika Tekee

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Tetabo Nakara replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$3,069,279 under the 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

Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Hon. Natan Teewe replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,330,702 under the Head of Expenditure 25 – Ministry of Finance & Economic Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Nabuati Mwemwenikarawa replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,608,689 under the Head of Expenditure 27 – Ministry of Works and Utilities stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Natanaera Kirata replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,685,882 under the Head of Expenditure 28 – Ministry of Labour & Human Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mrs. Mary Tamwi

Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Ioteba Redfern replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$2,821,062 under the Head of Expenditure 29 – Ministry of Line & Phoenix Islands Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Hon. Tawita Temoku replied to questions raised by Members.

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$12,758,163 under the Head of Expenditure 31 – Other Expenses stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked questions for clarification.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mr. Kataotika Tekee

The replies to questions raised were made by following:

Hon. Natan Teewe

Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Hon. Teima Onorio

Question Put: Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$79,634,229 stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

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

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Questions Put: Carried.

The Maneaba resumed.

## **5. BILL – SECOND READING**

### **5.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:**

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

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the Maneaba at 10.55 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

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Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006

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

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

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

The delay in returning passbooks belonging to outer island people continues to be a problem with BOK. Why is this and could Government liaise with the Bank to find a solution?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development***

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Honourable Member that the Bank exerts all efforts to reduce the turnaround time for the reconciliation or updating of passbooks belonging to customers in the outer island. There are, however, other factors that may contribute to the delays and these are outside the Bank's control.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

**2.2 Q. 101 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)**

Could Government consider providing sea transport for JSS students from Bikaati on a termly basis?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Government is happy to consider the request for sea transport for JSS students from Bikaati as raised in this question.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.3 Q. 50 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Will the KPF allow those members who wish to provide more contribution above the amount stipulated in the Act on special arrangements between them and the KPF without prejudice to their respective employers?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development***

Speaker, I regret to inform the Honourable Member that, until such time that appropriate amendments are made to the KPF Ordinance, it may prove difficult for the Fund to accept the proposal.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.4 Q. 24 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio)**

The inspection at work places is very important for the health and safety of employees. When does Government consider making a Bill on this?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development***

Work has begun on drafting the Occupational Health and Safety Bill that would give a legal mandate and authority to Government or its authorized Agent to inspect work places for reasons raised by my honorable colleague from Betio.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.5 Q. 94 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)**

Could the Government advise this House when will the satellite telephone system be installed on Banaba?

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

The telephone system will be installed on Banaba once funds are secured.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

**2.6 Q. 99 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)**

Could the Minister responsible inform this House why does that leakage of the roof of a JSS classroom in Butaritari that has been repeatedly raised three times in this House has not been attended?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Government is very much concerned about the state of all Government buildings on all the outer islands which include the JSS classroom on Butaritari. To address the problem mentioned in this question my Ministry is now in the process of securing development assistance to address similar needs on all outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.7 Q. 139 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)**

Fisheries Division on Kiritimati is charging for fish leaving the island to Tarawa and overseas, could the responsible Minister explain what are these charges for?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development***

Speaker, with reference to the question raised by the Honourable MP from Kiritimati I wish to advise the charge of \$2 a bag of fish carried by passengers leaving Kiritimati to Tarawa by air or to other overseas countries is for the quarantine certificates and other administrative expenses.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.8 Q. 95 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)**

Could the Government advise this House when will the funding for the vessel be finalized?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

The funding for Banaba vessel has not been finalized at this stage given that the project need to go through the procedure for project appraisal and approval.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**2.9 Q. 112 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

The request from Teraina to have the sea passage at Tevalua upgraded and improved has been raised repeatedly. When will work commence as an engineer have already completed his survey on it. Could the Minister responsible enlighten us on this?

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

In accordance with the National Reef Passage project program, upgrading of the Tevalua passage at Teraina will commence as soon as funds are available.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinia Mariano also raised a supplementary question.

**2.10 Q. 127 by Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (Rabi)**

If my memory serves me right, there was a committee established by the former government to find ways to compensate our people, including those at

Rabi, injured or killed by the Japanese during World War II. What are the findings of that Committee?

***Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti***

Speaker, the findings of the Select Committee has already been completed and presented also to the former Government. I invite the Nominated Member (Rabi) to read the report for details.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**2.11 Q. 140 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)**

Could the Government explain when would the business or residential leases be considered for approval?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development***

Speaker, regarding the leases on Kiritimati I wish to advise this House and the Honourable MP from Kiritimati who has raised this question that the plan is to have lease applications considered and approved in 2007.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**2.12 Q. 87 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

When asked about the 2006 outer island maintenance of Government buildings the Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development responded saying that because of the nature and scope of the work needed to bring most of these buildings to habitable standard, provision has been included in the development fund budget to cater for major maintenance work that has also include the permanent buildings. Could the Minister kindly inform this Maneaba the status of the project to date?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, a project document for outer island maintenance of government local and permanent buildings has been forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for submission to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan). It is anticipated that funding should be available very soon.

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

Question time ended at 11.30 am and there were 2 Questions not covered on the Order Paper.

**3. BILL – FIRST READING**

**3.1 Education (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei) moved:**

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

Bill proposed: The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Tetabo Nakara  
Mr. Teburoro Tito

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

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Teburoro Tito continued with his discussion.  
Hon. Attorney General  
Mr. Tebuai Uaai  
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka  
Mr. Patrick Tatireta  
H.E Anote Tong

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm. Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

H.E Anote Tong continued his discussion  
Mr. Banuera Berina  
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern  
Mr. Reete Bokai  
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa  
(Hon. Martin Tofinga interrupted at 6.00 pm).  
Hon. Teima Onorio  
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Mover of the Bill was then given the floor to sum up.

Division was called and the result were as follows –

For = 12      Against = 24      Absent = 5

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

At after 7.00 pm Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

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

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 were laid on the Table.

**By the Hon. Speaker**

Reports of the Auditor General on the account of the Atoll Seaweed Company Ltd for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Paper No. 18/06

Reports of the Auditor General on the account of the Kiribati Housing Corporation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 and 2002.

Paper No. 27/06

4. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

**4.1 Q. 144 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)**

Could Government ensure that all waste materials from British bomb test are fully removed from Kiritimati during the on-going clean up project?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development***

Speaker, the military wastes on Kiritimati are expected to be removed in accordance with the signed Agreement.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong also raised a supplementary question.

#### **4.2 Q.132 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

In reference to my motion No.18 passed in Parliament on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2003. Could the Government now inform this House, had they acquired any proofs of the allegation against the former Government?

#### ***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government has looked into allegations against the former Government and found so many irregularities with these dealings that it has reinforced the necessity to introduce a Bill to regulate the action and behaviour of all leaders in Kiribati in years to come to ensure transparent and accountable leadership for the people of Kiribati.

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

#### **4.3 Q. 44 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

Could the Government advise this House how many boys from Abaiang, who were trained by agencies in Betio, and now working at overseas fishing vessels?

#### ***Replied by Hon. Ministry of Labour and Human Resources Development***

The Government regrets that it does not possess such information at this stage.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mrs. Mary Tamwi, Mr. Emile Schutz and Mr. Kataotika Tekee also raised supplementary questions.

#### **4.4 Q. 10 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)**

There are evidences of drastic erosion along the coastlines as a result of strong wind and wave which recently hit the island and damaging seawalls extending to the storage cargo house at the wharf in Tebikeriki village. Are there any Government measures to improve and assist in this kind of situation?

#### ***Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti***

Government through the Disaster Fund is able to assist in repairing damages caused by high tides and strong winds to existing structures along the coastline for public areas. The request needs to come from the Island Council, which would then be channeled to the Ministry of Public Works & Utilities for their cost estimate, prior the release of assistance. The assistance offered is for two thirds of the cost estimate and earmarked for the provision of material.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Tinian Reiher raised one supplementary question each.

**4.5 Q. 66 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

Could Government clarify clearly to this House the intentions of the Kiribati Provident Fund having transferred \$10 million of its KPF members' fund from overseas to the ANZ Bank here in Tarawa?

***Replied by Hon Minister of Finance & Economic Development***

Mr. Speaker, the objective of the Kiribati Provident Fund's transfer of \$10 million from its overseas investment to the Bank of Kiribati is as follows:

- (a) It is part of the Fund's Action Plan to explore opportunities available locally to invest its funds at competitive rates so as to provide better returns to member's funds and at the same time contribute to domestic economic growth in the same manner that the Fund's investments overseas have contributed to the economic growth of those countries; and
- (b) The fact that the Bank of Kiribati was able to offer a more competitive interest rate than that available through the Fund's fund manager in Australia

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mrs. Mary Tamwi, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

**4.6 Q. 114 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

The landowners on Teraina request the Minister responsible if she could consider the re-demarcation of lands as there is a great need for it now?

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

Mr. Speaker, the request can be considered. However, those settlers requesting the re-demarcation of their boundaries should register their names with their Council who will inform the Lands branch office in Kiritimati. There will be a survey fee of \$30.00 to be imposed to those requesting this service again since all boundaries have already been placed and it is the responsibility of the plot holder to safeguard and ensure that they are not destroyed or defaced by any means.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinia Mariano and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

**4.7 Q. 117 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi was withdrawn.**

**4.8 Q.121 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)**

What are the Government's plans to collect copra from Maiana as the weighing of copra there have ceased as all the copra sheds and maneaba used are full to their limits?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives***

Honourable Speaker, I have met with all shipping operators and obtained their assurance to assist with current copra issue on outer islands. Collection is currently underway and expect ships to also have started collection from Maiana island including those which were rarely visited.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

**4.9 Q. 157 by Mr. Emile Schutz MP (Abaiang)**

Could the Minister responsible explain to this House, the reasons behind the sudden and indeed, very drastic increase in marine exporters' license fees, his Ministry is imposing on all exporters, commencing as of the beginning of next year?

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

Mr. Speaker, there has been no increase in the level of fees for the export of marine products imposed by this Ministry for the next year that I am aware of.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Nine questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

**5. BILLS – FIRST READING**

**5.1 Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2006 was withdrawn.**

**5.2 Leadership Code Bill 2006**

**H. E Te Beretitenti moved:**

That the Leadership Code Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Dr. Harry Tong did not discuss the Bill but rather sought the Speaker ruling on the application of Rule 68 as to his interpretation, in order to comply with Rule 68, the Constitution (Amendment) Bill which is next on the Order Paper should be dealt with first.

The Hon. Speaker then adjourned the House for a break and to resume at 2.00 pm.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

The Hon. Speaker ruled that Rule 68 is not being breached; however in any event he should invoked Ruled 74 if there is any doubt and the debate on the Bill should be proceeded with as laid out in the Order Paper.

Immediately after the Speaker gave his ruling, all Members of the Opposition sitting at the left hand side of the Maneaba walked out.

Discussion of the Bill however continued as follows:

Hon. Natan Teewe  
Hon. Attorney General  
Hon. Amberoti Nikora  
Mr. Banuera Berina  
Hon. Tetabo Nakara  
Mr. Patrick Tatireta

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 4.30 pm. The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Patrick Tatireta (continued his discussion)  
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern  
Mr. Reete Bokai

At 5.10 p.m. the H.E Te Beretitenti summed up.

Question Put: A division was called and the result is as follows:

For = 26      Against = 0      Absent = 15

From the result, the First Reading of the Bill was carried.

### **5.3 Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006**

#### **H. E Te Beretitenti moved:**

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

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Prior to the debate on the Bill the Hon. Speaker ordered that Members from the Opposition who walked out earlier in demonstration of their protest against his ruling would not be allowed to take part in any businesses of the Maneaba unless they apologize first to the Chair, the Maneaba and the people of Kiribati.

The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito (Before the Speaker gave him the floor, the Member apologized first to the Chair, Members of the Maneaba and the people of Kiribati)  
Hon. Natan Teewe  
Mr. Banuera Berina

At 6.50 p.m. H.E Te Beretitenti was given the floor to sum up.

Question Put: A division was called and the result is as follows:

For = 27      Against = 8      Absent = 6

From the result, the First Reading of the Bill was carried.

## **6. MOTION**

### **6.1 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:**

#### **Motion No. 22 (2007 Development Budget)**

That this House approves the 2007 Development Budget in the sum of \$86,795,429 and the Supplementary to the 2006 Development Budget in the sum of \$17,090,279 as presented in the 2007 Development Budget.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mr. Ieremia Tabai

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina (Before the Speaker gave him the floor, the Member apologized first to the Chair, Members of the Maneaba and the people of Kiribati; however the Member said he was not part of the group as he was somewhere else at that time of the walkout)

(Hon. Teima Onorio interrupted at 7.51 pm)

Hon. Amberoti Nikora

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mover of the Motion then sum up at 8.55 pm.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 9.40 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 01<sup>st</sup> December 2006.

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1. Hon. Speaker took the Chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.  
All Members were present.

2. **STATEMENT**

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) made a statement on the following:

Delayed responses to MPs Oral Questions

The following Members asked short questions:

Hon. Tetabo Nakara x 2

H.E. Anote Tong x 2

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa x 2

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Natan Teewe

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

**3.1 Q. 47 by Ms. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Will the Minister responsible review the salary scales in respect of MTC trainers with a view to adopt those applicable for the FTC trainers who have a starting level of L-13 and a max of L-10?

***Replied by Hon. Minister Labour and Human Resources Development***

Mr. Speaker, I regret that Government has no plan at this time to review the salary of MTC trainers to that of the FTC trainers whose salary commence from L13 to L10 at this present time.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

**3.2 Q. 61 by Ms. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)**

The disabled people have long waited to receive an allowance as promised during the campaign. My question is when will Government pay this allowance if Government has considered this?

***Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs***

Mr. Speaker, Government has already made some policy decisions on the kinds of assistance to be extended to the disabled in Kiribati.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

**3.3 Q. 84 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)**

Could the Minister responsible explain the procedures for:

- (i) the payment of charge allowance for teachers performing extra work over and above their normal duties? And
- (ii) the payment of salaries of retired teachers re-appointed on temporary basis?

***Replied by H. E Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker, under the NCS section E.21 application for the payment of a charge allowance to a teacher/employee must be made by the Senior Responsible Officer to the Permanent Secretary (PSO) who will decide whether or not an allowance is to be paid and the amount payable.

The approval authority for this allowance has now been delegated to Senior Responsible Officers in Ministries.

My response to the second part of the question, Mr. Speaker is this: The new policy is that officers whose services are extended beyond 50 years on contract should not hold the top inline positions except in very exceptional circumstances. In regard to the payment of salary, the salary payable would be the salary level applicable to the position such an employee is re-engaged.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria raised two supplementary questions.

**3.4 Q. 146 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)**

Could Government explain how passengers and cargo tariff is devised on Air Pacific to Kiritimati?

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

Mr. Speaker, passenger and cargo tariff used on Air Pacific routes to Kiritimati are based on Air Pacific commercial rates proposed for that sector.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

**3.5 Q. 125 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)**

Could the Minister responsible explain how employees on L19 –18 to all its ministries are appointed, are they going to be appointed permanently or on a contract basis?

***Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker, the appointment status for employees on L19 –18 is dependent on the nature of and the skills required of the work.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

**3.6 Q. 120 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)**

Could the Minister responsible explain why teachers graduated with Primary Diplomas have their salaries corrections refunded from January 2006 and not from the date they graduated?

***Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti***

Mr. Speaker, this is a new policy that was made in late 2005 and Government has decided that the effective date of application is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

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

**3.7 Q. 150 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)**

Could the Government explain the reasons for withholding the salaries of employees working on Nauru in the amount of more than \$2,000 by Government?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government has not withheld any salaries of Kiribati employees who worked with NPC in Nauru, as raised in the question.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

**3.8 Q. 155 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)**

There had been vandalism and public disturbance in the village of Tabwakeauea especially to the Medical clinic and main roads. Could Government now justify the need to set up a police sub- station on this village?

***Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti***

There are currently no plans to establish a police sub-station in the village of Tabwakeauea on Kiritimati. Government is however willing to review this in response to the need raised in the Honourable member's question.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am and there were 23 Questions not covered on the Order Paper.

#### **4. BILL – FIRST READING**

##### **4.1 Government Borrowing and Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2006**

**Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) moved:**

That the Government Borrowing and Guarantee (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the first time.

Bill proposed:

After the Bill was proposed the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Before the House proceeded Mr. Teburoro Tito made a point of order on the quorum and the buzz was rang to attain the quorum.

After the quorum was attained the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa  
Mrs. Mary Tamwi  
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern  
Mr. Tinian Reiher  
Mr. Ieremia Tabai  
Mr. Tebuai Uai

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

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Tebuai Uai continued his discussion.

H.E Anote Tong  
Mr. Patrick Tatireta  
(H.E. Anote Tong interrupted at 6.00 pm).

The Mover of the Bill was then given the floor to sum up straight after the interruption. When 30 minutes after the interruption have expired the Hon. Speaker cut short the sum up. The Mover of the Bill protested but was overruled by the Speaker.

Question put: The First Reading of the Bill was not carried

**5. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE MOTION**

**H.E Te Beretitenti moved:**

That this House do now adjourned sine die.

Before the Hon. Speaker raise the question he gave a short remarks thanking the Members for their cooperation and obedience as well as wishing them a pleasant trip back to their respective constituencies.

Question put: Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die at 6.52 pm.

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