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AMBO TARAWA**

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**COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
27TH AUGUST TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 2008**

Hon. Taomati Iuta - Speaker of Parliament

Cabinet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Temate Ereateiti MP - Minister of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development

Hon. James Taom MP - Minister of Education

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

Private Members

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

Principal Officers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

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

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper No.	Title of Paper
28 August 2008	05/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Port Authority for the year ended 31 st December 2005
28 August 2008	06/08	Schedule of Virement Warrants (No. 1/2008)
28 August 2008	07/08	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 2008
28 August 2008	08/08	Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent
2 September 2008	09/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Central Pacific Producers Limited for the year ended 30 th April 2002
2 September 2008	10/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Telecommunication Authority of Kiribati for the year ended 30 th June 2007
2 September 2008	11/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Kiribati Shipping Services Limited for the year ended 31 st August 2002
2 September 2008	12/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Tarawa Biscuit Company Limited for the year ended 30 th June 2006 and 30 th June 2007
2 September 2008	13/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Television Kiribati Limited for the year ended 30 th June 2006
2 September 2008	14/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Solar Energy Company Limited for the year ended 31 st December 2004
3 September 2008	15/08	Ana Ribooti Kometen ana Mwane Kiribati iaon Onoua ana Kambwana ma ana Koboreitin te Tautaeka aika – Television Kiribati Limited ibukin ririki aika a toki n 31 Ritembwa 2001 nakon 2005, Kiribati Copra Mill Company Limited ibukin ririki aika a toki n 31 Ritembwa 2004 ao 2005, Telecommunication Authority of Kiribati ibukin te ririki ae toki n 30 Tuun 2006, Plant and Vehicle Unit ibukin te ririki ae toki n 31 Ritembwa 2000, Bobotin Kiribati Limited ibukin te ririki ae toki n 31 Aokati 2004 ao Kiribati Housing Corporation ibukin te ririki ae toki n 31 Ritembwa 2003

9 September 2008	16/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Air Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31 st December 2001 – 31 st December 2005
9 September 2008	17/08	Report of the Auditor General on the Annual Account of the Government of Kiribati for the year ended 31 st December 2005
9 September 2008	18/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Oil Company Limited for the year ended 31 st December 1999 – 2000
9 September 2008	19/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Otintai Hotel Limited for the year ended 31 st March 2004 – 31 st March 2006
9 September 2008	20/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Supplies Company Limited for the year ended 31 st May 1999 – 31 st December 2006
9 September 2008	21/08	Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Betio Shipyard Limited for the year ended 31 st August 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
Hon. Natan Teewe	Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008	28 August 2008	4 September 2008	4 September 2008	8/09/08	9/2008
Hon. Natan Teewe	Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008	28 August 2008	9 September 2008	9 September 2008	24/10/08	10/2008
Mr. Natan Teewe	Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008	2 April 2008	2 September 2008	2 September 2008	8/09/08	8/2008
Hon. Natan Teewe	Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008	28 April 2008	1 September 2008	1 September 2008	8/09/08	7/2008
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Measures to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime (Amendment) Bill 2008	1 September 2008				
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Anti-Personal Mines (Prohibition) Bill 2008	2 September 2008				
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Police Service Bill 2008	8 September 2008				
H.E. Te Beretitenti	Police Powers and Duties Bill 2008	8 September 2008				
Mr. Banuera Berina	Rent Review (Amendment) Bill 2008	29 August 2008				
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa	Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008	29 August 2008				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	People's Lawyer Bill 2008	5 September 2008 (ruled out)				

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 27th August 2008

1. Prior to the commencement of the Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament, a conch shell was blown in accordance with Rule 20(1) of the Rules of Procedure and the procession of the Mace led by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Hon. Speaker and the Clerk proceeded into the Chamber. 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 and all Members were present.

2. **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Tangariki Reete, a new Member of Parliament from Betio took her oath administered by the Hon. Speaker.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER**

Hon. Speaker made an announcement announcing the names of state-owned enterprises with overdue annual accounts.

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

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

5. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 5.1. **Q. 1 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)**

Could the Minister responsible consider deployment of the fish aggregating devices (FAD) for fishermen on Makin Island?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry will consider the MP's request to deploy Fish Aggregating Device for fishermen on Makin Island.

One supplementary question was raised by the Mover.

5.2 Q. 21 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible look into the issue of chemical allowance for PUB employees in the powerhouse with a view to increasing the rate and covering all the hours involved in a shift in respect of a powerhouse?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the PUB has been consulted to look into the matter in line with its financial position.

Five supplementary questions were raised by the Mover.

5.3 Q. 24 by Mr. Bauro Tonggai MP (Abaiang)

Is Government at this stage prepared to meet the cost of rehabilitation work on dilapidated school local mwaneabas?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker Sir, I regret that Government is still not in a position to meet the cost of rehabilitation work on dilapidated school local maneabas.

Three supplementary questions were raised by the Mover.

5.4 Q. 30 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could Government consider the sitting allowance for magistrate to be increased from \$45 to \$55 for Presiding Magistrates and \$40 to \$50 for magistrates?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the Honourable Member that since magistrates' allowances were increased late last year, we do not consider a further increase to be warranted this time.

Three supplementary questions were raised by the Mover.

5.5 Q. 17 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

In connection with the enforcement of the recent amendment to the Fisheries Ordinance as passed during the last meeting of Parliament, will the Minister responsible inform this House as to:

- a. the number of fishing vessels that have been fined under the powers of the Minister and the Attorney General under the amendment;
- b. the amount of fine paid; and

- c. the offences alleged against them?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, as enquired by the MP my response is as follow:

- a. As of August 2008, 4 reefer vessels had been apprehended and released on payment of their Administrative Penalty.
- b. For each an "Administrative Penalty" of US\$5,000 was charged for breaching one of the conditions of their license.
- c. The offence they are charged with is related with the turning off of their ALC which reports to our VMS while in port in Tarawa lagoon

The Mover raised two supplementary questions as wells Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Timon R. Aneri

5.6 Q. 35 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

When will the Chief Justice go to Tabiteuea South to carry our court hearing on the appeal cases?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the High Court intends to schedule the hearing of cases on Tabiteuea South later this year.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question.

5.7 Q. 38 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could the Minister responsible explain why the ice plant on my island, Makin hasn't got its working capital, and an employee for the centre has been posted there since its opening on 21/06/08.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, the Makin Working Capital will be available this month.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised supplementary questions.

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

Government is requested to find ways to maintain the need of water on Ocean Island?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to explore other cost effective alternatives of addressing water supply problems on Banaba to ensure availability of water meets with water demand on the island.

The Mover raised one supplementary question as well as Mr. Teatu Moutu Kaibuariiki and Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa.

6. BILLS

6.1 Rent Review (Amendment) Bill 2008

The introduction of the Bill was deferred for not complying with Rule 50(1), that is, the required 25 clear days notice has not been attained.

6.2 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008

The same as the above Bill, the required 25 days notice has not been attained.

7. MOTIONS

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

Motion No. 2

That this House requests the Government to ensure that the use of solar energy as a means of generating electricity is widely used and available in Tarawa and the outer islands.

Motion proposed; the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Kouraiti Beniato
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa

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

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Hon. Ioteba Redfern
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Harry Tong
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
H. E. Te Beretitenti

The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Carried

7.2 Mrs. Tangariki Reete MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 3

That this House urges Government to lay down appropriate measures to address the ever-increasing cost of rice, fuel and other basic commodities that is now currently experienced throughout Kiribati.

Motion proposed and replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti followed by the following Members:

Dr. Harry Tong
Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

At 4.15 pm the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for afternoon tea break. At 4.30 pm the House resumed and discussion on the Motion continued from the following Members:

Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Hon. Natan Teewe
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Hon. Tetabo Nakara

At 5.55 pm the Mover summed up.

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Tetabo Nakara (on behalf of Hon. Amberoti Nikora) made an interruption in accordance with Rule16 (3).

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 28th August 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Thursday, 28th August 2008

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

All Members were present.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Ports Authority for the year ended 31st December 2005

Paper No. 05/08

By Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Schedule of Warrants (No. 1/2008)

Paper No. 06/08

Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 2008

Paper No. 07/08

By H.E. Te Beretitenti

Certificate of Urgency signed by H.E. Te Beretitenti certifying the Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008 as urgent

Paper No. 08/08

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 63 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)**

The installation of Fish Cold Storage facility on the outer islands is encouraging to fishermen on the islands covered under the Japanese funded program under implementation. Could the Minister responsible also see the need for a cold storage facility for fish on islands not covered in the Japanese funded program like Butaritari?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry will consider the need of such facility for fishermen on the island of Butaritari as requested by the MP.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

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

In relation to a grievance over the death of a patient from Makin, could the Minister concerned inform this House on what actions he has taken against those (employees) involved in the case?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is awaiting a report on an investigation that is being conducted into this case. I want to assure the Honourable Member, however, that it is my Ministry's intention to act upon recommendations from the investigation report.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong and Mr. Taneti Maamau also raised supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 12 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Is there any plan from Government to establish a branch of USP in Kiritimati Island?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, Government has had discussions with USP about the possibility of establishing a branch of USP at Kiritimati.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 43 by Mrs. Tangariki Reete MP (Betio)

Could the responsible Minister elucidate the types of cases that qualify for treatment in overseas hospitals in accordance to the present government referral policy?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, all patients of I-Kiribati citizenship who suffer diseases that cannot be treated in the country (because of lack of expertise and/or equipment) but can be treated and cured overseas are eligible for overseas referral, except the following cases:

- i) Terminal cancer cases;

- ii) Kidney diseases that will required repeated follow-up – e.g. renal failure cases;
- iii) Acute or chronic hepatitis; and
- iv) Patients of more than 70 years of age.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka also raised supplementary questions.

3.5 Q. 10 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the responsible Minister see the need to increase the allowance of referral patients coming from the outer islands to Tarawa and Kiritimati from \$5.00 to \$8.00 to meet the increasing price of commodities?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable Member is referring to the daily allowance for patients admitted at the Kiritimati hospital in lieu of standard rations, Government is prepared to consider the rate to ensure consistency and uniformity in the quality of rations provided to patients at Kiritimati and Nowerewere.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Mikaere Baraniko, Mr. Jacob Teem, Dr. Harry Tong and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka also raised supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 7 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could the Minister responsible provide and pay land leases to landowners on Makin whose lands in Butaritari are leased by government?

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

Speaker, I thank the Honorable MP for his question. In response I would ask the MP if he could provide us with the names of all landowners on Makin who have lands on Butaritari, and may be other islands also, leased by government so that we can process their rental fees and send them to Makin.

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

3.7 Q. 11 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) was deferred, as the Hon. Minister replying was sick.

3.8 Q. 23 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

It is vital that planting mangroves is one positive way of protecting our foreshore from the destruction of sea level rise. When would implementation of such project be carried out on the outer islands?

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

Speaker, I thank the Member from Abaiang for his question. My Ministry is encouraging community initiatives on mangrove planting as a way of protecting the shoreline and restoring the biodiversity in the coastal resources. Pilot schemes have already been started on several islands with those who have shown interest and readiness to work on their own with guidance and support from the Environment and Conservation Division. My Ministry is always ready to support similar initiatives from others who would like to start their mangrove planting work.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tonganibeia Taam also raised two supplementary questions.

3.9 Q. 33 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth) was also deferred, as the Hon. Minister replying was sick.

3.10 Q. 14 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the responsible Minister explain in identifying the proper authority to deal with passengers' rations for those who are traveling to the eastern group while transiting on Kiritimati islands including patients returning from Tarawa?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, previously when KSSL did the round trip to Kiritimati/Tabuaeran/Teraina, it provided rations to its passengers if they stay onboard the vessel. However, passengers usually leave the vessel to stay with their relatives on Kiritimati. In such cases, such passengers will be responsible for their own subsistence.

Recently where there is a dedicated vessel for the Line Group such as LC Betiraoi, the sea fare is for the sector Tarawa/Kiritimati only. Under this arrangement, KSSL's responsibility for rations ceases when passengers disembark on Kiritimati.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised a supplementary question.

3.11 Q. 27 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

In Kiribati copra is one of our main sources of income. Are there any appropriate and effective measures to be undertaken for the eradication of threatening rats destroying our coconuts?

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

Speaker, I thank the Honorable MP for raising this issue that I believe is not only crucial to Abaiang but to Kiribati as a whole.

To answer the question, the expert advice I'm given is that there is no easy way of eradicating the rats from the islands already infested with this invasive species. One way that may work is to totally close the infested island for a complete quarantine process that will involve the application of highly toxic baits in large quantities for a period of time. This however, is not practical to implement without causing a lot of inconvenience to the people.

The Agriculture Division has a continuous program on rat control. The program does not eradicate all the rat species, rather, it minimized the damages of the rats to a level that will not affect the yield of a coconut or any food crop. This method is adopted to minimize the negative impact on the people.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua, Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

3.12 Q. 57 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

The following problems were faced and experienced by the public after the completion of the new main road in Betio:

1. The gaps at the pathway continue to cause injury to walkers;
2. Water and rubbish piling up in the drainage causes an unpleasant smell and becomes mosquito breeding grounds.

Could the ministry responsible find ways to solve these problems?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker,

- The big gaps along the drainage sidewalks of the new roads at Betio (and South Tarawa) are intended to facilitate flow and discharge of water from the roads with low gradient to the drainage system in order to prevent overflow of water especially during heavy rainfall.
- The drainage systems have detained water and rubbish even after the full discharge of the system due to low gradient.

My Ministry has assessed defects of those roads as raised by one of the MP from Betio and is looking into the problems in consultation with the Dai Nippon Company for improvement.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Moote Terukaio also raised two supplementary questions.

3.13 Q. 36 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could government pay land lease for plot of lands which are currently used or occupied by registered churches?

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

Speaker, in response to the question by the Honourable MP I regret to advise that Government has no plans to pay land rents for leases held by registered churches.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

3.14 Q. 58 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) was also deferred, as the Hon. Minister replying was sick.

3.15 Q. 60 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

Could the Minister concern explain to this House the date when they plan to do the permanent work for asbestos hazard on Ocean Island?

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

Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Member from Banaba that an active plan is being pursued to deal with the asbestos hazard on Ocean Island. A detailed study is planned to be carried out soon to follow up on the initial study undertaken during the visit of officials and technical experts made to Banaba in July this year. My Ministry is working on the funding submission for the detailed study to be discussed with interested donors.

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

3.16 Q. 76 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth) was also deferred, as the Hon. Minister replying was sick.

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

Could the Minister responsible liaise with the Solar Energy Company to reduce charge for solar lights that are not working properly due to non-availability of their spare parts?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, under the present arrangement, it is the responsibility of the Kiribati Solar Energy Company to initially provide its customers with a fully operational solar home system for a monthly fee of \$9 and it is the responsibility of the customer to replace the consumables, such as the light bulb, at his or her own expense. The Company is always more than happy to assist its customers in securing the required spare parts but at the cost to the customer.

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

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

4. MOTION

Motion No. 10

That this House approves the suspension of Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu in order to enable the first reading of the Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008 to take place in this session of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

H.E. Te Beretitenti, the Mover of the Motion sought leave to withdraw the Motion on the ground that after checking the date the Bill was submitted, they realized the Bill was submitted on time and therefore there is no need to move the Motion.

Some Members raised their concerns that from the scratched date stamp on the Bill it is possible that the Bill was submitted late but was date stamped to look as if it was submitted in time. The Hon. Speaker however assured the Members that the Bill was submitted in time and therefore does not require the suspension of the Rule.

5. BILLS – FIRST READING

5.1 Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.00 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

Discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Taaneti Maamau
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa

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

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

Question put: Carried

5.2 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
(Hon. Iotebwa Redfern interrupted at 6.00 pm)
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Timon R. Aneri
Hon. Temate Ereateiti

The Mover of the Bill then summed up.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.40 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 29th August 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Friday, 29th August 2008

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

All Members were present except Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 11 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) was deferred as the Member was sick.**

- 2.2 **Q. 32 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)**

Could government reduce the solar lighting monthly fee of \$9 to \$4.50?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the setting of the solar fee is the responsibility of the Kiribati Solar Energy Company and Government regrets to advise that it cannot reduce the monthly fee from \$9 to \$4.50. However, Government is willing to convey this to the Kiribati Solar Energy Company for their consideration.

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

- 2.3 **Q. 58 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)**

Could the Government provide funds for the construction of a fence for the Betio Town Council office since it was the Government plan in 2002 during the construction of the sport complex to have the office and the fence destroyed and to have them replaced later?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I regret to mention that the process in seeking of available sources of funds for the construction of BTC fence still persists.

The Mover raised 3 supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 104 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) lapsed as the Member was absent.

2.5 Q. 76 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible ensure that a fund for maintenance and new buildings on outer islands does not run out?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, we will try and make sure that fund for maintenance and new buildings on outer islands do not run out.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta, Mr. Tebuai Uai, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 50 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could government negotiate with all Shipping Services to increase labour charges on all general cargoes including fuel and copra to cater for price rise on basic food, thus; rice, flour, sugar as well as fuel (kerosene and benzene)?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to discuss with Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd the proposal to increase labour charges as requested in this question.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Willie Tokataake, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 33 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

Government is requested to explain why the prices of the followings are reduced; a thatch which costs 80 cents is now reduced to 50 cents and a ten fathom string is reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, there has never been a change or reduction on the cost of string and thatch that are used for that maintenance of government local buildings on outer islands since 2005. The string stays at \$1.50 per 10 fathoms or 15 cents a fathom, and the thatch is still at 60 cents each. Such rates have been widely used during periods at which Ministries of Education and Health were solely responsible for their own maintenances, and this is still maintained.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

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

Sending of MTC trainees who have completed their training to work overseas is very slow as noticed with those registered in the Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Course at MTC. Could government ensure that MTC trainees are sent to work overseas on a timely basis?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, Government is well aware of this problem and is in constant contact with SPMS in an attempt to address it.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 31 by Mr. Tebuai Uaii MP (TabSouth)

Could government arrange transportation for tonnes of copra which are now getting rotten from Tabiteuea South?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, according to the information that I have obtained copra from Tabiteuea South continues to be collected like the rest of the islands in Kiribati.

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

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Rent Review (Amendment) Bill 2008

Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa) moved;

That the Rent Review (Amendment) Bill be read the first time.

Bill proposed and the following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam
Hon. Ioteba Redfern

At 12.30 pm, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch break but before that, he made a brief announcement on the video recording of the House proceedings by Nei Taberananikai and CBC from the US.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm and the discussion on the Bill continued by the following Members:

Mrs. Tangariki Reete
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko
Dr. Harry Tong
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

Mover then summed.

Question Put: Carried

3.2 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008

Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin) moved:

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

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Naatan Teewe
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam
Mrs. Tangariki Reete

The Mover was then given the floor to sum up.

Question Put: Carried

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) moved:

Motion No. 1

That this House requests Government to comply with section 109(4) of the Kiribati Constitution.

Hon. Natan Teewe before replying asked the Hon. Speaker to make a ruling on the Motion as to him the Motion should be ruled as the issue has been dealt with and resolved in the previous meeting of the House.

The following Members gave their views on the Motion:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
H.E. Anote Tong
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

The Hon. Speaker ruled that the Motion should be ruled out under Rule 36(4) as the issue has been resolved when the PAC presented its reports for approval in the last meeting.

4.2 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 4

That this House request the Government to consider amending section 58(3) of the Traffic Act so that the offending driver is given only 2 hours to submit his driving license to the Police and not 48 hours.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Attorney General

The Mover summed up.

Question Put: Carried

4.3 Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari) moved:

Motion No. 6

This House expresses its disappointment in the Government's ignorance to uphold transparency when the withdrawal of \$400,000 from the Coinage Security Special Fund was never mentioned in 2005, 2006 and 2007 Budget books already tabled in Parliament in previous years and this House advises government to be more transparent in all its dealings on public fund.

An amendment was raised by Hon. Natan Teewe to correct the wording used in the first paragraph of the text. Instead of using the word 'ignorance', the word 'failure' should be used.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
H.E. Anote Tong
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Summed up by the Mover.

A division was called and the results are:

For = 10 Against = 29 Absent = 7

From the result the Motion was not carried.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 7.05 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 1st September 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 1st September 2008

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

All Members were present except Mr. Jacob Teem, Mr. Matang Tekitanga and Mr. Patrick Tatireta.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 11 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Would the Minister responsible in the construction of local maneaba like those have already been built at Temaiku inform this house the arrangement about Teraina's application to construct its maneaba on Kiritimati Island for its people to use?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform that the issue raised will be finalized once all mwaneabas to be built on Tarawa are completed.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 53 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)**

Could the Government erect bus stops and road signs on Betio so as to assist those who use the road?

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government supports the erection of Bus stops and Road Signs on Betio to assist those who use the road.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 15 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the responsible Minister able to build two more copra sheds for the southern part of Teraina (Onouea and Mwakeitari) and the northern part of Teraina (Abaiang, Kauamwemwe and Uteute) since they are both far away from the main weighing centre?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is willing to liaise with the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society (KCCS) to find ways of assisting the island of Teraina with her need for more copra sheds.

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

2.4 Q. 18 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible inform this House the latest position in regards to the Toamatoa's request for erection of a speed bump directly opposite their maneaba at Nanikaai?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, the erection of a speed bump directly opposite the Toamatoa's maneaba is necessary and work on it will commence soon.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 70 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

The last payment of charge allowance for Senior Headteacher and Junior Headteacher on Butaritari was in December, 2007. Could Government confirm when will such allowance be paid again to the post holders?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker Sir, the allowances will be paid before the end of 2008.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Maamau, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Moote Terukaio also raised supplementary questions.

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

I am pleased to ask the Honourable Minister what are the plans to expand communication using satellite disk on remote islands?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am pleased to inform this House that Government, through TSKL has plans to expand communications to remote islands that are distant from Tarawa using satellite.

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

2.7 Q. 66 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could Government improve water supply for Bikewa Primary School which is the major problem now experienced by this school community?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is already aware of this problem and is considering possible solutions.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 28 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

Could the Ministry concerned provide lighting at Betio wharf so as to cater for catamarans and other small vessels carrying domestic passengers to and from Tarawa to the outer islands preferably at nighttime?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government acknowledges the need to improve services at the Betio wharf for users and will discuss this request with the Kiribati Ports Authority.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 89 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria) was deferred, as the Member was absent

2.10 Q. 59 by Mrs. Tangariki Reete MP (Betio)

Could the responsible Minister inform this House, why people who have paid their water supply connection fee, are still not yet connected to the PUB water supply line?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, I regret the delay in connecting new customers who had paid their connection fee to PUB water system. The delay is caused mainly due to short supply of materials on hand to enable such connection. We expect work to commence possibly next month when project materials have arrived from Australia.

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

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

During the independence anniversary week this year, Air Kiribati stopped all flights to the outer islands. I want to ask the responsible Minister to provide an explanation why that was done?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is regretted that all flights to outer islands during independence anniversary week were cancelled mainly due to insufficient number of confirmed passengers for that week and for lack of funds to pay for double over time rates.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Tekiau Aretateta raised two supplementary questions.

2.12 Q. 20 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

In our trying to understand the real causes for the sudden big rise in the price of rice and flour will the Minister responsible inform this House on the following aspects:

- a) the price of these commodities from the supplier(s);
- b) overseas freight rate in respect of each;
- c) rate of suite or customs duty for each;
- d) rate of import levy;
- e) rate of 'environmental' levy if applicable;
- f) wholesale and retail price.

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the following figures will help to shed light to the question raised by the Honorable Member for South Tarawa in regards to the recent sudden big rise in the price of rice and flour.

	Rice (Island Sun VE Calrose) 40lbs or 18.144kg	Flour (Gem of the West) 25kg bag
(a) Prices from Suppliers	\$25.91 per 40lb bag	\$20.50 per 25kg bag
(b) Freight charges	\$4.10 per 40lb bag	\$3.65 per kg bag
(c) Duty Rate	\$0.36 per 40lb bag	\$0.25 per 25kg bag
(d) Import Levy	\$0.66 per 40lb bag	\$0.96 per 25kg bag
(e) Rate of Environmental Levy	-	-
Gilbert Group		
(f) Wholesale Price	\$36.69 per 40lb bag	\$29.60 per 25kg bag
Retail Price	\$2.25 per kg or \$1.02 per pound	\$1.32 per kg or \$0.60 per pound
Line & Phoenix Group		
(g) Wholesale Price	\$41.57 per 40lb bag	\$36.39 per 25kg bag
Retail Price	\$2.57 per kg or \$1.17 per pound	\$1.63 per kg or \$0.60 per pound

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am and there were 11 Questions not covered on the Order Paper.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

3.1 Measures to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime (Amendment) Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Measures to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Dr. Harry Tong

H.E. Te Beretitenti then summed up.

Question put: Division called

For = 37 Against = 2 Absent = 7

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

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008

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

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 2, 3 and 4 stand part of the Bill

Question put: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

The House resumed after Committee.

5. BILL – SECOND READING

5.1 Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

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

Question put: Second Reading of the Bill carried

6. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua moved that the House do now adjourn but the Hon. Speaker decided that the House should continue to deal with the remaining Questions on the Order Paper and if there is a need for a Supplementary Order Paper, one should be prepared and distributed.

The House adjourned at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm and proceeded with the remaining Questions on the Order Paper.

7. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

7.1 Q. 26 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

When would councils have access to use the 'JSS Truck Contribution Fund' for the purchase and replacement of any unsafe and unserviceable truck currently exploited by school children?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, since the first establishment of the fund, the practice has been for the use of the funds to assist councils purchase the required spare parts for JSS trucks. As such the amount of annual contribution of \$2,400 per truck by the Council is barely adequate for this purpose let alone to buy a new replacement. It is this reason that makes the fund unable to replace the existing unsafe and unserviceable trucks.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta, Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Tebuai Uai also raised supplementary questions.

7.2 Q. 44 by Mrs. Tangariki Reete MP (Betio)

During the meeting of this House in 2004 the Beretitenti, in answer to a question raised by the then Member of Parliament, Reete Bokai, told the House that the government has plans to alleviate the problem of overcrowding in Betio. The plan was to make those concerned live on government owned lands. Could His Excellency inform this House the progress regarding the plan that was mentioned in 2004?

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

Speaker, I thank the Honorable MP for his follow up question on the plan of this Government to address overcrowding in Betio, and in fact other settlements on South Tarawa where overcrowding is an acute problem for that matter.

I would like to reassure the Honorable MP, and this House, that the plan is being actively pursued through a number of ongoing and new schemes/projects, including the residential plots leases on Kiritimati, and the Sustainable Towns Program pilot settlement development to be established in Temaiku.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Timon R. Aneri also raised supplementary questions.

7.3 Q. 67 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

What price does MELAD offer to its agents for all fruits for it's newly Local Fruit Processing Plant?

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

Speaker, the prices are not set yet as that is part of the investigation carried out during the product development phase of the project which is still to be completed. For the products development inputs the fruits collected from the various suppliers were purchased at the going prices used in the local market.

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

7.4 Q. 47 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible consider providing sports scholarships for outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen of Kiribati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker Sir, we are ready to consider providing assistance to outstanding sportsperson for scholarships overseas. We will closely work with National Federations and the Kiribati National Olympic Committee.

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

7.5 Q. 75 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government consider increasing lease payments for all lands it uses outside Tarawa for various activities such as education, health etc.?

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

Speaker, the lease fee rate for government land leases on the outer islands is due for review in 2009 when the new rate to be used from 2010 until the next review period will be set. All the relevant factors will be taken into consideration in the review of the rate.

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

7.6 Q. 55 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Could Government maintain the feeder roads on Betio which are frequently used by the public such as, road to BTC camp, road to Nonouti Betio Maneaba, road to the Biscuit factory and Marakei maneaba, road to Betio JSS and many others as the Council could not afford to maintain these roads?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, maintenance and rehabilitation of feeder roads including outer island roads are the responsibilities of Island Councils, however, Government may assist with implementation if funds are made available.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised two supplementary questions.

7.7 Q. 91 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria) was deferred.

7.8 Q. 65 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, the Butaritari Maneaba Project is long overdue and the people of Butaritari want to know the cause of the delay. Could the Minister responsible inform this House of the following:-

- i) When would the site allocated at Temaiku be filled with reef mud?
- ii) When would fund is to be released for purchasing to take place?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to inform this House that the Maneaba Project on South Tarawa still continues and Butaritari maneaba is among those approved for funding. My response to the two queries on the project are as follows:

- 1. Given the challenges and high cost of filling in the site allocated, it has been decided that another suitable site in Temaiku be identified.
- 2. As to funding that will be released shortly.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta raised one supplementary question each.

7.9 Q. 77 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would Government ensure that survey of boundaries are undertaken soon after the Court has erected them as it has happened on many occasions that some of them have been removed?

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

Speaker, I am pleased to respond to the question from the Honorable MP and to advise that the survey and mapping of the boundary can be done quickly after those needing the service have submitted the court minute to the Land Management Division and pay the survey fee.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question.

7.10 Q. 88 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria) was deferred.

7.11 Q. 68 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could government explain why did MELAD never contacted the Island Council of Butaritari when looking for its agent for fruits from Butaritari for processing in its newly Local Fruit Processing Plant in Temwaiku?

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

Speaker, I thank the Honorable MP from Butaritari for raising the question. Let me explain that this project, known as the Fruit Processing Project, is only on a pilot product development phase for now, which ran for a period of only five weeks. It was therefore agreed that since this was only a Trial Phase, it was easier to work with the Agricultural Assistants and Nurserymen to source the small quantity of local fruits required.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

After all remaining Questions on the Order Paper were dealt with the House proceeded to deal with Questions on the Supplementary Order Paper.

7.12 Q. 100 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Does the Government have a policy on the rate of allowance applicable to those in outer islands who are invited to attend a workshop that is held within their island?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government currently does not have a policy on the rate of allowance payable to participants at workshops conducted on their islands. It is expected, however, that transport, meals and workshop materials will be provided to such participants.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Taneti Maamau also raised supplementary questions.

7.13 Q. 107 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

The need of fishing gear of all kinds is highly demanded by the people on Fanning Island. Could the responsible Minister find ways of solving this problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is more than happy to address this problem.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Tonganibeia Taam also raised supplementary questions.

7.14 Q. 40 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti) was deferred, as the Member was absent.

7.15 Q. 109 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the responsible Minister ensure that the terms and conditions of Kiribati fishing observers posted on foreign vessels fishing in our EEZ are consistent with those of their counterparts in other Pacific islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, I will apologize to the Honorable MP from South Tarawa that what he requested is not possible from my Ministry.

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

7.16 Q. 86 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria) was deferred.

Before the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House, he informed the House about the filming of the House proceedings on Tuesday, 2nd September 2008 by Nei Taberanikai Video and a television broadcasting company from the United States.

The recording will be for 30 minutes starting from 10.00 am.

The House adjourned at 4.25 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 2nd September 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 2nd September 2008

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

All Members were present.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the table:

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Audit General on the Account of Central Pacific Producers Limited for the year ended 30th April 2002

Paper No. 09/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Telecommunication Authority of Kiribati for the year ended 30th June 2007

Paper No. 10/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Shipping Limited for the year ended 31st August 2002

Paper No. 11/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Tarawa Biscuit Company Limited for the years ended 30 June 2006 and 30th June 2007

Paper No. 12/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Television Kiribati Limited for the six months ended 30th June 2006

Paper No. 13/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Solar Energy Company Limited for the year ended 31st December 2004

Paper No. 14/08

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to Government:

3.1 Q. 89 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the double canoes under CPPL's care on the concerned islands used by people to support their livings and other means?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, the canoes can not be used for any other purposes apart from fishing to the Fish/ice making center.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

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

In the last House I submitted two written question: One on the non-payment of KPF contribution for Teimarane and the other one relates to the disembarking of passengers during low tide. I want to ask when can I expect the answers.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I offer my apologies to the Honourable Member for the oversight that resulted in the delayed submission of responses to his Written Questions at the last House.

I am however, pleased to inform the Honourable Member that responses to those Written Questions have now been conveyed to the Office of the Clerk.

The Mover raised one supplementary question while Mr. Alexander Teabo raised two supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 88 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government allow direct orders from Cooperatives/Private Businesses especially from outer islands to Koil Headquarter?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to convey this request to the Board and Management of KOIL for their consideration.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R. Aneri and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka also raised supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 8 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)

Could the Minister concerned provide a Nurseryman for Kiebu as the services for such position is greatly needed, especially as the islet is separated from the main land?

Replied Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, I am prepared to consider the need for a Nurseryman for Kiebu if feasible under the extension program of the Agriculture Division.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised one supplementary question.

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

In the Policy statement delivered by the Beretitenti at the beginning of this Parliament mention was made of the concern about the rapid population growth. I want to ask the Minister responsible how he is addressing this real challenge?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is currently addressing the issue relating to the rapid population growth through the various Government Ministries' and Agencies' operations plan.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Mamau, Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 86 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Special Constables are not entitled to annual leave and leave grant. Could the Government provide their entitlement leave for at least 2 weeks per annum?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the entitlements of Special Constables will be reviewed shortly as part of the overall review of conditions and entitlements of Police Officers. It is expected that this review will also cover leave entitlements of Special Constables.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mr. Teiwaki Areieta and Mr. Inatio Tanentoa also raised supplementary questions.

3.7 Q. 51 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Motion No. 1 raised during the Parliament meeting in December 2007 on the survey on the increase of land rent in 2009 was accepted. Have the survey been conducted or not?

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

Speaker, the survey mentioned by the Honourable Member from Betio has already started within the Land Management Division with the collection and compilation of vital statistics that will form the basis of the land valuation exercise and rent review to be done in 2009. For the information of the Honourable Member and this House it should be clear that the rent review to be carried out in 2009 will set the new rates to be used from 2010 for the next five year period.

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

3.8 Q. 135 by Mr. Moote Terukaio MP (Nikunau)

Could the Minister responsible for the breeding of milkfish in Nein Riiki, Nikunau also include the processing of salt and breeding of pet fish under this project so that a lot more could be gained from it?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is willing to look into this proposal after completion of the initial request the MP sought from my Ministry for the revival of milkfish farming.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

3.9 Q. 91 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

Could the Government liaise with E.U. regarding Solar Project to be continued on as this project is needed very much?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Hon. Member from Kuria that my Ministry is working in close consultation with the European Union in the preparation and finalization of the Outer Island Rural Electrification Program Phase 2 to ensure early implementation of the project.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria also raised supplementary questions.

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

A question to be raised to clarify why the Atoll Seaweed Company has not yet been transferred to Christmas Island?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, in response to the question raised by one honoured MP from Tabuaeran, I would like to say that the Atoll Seaweed Company branch has already transferred to Kiritimati.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

3.11 Q. 115 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Due to the frequent shortages and unavailability of appropriate fishing gear on Nikunau to support subsistence and commercial fishing, Te Maribo Fishermen's Cooperative Association on the island (established in September 2006) has prepared a project document seeking \$8,000 project funds for the procurement of appropriate fishing gear for sales on Nikunau on a revolving fund scheme. Can MFMRD (Fisheries Division's assistance), or MLED (targeting FAO project funds), or OB (Small Community Project Fund) assist the Fishermen's cooperative in seeking funds from potential donors if Maribo finds it difficult to secure project funds?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, yes my Ministry can assist in sourcing potential donors if the MP from Nikunau can provide us with project proposal.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Anti-Personnel Mines (Prohibition) Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Anti-Personnel Mines (Prohibition) Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill Proposed. The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

H.E. Te Beretitenti then summed up.

Question Put: First reading of the Bill Carried.

5. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

5.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008

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

Question Put: Carried.

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

Question Put: Carried

6. BILL SECOND READING

6.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass

Question Put: Carried

As there is plenty of time left before the lunch break, the Hon. Speaker ordered that the remaining Questions on the Order Paper be dealt with but as most of the replying Ministers are not present, the Questions were deferred until after the break.

H.E. Te Beretitenti requested that a Supplementary Order Paper is also prepared and distributed and also reminds the Speaker's Office to put 30 Oral Questions in Order Paper in accordance with the Rules. With no further questions raised, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.20 pm for lunch break.

The House resumed at 2.00 pm and proceeded to deal with the remaining Questions on the Order Paper.

7. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

7.1 Q. 139 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Could Government relax its age limit policy which is unilaterally applied to all those who wish to study under the Government In-Service training programme and particularly those leaders who specializes in English and Science subjects which are in great demand for Kiribati.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, current Policy does not encourage employees who have reached the age of 40 to undertake in-service academic training. Avenues, however, exist for such employees to pursue academic training through the Pre-service scholarship scheme administered by the Ministry of Education or through leave without pay arrangements.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Alexander Teabo also raised supplementary questions.

7.2 Q. 151 by Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could government deploy/provide fish aggregating device (FAD) for Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, my reply to the same request raised by one MP from Mwakin for deployment of FADs will also apply to this request raised again by one MP from Abemama.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

7.3 Q. 79 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

What is the mark to be attained by a student in order to get his/her fees funded by Government?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, different situations apply for different exams;

- a) Form 3 moving to Form 4 has to attain an aggregate of 16 in 6 subjects but must attain Grade 4 or better in English, Maths and Kiribati in the JSC exams.
- b) Form 5 to Form 6 must do minimum of 5 subjects in Form 5 where English, Kiribati and Maths are compulsory, they have to attain an aggregate of 16 or better in 4 of the subjects, which is English and 3 other subjects in the KNC exams.
- c) Form 6 to Form 7 must attain an aggregate of 16 in 4 subjects which is English and 3 others in the PSSC.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

7.4 Q. 83 by Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba) lapsed as the Member was absent.

7.5 Q. 85 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)

How far the review on the Oneeke Primary School, could the Minister concerned explain when is the Oneeke Primary School will complete from Class 1-6?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker my officials are still working on this issue and they will need to further consult with people of Oneeke and teachers.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

7.6 Q. 93 by Mr. Matang Tekitang MP (Kuria)

Could the Government provide extra allowances to teachers having more than thirty school children in their classes?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, at the moment there is no provision in the NCS for this kind of allowances.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

7.7 Q. 78 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Government increase the price of copra and locally used materials bought from the people to correspond with the increase in cost of imports from overseas?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is currently examining options to alleviate the hardships caused by the rising prices of imported food items. One of the options being considered is increasing income generating opportunities for people in the outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Tonganibeia Taam and Mrs. Tangariki Reete also raised supplementary questions.

After all Questions on the Order Paper were covered, the House proceeded to deal with the items on the Supplementary Order Paper.

8. TOPICS

8.1 Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 1

The people of Teraina are so grateful to those involved for their assistance to the continuous shipment of copra out of Teraina.

The following Members contributed to the discussion:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka

8.2 Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina) initiated discussion on the following:

Topic No. 2

The people of Teraina are so thankful to float companies for their assistance in allowing the float monies to remain in Teraina by sending monies to their accounts in Tarawa through telmo services.

The following Members contributed to the discussion:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.20 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 3rd September 2008.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

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Wednesday, 3rd September 2008

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

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 6 by Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa MP (Makin)**

Could government see the need for payment of an appropriate allowance for those involved in the unloading of cements from ships?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to raise this issue with the Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

- 2.2 **Q. 102 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)**

Could the Minister explain to this House why was diesel not listed under supported items like kerosene, and benzene which were under the Freight Levy Fund to outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, diesel is not charged with the Import Levy which funds the refund of freight charges to the outer islands on kerosene and benzene.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

- 2.3 **Q. 110 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)**

Could the Minister concerned consider revising Cap 29 which is an Education Ordinance to include the role and responsibilities of school committees?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker, yes we will consider revising Cap 29 (Education Ordinance) as this is part of the plan to improve delivery of education services.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 117 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

I want to know what had caused the delay in funding some Nikunau small projects already submitted to the OB since the last Parliament sitting in Apr/May for funding under the Small Community Project Fund?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, applications for funding under the Small Community Project Fund will be considered shortly upon completion of a review of the facility's guidelines and on receipt of additional funding for the facility.

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

2.5 Q. 131 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)

After receiving the complaints, Government has revised the list of approved residential leases in Christmas Is and more than 20 names have been cancelled. May I ask for the following?

- (i) could the people whose names have been cancelled be provided with the reasons and explanations as to why their names have been cancelled?
- (ii) could the same people be allowed to defend their cases and granted residential leases if successful?

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

Speaker, before I give my answers to the two parts of the Honourable MP's question I wish to correct the information provided in the question as the more than 20 names he mentioned are not cancelled but are only being further checked now against certain allegations of their non-compliance with the selection criteria made to my Ministry by some people on Kiritimati.

My reply to the first part of the question is "Yes"; and to the second part is also "Yes".

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 137 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Teaching a 'composite class' where two classes at different but relatively close age groups, are combined in one classroom and taught by one teacher, requires more attention and preparation by the teacher concerned. Could Government consider paying an extra allowance to those teachers who teach composite classes at all Government primary schools?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Mr. Speaker Sir, at the moment there is no provision under NCS for this kind of allowance.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 149 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the responsible Minister send a land survey team to Tabuaeran to survey and erect land boundaries to assure landowners with their purchased plots?

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

Speaker, the survey work on the allocated plots for the settler's houses and garden plots done at the time of the re-settlement scheme has demarcated the plots with peg markers placed on the plots boundaries. The reinstatement of the markers could be undertaken, but at a cost to those needing the service, when the survey team is able to visit Tabuaeran in future.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 140 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Could Government consider setting up a police sub-station on Tabuarorae Onotoa as part of improving and strengthening its good governance outreach program to isolated islets?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to review the merits of establishing a Police sub-station at Tabuarorae, Onotoa.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Willie Tokataake, Mr. Jacob Teem, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Tonganibeia Taam also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 25 by Mr. Bauro Tongaai MP (Abaiang)

Could this House be informed of Government's plan on climate change?

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

Speaker, Government's plan on climate change is contained in the National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA), the Kiribati Adaptation Project (KPA), and other projects that are being implemented now with the support of our development partners. The plan covers a range of mitigation and adaptation measures across the different sectors of the economy including short to medium term measures and long term strategies. In summary, the plan is to reduce the vulnerabilities and enhance the resilience and adaptive capacity of the people to the effects of climate change.

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

2.10 Q. 45 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible inform this House on the latest development if any on his effort to secure funds from Nauru Government or other sources for payment of arrears of salary, allowances and other entitlements of former NPC workers and others whose names were omitted from the Ministry's list which was funded by the Forum?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, adequate funds from the Republic of China (Taiwan), Australia and New Zealand through the Forum Secretariat had been made available to meet the arrears of salary, allowances, other entitlements and repatriation respectively of former NPC workers. Such former workers whose names appeared on the Ministry's list had obtained their monies. The claim by other former NPC workers that their names were omitted from the Ministry's list are being considered.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Bauro Tongaai also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru) moved:

Motion No. 9

That this House request Government to consider the establishment of a Budget Committee comprising members of Parliament to participate in the process of the budget cycle.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti.
Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Ieremia Tabai

The House adjourned at 12.28 pm and resume at 2.00 pm. The discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Teburoro Tito

At 2.10 pm, the Hon. Speaker gave the floor to the Mover to sum up.

Question Put – Carried.

4.2 Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) moved:

Motion No. 13

That this House express its most serious regret over the departure of the Peace Corp organization from Kiribati.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

The House adjourned at 4.00 pm and resume at 4.30 pm. The discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Hon. Temate Ereateiti
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Timon R. Aneri
Hon. Natan Teewe

At 5.30 pm, the Mover summed up.

Question Put: Division called and the result are:

For	18	Against	24	Abstain	1	Absent	3
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From the result the Motion is not carried.

4.3 Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria) moved:

Motion No. 14

That this House expresses its regret at this Government's lack of initiative in seeing the need for increasing the price of copra to assist the problems faced by copra cutters.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Tebuai Uai

At 6.30 pm, the Mover summed up.

Question put: Not Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.30 pm and to resume on Thursday, 4th September 2008 at 10.00 am.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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Thursday, 4th September 2008

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

All Members were present.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 94 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)**

Could the Government liaise with Air Kiribati to consider a good communication to outer islands when flights are not operating before hand regarding airstrips problems?

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

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to discuss with Air Kiribati the need for the airline to communicate in advance with islands where the condition of the airfield will result in a suspension of air services.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.2 **Q. 113 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)**

When will Government fulfill its election promise which it delivered to the people which include, amongst other things, the payment of monetary reward for services of the respective missionaries from the various denominations who teach religious education in Government schools?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government values the contributions of Churches in the education sector and will continue to provide support in accordance with existing policy.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 150 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Since the arrival of NCL in Tabuaeran, the Council lend its guesthouse to NCL to use it. NCL promised to compensate Tabuaeran Council for the use of the building. Could government follow up with NCL for such compensation?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform the Honourable Member and this House that his request has been duly discussed with NCL during this year's review meeting. NCL is willing to consider the request as and when appropriate.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised two supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 49 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

The people of Butaritari are repeatedly experiencing cash shortage at Council Office which create great disappointment for being unable to receive their due payments in time such as elders allowance, telmos, allotments from SPMS/KFS, copra purchase, salaries maintenance work cost including Island Council's payments to the public; could government:

- i) Explain the cause of repeated cash shortage at Butaritari Island Council?
- ii) Ensure that no further occurrence of public employees on the island of Butaritari receiving no salaries on due date as happened on 1st August, 2008 together with other due payments like telmos, elder's allowance, allotments from SPMS and KFS, copra purchases and cost of maintenance work?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, the issue is being looked into with a view to improve not only the flow of cash to the outer islands, but also the monitoring, control and accounting of such cash. This will involve not only my Ministry but other Ministries as well as the Council itself.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Taneti Maamau and Mr. Kouramaere Kautoa also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 72 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

According to the PACNEWS, Australia has approved the seasonal employment of workers from the region, and Kiribati is included. I want to ask the Minister responsible to inform this House about this new work scheme?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform Parliament that the Australian Government has selected Kiribati to participate in the 3-year Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme. The scheme will allow a total 2,500 people from the 4 participating countries to provide seasonal labour to employers in regional Australia. Indications are that the scheme will start early next year.

I expect further details of the scheme to be discussed with a mission from Australia that is expected to visit shortly.

Mr. Tonganibeia Taam, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua, Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Teatao Teannaki and Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 96 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible send a technical person to Beru as soon as possible to fix piloting light at Tebikeriki?

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

Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, a technical person will be send to Beru as soon as possible to fix piloting light at Tebikeriki.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Moote Terukaio also raised one supplementary question.

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

Would Government ensure that the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society does not run out of funds as it has been seen that when this happened it creates problems for people on outer islands?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government through my Ministry would be happy to ensure that the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society (KCCS) does have sufficient funds all the time to cater for the handling of copra in the outer islands.

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

2.8 Q. 105 by Mrs. Tangariki Reete MP (Betio)

Over a long period of time, PVU employees have been breathing exhaust fumes that emanated from the generators of the Betio power house and which normally entered the PVU workshop, a fact which could be depicted by the build-up of black soot on the surrounding walls of the workshop, therefore Government is requested if it could find means to address this health hazard issue before employees' health are greatly affected?

Replied Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, I thank one of the Honourable members of Parliament from Betio for her concern over the possible adverse impact of PUB power house to PVU employees. Sir, I have got to admit at the outset that both PUB and PVU are under my Ministry's portfolios and the concern as raised by the Honourable member from Betio had never been raised as an issue by employees of PVU. However, let me assure the general public that the black soot on the surrounding walls of PVU's workshop is the remnant of black smoke released from PUB 's old power generators that were first installed in the late 70's. The black smoke issue was at its peak in 2002 when the Betio Power Plant No.8 was consumed by fire. The black smoke issue and impact on public health were relatively addressed in the study done in 2004 that led to the upgrading of Electric Power supply in Betio and Bikenibeu. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker I am pleased to inform this House that the matter as raised by Honorable member from Betio is now left with my Ministry for further scrutiny and deliberation with PUB.

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

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

Could Government consider including travelly fish under the protection list?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, the proposal raised by one of the MP from Christmas Island is an important concern and my Ministry will look into it.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$153,845.00 under Head of Expenditure 02 Contribution to Development Fund stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Inatio Tanentoa
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern clarified points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$74,600.00 under Head of Expenditure 11 Judiciary stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Alexander Teabo

H.E. Te Beretitenti clarified points raised. Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development also assisted in providing clarifications.

Question Put: Carried

House resumed from Committee and then adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm. The House resumed at 2.00 pm and resolved into Committee.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$6,000.00 under Head of Expenditure 16 Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$99,263.00 under Head of Expenditure 17 Maneaba ni Maungatabu stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$15,750.00 under Head of Expenditure 18 Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti clarified all points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$11,942.00 under Head of Expenditure 21 Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Tebuai Uaai

H.E. Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,100,000.00 under Head of Expenditure 22 Ministry of Health and Medical Services stand part of the Schedule.

Expense Item 24

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam

Sub Head 2202 – 28

Dr. Tetaua Taitai asked for clarifications on the Sub Head

Sub Head 2204 – 40

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Sub Head 2211 – 40

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua asked for clarifications.

Sub Head 2207 – 45

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Sub Head 2204 – 55

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Teetan Mweretaka
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Tonganibeia Taam
Mrs. Tangariki Reete

Sub Head 2201 – 67

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Mikaere Baraniko
Mr. Alexander Teabo
Mr. Tebuai Uai

Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua clarified points raised. Hon. Natan Teewe and Hon. Tawita Temoku also assisted in clarifying points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$602,000.00 under Head of Expenditure 23 Ministry of Education stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Alexander Teabo

House resumed from Committee and then adjourned for afternoon break at 4.00 pm. The House resumed at 4.30 pm and resolved into Committee.

Clarifications on Head of Expenditure 23 Ministry of Education continued.

The following Member asked for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. James Taom clarified all points raised.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$15,750.00 under Head of Expenditure 24 Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development stand part of the Schedule.

The following Members asked for clarifications:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

H.E. Te Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$95,000.00 under Head of Expenditure 28 Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development stand part of the Schedule.

Sub Head 2801 – 35

Mr. Teburoro Tito asked for clarifications.

Sub Head 2801 – 40

Mr. Teburoro Tito asked for clarifications.

Sub Head 2801 – 50

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Alexander Teabo

Mr. Mikaere Baraniko

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern clarified points raised. H.E. Te Beretitenti also assisted.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$8,827.00 under Head of Expenditure 29 Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the sum of \$1,835,000.00 under Head of Expenditure 31 Subsidies, Grants and Other Commitments stand part of the Schedule.

Sub Head 3105 – 50

Mr. Teburoro Tito asked for clarifications.

Sub Head 3107 – 50

The following Members asked for clarifications on the Sub Head:

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

Sub Head 3110 – 50

Mr. Tebuai Uaai asked for clarifications.

Hon. Natan Teewe and Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti clarified points raised.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the total sum of \$4,017,977.00 stand part of the Schedule.

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

The House resumed from Committee.

4. BILL – SECOND READING

4.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put: Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Taberannang Timeon moved that the House do now adjourned but the Hon. Speaker decided that the House should continued to deal with the remaining Questions on the Order Paper.

6. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

6.1 Q. 101 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible kindly explain what is the current situation on Beru Integrated Farming Project which was approved in 2006?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I regret to mention that the implementation of Beru Integrated Farming Project had been delayed due to delays in releasing project funds and the inability of a local supplier to provide project materials in time. More than 50 per cent of the project materials have reached project site now and the construction phase of the project is anticipated to start soon.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

6.2 Q. 122 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, Could the Minister responsible inform this House explanations on the following queries:

- i) Did the liquidated Abamwakoro Trading Ltd fully owned by Government or there are other shareholders beside Government.
- ii) What was the total outstanding debt Abamwakoro Trading Ltd owed before its liquidation?
- iii) Who cleared that outstanding debt and from which fund.

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to provide the following explanations in response to the queries raised by one of the Members of Parliament from Butaritari:

- i) Abamwakoro Trading Ltd (ATL) is jointly owned by the Government and private shareholders;
- ii) When ATL ceased trading towards end of 2004, it estimated that its total liabilities or debts stood at over \$2,000,000.00;

iii) Government had settled some of ATL's debts, such as outstanding debts to Geoffrey Hughes Export Pty Ltd (GHE), Punjas and reimbursement of monies sent from small businesses on outer islands that were withheld when they coincided with the ceasing of trading of ATL. The remaining debts will await the winding up process.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

6.3 Q. 152 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could government explain the reason for recurring shortage of fuel on Abemama and to ensure that this problem is not happening in future?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the recurring shortage of fuel, not only on Abemama but other islands as well, may occur due to transportation problem and late orders from Agents. However, KOIL is putting a lot of effort prevent this problem of fuel shortages on the outer islands from occurring in the future.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Moote Terukaio and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

6.4 Q. 129 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Could the Government prohibit the importation of cooking ingredients that could be used to make alcoholic drinks?

Replied by Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, at present, Government does not see the necessity to prohibit the importation of cooking ingredient that could be used to make alcoholic drinks.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.00 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 5th September 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Friday, 5th September 2008

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

All Members were present except Hon. Tetabo Nakara who is on official business overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 **Q. 92 by Mr. Matang Tekitanga MP (Kuria)**

Could the Government provide readily and forward funds to the Island Council before carrying out tasks that are assigned to the Island Council?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the government is able to fulfill what is raised by the Honourable Member.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Taneti Maamau, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.2 **Q. 123 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)**

In light of the expensive imported foods affecting Kiribati does Government have plans to look at islands that have advantageous soils like Butaritari for agricultural activities in fulfilment of H.E. Te Beretitenti's plea to the people of Kiribati to go back to their own traditional foods?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, one of the aims of the on-going programs of the Agriculture and Livestock Division is to increase the planting of local food trees and crops and improve their distribution throughout Kiribati to increase availability on all the islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Tekiau Aretateta also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 81 by Dr Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible inform this House the date when the new hospital in Tabiteuea North is going to commence operations?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, If plans in place are not disrupted, Government is expecting the Southern Kiribati Hospital in Tab-North to be able to commence operations by early 2009.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 112 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible advise on the latest position concerning the payment of the KPF' contribution of those workers who work under the "Kakai Scheme" but have discovered that their KPF together with the contribution by the employer have not reached the KPF to date?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, an investigation has been undertaken on claims for unpaid KPF contributions by employees of the "kakai scheme" as well as the employer's contribution, and a report on that has confirmed that the contributions have been paid. However, the Ministry is ready to deal with individual claims by those who still think their KPF contributions have not been paid.

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

2.5 Q. 141 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government explain to this House the reasons for the recurring shortage of medicine on Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, records from my Ministry indicate that all orders received from Abemama since January this year had been supplied and sent in good time to the island. I am however; ready to work with the Honourable Member to investigate incidents of delayed supply on receipt of details.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 154 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati) lapsed, as the Member was absent.

2.7 Q. 146 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with concerned officials to consider reimbursing the fare of Ms Tinannang with her child and pay her appropriate allowance during her stay in Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, my officials are now looking into the case but reimbursement or payment of transport expenses and ration allowance for the patient and caretaker will be considered in the light of existing standard internal referral procedures or policy guideline, including relevant precedents.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Tekiau Aretateta raised two supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 54 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

Could the Government provide a risk allowance to mental orderlies to compensate them from unexpected risks that have happened and continue to happen to them in the course of their work?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, I regret that the National Conditions of Service do not provide for such allowances as sought by the Honourable Member in this question.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 160 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

An Assistant Agriculture Officer by the name of Kaitu Teetau who has been employed at Fanning Island has passed away (rest in peace) without receiving several of his pays at the time he worked. Can the Minister responsible explain why Kaitu has not been given his salaries?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, I regret to hear the case of the former employee of my Ministry and I want to assure the MP that my office will look into this case and make sure that any unpaid entitlement to Mr. Kaitu Teetau will be processed and paid.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 173 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

The Register office of Death, Marriage and Birth failed to issue copies of certificates to the people of Tabuaeran in the first place as a result people still paying for those certificates whenever they require them. Could the Minister responsible look into this problem and find solutions?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, yes, we shall investigate the matter, since we are not aware of it, and we will deal with it as appropriate to improve it, if such an issue does exist on Tabuaeran.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.11 Q. 178 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Minister advise when will a replacement for Agricultural Assistant be posted to Maiana?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, I regret to inform that it will take long before an Agricultural Assistant (AA) can be posted to Maiana, due to the shortage of staff in this level within the Agriculture and Livestock Division. However, the usual extension services of the Agriculture Division will continue to be provided through the Nurseryman stationed on the island and through the regular visits of staff from the Headquarters in Tarawa. This is the arrangement now to all the islands that are presently without an AA.

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

2.12 Q. 34 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Could government explain its policy on the payment of the elderly benefit arrears?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, before 2007, the arrears were calculated from the month an elder reaches 70 years of age, but not beyond January 2004.

The present policy limits the arrears to one year, effective from January 2007. The change was made with the belief that something has to have a limit and also to discourage making up false birth dates to get bigger share of the arrears.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Mikaere Baraniko also raised supplementary questions.

2.13 Q. 147 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

In the last parliament meeting the government was requested to consider renewing agreement with NCL; what is the current status on the issue?

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

Mr. Speaker, the current agreement with Norwegian Cruise Line had been reviewed in June 2007 and was renewed for another 2 years to 1 April 2009.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake also raised supplementary questions.

2.14 Q. 163 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

Can the responsible Minister explain what should be done to the money belongs to a few people whose land leased had been claimed and collected by others without the landowner's full knowledge and authority?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, if there are cases of wrong payment of lease fees as mentioned by the Honorable MP, the wrong payment should be corrected and I would request the MP to provide details of the cases for proper investigation and corrective action.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

3.1 People's Lawyer Bill 2008

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) moved:

That the People's Lawyer Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Before H.E. Te Beretitenti gave the Government response on the Bill, His Excellency asked the Hon. Speaker to make a ruling as to whether the Bill is a money Bill or not. The Government view on the Bill is that it is a money Bill and therefore under Rule 57, a Minister could only introduced it.

The following Members also gave their opinions on the Bill with regard to Rule 57:

Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Teburoro Tito

The House adjourned at 12.40 pm for lunch and Hon. Speaker reserved his ruling until after the lunch break. The House resumed at 2.00 pm.

Hon. Speaker ruled that the Bill should be withdrawn and the Mover should consult and work together with the Government and other concerned bodies to come up with a better Bill, as in substance the Bill need a lot of improvement.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio) moved:

Motion No. 5

That this House requests the Government to solve the problem or hardship which the public continue to suffer regarding the cancellation of court sittings without notice to the parties and to find some forms of compensation to them.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Banuera Berina

(Mr. Teburoro Tito's point of order on the Motion being a money motion is overruled).

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Dr. Harry Tong

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern

Mover then summed up

Question put: Carried

4.2 Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati) moved:

Motion No. 21

That this House requests Government to consider upgrading hospital at Kiritimati to the Tungaru Central Hospital standard in Tarawa.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua

Mr. Teetan Mweretaka

Mr. Mikaere Baraniko

Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Mr. Teburoro Tito

Sum up by the Mover.

Question put: Carried

4.3 Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) moved:

Motion No. 25

With more than 20 I-Kiribati workers who were sent to New Zealand for employment under the Regional Seasonal Employment (RSE) scheme have returned home unexpectedly before their contract ends, that this House expresses its concern over their sudden return and urges government to inquire, evaluate and improve where possible the existing arrangements with the RSE scheme, noting from these workers' comments that they had been underpaid and ill treated to some degree by one of the employers on their arrival in New Zealand.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mrs. Tangariki Reete

The Mover of the Motion then summed up.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.40 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Monday, 8th September 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Monday, 8th September 2008

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

All Members were present except Hon. Tetabo Nakara who is on official business overseas.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 52 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)**

Betio is not part of Tarawa Teinainano and it operates and functions separately like outer islands. Because of this, could Government separate statistics, national surveys and reports of these two places and not combine them under TUC?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Yes, it is possible to separate statistics, surveys and reports for BTC and TUC where appropriate. Some statistics such as on the population give separate figures for BTC and TUC. It should be noted however that not all statistics could be separated so easily.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 189 by Mr. Mikaere Baraniko MP (Kiritimati)**

Who in the Public Service allowed not to retire on reaching to age of 50 years?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government policy requires that all Government employees retire on reaching the age of 50 years.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Alexander Teabo, Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 148 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Could the Government advise this House the latest information on funding for public road on Tabuaeran, which was approved by Island Council as its first priority project for last year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry has not received the 2007 fund for Outer island priorities in which the road upgrading for Tabuaeran is also included.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teatao Teannaki and Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua also raised supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 95 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Beretitenti explain what are the reasons behind the delay in investigating some of the cases that have been reported to Police Commissioner in connection with allegation or abuse of public funds by certain civil servants as reported in the Auditor General Report for the past years?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, for the period 2005-2007 a total 37 alleged fraud cases involving public funds were reported to Police for investigation. I am pleased to report that investigations have been completed on all these cases.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Teiwaki Areieta raised two supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 56 by Mr. Tonganibeia Taam MP (Betio)

The increase in the electricity charge is widely felt by the public. Could the Government allow an agreement for the deduction of electricity charges from the salaries of employees like as done by KHC?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to consider direct debits from the salaries of civil servants as requested in this question. However, for the proposed system to work the agreement of the parties concerned — the employees and PUB would be required.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 138 by Mr. Taneti Maamau MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister concerned explain why work on Aoraereke causeway in Onotoa has stopped, for about 3 months now and when will work resume?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, work stopped on the Aoraereke causeway at Onotoa due to cost overruns and the need to secure supplementary funding to allow completion of the project.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 176 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

Could the Minister advise when will a replacement for Tebikerai Nurse be posted?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, the replacement of the nurse for Tebikeai has already been arranged but the transfer has been delayed pending the completion of the Malana Island Council's work on the drinking water needed for the residence of the nurse for this clinic.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 132 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

What is the progress of the Commercial vessel project for Butaritari Island Council that was mentioned in a response to my Motion No. 7 on fair distribution to all that passed in the December 2007 Parliament?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that the Commercial Vessel for Butaritari is a priority project for the Butaritari Council for 2007 and funding is expected shortly.

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

2.9 Q. 119 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

The 2007 budget revealed GOK's supplement funding of \$47,823 under the MFED for the implementation of the DBK Study into Commercial Banking Services project. Has this project/study been completed and if so, can the Minister brief this House on the outcome?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, DBK regrets to advise that the proposed study for its expansion into commercial banking has not been undertaken.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 125 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba) lapsed, as the Member was absent.

2.11 Q. 158 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could government explain who will finance the relocation of Banana village?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, the question of who to fund the Banana relocation project is yet to be decided.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Mikaere Baraniko raised one supplementary question.

2.12 Q. 166 by Mr. Alexander Teabo MP (Butaritari)

Mr. Speaker, Could the responsible Minister explain why does the Taxation Office apply to the struggling Private businesses in doing their annual income tax assessment the following:

1. Not doing deductions on the loan interests incurred from their project loan
2. Add backs on third from the total expenses on fuel used for buses claiming that the one third is or personal use
3. Add backs one third from the total expenses on fuel used for buses claiming that the one third is or personal use
4. Where in the Income Tax Act, 1990 that one third used by the Tax Office is mentioned

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

All tax return assessments are done in accordance with the Income Tax Act 1990. As such, parts 1), 2), and 3) of the question are also covered under the Act but require presentation of genuine documentation and correct account to Tax Office for assessment. For part 4), sections 25 and 28 of the Income Tax 1990 authorize the Tax Office to impose deductions.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

2.13 Q. 172 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

There is a growing demand for dental service among the people of Tabuaeran. Could the Minister concerned send a dental team to Tabuaeran to meet this demand?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, now that there is a dentist in the Kiritimati Hospital, the requested visit of a dental team to Tabuaeran is not necessary. The Medical Assistant on Tabuaeran has been trained to see dental cases and perform dental extraction whilst cases beyond the officer's capability are expected to be referred to the Kiritimati Hospital.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Dr. Harry Tong raised one supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Police Service Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Police Service Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.00 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

H.E. Te Beretitenti was given the floor to sum up.

Question put: First Reading of the Bill carried.

3.2 Police Powers and Duties Bill 2008

H.E. Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Police Powers and Duties Bill 2008 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua
Mr. Teburoro Tito

The Mover of the Bill then summed up.

Question put: First Reading of the Bill carried.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Chairman of Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No. 27

That this House accepts the report of the Public Account Committee on the account of Bobotin Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31st August 2004, appears on pages 20 to 25 of the Report, tabled as Paper No. 15/08 and to approve the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

Motion proposed.

The House adjourned for afternoon break at 3.57 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti

Mr. Taneti Maamau

Mr. Tebuai Uaai

Mr. Ieremia Tabai

Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

(Hon. Temate Ereateiti interrupted at 6.00 pm)

Mr. Teburoro Tito

The Mover of the Motion then summed up.

Question put: Carried.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.30 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 9th September 2008.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Fourth Meeting of the Ninth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 9th September 2008

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

All Members were present except Hon. Tetabo Nakara who is on official business overseas.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Air Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31st December 2001 – 31st December 2005

Paper No. 16/08

Report of the Auditor General on the Annual Account of the Government of Kiribati for the year ended 31st December 2005

Paper No. 17/08

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Oil Company Ltd for the year ended 31st December 1999 – 2000

Paper No. 18/08

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of Otintaai Hotel Ltd for the year ended 31st March 2004 – 31st March 2006

Paper No. 19/08

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Kiribati Supplies Company Ltd for the year ended 31st May 1999 – 31st December 2006

Paper No. 20/08

Report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the Betio Shipyard Ltd for the year ended 31st August 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004

Paper No. 21/08

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 127 by Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Minister explain why those who ordered their cargoes from Betio Shipyard in Kiritimati could not refund their freights while those who ordered their cargoes from the Shipyard in Betio could?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, the Import Levy Fund only covers freight of goods through out the Gilbert group that is shipped on KSSL ships or other local shipping lines. Any shipment further from the Gilbert group will only be refunded a maximum up to the Southern Gilbert group freight rate.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Teetan Mweretaka raised one supplementary question.

3.2 Q. 171 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

Some of MTSS workers are now in Tarawa to sort out with the ministry of their unpaid wages, overtime and abnormal allowances. Could the Minister responsible clarify to this House why are these workers are not paid from 1992 – 2000?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education

Speaker, under Section A.6b of the NCS claims can only be entertained if they are submitted within 12 months of the date of the claim. Claims made beyond one year will not be entertained.

Under Section A11 of the NCS the claims made from the named people were considered from 2001 – 2007 because of the involved distance and isolation of the school and difficulties of transport and communication. The claims for 1992 – 2000 could not be accepted because there were no supporting documents such as overtime dockets or the support of principals in those years because of the involved time.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Matang Tekitanga, Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua, Mr. Tekiau Aretateta, Mrs. Rereao Tetaake Eria and Mr. Kabetite Mweretaka also raised supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 169 by Mr. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)

What are the Ministry of Health guidelines on the medical check up of patients?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services

Speaker, the medical check-up or diagnostic work-up procedures or guidelines for patients are contained in the “admission of patient guidelines” provided in the Ministry’s General Policy Guidelines (2002) which stipulate that the medical check-up of patients may be done in the following step by step manner:

- i. The diagnostic work-up that is based on the patient’s history complaint only;
- ii. The diagnostic work-up that is based on both the patient’s history and findings of physical examination; and
- iii. The diagnostic work-up that is based on the patient’s history, physical examination findings and laboratory and/or imaging investigation results,

Depending on the nature of the patient’s complaint.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teetan Mweretaka and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 73 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Recently a group of workers were returned from New Zealand. I want to ask the Minister to explain what exactly happened and what is being done to prevent the repetition of what happened?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, most workers were repatriated because there was very little work available with their new employers while a few were sent back for poor performance and discipline. This was apparently caused by the sudden transfer of our workers from their original employer who was reported to have been mistreating and exploiting the workers. This has led to a lot of discontent among our workers and in a few cases disciplinary problems.

Steps have been taken by the New Zealand Department of Labour to ensure that employers comply to the terms and conditions of their RSE status. On our part consideration is now being given to the possibility of putting a Liaison Officer on the ground to look after the welfare of our workers.

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

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

Could the Minister concerned see the need for payment of allowances to Councillors to compensate for their service or contract which has been terminated in August, 2008?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Speaker, with due respect I do not see the need for payment of allowance to Councillors to compensate for their service which had been terminated in August 2008.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 97 by Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua MP (Beru)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House the time frame for installation of new solar systems to new customers who had deposited \$50.00, specifically for the people in Beru?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the Kiribati Solar Energy Company is waiting for funds for the installation of Phase 2 of the Solar Home Systems which is being finalized with the European Union (EU) under its EDF 10 Program.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Alexander Teabo and Mr. Teetan Mweretaka also raised supplementary questions.

3.7 Q. 114 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Could Government liaise with Nikunau Council on the matter of providing project funds from the natural disaster fund project to meet the cost of rebuilding the island council's airport terminal on Nikunau, which was severely damaged by a strong whirlwind last year?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government can consider the request for funds from the Disaster Fund.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Moote Terukaio and Mr. Teiwaki Areieta also raised supplementary questions.

3.8 Q. 144 by Mr. Teetan Mweretaka MP (Tabuaeran)

There were outstanding charges for the Maneaba and some private homes on Tabuaeran which had been used to store seaweed. Could government quickly clear these remaining charges?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resource Development

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable member that the Atoll Seaweed Company is now working on these outstanding claims.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tekiau Aretateta and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

3.9 Q. 156 by Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)

With much confusion on current system of determination of Land titles and boundaries on South Tarawa, will Government consider the need to reactivate Land Magistrates Court, whose members shall be indigenous to Tarawa?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to consider, in consultation with the Judiciary, measures to improve the current system of land title and boundary determination on South Tarawa.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka raised one supplementary question.

3.10 Q. 116 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

At the request of Nikunau Council water engineer from MPWU did a water quality assessment survey in 2007 at randomly selected sites at Rungata village, at clinics of Muritua, Manruna and Nikumatang, and especially at Tekabangaki JSS and Manruna primary school community where the ground is often wet during heavy rain due to shallow water lens. Tested water samples from the sites reveal well water to be below WHO standard guidelines due to high number of *coliform* colonies (>100 per 50 mL) and high salinity (>1500 mg per litre). Because of the critical well water condition at most of the sites, water engineer advised villagers and school communities to close their wells whose water conditions are badly affected. May I ask the Minister concerned if MPWU has plans to address this critical water problem on Nikunau, and if so what progress had MPWU made so far?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Nikunau for highlighting the findings of the water quality assessment carried out by MPWU Water Engineering Unit in 2007, particularly the water problems now experienced with some schools, health centers and communities on the island of Nikunau. These water problems are now being addressed under MPWU outer island water rehabilitation program including other islands experiencing similar and immediate attention.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

3.11 Q. 174 by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP (Maiana)

What was the reason for the delay in sending the RBC to Maiana?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, I thank the Honorable Member from Maiana in raising this question. The reason for the RBC being sent 8 working days after the request was sent was due to the request being received by my Ministry on 28 July 2008 late in the afternoon the same date as the June 2008 account relating to the request. The examination of such accounts took 3 to 4 days before the RBC could be released.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am and there were 19 Questions left on the Order Paper.

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Question Put: Carried

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

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved his amendments to Clause 3, that is, the inserting of new Clause 3 and the renumbering of the existing clauses as Clauses 4 and 5.

The following Members spoke on the amendments:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Hon. Minister of Finance clarified the points raised.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clause 3 as inserted stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

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

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved his amendments to Clause 3, now numbered Clause 4 by adding a proviso to it and repealing sub clause (2).

Hon. Minister of Finance accepted the amendments.

Mr. Banuera Berina moved that “Ordinance” be replaced by “Act”.

Mr. Taneti Maamau moved that “validation” in the head note be deleted to reflect the amendments.

Question put on the amendments: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

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

Question put: Carried

The House resumed after Committee.

5. BILL – SECOND READING

5.1 Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2008 be read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried

6. MOTIONS

6.1 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Chairman of Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No. 28

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the account of Plant and Vehicle Unit for the year ended 31 December 2000, appears on pages 16 to 19 of the report, tabled as paper number 15/08 and to approve the Committee’s recommendations contained therein.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Kouraiti Beniato
Mrs. Tangariki Reete

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

The Mover of the Motion summed up at 2.50 pm.

Question put: Carried

6.2 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Chairman of Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No. 29

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the account of Television Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31 December 2001 to 2005, appears on pages 1 to 6 of the report, tabled as paper number 15/08 and to approve the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

As some Members raised some queries on the account, Hon. Speaker deferred the discussion on the Motion and ordered the accounts to be returned and sorted out first by the Auditor General.

6.2 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Chairman of Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No. 30

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the account of Kiribati Housing Corporation for the year ended 31 December 2003, appears on pages 26 to 28 of the report, tabled as paper number 15/08 and to approve the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

Motion proposed and the following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E. Te Beretitenti
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa

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

The discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Taneti Maamau
Mr. Kirabuke Teiaua

The Mover then summed up.

Question put: Carried

6.3 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) and Chairman of Public Account Committee moved:

Motion No: 31

That this House accepts the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of Kiribati Copra Mill Company Limited for the years ended 31 December 2004 to 2005, appears on pages 7 to 10 of the report, tabled as paper number 15/08 and to approve the Committee's recommendations contained therein.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti
Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Natan Teewe

At 6.00 pm, H.E. Te Beretitenti interrupted in line with Rule 16(3).

Mr. Ieremia Tabai

The Mover was then given the floor to sum up.

Question put: Carried

Before the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die, he gave a few words thanking H.E. Te Beretitenti for allowing the Public Account Committee's reports to be dealt with on Government day. Hon. Speaker also advised the House of his plan to have the next meeting of Parliament convened from the 9th to 22nd December 2008.

H.E. Te Beretitenti also gave a few remarks thanking the Hon. Speaker for his guidance and leadership. Mr. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Teburoro Tito, on behalf of their respective parties, also gave a few words of thanks to the Hon. Speaker.

At 6.40 pm the Hon. Speaker finally adjourned the House sine die.

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