

**Votes & Proceedings
Of the
Sixteenth Parliament**

No. 42

**Third Sitting of the Thirty-fourth Meeting
Wednesday, 27th June 2007**

2.00 p.m.

1. The House met on Wednesday, 27th June 2007 at 2.00 p.m. in accordance with the resolution of the House on Wednesday, 20th June 2007.
2. The Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo, Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Questions Without Notice** were asked.

The Chair, with the concurrence of the House, suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resume.

Questions Without Notice continued.

4. Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers

(i) The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) made the following statement on **'Update on CIR Telefood Projects'**:-

"Mr. Speaker, as requested by Members at the last sitting, I provide for the information of the House, an update on the Telefood Community Projects.

To preface the update, I wish to remind Members that the Telefood Program is a privately funded program that is administered by FAO. It targets food security projects at the community level, and is supposed to be non-Government. In the case of Nauru, because of the lack of a strong civil society, and in the absence of proper banking facilities, CIR assists communities around Nauru to draft and present their project proposals to FAO, and also assists them with the procurement of material. The program provides US\$10,000 to each project, and Nauru is entitled to 5 projects per year. Many community projects were submitted to FAO last year, but only 4 were chosen for funding. The summary of progress on these 4 projects is as follows:-

1. **Aiwo Duck Project** - *This project commenced in late 2006 and has already received the amount of \$4,335.00 which was used to purchase materials and equipment for the project. My understanding is that the material purchased is being held at the residence of one of the Community members. The project awaits further purchases of building material, after which FAO assistance will be sought to procure the ducks from overseas.*
2. **Yaren Piggery Project** - *\$4,520.60 has been allocated already for building material. Pending confirmation that the Community has received the goods as requested, the second stage of the project can progress – which involves the procurement of pigs.*
3. **Ijuw Piggery Project** - *Ijuw Community has received the amount of \$3,900.00 for the materials and equipments requested and have purchased and received livestock from community members. The piggery has been established, and the project will be expanded upon presentation of their progress report.*
4. **Denig Piggery Project** - *The allocation of US\$10,000 has been approved but not yet disbursed as the community awaits quotations from Eigigu Holdings for the construction of the pens.*

Honourable Members, I do appreciate the concerns that these community projects are progressing rather slowly, but FAO has very strict guidelines on the use of the Telefood funds, and very closely monitors the projects to ensure that they are spending the funds properly. Every single purchase order has to be first be vetted by FAO's office in Samoa, then final approval has to be obtained from FAO HQ in Rome. This can sometimes take months, and it didn't help that the officer responsible for administering these projects on Nauru resigned last year and left the projects in a state of flux.

The lack of capacity within community groups means that CIR has to be involved closely in the design and running of these small projects. It is our hope that the communities will better adapt to the strict FAO guidelines in the coming years and will be able one day to design and manage these projects themselves.

From next month onwards, Nauru will be eligible to apply for new Telefood projects, and CIR has already received a proposal from the Location Community for another piggery project. I would encourage other communities to formulate project ideas, and would particularly encourage new and different ideas that will assist in improving food security on Nauru. Some ideas could include chicken hatcheries, egg-farming and food processing (e.g. fish smoking or dried banana chips). Anything that has a market on Nauru is worth considering, and I encourage M.P.'s to work with their communities in developing these ideas. Thank you."

(ii) The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) made the following statement on **'IPL Mining Equipment & Materials for Refurbishment'**-

"Mr. Speaker, as requested by Members at the last sitting, I provide for the information of the House a pro-forma invoice list of equipment and material provided by IPL for the refurbishment of RONPHOS. This invoice contains only the list requested by the Member for Aiwo of the goods landed in April last year from the Tug and Barge chartered by IPL for the purpose of delivering heavy machinery to Nauru.

The pro-forma invoice values the landed equipment and machinery at just under \$1.8 million. However, I would remind Members that many other container loads of spare parts and material were delivered via normal shipping over a period of 5 months, including 2 cyclones valued at over \$120,000 each, a primary crusher and 2 secondary cone crushers valued together at several hundred thousands of dollars, and many other spare parts such as hundreds of meters of new conveyor belts, new rollers, timber and rails for the railroad, a new locomotive engine, several vehicles and buses, a new wobbler and screen, countless pieces of structural steel and timber and so on.

An independent audit of all the expenditures incurred on the project was undertaken by Deloitte in December 2006, and the entire project was costed at US\$4.1 million – which included all the freight costs to Nauru of all the equipment delivered, as well as labour and other costs.

As Members will see from the pro-forma invoice, the list of material brought in for the refurbishment was comprehensive, and in order for Members to get a better idea of the work undertaken, I am attaching the original Project Scope of Works. I am pleased to report that the project was completed within time and under budget – thanks to the hard work of IPL and RONPHOS.

The refurbishment program has taken RONPHOS from a run-down and derelict operation in desperate need of attention, to where we are today – with the proven capacity to produce anywhere up to 3,000 tons per day. This was money well spent, Mr. Speaker, and was something we had to do in order to get RONPHOS on its feet again. Thank you.'

5. Motions

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that motion Nos. 1 to 4 on the notice paper be adjourned to a future sitting day.

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIR) seconded.

Question put and passed.

6. Motion – Leave Sought for

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) as Chairman of CRC sought leave of the House to move a motion.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.
Leave was granted.

7. Motion – Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) Bill 2007

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) as Chairman of CRC moved to present the Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) Bill 2007.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

8. Motion – Second Reading

Mr. Batsiua (Chairman – CRC) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.
Second reading speech ensued.
Pursuant to S.O. 159 further debate on the second reading is adjourned to the next sitting.

9. Motion – Leave Sought for

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) as Chairman of CRC moved to present the Constitution of Nauru (Referendum Amendments) Bill 2007.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

10. Motion – Constitution of Nauru (Referendum Amendments) Bill 2007

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) as Chairman of CRC moved to present the Constitution of Nauru (Referendum Amendments) Bill 2007.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

11. Motion – Second Reading

Mr. Batsiua (Chairman – CRC) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.
Second reading speech ensued.
Pursuant to S.O. 159 further debate on the second reading is adjourned to the next sitting.

12. Motion – Leave Sought for

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty sought leave of the House to move a motion.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought.
Leave was granted.

13. Motion – Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2007

His Excellency the President moved to present the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill 2007.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

14. Motion – Second Reading

His Excellency the President moved that the Bill be now read a second time.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Second reading speech ensued.
Pursuant to S.O. 159 further debate on the second reading is adjourned to the next sitting.

15. Motion – Suspension of S.O. 159

His Excellency the President moved that S.O. 159 be suspended to enable debate on the second reading to ensue forthwith.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Question put and passed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a second time.

16. Motion – Leave Sought for

His Excellency the President sought leave of the House to move a motion.
Leave was granted.

17. Motion – Third Reading

His Excellency the President moved that the Bill be now read a third time.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a third time.

18. Orders of the Day No. 1 – Accommodation Registration (Amendment) Bill 2007.

Second reading debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a second time.

19. Motion – Leave Sought for

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) sought leave of the House to move a motion for the third reading of the Bill.
Leave was granted.

20. Motion – Third Reading

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Question put and passed.

21. Orders of the Day No. 1 – Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2007

Second reading debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a second time.

Under S.O. 163, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

(Mr. S. Dabwido, M.P., in the Chair)

22. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved to add a new clause 6 of the Bill with amendments.
Question put and passed.

23. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that new clause 5 of the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.
Question put and passed.

24. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that new clause 4 of the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.
Question put and passed.

25. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that clause 3 of the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.
Question put and passed.
Short title was agreed to.
Preamble was agreed to.
The Bill as a whole, as amended, was agreed to.

26. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Committee reports the Bill to the House.
Question put and passed.

In the House

The Chairman reported the completion of deliberations on the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2007 with new clauses and amendments.

27. Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Report of the Committee be adopted.
The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.
Question put and passed.

28. Leave Sought for – Third Reading

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill.
Leave was granted.

29. Motion – Third Reading

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.
The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.
Question put and passed.
The Bill was read a third time.

30. Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.
Question put and passed.

31. Adjournment

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
And then the House at fifty-five minutes past nine o'clock p.m. adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Members Present

All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except –
Dr. Kieren Keke
Mr. Stephen
Mr. Adam
Mr. Roland Kun.
Mr. Harris

John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk

Note: Leave of absence for Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) and Hon. Roland Kun (Minister for Justice) was sought by Hon. David Adeang. Leave was granted.