

**Votes & Proceedings  
Of the  
Eighteenth Parliament**

**No. 6**

**Third Sitting of the Fourth Meeting  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**10.00 a.m.**

1. The House met at 10 a.m. in accordance with the resolution of the House made on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

2. The Hon. Riddell Akua, M.P., Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. **Notice of Motion**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move to present the *Nauru Phosphate Royalties (Payment & Investment) Amendment Act 2008*.

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

4. **Questions Without Notice** were asked.

5. **Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers**

Hon. Mathew Batsiua (Minister for Health) made a statement to the House which reads as under:

6. **Motions**

(a) His Excellency President Marcus Stephen as Leader of Government Business moved that motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the notice be adjourned to the next sitting.

Hon. Mathew Batsiua (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

(b) Mr. Tsitsi (Aiwo) moved that motion No. 7 on the notice paper be adjourned and to remain on the notice paper for the next sitting.

Mr. Bernicke (Buada) seconded.

Question put and passed.

7. **Motion – Leave Sought for**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) sought leave of the House to move a motion.

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Leave was granted.

8. **Motion – Nauru Phosphate Royalties (Payment & Investment) Amendment Bill 2008**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) moved that the Bill be read a first time.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

**First Reading** - The Bill was presented and read a first time.

**9. Motion – Second Reading**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Second reading speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159 further debate on the Bill is adjourned to a future date.)

**10. Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) moved that Standing Order 159 be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Question put and passed.

Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a second time.

**11. Motion – Leave Sought for**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) sought leave of the House to move a motion.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Leave was granted.

**12. Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) seconded.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a third time.

**13. Order of the Day No. 1 – Appropriation Bill 2008-2009**

*Continuation of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.*

Debate on the Bill as a whole ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
The Bill was read a second time.

**14. Matter of Privilege Raised**

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen move a motion to refer to the Committee of Privileges a matter regarding the conduct of Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) who was suspended after a resolution of the House on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 when he deliberately entered the Chamber through the door of the Office of the Speaker.  
Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges.

**15. Letter of Recommendation**

The Chair then read the letter of recommendation received from His Excellency President Marcus Stephen as Chairman of Cabinet, as under:-

**16. Motion – Leave sought for**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move a motion. His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded. Leave was granted.

**17. Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time. His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded. Debate ensued.

The Chair, noting the presence of Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) who had been suspended from the services of the House, suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

**Resumed.**

**18. Matter of Privilege Raised**

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen moved a motion to refer a matter of privilege against Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) who, whilst still under suspension, entered the Chamber whilst Parliament is in session.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Debate on the third reading of the Appropriation Bill 2008-2009 continued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

**19. Order of the Day No. 2 - Shipping Bill 2008**

*Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.*

Hon. Sprent Dabwido (Minister for Transport) moved that order of the day No. 2 be adjourned and made an order of the day at the next sitting.

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**20. Order of the Day No. 3 - Parliamentary Salaries & Allowances Bill 2008**

*Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.*

Debate ensued.

**21. Motion of Amendment**

Mr. Solomon (Meneng) moved the following amendment to the Bill:-

- “1. *That Sections 5 to 8 of the Bill are removed.*
  2. *A new section 5 is inserted;-*
  - ‘5. *The salaries and allowances of Members of Parliament, including Members of Cabinet and the President, shall be as set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.’*
  3. *Section 10 shall be removed and a new section 7 shall be inserted:-*
  - ‘7. *The salaries and allowances of Members of Parliament, Members of Cabinet and the President, may only be amended by Parliament approving amendments to Schedule 1 of this Act.’*
  4. *Sections 9 and 11 of the Bill shall be re-numbered as sections 6 and 8.*
  5. *Schedule 1 shall be attached to the Bill.*
- ‘Schedule 1*  
*Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament.*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary (per fortnight)</b>	<b>Salary (per annum)</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>\$351.75</b>	<b>\$9,175</b>
<b>Ministers</b>	<b>\$342.13</b>	<b>\$8,924</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>\$342.13</b>	<b>\$8,924</b>
<b>Deputy Speaker</b>	<b>\$294.12</b>	<b>\$7,672</b>
<b>Members of Parliament</b>	<b>\$284.52</b>	<b>\$7,421</b>

Debate continued.

The question on the Bill, as amended, was put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

## 22. **Motion – Leave of House sought**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move a motion.

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Leave was granted.

## 23. **Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question put and passed.

The Bill, as amended, was read a third time.

## 24. **Order of the Day No. 4 – Bingo Licensing Bill 2008**

*Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.*

Debate on the second reading ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

## 25. **Motion – Leave of House sought**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move a motion. His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded. Leave was granted.

**26. Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time. His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded. Question put and passed. The Bill was read a third time.

**27. Order of the Day No. 5 – Payment Directorate Bill 2008**

*Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.*

Debate on the second reading ensued. Question put and passed. The Bill was read a second time.

**28. Motion – Leave of House sought**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move a motion. His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded. Leave was granted.

**29. Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time. His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded. Question put and passed. The Bill was read a third time.

**30. Orders of the Day Nos. 6,7 and 11**

Mr. Waqa (Boe) moved that orders of the day Nos. 6, 7 and 11 on the notice paper be adjourned and made orders of the day at the next sitting.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**31. Orders of the Day Nos. 8, 9 and 12**

Mr. Waqa (Boe) moved that orders of the day Nos. 8, 9 and 12 be withdrawn from the notice paper.

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question put and passed.

**32. Order of the Day No. 10**

Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) moved that order of the day No. 10 be withdrawn from the notice paper.

Hon. Sprent Dabwido (Minister for Transport) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**33. Order of the Day No. 13. – Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers**  
*On the question that the statement made by Honourable Speaker, be noted.*

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The paper was noted.

**34. Order of the Day No. 14**

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) moved that order of the day No. 14 on the notice paper be adjourned and made an order of the day at the next sitting.

Hon. Mathew Batsiua (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**35. Leave of Absence sought for**

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) sought leave of absence for Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide).

Mr. Waqa (Boe) seconded.

Leave was granted.

36. Mr. Thoma (Aiwo), as Chairman of the Committee of Privileges, made a statement to the House which reads as under:-

**37. Motion Fixing the date for the next Sitting**

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**38. Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at thirty-five minutes past seven o'clock p.m. adjourned until at time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

**Members Present**

All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except –

\* Mr. Dowiyogo

\*\* Mr. Adeang

John Garabwan

## Deputy Clerk of Parliament

- \* Leave of Absence
- \*\* Suspension