

**Votes & Proceedings
of the
Sixteenth Meeting**

No. 12

**First Sitting of the Tenth Meeting
Thursday 30th June 2005**

11.00 a.m

1. The House met at 11.00 a.m. in accordance with the resolution made on Wednesday 15th June 2005.
2. The Hon. Valdon K Dowiyogo M.P., Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Messages for the President.**

His Excellency the President Ludwig Scotty M.P., made the following statement to the House which read as follows:-

“Mr. Speaker, I wish to lay on the Table of the House for the information of Honourable Members, a letter as received through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the Charge de’Affairs of the Republic of China on Nauru, Mr. Samuel Kuo.

Mr. Speaker, I read the letter as follows -

“Mr. David Adeang, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Republic of Nauru.

Excellency, on behalf of the Hon. Tan Sun Chen, Ph.D., Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan), I would like to extend our most sincere gratitude through your good self to the Parliament of Nauru that unanimously passed the resolution on 15 June 2005 to support and endorse the revival of full diplomatic relations between our two nations on 14th May 2005 and to condemn the enactment of the so called “Anit Secession” Law by the People’s Republic of China. Our special thanks must go to H.E. President Ludwig D. Scotty, M.P., and Hon. Speaker Valdon K. Dowiyogo, M.P. for their remarkable leadership respectively and to you as well for your brilliant efforts and co-ordination which has made the resolution a complete success.

The overwhelming support of this resolution by the Nauru Parliament has warmed our hearts and it is more than just a symbolic gesture. It demonstrates the genuine friendship long enjoyed by our two nations. It reflects also the courage and righteousness of Nauru to support the Republic of China (Taiwan), a free, democratic independent sovereign state and to denounce the political oppression and aggressiveness of China against the will of the 23 million people in Taiwna.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely, (signed) Samuel Kuo Charge de’Affaires Republic of China.”

Thank you Mr. Speaker.”

4. Notice of Motion

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move to present the Parliamentary Superannuation (Amendment) Bill 2005.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

The Chair, with concurrence of the House, suspended the sitting on request of certain Members.

6. Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers

(i) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) made a statement to the House on the following:-

“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, as Finance Minister I have to inform this House that Treasury has now been able to collate, albeit preliminary, figures for actual revenues and expenditures for the Budget 2004-2005.

Whilst there is still some work to be done on finalising these figures, there is already a clear enough picture emerging that the outlook for the Budget 2005-2006 will be in some ways tougher than the present one.

From the estimated revenues of approximately AUD12,779,000, approximately AUD8 million to AUD9 million has been collected and spent. That is to say that a quarter or at best a third of revenues were not realised.

It appears that the single largest collectible is Revenue subhead 108 for customs and excise duties in which over AUD2 million of revenue has not been realised. It is fair to say at this time that the majority of revenues not realised under this subhead are attributable to the delayed and now with-held implementation of the 10% customs duties that was to have been applied on all imports. This revenue raising measure was of course with-held because it was the intention of government to first introduce new salary scales before implementing a measure that would raise the prices of a large range of goods including foodstuffs. And of course the reason why the new scales are being with-held, and will likely continue to be with-held, is now public information - and that is that government has now had to bear the burden of purchasing diesel fuel to keep the supply of power more regular than it would have been under previous arrangement.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, whilst the information I share with you is not yet final, I trust that it apprises and prepares this august House, and members of the community, as to how much more work needs to be done to continue down the reform path. Our national economic and financial circumstances have not changed significantly. Your government continues to battle every fortnight to be able to finance the salaries of almost 2,000 workers that look to Treasury for the ability to put food on the table.

Indeed, there are even more of our people who aspire to become recipients in some way to a regular payment to assist alleviate their real hardships at home. It is a fact of life in our districts that there are those who fall through the crack and are finding it extremely difficult on a day-to-day basis.

With this in mind, your government will be implementing in the fortnight first after tomorrow, the welfare payments for the elder citizens of our communities aged 60 and over and who have no formal employment. Whilst it is expected that the budget for next fiscal year will have to find further cost savings due to continued financial constraints on government, we have considered that there is enough goodwill in and out of Parliament to allow this measure in the next budget, and Finance Ministry considers it beneficial on balance to effect a fortnightly payment to our elder citizens. If it means we have to find savings elsewhere, Treasury considers that such savings can be identified.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in line with government's intentions to continue to find savings where possible and for re-allocation of funds according to cost-effective and productive priorities, your government has recently directed that instrumentalities apply the Public Service wage levels wherever possible. Importantly, that wages to Nauruans should be paid at levels no higher than are applied throughout the Public Service and are also applied to the wider public sector to those instrumentalities dependent on Treasury support for salaries.

Whilst there may be issues arising from this policy, the principle must be recognised for its intention, and that is to effect wherever possible equitable remuneration to working Nauruans at a time of crisis, whilst also effecting savings that may be re-allocated to strengthening productive capacities elsewhere for the longer term benefit.

Already this measure is causing difficulty for those who have been directed to adapt to new salary levels. I would like to assure them that as difficult as they may find it to adapt to this new and lower salary level, many others have done so before them. Indeed, when the Scotty Government came to office last year, we commenced with salary payments of AUD30 per worker, regardless of level of responsibility of tenure of office. Not only was this affordable, it was considered equitable.

By applying this measure, as harsh as it was for those who were and continue to be expected to assume high responsibilities and deliver services for very low pay, it has had the effect of allowing many Nauruan families to put food on the table. This must be our priority, and must continue to be our priority in these hard times. And the ability to sustain this must also be ensured, and in this regard your government intends that savings found through wage cuts must where possible be re-invested where productive capacities can somehow sustain employment or otherwise income-earning opportunities for Nauru and its people.

This is quite possibly one of the more controversial measures that this government will be implementing but it need not be if its intentions are understood rather than suspected, and if co-operation rather than resistance is to be the order of the day.

With co-operation at all levels we as a people can move forward. Without it we can continue to flounder.

With understanding we can resolve otherwise technical and minor issues in addressing the national economic and financial crisis that stares at each one of us every day. Without it, we can contest, compete, resist and delay the inevitable tide of change that will continue regardless of anything we do.

But one thing we must bear in mind is that we can manage change by assuming some control over it, or we can sit back and let the inevitability of change control our

destiny.

Your government has assumed the responsibility of managing change rather than allowing change to unilaterally determine our people's future. We are confident this is the only way to revive Nauru and we trust that this august House will join us in contributing to change.

Thank you."

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) moved that the paper be noted.

The Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) seconded.

(ii) The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) made the following statement

"Members may be aware that Nauru recently received an Invitation to send two representatives to Japan for a three week visit as guests of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA. The candidate chosen from the Education area was Mrs Evalyna Doguape, a teacher at Nauru College.

Mrs. Doguape has now returned from her visit to Japan and has provided me with an extensive report on her visit. Her report describes her visits to schools ranging from kindergarten to high schools, schools for children with special needs and specialist Agriculture and forestry schools. Her group also visited museums and shrines that are used as part of the education program of Japanese children in the area where she stayed in Gunma.

Mrs. Doguape concludes her report by recording her thanks to Nauru for selecting her and to Japan for hosting her stay. She says that, through the program, her experiences will make her a better teacher.

Mr. Speaker, through you, I would like to record my Department's thanks to Japan for providing this visit and I table the report from Mrs. Doguape.

At the last sitting of Parliament I was asked about the Starter Packs that were to be provided to students. I wish to advise that the items for the starter packs arrived on the recent ship and the Packs will be distributed to students in the second week of next Term. The packs will be provided to all students who attend school for every day in the first week of term, which starts next week. If students do not attend school every day, they will not receive a pack.

The contents of the packs vary for different year levels, but contain basic school items such as a pencil case, pencils or biros, rubbers, ruler, pencil sharpener, exercise books, glue sticks or calculators, document wallets and note books. Parents should note that these packs are free, but are a "one off" service to students. My Department cannot give any guarantee that the packs will be provided free in future.

The government has also provided to schools 100 extra chairs, 30 desks, 10 computers, cartons of cleaning liquids for classrooms, disinfectants for school toilets, toilet paper, white boards, white board markers, pens, chalk, project books, educational games for Infants schools and storage containers.

Mr. Speaker, I can also report to Parliament that last week, the first week of the school holidays, teachers were involved in the third of a series of the workshops designed to examine our curriculum and to provide teachers with the skills to deliver this curriculum. I have received positive comments from teachers who attended the workshop and advise that the next workshop will be held in the first week of the next set of school

holidays from September 19 to 23rd. There are 10 workshops series of curriculum and teacher training programs. The Government of Nauru has been the major source of funds for these workshops. Given that they have been successful, my Department is now in a position to seek full funding for the remaining workshops from donor agencies.

Mr. Speaker, my Department has been receiving inquiries asking if we are selling football boots. I can advise the public that we are not in business and I am asking people who have been approached to buy football boots from the Department to report the matter to the Director of Education. He will take action to find out how football boots, supplied by Korea as gifts to students, have found their way into the possession of people who sell them.”

(iii) The Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Sports) made the following statement
“In the last twelve months sports continue to grow within the community.

Various Activities

- Athletics - was successful and displayed at the Constitutional Day Sports
- Basketball - Independence and Constitution Day events.
- Football - Active junior programme, and successful interdepartmental competition.
- Golf - strong establishment with regular annual calendar of events.
- Soccer - Very active in all levels including women.
- Tennis - coaching clinics for both junior and open grades.
- Volleyball - weekend club competition.
- Weightlifting - Strong development programme. To participate in international competitions.
- Powerlifting - recording development in this programme. For the record, Mr. Speaker, I note that your national record in the 125+kg in 1988 still stands.

We all know the value of sports and physical activity has towards our physical and social well-being, so it is encouraging to see so many people participating in sports activities.

Therefore I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the various sports organisations in providing competitions to allow people to participate in.

International

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge especially the efforts and achievements of both our lifting codes - powerlifting and weightlifting, who have just recently competed overseas successfully to produce some outstanding results.

As reported last week in weightlifting, we got 6 Gold medals and 1 Bronze medal at the Arafura Games; 4 Gold medals at the Oceania Junior Championships; 4 Gold medals at the South Pacific Junior Championships and 1 Bronze medal at the World Junior Championship.

In powerlifting, we got 5 Gold medals, 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal at the Oceania Bench Pressed Championships.

I would like to express my congratulations to all our lifters for their wonderful achievements.

The Ministry of Sports will be arranging in special function to honour the worthy

achievements of our lifters in both weightlifting and power lifting.”

(iv) The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Rontel) made the following statement on “Rontel Brief Report.”

“Mr. Speaker, as Minister responsible for RONTTEL, I wish to update this august House on the operations of RONTTEL Corporation.

INTERNET AND PHONECARD SYSTEM

I wish to advise the House that the last of equipments procured by RONTTEL to restore its internet and phone card system, which was out of service since end of last year, arrived on Monday 27th and have been installed by technicians. This will also enable RONTTEL to offer bandwidth capacity for sale to business enterprises wishing to increase the speed of their internet access.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the RONTTEL Cafe will be open to public from Friday 1st July.

The 222 international phone card system is expected to be operational by the end of next week. With regards to the Telstra Phone Away cards, these will continue to be used but customers are encouraged to swap back to RONTTEL’s 222 cards.

GSM CELLULAR SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Speaker, with regards to the GSM Cellular System which reference was made in a previous ministerial statement to the House, I am pleased to say that negotiations with various vendors by RONTTEL management are progressing and proving fruitful with three prominent service providers expressing genuine interest to assist with the installation. It is hoped that installation will commence by October of this year.

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Mr. Speaker, RONTTEL commenced on its own reform exercise in June 2004 with reduction of working hours to five each day. This was a means to control the expenses of the Corporation. It went further to reducing total staff salaries to \$100 per fortnight. I am pleased to say that with gradual improvement of the Company’s cashflow position, staff salaries will be increased to \$140 per fortnight to be at par with the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker, RONTTEL has also been affected by the “Brain Drain” factor with qualified personnel departing for employment overseas. This is of great concern to the Company in finding suitably qualified people to fill in these highly specialised positions. At this stage the Corporation is speaking with various persons who might be appropriate to temporarily fill the position as a stop gap measure whilst a more permanent solution through training etc is explored.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, gradual improvement is now evident in RONTTEL, however, minor setbacks in land lease rate disputes with land owners have a real and frightening potential of affecting the whole corporation’s operation and a chance of recovery. It is hoped that there will be level heads on all sides to have this resolved in a mutual fashion. It is absolutely important to allow RONTTEL to recover fully, as all signs

are now showing positive trends, and of course, in turn all will benefit.

Mr. Speaker, in concluding, to show that RONTEL does try and demonstrate its commitment to all, as well as pay its workers tomorrow, Friday 1st of July, Land rentals will also be available for collection then. This will be for the period, January to June 2005. Thank you Mr. Speaker.”

(v) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Foreign Affairs) made the following statement

“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Republic of China has appointed, and your Government has accepted, their choice of a resident ambassador to Nauru.

Mr. King Yu is a Veteran Diplomat with 33 years service in the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, having represented his country in postings to the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and India. Armed with a law degree from National Chengchi University, Mr. King Yu is a Senior Foreign Ministry official presently serving his country as Deputy Director-General in the Foreign Ministry’s department of economic Trade Affairs.

Your Government is very encouraged with this development as a signal of the Taiwanese government’s sincere commitment to re-building the once firm and cordial relations between our two countries. I am sure I speak on behalf of all 17 of the 18 members of this House who supported the restoration of relations with the Republic of China, in expressing our heartfelt acceptance of the nomination of Mr. King Yu, and in extending our sincere invitation for the ambassador-designate to join us here in our pleasant island as a friend of the government and people of Nauru.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in other development in Foreign Affairs, I am pleased to announce that your government has accepted the proposal by the Government of Australia to commence bilateral talks on the next MOU in the week of 11 July.

Percussive to this, your government is presently discussing with the Government of Australia, the extension of the present MOU in order to ensure that the offshore processing centres continue to be covered by MOU arrangements after the present one expires on 30 June, 2005. We are still discussing the extent by which the MOU should be extended as your government is seriously concerned that the 3-month extension which Parliament has granted government in which to prepare, table and have approved the Budget for the next fiscal year should not be considered as the basis for further extension of the MOU in the event of a collapse in the talks in July.

Your government remains fully committed to having the national Budget prepared, tabled and have approved well ahead of the expiration of the 3-month extension granted by Parliament, and we will do everything within our means to not fail to honour that commitment.

Submitted for the information of this august House. Thank you.”

(vi) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) made the following statement

“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I recently returned from a trip to Fiji where I attended a Pacific Regional Health Summit on Sustainable Risk Management.

The Summit involved all countries and territories of the Pacific, including US Associated and French Associated countries. It brought together Ministers, Secretaries and Directors of Health.

The Summit reviewed the Regional Health Disaster Management Plan and prepared a large number of project concept papers for donor support to implement various aspects of the plan.

I had the opportunity to discuss with the Centre of Disaster Control of America direct assistance for Nauru in developing our health and possibly our national disaster plan as well as training relating to disaster management.

I also had talks with SOPAC about the Regional Disaster Plan being prepared for presentation at the SOPAC Committee meeting and the Pacific Forum leaders meeting later this year.

There are further opportunities for assistance to Nauru in relation to Disaster and Emergency preparation from SOPAC.

Following the Health Summit, I spent a four days in Suva and took the opportunity to have a meeting with the head of the International Red Cross Society in the Pacific Region at the Suva Office.

This was a very fruitful meeting and Nauru will begin the process to officially have a Red Cross office in Nauru. However, even before this happens, the Red Cross have agreed to begin assisting Nauru in the areas of First Aid training, Emergency and Disaster preparations, blood donor programs and HIV/Aids prevention. I have already received an invitation for the Red Cross to send one member of our lab to attend a workshop in safe blood donor programme.

Mr. Speaker, whilst in Suva, I jointly hosted a dinner with Nauru's High Commissioner to Fiji for all the Nauruans tertiary students in Suva. I had the chance to provide encouragement to these students and review this programme and express to them how crucial they are to Nauru's future and your government's sincere support of them.

In closing, I will like to inform the House that my trip was fully funded by external sources. Thank you."

7. Leave of Absence

(i) His Excellency the President Ludwig Scotty M.P., sought leave of absence for Mr. Batsiua (Boe) who is overseas on official business.

Leave was granted.

(ii) Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) sought leave of absence for Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan).

Leave was granted.

(iii) Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) sought leave of absence for Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare).

Leave was granted.

(iv) Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng) sought leave of absence for Mr. Harris (Aiwo).

Leave was not granted.

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume at 4.30 p.m.

Resumed.

8. **Motion**

Mr. Kun (Buada) as Member of the Select Committee on Procurement of Caterpillar Generator Sets, sought leave of the House to move a motion.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Leave was granted.

9. **Motion**

Mr. Kun (Buada) moved the motion which read as follows :-

“Honourable Speaker, in the absence and on the request of the Hon. Chairman, Mr. Mathew Batsiua, who is overseas on official business, I, as a member of the Committee, seek leave of the House to move a motion in regard to the Select Committee on the Procurement of Caterpillar Generator Sets.

This august House is aware that a Select Committee of the House, named the Select Committee on the Procurement of Caterpillar Generator Sets was constituted by a resolution of the House at its sitting held on 7th April 2005;

That the Select Committee had to report back to the House with its findings within 3 months of the passing of the motion, that is by 6th July 2005;

The Select Committee is at the midst of its examination and the work of the Select Committee has not yet been completed sufficiently to make the specific recommendations in its report;

That keeping in view the fact that there might be no meeting of Parliament between today and 6th July, I move that -

“That the Select Committee on the Procurement of Caterpillar Generator Sets be given further extension of three months for drafting its report and presenting it to the House within the extended time-frame.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.”

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded

Question put and passed.

10. **Motion**

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) sought leave of the House to move a motion.

Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

Leave was granted.

11. **Motion**

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) moved his motion which read as follows:-

“Mr. Speaker, I seek leave of the House to move a motion with regard to the Select Committee on NPRT Financing Irregularities.

‘This House is aware that a Select Committee named ‘Select Committee on NPRT Financing Irregularities’ was constituted pursuant to a resolution of the House passed at its sitting held on 17th February 2005;

The said Select Committee was given a mandate to report within 3 months, i.e. by 16th May 2005, and the Committee could not do so as it was still in the process of gathering the information and documents from Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust and other sources of concerns;

That gathering of this information proved to be an arduous task and till date all the required documents could not be compiled which are paramount importance for taking evidence of the witnesses;

That the Select Committee had elected me as the Chairman and election of the Deputy Chairman was still to be done by the Committee and

I, as former Chairman of the said Committee move that -

“The Select Committee on NPRT Financing Irregularities be reconstituted and to resume its work where it left off and that its terms of reference and premise of the motion as passed by the House on 17th February 2005 be given further extension of 120 days for reporting back to the House and this extension be applicable from post facto effect, i.e. from 16th May 2005.”

Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded.

Question put and passed.

12. **Motion - Leave Sought for**

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

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Leave was granted.

13. **Motion - RONPHOS BILL 2005**

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

14. **Motion - Second Reading**

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Under Standing Order No. 159 further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a future date.

15. **Motion - Suspension of Standing Order No. 159.**

The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for IDI) moved that Standing Order No. 150 be suspended to enable the second reading debate to proceed forthwith.

The Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Education) seconded.

Question put and passed.

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

Resumed

16. **Motion of Amendment**

The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) moved a motion of amendment to the RONPHOS BILL 2005 which read as follows :-

“ **1. Section 5 - Definitions.**

- Under the definition ‘**member**’ - delete words “**and/or an Executive Director**”;
- Under the definition ‘**Director**’ - amend the word ‘**responsibilities**’;
Under the definition ‘**the Chairman**’ amend ‘**Section 9**’ to read ‘**Section 7**’.

2. Section 6 - Establishment of the Corporation

- Sub-section (2)(b)- delete the words ‘**and an officer of the Corporation so authorised**’.

3. Section 11 - Limitations

- Subsection 1 - Delete the words and figures ‘**subsection (3) of section 22**’ and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures ‘**subsection (4) of section 21**’; and amend the words and figures ‘**section 22 (6)**’ to read section **21 (6)**’.

4. Section 12 - Delegation

- Delete the full-stop after the word ‘**Act**’ and insert a comma in lieu thereof, and the word ‘**Provided**’ to be in lower case, thus ‘**provided**’.

5. Section 13 - Officers, Staff and Labour

- Subsection 2 - Delete all words after the comma, the new line to read ‘**The Corporation may,.....**’; and in the second last line delete the comma and the words ‘**or the Minister as the case may be**’ and insert in lieu

thereof the words ‘such officers, staff or labour, as the Executive Committee considers.....’.)

6. Section 19 - Application of Funds

- Delete subsection (g) in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the words ‘(g) **in payment to the Republic of the net profits of the Corporation or a proportion thereof as directed by Cabinet.**’

7. Section 21 - Budget

- Delete (c) under subsection (1) in its entirety.
- Under subsection (4) amend the figure ‘10’ to read ‘11’
- Under subsection (5) delete the letter ‘o’ and insert the word ‘of’ in lieu thereof.
- Under subsection (8), last line, delete the second set of the words ‘in that budget’.

8. Section 22 - Monthly Reports

- Under subsection (b) delete the word ‘and’ after the semi colon.
- In the second last line add the letters ‘ed’ to the word ‘project’ so that the word reads ‘projected.’

9. Section 26 - Reports to Parliament

- The first paragraph be numbered as (1)
- Add the following -
“(2) The Corporation shall provide the Minister copy of all commercial agreements and contracts entered into by the Corporation.
(3) Subject to sub-section (4) of this section the Minister shall lay the agreements and contracts before Parliament at the next sitting thereafter.
(4) Cabinet may determine that an agreement or contract or certain contents thereof are of a commercially sensitive nature or affect the national interest, and so may direct that the agreements or contracts or contents thereof shall not be laid in Parliament.”

10. Section 29 - Damage or Destruction of Property

- Under subsection (1), last line - delete the word ‘fee’

11. First Schedule - ‘Responsibilities and Role of the Directors’

- Under section 5(f) delete the word ‘Board’ and insert the words “Executive Committee” in lieu thereof.

12. First Schedule - Minister may not give directions to the Executive Committee

- Under section 8, second line delete the word ‘functions’ and insert in lieu thereof the words ‘goals, strategies and policies’

13. First Schedule - Disclosure of Interest

- Under section 26, first line - delete the word ‘subsection’ and insert in lieu thereof the word ‘paragraph’.

14. First Schedule - Meetings of the Executive Committee

- Under section 31, second line - amend the figure ‘6’ to read ‘11’.

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

Debate ensued.

The question on the motion moved by the Minister for Health was put and passed.

20. **Motion of Amendment**

Mr. Sprent Dabwido (Meneng) moved another motion of Amendment to the original motion “RONPHOS BILL 2005” which read as follows; “*I moved that, that the word “Minister” should be amended and to read “Cabinet” except in section 11 (2) a*”.

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Debate ensued.

The question on the motion moved by Mr. Dabwido was put and resolved in the negative.

21. **Motion of Amendment**

Mr. S. Dabwido (Meneng) again moved a motion of Amendment to the original motion “RONPHOS BILL 2005”, which read as follows;

Amendment to Section 26.1 should add Section 26.2 that reads, “*That the terms of Agreement of any contract between RONPHOS and after Corporations and after Business bodies should be laid in Parliament within 21 days of entertaining in the agreement.*”

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.

Debate ensued.

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

Resumed.

Standing Order 132

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) under Standing Order 132 moved an amendment to the proposed amendment moved by Mr. Dabwido (Meneng)

The Hon. F. Pitcher (Minister for IDI) seconded.

Debate ensued.

The question on the motion of Amendment by Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), to the proposed amendment moved by Mr. Dabwido was put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

22. **Motion -Leave Sought for**

The Hon. F. Pitcher (Minister for IDI) sought leave of the House to move for third reading of the Bill.

Leave was granted.

23. **Motion -Third Reading**

The Hon. F. Pitcher (Minister IDI) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

The Bill was read a third time.

24. **Motion**

The Hon. G. Thoma (Minister for Justice) moved that his motion on the notice paper be adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Works) seconded.

Question put and passed.

25. **Order of the Day No. 1 Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Paper**

That the Statement made by Hon. Hon. G. Thoma (Minister for Fisheries) on his

recent trip to the Marshall Islands, be noted.

26. **Motion**

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) moved that order of the day No.1 be adjourned and made an order of the day at the next sitting.

The Hon. B. Waqa (Minister for Works) seconded.

Question be put and passed.

27. **Order of the Day No. 2 Nauruan Citizen Bill 2005.**

That the House resolve into the Committee of the whole for further consideration of the Bill.

28. **Motion**

The Hon. G. Thoma (Minister for Justice) moved that order of the day No. 2 be adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

29. **Order of the Day No. 3 - Food Safety Bill 2005**

On the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

30. **Motion**

The Hon. Dr. K.Keke (Minister for Health) moved that order of the Day No. 9 be adjourned and made order of the day at the next sitting.

The Hon. D. Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

31. **Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty moved that the House at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

The Hon. D. 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 twelve o'clock a.m., adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Members Present

All Members were present at some during the sitting except : Mr. R. Harris, *Mr. Batsiua, *Mr. Akua and *Mr. Stephen.

*Leave of Absence