

**Votes & Proceedings
of the
Sixteenth Parliament**

No. 41

**Second Sitting of the Thirty-fourth Meeting
Wednesday, 20th June 2007**

10.00 a.m.

1. The House met on Wednesday, 20th June 2007 at 10.00 a.m. in accordance with the resolution made by the House on Saturday, 16th June 2007.

2. The Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo, Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. **Question on Notice**

Question No. 5 of 2007 was replied to.

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

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

(i) The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) made the following statement on **‘Final Report on the Feasibility Study of Rehabilitation and Secondary Mining’**:-

‘Honourable Members, I table for the information of the House, the final report of the Feasibility Study of Rehabilitation and Secondary Mining.

This report was prepared by URS Australia and funded by AusAID. It came about after extensive consultations last year between economic and engineering consultants, NRC and RONPHOS, and included the review of the earlier feasibilities on secondary mining as well as the NRC 5-Year Work Program.

I draw the attention of Members to the summary of the report which concludes that secondary mining is indeed economically and technically feasible, assuming certain pre-requisites are met, including the merging of primary mining into the NRC work program. The viability of NRC secondary mining is also contingent upon the economic viability of RONPHOS as an ongoing concern, and this viability has been laid down as another key pre-requisite. To this end, an economist is presently on-island to conduct a feasibility study on RONPHOS and determine the best cost and revenue structures for the company.

Hon. Members, I am pleased to inform this august House that NRC and RONPHOS are well on the way to making secondary mining a reality with AusAID agreeing to release substantial funds from NACOS to progress the project. This is the future of NRC and RONPHOS, and will see our country far into the future as well.”

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) moved that the paper be noted.

6. **Leave of Absence**

(a) Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) sought leave of absence for Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan)
Leave was granted.

(b) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of absence for Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) and Hon. Baron Waqa (Minister for Health).
Leave was granted.

7. Motions

(i) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that motion Nos. 1 and 4 on the notice paper be adjourned to the next sitting day.
The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) seconded.
Question put and passed.

(ii) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that motion Nos. 2 and 3 on the notice paper be adjourned to the next sitting day.
The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.) seconded.
Question put and passed.

(iii) Mr. Thoma (Aiwo) moved that his motion No. 5 be withdrawn from the notice paper.
Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) seconded.
Question put and passed.

8. Orders of the Day No. 1 - Appropriation Bill 2007-2008

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate on the Revenue policy ensued.

The Chair suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resume.

Debate on the Revenue policy continued.

Debate on the Expenditure policy ensued.

Debate on the Bill as a whole ensued.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

9. Letter of Recommendation

The Chair informed Members that he had received a Letter of Recommendation from His Excellency the President, which reads as follows:-

'The Appropriation Bill 2007-2008

Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru

I, Ludwig Scotty, President of the Republic of Nauru, as Chairman of the Cabinet and in pursuance of a resolution of the Cabinet hereby notify Parliament that the purpose of the withdrawals from the Treasury Fund as proposed by the Appropriation Bill 2007-08 is recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet

Dated this 20th day of June, 2007.

(Signed) Ludwig Scotty, President & Chairman of the Cabinet"

10. **Motion – Leave Sought for**

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

11. **Motion – Third Reading**

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

12. **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.

13. **Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn. The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

And then the House at eight minutes past ten 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 –
* Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke * Hon. Baron Waqa *Mr. Stephen

John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk