

FRIDAY, 24TH JUNE 2016

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9:00am.

Prayer.

OPENING SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now resumed.

May the Divine be glorified for guiding us safely to this new day, I see that everyone has regained new strength from the Prime Minister to the Clerk and staff of the Legislative Assembly and the Police and their continuous efforts in serving this Parliament and Leaders of Samoa.

Well done thank you, greetings all in the spirit of respect. Greetings Samoa and all of God's Servants for your prayers for the prosperity of Samoa and this Parliament. We exalt the Most Highest.

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MR SPEAKER: The member will resume his speech on the Budget and therelevant Policies on the second reading of the Bill.

Before adjournment last night the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure had already responded to the raising matters by the members in their statements.

With respect I give the chance to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for his statement in response to the Members comments.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries): Thank you Mr Speaker. I first of all stand by our prayer of offering this morning and His guidance and blessings for guiding us into another new day.

Mr Speaker, this Ministry has the powerful creation of the Almighty God. It is said that after God separated the light from darkness and the sea from the land, the Ministry of Agriculture was set up and all the animals were created before Adam was created to oversee the garden. On that, God knew very well this heart to His creation, agriculture and fisheries.

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Mr Speaker I think that is it. As explained, we have five years per Term yet we have just started so bear me your patience and perseverance because the last constituency that has its requests granted will be the only constituencies that will remember you and your works. As for us who have just started by the fifth year we will be forgotten by our constituents. Lend me your faith. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. Well there you have it as well as the advice of the Minister it is good to delay so that the old men and women in the village will remember you.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries perhaps you will go first tomorrow God willing. As for now, we have arrived at our adjournment time and before we adjourn I call the member for Faleata East to end our Sitting with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 11:36pm until Thursday
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Mr Speaker, the question this morning, who won? Who has the authority? Who is the Sovereign and the reason for our gathering and why we can see you today Mr Speaker? The answer is God is the creator of everything and the reason for our blessings today.

May His name be glorified forever as Samoa you have no knowledge and wisdom to signify the divisional status that still remains.

Most of the speeches have been relayed. We are your representatives Samoa for this Parliamentary term XVI. We have had our vote and now what? Mr Speaker this is our first Budget Statement for this Sitting. What is your observation from the start until now? Thank you Samoa for your good thoughts shown today through some of the representatives, what is happening this Parliamentary term? We have gone back to the Constitution of the country, democracy and new technology is all new today and what about Samoa's constitution? Mr Speaker I don't mean to explain it, the water is flowing back to its main supply line, it is an indication that Samoa has reunited out of far sighted wisdom and positive thoughts? This is Samoa's true identity. Mr Speaker we started off with no Political Parties pardon the language. I entered politics in 2006 and gave my first speech thinking that Samoa would reunite as one. We cannot be two, because we are a country created by farsighted wisdom and in depth thoughts.

Mr Speaker after the elections some went to court and what? All issues were ironed out through in depth relations and good thoughts. Thank you Samoa for your support, this Parliament will attempt to execute its duties accordingly.

I wish to use this chance Hon Prime Minister...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi (Palemia): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Minister of Forestry and Fisheries, I call the Leader of the Government...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I wish to remind the Minister of Agriculture and the remaining Ministers that at 10am this morning we will make our responses in the hope to approve our Budget today and leave aside other unnecessary as God's days are plentiful. All the other matters mark the saying that goes, God's days are abundant and Rome was not created in one day. That is the advice to the Ministerial level for easiness of today's business.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you, well the Leader of the Government has spoken, that is the intention for us to swiftly progress with the State's works. I also remind all that this Friday's session will not take more than the normal hour unless upon a motion is moved otherwise we will have it according to the Prime Minister's statement.

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Proceed Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: Mr Speaker I am full of respect and I don't intend to do my will but for the first time as a Cabinet Minister, I intend to say thank you to the State for recognizing this constituency through appointing myself to take over these duties, and for this, have faith in me.

I ask my constituency for your prayers and blessings to fulfill the duties of the State. We glorify the Lord for all the blessings and plans achieved today.

I wish to thank Hon Le Mmamea Ropati who was former Minister of this Ministry. You have been engaged with the countless duties for this Ministry and the various comments and submissions from this House in the past. As the Leader of the House affirmed, none of this work is perfect since the Independence of Samoa up til today. We have 15 members who commented on taro.

For the initial year of 1962, 60% of revenue earning came from the agriculture sector. Today, we are surrounded with various issues like viruses, climate change, cyclones and regardless, it is good to learn from the past.

We have been so distressed for 30 to 30 years from the yellow leaf virus and today we thank God that in accordance to findings and results, we have obtained 5 taro produce. Although taro export is insufficient, the Ministry is aiming to breed various species for this 5 taro at our office in Nuu in order to obtain as more taro as possible. The Ministry aims to have sufficient planting materials. The price of taro per container ranges from \$50 to \$60 per 20kilo. The main objective of the Ministry is to look for markets in assistance to the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour to avoid the fluctuation for our taro supply.

As for our vegetable produce, I have given that clarification in our seminar, the State has spent a \$6million to supplying these produce from overseas to name a few, round cabbages, chinese cabbages and carrots. The aim of the Ministry is to push this service through for our meganization and commercial farms to be able to plant/produce these produce locally without having to rely on overseas markets.

On to stimulus package, pardon me the State's intention given the \$2.5million allocated to this Ministry to fund bonuses, cocoas, coffee and coconuts. The aim is to seek more earnings through the making of chochlate using our Samoan cocoa. We don't intend to look to the past but move forward by planting more cocoas which is the most appropriate product available. We have given a recommendation to the Cabinet to encourage our bonuses for the fact that this is where we will obtain new products that will benefit the entire country. Once we have 500 registrations for this program by the time it is finished we will earn about 375,000 cocoas, 125,000 coffee and 25,000 coconuts. That is the sole reason for these funds to further develop/invent new products.

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For our SACEP program pardon me, I have yet to see the main cause behind this service. Even the Cabinet is confused with the many concerns on this regard and the various red tapes that is preventing people from accessing this program. As such the aim is to clear any blurs in assistance to our people.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Women in Business who are promoting what we call Organic Farm for farmers to grow natural plants in a collaborate effort of the State and the Ministry. We have completed 35,000 consultations for this vital development session to grow and increase more natural products by taking this development to the next level of market other than the normal market that everyone goes to. This new market is called the white market. The products they make are in collaboration with the SROS and its investigations to produce value added products and confirmed talks with the head and staff of SROS reports that they are doing a really good job that should have our utmost support. Some people have mentioned the ongoing investigations undertaken by SROS for some of our local products like water etc in the hope to obtain greater rewards from overseas markets.

To the Ministry of Fisheries many thanks for the street lights to improve the location of this Ministry which is one major issue that remains unquestionable today however these are some of the many issues engaged by the Ministry. For our ozone boundaries the measurement does not reach 200 thousand miles given the lack of revenue from small alia boats to large ones and the State's attempt in the past to install buoy fishing floating balls for both Savaii and Upolu. None of the floating balls is seen today well I don't want to look at the past as that time is gone. Although, some of these destructed balls were found in the Office whilst some were of poor quality and some were destroyed by the cyclone. Two weeks ago the Cabinet has approved the making of these floating balls for the entire country at a cost of \$600,000 hence 60 new floating buoys is now passed by Cabinet and is with the Ministry to go ahead with this doing. 30 floating balls are made specifically for the paddlers whilst the distant floating buoys are for the alia boat owners who are doing the fishing for the country. I respectfully ask Samoa to bear with us and the placement of these floating balls which are the State's assets, the spirit is wherever these floating balls are located to whichever constituency, I ask of you that this is a collective effort, look after and police these assets. I have also consulted the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development to work with us for the sake of the developments they aim to achieve.

We have received over 30 million earnings from our fish market export. After talks with some of the foreign companies two of them have started works in supplying this fish in containers through export thus generating good revenue for us.

On to tilapia we have to commercialise given the most suitable way for these to increase this fish because all we are doing is eating this fish when we have a huge market in New Zealand to supply this tilapia to further other plans for us.

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In regards to the nonu mentioned by Lauofo well do not be concerned, our trip to China with Tafua was very fruitful. We have witnessed the many benefits from this undertaking yet it is not yet over. Statistics has it that following our fish supply we have the nonu supply. Therefore Lauofo the trip that we took bears a lot of outcome and no development goes well without any issues.

For the sake of my constituency listening in they know too well that I am the most committed person in matters like this, 500 acres of land awaits new developments although the investor that came was problematic, however God's ways is abundant, that is my job, I will seek other avenues to continue this development. As for our relationship with Peseta, well do not worry, Peseta is my brother, yes, only God knows that relationship but since the matter is now before the court, I wish not to state any further. The only thing I can say about this is that we are amongst the fire starters who are disobeying Peseta. With that I advice Lauofo and Peseta, do not fall into these corrupt doings. In a more appropriate saying, you have no business whatsoever. That is the advice to you, leave me and Peseta alone, that is our business.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East): Mr Speaker point of clarification. In accordance to the statement of the member it looks like dance was the only thing they did. The only nonu I know of is the one by Peseta. But that is your judgement will leave it to you.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: Very well, do not be anxious, it is nothing to...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Minister, I call the member of Anoamaa West.

Tofa Lauofo Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Mr Speaker the Hon Minister's statement is well said. Only this to say, no I am not making any campaigns against Peseta. You know very well what I said to Peseta not to leave aside these things and come into good terms as this case is now before the court otherwise, thank you.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: Very well I guess that is my statement.

MR SPEAKER: Alright, I allow the member as your name is being mentioned...

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga (Faasaleleaga No.4): Mr Speaker, it is unbelievable this was raised in the moning yet again it is being raised again. I advice the member to correct your statement and refrain from using the name of this constituency. This is the advice with respect.

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Afioga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: Alright, I beg indulgence Peseta since the raising matter regards our relationship. I have already... you know us we resolve our own issues well whereas for these guys do not interrupt us... Nonu is not the problem, money is not the problem, you are the problem.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata Sisifo): Mr Speaker now I understand what the police meant yesterday in relation to the new house under construction that should cover the installation of air conditions for us when we come. Thank you.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: I will ignore that, you are person that should have been on that side long time ago.

Bear with us, I already told my fellow associate that we will be going the extra 200 miles per hour. We agree with you and all your submissions but do consider that this Ministry can also make mistakes however we (to the Ministry) should not be defensive. I have already made instructions about our planting material and cocoa where we should target 500,000 cocoas on a two weeks basis. The same without tiapulas, if we are able to produce millions then go for it. That is the response. However we can never achieve anything if we do not work collectively. Samoa I also need your support because we rely on each others, it is us....

MR SPEAKER: Hon Minister, pardon me we have an interjection by the member of Faleata East.

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching (Faleata East): Mr Speaker I don't intend to interrupt you but it seems that the Hon Minister's statement is about to end. What I said in my statement regards plans like export authority for agricultural products.

Second of all is the cattle market in American Samoa now that our mobile abattoirs are in operation. That is the question. With respect.

Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA: Thank you. I have recorded that in my list and have thought of giving a general response nonetheless I respect the Hon Prime Minister and his statement.

Our export authority is currently undertaken by the Ministry and all the works is done in Nuu in specific packing, cleaning and placement to ensure that maintenance is of quality assurance and standard control to ensure good quality shipment of containers to New Zealand. We can never leave the work to the farmers alone otherwise they will end up packing together the poor quality products. Because if the door is closed, this means that the door is closed to Samoa as a whole and not just the farmers alone. But thanks for the reminder we will look into that.

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In regards to abattoir, yes, we have slaughtered mobile units and the quality of slaughtering is of high standard in the country, it is hygienic and is in line with the proposed Food Bill and the Bio-Security Bill.

Our abattoir markets and our cattle supply in American Samoa is yet to reopen doors to us. We are currently undergoing summary talks with our salted beef, pork sausage and beef sausage.

In conclusion and given our traditional respect, I wish to greet my constituency in your honorifics. My attendance to this Parliament is not because of me but because of you. If my service to this Parliament ends at 15 years, I owe it all to you, respectfully.

The only advice as we move forward is that we have different hearts from what is happening. May God bless Faaulusau who makes the two of us representing our constituency given God's will and blessing. Although we have had issues in the start otherwise, those are the problems of the person alone whereas the fulfillment is done by God, the main intention for me is to stand together and work for the constituents given one heart.

Mr Speaker, I am full of respect to you. I have come to agree with my constituency on the statement, "Laauli, if the Parliament agrees to make you the Speaker then stay but we are full of respect given our relationship". The will of the person is not God's will. I have come to realize the decision by God and the Prime Minister upon me, I too have a lot that I should be doing; there is a lot of room for improvement.

To the Cabinet, your hands and feet show that we must work together for the benefit of the country. May blessings be upon Samoa and this Parliament. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Alright thanks, the statement of the Minister is well taken. The chance is now handed over to the Minister for Revenue to speak according to the raising issues. Go on Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon TIALAVEA FEA LENIU TIONISIO HUNT (Minister for Revenue): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance to provide responses to some of the raising matters and requests. I wish not to restate your honorifics Samoa that remains forever, but for now I will direct my statement accordingly given our limited time.

Mr Speaker, this Ministry only received two comments from Aumua and Sulamanaia. Thank you for your well wishes upon this Ministry most particularly the warehouse behind the Ministry that will be used for revamping of container to ensure protection upon the employees.

Mr Speaker, I wish to extend great thanks to the Hon Prime Minister for his faith upon me in fulfilling the duties for this Ministry as the Minister for Revenue for the country. Lend me your faith.

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Mr Speaker, the good works deserves acknowledgement. I take this opportunity to express gratitude to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff for the good works done throughout this financial period 2015/2016. For 2013/2014 the target of \$48million was not achieved; in 2014/2015 a target of \$46million was also not met. This year 2015/2016, we have until yesterday met 99.4% of the revenue target leaving the remaining target of \$2,400,000 for the Ministry. We hope to achieve this target within the remaining five working days for this revenue collection.

Hence is the word of thanks to the Ministry and staff for this effortless job. We have already received another target increase of \$12million for this new year which is a challenge to our Ministry.

The main objective of the Ministry is to raise the living standard for our people through this revenue collection. One of the various guidelines is to assist and make ease the business companies when collecting tax.

Because regardless of how revenue is earned most of it comes from the business operation through taxation and duty fees at the wharf. This is a huge challenge for the head of the Ministry and staff not only in meeting the target amount of \$491million for the 2016/2017 budget as well as to achieve a target of \$500,000 set by the Committee of Finance for this financial year commencing next month. I trust that everything will go well if our partnership with the private sector goes well as they are the ones we rely solely on.

Mr Speaker, that is all from me and great thanks to the Ministry.

I wish to thank the Vaa o Fonoti constituency from Fagaloa to Faleapuna as well as God's servants for your support and blessings to me as Minister for Revenue for this Parliamentary term. I could never have done it alone if it wasn't for your prayers and blessings.

Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker and Parliament. Have a blessed day and may we find good plans for the future.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. Thank you Hon Minister for Revenue.

The floor is open for your speech Lady Minister of Women Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. First of all, I greet everyone from the Speaker, Cabinet, Associate Ministers and all the representatives of the House this morning.

I also acknowledge the various Government heads and the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk and staff of the Legislative Assembly engaged with the effortless and ongoing service to this Parliament.

Greetings also to the media people tasked with reporting Parliament sessions to Samoa listening in with great support.

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Greetings also to His Highness and Good Lady, members of the Council of Deputies and your Good Ladies, *o le paia lava lea aua Aiga ma Tama, Tama ma Aiga, le mamalu Tumua ma Pule, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, tainane foi le faafogafoga a Samoa i Sasae, le paia ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofo ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saehua, le Laau na Amotasi ma Auva'a o Tootoo ma upu i le Manuatele.*

I also acknowledge the various Church servants engaged with their mission to seek and save the lost and bring prosperity upon Samoa in body most vitally in spirit.

Mr Speaker, I will now give a brief response as the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development to the few raising concerns upon this Ministry.

Two people mentioned the Samoan fine mat and advised for the continuous growth for this development. Thank you very much. I trust the reason for this advise you give is because of the blessings gained through this development for your Ministry. We recently had the showcase/exhibition of these fine mats which deserves acknowledgement to all the women who have participated in this doing which has greatly benefited us financially in assisting our families, village and church.

Together with the submission of the member of Vaimauga East and his concern over a group of Chinese people urging to learn this weaving of our fine mats for them to take and make from China. Well the Prime Minister has delivered that even if it made in China, this mat will be known called/known as the Chinese mat. But do not be anxious. On behalf of this constituency I wish to extend great thanks to the Hon Prime Minister for having myself as Minister and part of the Cabinet.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Minister we have an interjection by the member of the Urban Seat.

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong (Urban Seat West): I did not mean to interrupt your good speech Lady Minister but I did mention the Government Representatives in the villages as we only have a male representative and that our village is under the women representative of another village. We have many females in our village and we ask your office if suitable to appoint one from our village. With respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I call the Minister.

Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKI IEMAIMA STOWERS: Thank you for the interjection I have yet to give response to all those matters. I also have an open door policy needing no appointments for any raising matters for the improvement of our country.

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In regards to the raising concern on these positions, the Ministry has policies for these positions. These village representatives goes through a process given in submissions to the Cabinet for their approval.

In regards to SIKA and the question by Gatoloaifaana whether it is joint effort of the Tourism, Health and this Ministry. In this regard, the Ministry is specifically called for Women, Community and Social Development hence it is Ministry for everyone starting from newborns to children of all age, youth, women, elderlies to village representatives or the village council who works for the security of villagers. Even the disabled and those with special needs, they are all included under this Ministry.

Regardless of the works we carry out by whatsoever Ministry, it all comes down to one main objective which is all for the success of Samoa and its people in the future. That is all from this Ministry and I wish to notify that we have just began our works for this first three months together with the collaboration of the Education, Health as avowed by the Associate Minister of this Ministry, we have met several times to push through and fulfill our duties through this Budget. The main purpose is for us to work accordingly and achieve all targets given in these reports.

That is the brief statement from this Ministry and in plea, through the collective efforts of the respective Ministries, we ask that you visit with us to fulfilling our work together and whatever we can achieve through this year's Budget the main intention is that we do something for the sake of the constituencies and their requests. This is why we urge your participation with us (Members) so that you will know the exact need that needs to be developed/improved within your districts. With that, I ask for two minutes Mr Speaker for me to direct a statement to my constituency reference to the recent elections.

I wish to thank all the clergy in the district for all all your spiritual works upon me. Thank you Safotu and Manase.

O le paia lava lea i le afifio o Sao e Fa, le Aiga Sa Umalau, le Atipouniu ma le Faasau, le mamalu ia te oe le Pule, le alaalatai o le fetalaiga Lavea na e mua i malae ma e te tausivaatele aua le tupua i Finao. I le susu o Taito ma Aiga Sa Umalau ma le fetalaiga ia Tauasa. O paia ia o si o tatou itumalo.

Thank you entirely to the support of all the constituents and those residing in Upolu upon myself. There are two main things that came to my mind when i was being appointed twice as Cabinet Minister although it is not easy and that is giving thanks to you from my office.

Secondly, I will return to plead for your prayers and support most specially your blessings, I am indebted because of your good hearts, well done also to my competitor Lavea or Natoe for the peaceful competition we had been through.

I also take this chance to extend great thanks to my families and relatives here and abroad. Thank you also to my husband and kids for all your support. Lend me all your support, I will never forget you.

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On behalf of this district, thank you Hon Minister of Finance we have limited time. Well done on your dedicated effort and your committed service with the Ministry of Finance well done to you given God's gift and your assistance to Samoa and its works for its prosperity.

That is it from me, may God bring more strength upon you Mr Speaker as well as the Lana Afioga Mamalu O Le Ao o le Malo, Council of Deputies and their Masiofo.

Also praying for good health upon the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and all the notable Members of Parliament. May God bless my constituency, Samoa and may I live in His abiding love. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Fine thanks. The Minister has concluded his speech and up next is the Minister of Finance.

Afioga Hon SILI EPA TUIOTI (Minister of Finance): Thank you Mr Speaker. I will be short. I thank everyone for your submissions in relation to the Budget 2016/2017. People involved in review of this Budget were the Cabinet and the assistance of Government heads for the sake of stable economic wellbeing for Samoa. Well done on your works and perseverance to improving our Budget to provide better services for our people. It is also noteworthy to see the agreement of the Finance and Expenditure Committee upon this Budget. Well done to the Chairperson and members of the Committee.

Mr Speaker I wish to add on to the surplus amount we have in our Budget and other raising matters on borrowings from late repayments to international bank institutions.

Mr Speaker it surplus is critical. We have a targeted surplus of \$23.6million in our Budget for the coming year. Firstly we should have a savings for these repayments lest our economy is affected on things like natural disasters and the international economies for all the nations we are partnering with.

Secondly, this surplus will help finance some of the projects and works under prioritization since the preparation of this Budget in the beginning.

Therefore, this is good assistance for our developments given this surplus other than the unauthorised expenditure.

And thirdly this will be a good chance for us to reduce our debts through making advance repayments. Such is the addition to the Prime Minister's statement given last night.

On to borrowings, the reason for this was in response to improving Government assets and to assist our people from the devastations of Cyclone Evan and floodings which brought so much destruction to our infrastructural services like electricity, water, roads etc. Although we are being cautious of these borrowings regardless, however there are times where the State has to resort to these borrowings so that our economic status is not affected to improve public assets and in response to the needs of the public.

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We should have a measure of 50% GDP for international borrowings and the State should consider flexibility for other external borrowings if the requirement is to support the economic growth of the country.

We should also bear in mind the quality standard for these projects that are funded through these borrowings because these new projects will then be able to assist us greatly to meet these borrowings through repayments. This is further reason for full utilization of these budgets within Ministries and Corporations in order for us to obtain these borrowings.

We had a raising matter on debts/owe by the State owned enterprises/companies which is one of the State's major priority at this stage through this Budget in order to easily obtain returns and dividends particularly for small business ventures. Although we have a 14 days for this review in accordance to Government policy, personally, we must take heed of time and repayments specially small businesses in the rural areas whose services are mainly used by the Ministries.

Mr Speaker, the main emphasis is for us to work alongside each in achieving all our works taking into account quality works and outcome. It is hopeless to have good planning without fruitful quality results. Let the State's works be executed well given first priority for the sake of our people targeting better economic status for future generations.

Mr Speaker, I wish to take this chance to thank the heads of Public Enterprises for all the good works achieved and the ongoing efforts in assistance to further improvement through quality service delivery for the sake of our people.

I wish to greatly acknowledge the Ministry of Finance and staff for all the works starting from previous October and the preparations of this Budget. The main objective is to lift the standard of service within the Ministry under my portfolio and on the cheerful side and gratefully, it is a pleasure knowing that we have no negative comments upon the Ministries I am overseeing namely the Central Bank, NPF, Development Bank, SLAC and the UTOs.

Mr Speaker, this is all the summary we have. Thank your for all your comments that will help improve the State's existing policies and make easier services for our people. For instance, your advice on our roads will gratefully assist our review in terms of procedures to prioritize the arrangements on which districts should come first in terms of development improvement specifically those districts that develops agricultural products mainly for our exports.

Mr Speaker, I take this chance to thank my constituency for your great support upon me as your representative in Parliament. This calling is from God and we dedicate our service to Samoa and our people. I heed your continuous prayers to make ease the duties I aim to fulfill.

May God grant me wisdom, intelligence and humility to fulfill my callings. Praise god for this opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: Great thank you Hon Minister of Finance. This is the chance to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

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Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture): Mr Speaker and the dignified House, I rise with respect to respond in accordance to the raising matters upon this Ministry. On that, I call upon the support of my constituency of Sagaga le Falefa.

Before we have the response for this Ministry, I first of all thank you Samoa for all your support, the blessing through this calling is tremendous.

Mr Speaker, although I have so much to talk about yet we are also trying to kill our time in approving our Budget.

We have received 27 members who gave submissions and recommendations on this Ministry. Of the 27 we have already achieved 23 of them.

Mr Speaker, matters put forth from lack of teachers, school fees at NUS, grant scheme applications, sports, sports field constructions, new school buildings, brawling at school and the punishment if appropriate to introduce punishment in schools, School Inspectors, set up APTC in Savaii, Vocational D-vet for Savaii will all be reviewed and discussed by the Ministry.

Thank you for all your comments for the improvement of this Ministry. You see this diary it is filled with all your recommendations hence the Ministry will take all into account.

We are living in a world of technology, yes, that means we ought to access internet so that communications are easier. Hence, that is the response when you wake up at 6 in the morning, open your internet and email and look at the response from the Ministry because I am now with the Education sector. Use the broadband or the wifi, yes, that is the new technology we have today. Do not be anxious, you have speak highly of me since last night. Which means that I am very important to you. Bear with me all your requests whilst the submitted recommendations we recognize it with humility. Let us talk on email and if the response is delayed, just say Loau, why is this delayed? The reason for the delay is due to lack of money or something is not yet done. But be patient as I will try and achieve all your wants...

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Pardone me since the member of the Urban Seat is upstanding, go on and be brief.

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong: I will be short. I thank the Minister for your endeavor. I beg indulgence as our school in Vaigaga does not have emails neither any technology yet. The submitted matter on grants is simple. The issue with electricity fee and water fee arrears for the school will be paid to this Committee rather, the school is now on break which is reason for not making this payment. The school does not have any funds and that is the request Hon Minister if appropriate for the school to use this grant to pay for it. With respect thank you.

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Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO: Thank you for the interjection. I guess the lack in communication between the Committee and your Principal is the main concern. 30% of this grant is for maintenance and other things that you mention. Henceforth, if there is a problem, note the 30% allocation for the things that you state.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I permit the member of the Urban Seat West.

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong: Mr Speaker I have no intention of deliberating the said matter. For the information of everyone, I am the Education Committee and I speak of the current situation. The 30% is not the issue here but the overdue arrears. The concern is that we do not have any money in this program and if payment is missed, this is not to say that payment is not met rather the school is on break which is why payment was not met. With respect. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: To save the Minister's time, I allow the member of Palauli East.

Afioga Tuifaasisina Misa Lisati Leleisiuao Palemene (Palauli East): Mr Speaker, i do not intend to interrupt the Minister. Only this to say, thank you for your statement. The Minister had clearly stated the fully accessed broadband program that is appropriate. Possibly it is rightfully the same with the intention of Palauli East in regards to the program on television for the sake of science teachers. The purpose for us in Savaii is to come here as we think that we have the best teachers here (in Upolu). If these programs are also aired on television to assist us, the special purpose for these programs is for the teachers.

With respect.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I am the Chairperson of the our Education Committee in Lepa but that is correct what they said there. I also asked the same to the Committee if payment is late then what should be done? The student replied, pay before the school finishes, then i said, "Go ahead and do that".

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Hon Minister, I allow the member of Falealili.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo (Falealili East): Mr Speaker, i do not attempt to interject your good speech, thanks for that. You have spoken of the many titles that have bestowment of the House upon you, Easter, warrior, prophet, fast man, strong respondent.

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We can all respond to these things if only we have a computer at school, we at Falealili East do not have any. If this connection is required, the time you come to dig up our field is the time you bring with you a computer please. Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, we get you. I call the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO: Mr Speaker thank you. The an alert member is one who looks after everything. The scheme of the State covers everything that you are asking for, computer, templates, ipad, ipod. All are covered under this scheme. So if you have not yet...then something is wrong here, perhaps it is the fault of the member. That is the attempt, we are living in the world of technology and we should be able to access it. If you do not know how to use the email then you are in the wrong world at this time. That is the recommendation.

MR SPEAKER: We have the last interjection Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Tofa Foleni Lio Tama Galu (Faasaleleaga No.3): Thank you. On to the use of computer...well something is missing there, no training because there is no use of bringing them when there is no training. First of all we need to have trainings for the teachers because these assets are also lying in schools yet the teachers and students do not know how to use them, no experience. Lest we fast track the demand for these things yet it is useless when we do not have trainings first in order to make good use of these assets. That is the assistance thanks.

Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO: Thank you for the interjection, and since you are sitting next to your fellow Minister, you can get your response from him. Nonetheless the interruption is vital. If you have not gone to that school, then look for it.

Otherwise, I can give assistance to any other matter should you need improvement for your constituencies, come to my office and you do not need to make any appointments.

Mr Speaker just a brief one to my constituency listening in, well done and thank you for your prayers. You know very well during my first 5 years term before I took a break and now I am back because of you.

In the words of Aelean the lyrics to the song of Avele, *'my dearest village, you are not forgotten'*. Your support Aelean and your traditional honorifics *le affioo alii e Fa, le toafa o tulafale, le mamalu o le saofaiga ma upu ia te oe Tuiaele*. That is your traditional honorific Aelean which will be recorded under our Traditional Honorifics book.

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We also have the sub-villages of Nuu, Tafaigata and Aleisa. Well you know it too, Aleisa, I am your man, I will serve you to the best ability I can. Because this village has dual bloodline connection and they cannot speak Samoan fluently. This is why I sometimes speak English. Nevertheless, that is the intention for this Budget Statement that has our support. Great job to the Chairperson and the Committee for all your good works.

May God be with us and our works today and if we finish we can say that we are useless servants. In the words of Loau, if you have forgotten me on your right hand side, you could get hit by my left hand. Have a blessed Sitting...

MR SPEAKER: Well done thanks. We have arrived at our recess time.

I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly suspended for 15 minutes.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly suspended at 10:44am and resumed at 11:23am.

Deliberations on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016 and the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017 resumed.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed. I trust that we have been rejuvenated from our break to resume our work. Thank you.

Before I give the chance to the Minister of Justice, I allow the Hon Prime Minister for his motion.

MOTION TO EXTEND SITTING HOURS

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE AIONO NEIOTI GALUMALEMANA DR. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker as intended we aim to complete our Budget today, although its a short day. I move, *To resume our business until the Budget is appoved before we can take a break sometimes tonight.*

Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and the Minister for Revenue.

Motion approved.

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MR SPEAKER: This is the chance for the Hon Minister of Justice and Court Administration.

Afioga Hon FAAOLESA KATOPAU T. AINUU (Minister of Justice and Court Administration): Your honorable Speaker of the Legislative Assembly I rise with dignity given this opportunity to make a contribution on behalf of this Constituency of Vaimauga West or Vaimauga le Sagauga for this XVI Parliamentary term.

I acknowledge Samoa, Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the notable members of Cabinet greetings everyone and the various Parliamentary Committees in all your traditional honorifics.

I greet High Higness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and your Good Lady and the members of the Council of Deputies Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi, Fetalaiga Tuiloma Pule Lameko, and Afioga Le Mamea Tuiletufuga Ropati Mualia.

I also greet the Chief Justice Afioga i le Aoee, Patu Tiavaasue Sapolu and the Judiciary of Samoa.

Tulouna le paia o Tama ma o latou Aiga, o Aiga ma latou Tama, le mamalu ia Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. Tainane foi le faafofoga tapuai mai a o tatou uso i le motu i sasae aua Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofo ma Aitulagi Saole ma Saleaaumua ma le Launiu na Saelua, le Laau na Amotasi, Auvaa o le Tootoo ma upu ia te oe le Manuatele.

I also greet the heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff.

I also take this chance to acknowledge the various Church Ministers tasked with praying for God's blessings upon Samoa and in the future. Your divisional status and honorifics remains undivided until forever.

Mr Speaker I wish to greet my Constituency of Vaimauga West No.2 for if it was not for them I would not have been sitting in this seat. Thank you for all your endless support upon me and this calling. Who am I to you? Only Asomau had his house relocated to the mountains with me due to your immense ambitious and patriotism. Only God can repay your kindness and that I pray for you.

I acknowledge my constituency in all your honorifics *Le paia e o le itumalo i le afifio o Tama Alosina ia Seumanutafa ma Toomalatai, le afifio o Fuai fale o Salevalasi ia Tamaseu ma Faualo, afifio o laua Matua ia Faaolesa ma Onofiatele, le faletolu ia Tuiletufuga, Letaa ma Pupualii ma le Vainalelepa. Tapuai maia ma tui mai le mulipapaga se i ou taumafai e taia le tuluvao aua so ta sao i upufai o Malo.*

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E le vaea foi le falaooto i lo tatou va nonofo ai auua le afio o Usoalii ia Tupuola, Faumuina ma Siligatusa, afifio Matua ma le aiga Sa Malietoa ma le paia eseese o Aiga e fia e pau mai Mulinuu, Sogi, Fugalei, Savalalo, Taufusi, Togafuafua, Saleufi, Palisi, Alamagoto, Aai o Fiti, Lalovaea, Leone, Vaisigano, Papauta, Setemafou, Alaoa, Vaoala, Letava, Papaloloa. Susu mai oe Tuisamau ia Feagaimalii ma Samau. I am well aware of your good support for good results and achievements for our constituency in this term.

Great thanks Hon Prime Minister although I feel small given this high calling, in the words of the Psalmist, “The Lord alone deserves all of the praise because of His love and faithfulness”.

Thank you to God’s servants for all your prayers and encouragement such as in the saying, ‘*O faiva e manuia, o faiva ia e tapuaia*’, meaning, ‘good works comes from good support’.

For the first time since the establishment of a Samoan Government that a matai of Apia has received a Ministerial appointment to the Cabinet. Although this is nothing new to this constituency rather it is a huge pleasure for me and therefore, I am more than grateful to the Hon Prime Minister.

To my constituency this calling is new for me and with God all things are possible. That is it from me knowing that more thoughts will be gained in the future.

I heed a word of thanks to the Minister of Finance and the head of the Ministry and staff for the Budget Statement.

To the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I ask that you prioritize the roads of our constituency.

I have all your submissions and will consider it together with the Minister of Finance in getting a quicker response and given normal procedures.

Mr Speaker may God bless you and the His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, Council of Deputies, Speaker of the House, bless you. May God also bless the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and all the members of this Parliament. Have a blessed one to the constituency of Vaimauga West or Vaimauga le Sagauga and may we abide in God’s mercy. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you Hon Minister of Justice, the constituency has heard you well and clear and may their support make your tasks/duties easier.

This is the chance for the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, go ahead.

Afioga Hon AFAMASAGA LEPUIAI RICO TUPAI (Minister of Communication and Information Technology): Thank you Mr Speaker. Before I proceed, I wish to thank the Legislative Assembly for our good rocking seats.

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I was startled when we received the notices that government response will begin from this side gratefully, thank you Hon Prime Minister that the sun is rising from that side and will be set on this side which reminds me of the change in our daylight saving.

Respectfully I acknowledge the honorifics of Samoa and our neighboring islands of American Samoa.

Your Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and your good Lady Masiofo, Council of Deputies, the Three Pillars of Government, Judiciary, Speaker and dignified Parliamentarians, Leader of the Government and the Cabinet.

I also greet the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff, heads of Ministries and Corporations and the members of the public tuning in with your great support.

May God's Glory reign forever and ever more.

Lend me your support Aana Alofi No.3 as I make submission for our district his Parliamentary term XVI. Mr Speaker, before I move on, I wish to extend great appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister for this Ministerial position that has not yet reached this district for over 30 years. Thank you Hon Minister of Finance for the achieved tasks for this Budget 2016/2017 as well as the head of the Ministry and staff which has our full support.

I therefore extend a word of thanks to the Chairperson and your Committee as well as the Chief Executive Officer and staff for the hard work you were engaged in, not forgetting the Chief Executive of the Office of the Regulator, the Post Office and the staff for all your support on the works and its Budget under my supervision.

To the esteemed House, a wind can rise even in the hold meaning do not crumble as good fortune may come at any time. I trust that with the range of comments received, this is a reflection of the State's works most specifically in relation to communications. That is the overall summary in response to your submitted requests on television, radio, telecommunication, internet and other forms of communication.

Accordingly, the State's policies and vision in securing communication links throughout the entire country to provide efficient and effective technological network. That is the entire purpose for this five year term. We are also hoping to install our Samoa National Broadband for effective communications access which is the heart of this economy. We are living on what is called the E-role, and E in Samoan is-commerce, E-agriculture, E-education, E-tourism and various kinds. In saying that, the heart of our economy and the country's is in the hands of Lealailepule and myself. Do not be concerned, all your requests will be fixed, yet turn on your televisions and radios and in an instant it will come on eventually.

On to my constituency of Aana Alofi No.3 I acknowledge your traditional honorifics and salutations.

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Likewise is my intention as your representative for your great respects that has my total honor and gratitude. I am full of joy because of this calling. Your requests is now before the State for their works. I will try my best to attain your wishes for your prosperity and for Samoa as a whole.

I wish to extend special acknowledgement to Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster for representing this constituency for the past five years and the good works he did. Thank you also for your humility during the time of our elections. Bear with me as I carry on our tasks for the sake of our district this next five year term.

Mr Speaker, I conclude a word of thanks to all my relatives and friends abroad for your tremendous efforts and support upon me. May God bless you all. May God also bless the constituents and God's servants.

I cannot forget the support of my wife and children. Members have spoken that I am the youngest and the most handsome but I say, you have not seen my beautiful wife, she is the old man's best.

I end with the words of Isaiah the prophet, 40 verse 31, noting the following words in accordance to the Budget and the State's responses that says, "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Leave the skills/ability of Pili with God. Hence let us rely on God as this Government is founded on God. Have a blessed Sitting and to Samoa tuning in, in the sovereign name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Mr Speaker I did not want to interrupt you however I will be brief given our short time. I did not mean to interrupt however it seems that the job is now being handed over to the Ministers and the Government. Thank you for your responses and seeing that this is the same old response we get, 'Leave it to us, keep on turning on/pushing the button to your televisions as it will eventually come on, get a computer, email and you will get the response from the Minister. Next week will have thousands planted trees in Nu'u but last week, i contacted Nu'u and they said there was no plant. The only amount needed was 10 plants. Do not be anxious as all your concerns are recorded.

Mr Speaker respectfully I am contended with your speeches. Why? Hope is with you. The spirit is to support and assist one another. We will turn on our computers and televisions even if they are not on we will continue to push the button until it is on. Next year same time like this I will remind you again about our televisions that if we continue to push the buttons and send you emails sadly we have just notified that you do not have any computer. This is the intention with respect. It is good for us to remind you as we have the observers and the notetakers. Bless your duties as we give support.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I call the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker just a small one because the allegation is severe saying that he visited the site and nothing was there. Briefly you come and talk to me if it is the right Ministry you are seeing.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. Let us go with that. I allow the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE AIONO NEIOTI GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I now have the chance to respond.

Mr Speaker, that is the conclusion of Cabinet's response on the raising matters and just to note, this is one of the most crucial Sittings made up of constructive feedback and thoughts that is appropriate. Bear with us as we have five years to execute them. As reminder, whoever wishes to do his works in the beginning by the end all that will be forgotten. We have had our oaths based on integrity and diligence. There was one Sitting where one of the late Opposition members was very noisy where he ended up saying, "Tuilaepa, tell your Ministers to minimise the loads of work that we do." Then I stood up and replied, this is in the Official Parliamentary transcripts, "You now received the comments from the Opposition side, you have gone too fast but with more strength, do it more swiftly. On that note, try and fast track your works." He who knows what to do must do it, I earlier stated that we have 90 projects that is worth billions and in total cost it comes to \$500 million, however the problem is the delay execution to this job. One thing I noticed is the water supply problem and reason for our European Union partnership where \$60 million was received to execute large water tanks in Ululoloa for the township area and Samatau. Another \$60 million was received to implement the water tanks in Palauli i Vailoa up to Puapua. Last Thursday had me signed another \$20 million EURO which is equivalent to \$70 million Samoan Tala. Water dug from the underground aquifers – means that it is dugged out without any assurance if water is available or not. It is a waste of effort and money if such digging takes forever and no water is found but if water is found it is water salinity to the sea.

This is why it is essential for the State to produce water meters for people to take water into more significance as water supply is always available and sometimes groundwater is replaced by the water salinity from the sea.

This is rightfully the reason for tree preservation programs to minimize water from the roots of the plants from being absorbed by the sun. The problem is that people are cutting down a lot of trees which began from the 1800s due to the many human sources/activities such as generating factories that produces harmful gas emission that could not be mitigated by the limited trees and plants.

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The only way for these greenhouse gas emissions is tree planting. The population of the world at the time of Jesus Christ was 250,000 million. What now? We have 7 billion. With the growing number of population tree cutting is also growing for house building and scientists cannot invent machines to mitigate gas spreading around the space. What did the Scientists do? It is too late, the world is too late in signing this agreement that we just did.

We should have signed it 100 years ago for the countries to start planting trees to absorb polluted gas. For any large building construction tree planting is encouraged to reduce harmful gasses produced by people to destroy the environment. Despite this 100 years, climate change will get worse. Some will face drought all throughout and where will they turn to?

In some cases we will have rainfall that will last forever that comes with destructive tsunamis and cyclones. The strongest cyclones to ever hit us was Cyclone Ofa in February 1990 with 125 miles per hour and on the 7th December 1991, cyclone Valerie rose to 175 miles per hour which indicates that the trend is on the rise. The recent cyclone Winston started off at Aleipata area and progressed to Tonga and ended up striking Fiji at 200 miles per hour.

Three years ago a typhoon struck the Phillipines by 300 miles per hour. Scientists alerted that natural disasters like this will increase in number meaning if Samoa were to be hit by a cyclone of 300 to 400 miles per hour that means that no house will remain standing. What does this indicate? We must rely on God. The last two cyclone period had us saved by the Almighty God. Henceforth, we must never part God. This is why water is a necessity and we must have machines to suck out the salt of the sea to purify water which is reason for us heed water at all levels and do not waste it. On this note, I request the member of Vailoa Palauli to relay the message to his village that neighbors like Faasaleleaga also need water.

This is why this Parliament approved the water legislation because water from God is for us to live by.

Mr Speaker, that is the small addition to this matter with the purpose that you should stay alert and work with the Associate Ministers who are working alongside their Ministers. As a leader of the State, I have also been advised by the Opposition in the past that I should go and have a rest as I have ran out of new ideas to manage this Government which is true. I have no ideas, but once something happens I offer my prayers to God to give me one idea to resolve an issue and amazingly, it is not one but 20. That is why I know the exact thing to do and if I ask you to do something, have mercy and do it.

Mr Speaker, that is the Budget, let us approve it now as the country is waiting. Blessed Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. The Hon Prime Minister has already given his statement and responses on the raising matters by the members. Motion has also been approved with the Question.

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Question was put and the motion was moved on the 31st of May 2016, and the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016 and the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017 was approved.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.2) 2015/2016
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: The Legislative will now consider in detail the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016.

In progress of the consideration in detail of the Bill the members can comment on matters written on Paper 2016/2017 No.1, Supplementary Appropriation First on Revenue and Expenditure of the Samoan Government for the years ended 30 June 2016 and the Paper 2016/2017 No.40. Report of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee for the Government of Samoa ending 30 June 2016.

Pursuant to Standing Order 134, the consideration in detail commences with Schedule.

**FIRST SCHEDULE
VOTES AND APPROPRIATIONS
ADDITIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS**

MINISTRY	SCHEDULE	TOTAL
FINANCE:	Total Appropriation	\$3,840,500.

Approved.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT:		\$1,059,394.
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Approved.

HEALTH:		\$457,082.
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Approved.

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STATISTICS: \$33,000.

Approved.

HEALTH SERVICES: \$3,500,000.

Approved.

OFFICE OF THE REGULATOR: \$84,000.

Approved.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 2015/2016: \$8,973,976.

Approved.

SECOND SCHEDULE
REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS

MINISTRY	SCHEDULE	TOTAL REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURE
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FINANCE:	Total Reduction in Expenditure	\$ (3,434,500).
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Approved.

REVENUE:		\$ (200,000).
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Approved.

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STATISTICS: -\$(51,600).

Approved.

TOTAL REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES 2015/2016: -\$(3,686,100).

Approved.

Schedule approved as part of the Act.

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CLAUSE 2: Grant and Appropriation of \$8,973,976 out of Treasury
Funds.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Reduction of amounts earlier appropriated and re-allocation
to other outputs and sub-outputs.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short Title and Commencement.

TITLE: Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016.

Approved.

*The Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016 progressed
without Amendments.*

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SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.2) 2015/2016
– third reading

Afioga Hon SILI EPA TUIOTI: Mr Speaker I move, *That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

APPROPRIATION BILL 2016/2017
– consideration in detail

MR SPEAKER: The Legislative will now consider the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017 and the Main Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of Samoa for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2017 and the Report of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee on the Main Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of Samoa for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2017.

Before the consideration in detail of the Bill I wish to advise the Correction in the Samoan Version of the Main Estimate 2016/2017. These Corrections include chapters V, X, 33, 34, 35, 51, 69, 71, 89, 90, 91, 142, 143, 145, 149, 150, 151, 159, 162, 195, 196, 223, 233, 234, 237, 249, 278, 293, 310, 311, 318, 336, 342, 343, 354 & 380. For the English Print it includes chapters V, X, 69, 89, 90, 142, 143, 149, 150, 159, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 189, 225, 229, 239, 240, 279, 296, 297, 320, 326, 327. These have all been distributed on your desks.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 134, the consideration of the Bill will commence with its Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

VOTES & APPROPRIATION

MINISTRY

APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:

\$16,660,228.

Approved.

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Appropriation Bill 2016/2017
– consideration in detail

COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & LABOUR: \$15,836,099.

Approved.

**COMMUNICATION AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** \$58,111,096.

Approved.

EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE: \$91,186,761.

Approved.

FINANCE: \$75,687,360.

Approved.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE: \$21,104,049.

Approved.

HEALTH: \$86,833,849.

Approved.

JUSTICE AND COURT ADMINISTRATION: \$11,213,942.

Approved.

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Appropriation Bill 2016/2017
– consideration in detail

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT: \$24,796,776.

Approved.

POLICE: \$27,640,063.

Approved.

PRIME MINISTER: \$7,697,418.

Approved.

REVENUE: \$10,880,967.

Approved.

**WOMEN, COMMUNITY AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT \$11,317,444.**

Approved.

WORKS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE: \$46,495,810.

Approved.

ATTORNEY GENERAL: \$3,025,296.

Approved.

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Appropriation Bill 2016/2017
– consideration in detail

AUDIT: \$3,380,412.

Approved.

ELECTORAL: \$2,050,379.

Approved.

LEGISLATIVE: \$6,737,388.

Approved.

OMBUDSMAN: \$1,119,895.

Approved .

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: \$4,634,310.

Approved.

HEALTH SERVICES: \$1,599,613.

Approved.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES: \$2,578,529.

Approved.

24 JUNE 2016

Appropriation Bill 2016/2017
– consideration in detail

STATISTICS: \$4,426,679.

Approved.

SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION: \$1,318,280.

Approved.

PRISON AND CORRECTION SERVICES: \$5,973,323.

Approved.

TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE 2016/2017: \$492,306,167.

Approved.

SCHEDULE:

Approved.

CLAUSE 2: Grant and Appropriation of \$492,306,167 out of the Treasury Fund.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Grant and Appropriation of \$501,966 out of the Trust Estate Fund.

Approved.

24 JUNE 2016

Appropriation Bill 2016/2017
– third reading

CLAUSE 4: Grant and Appropriation of \$14,769,185 out of the Treasury Fund.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short Title and Commencement.

TITLE: Appropriation Bill 2016/2017.

Approved.

The Appropriation Bill 2016/2017 now progressed with Amendments.

APPROPRIATION BILL 2016/2017
– third reading

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE AIONO NEIOTI GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017 be now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thanks this huge task is done. I take this chance... I call the Hon Prime Minister.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE AIONO NEIOTI GALUMALEMANA DR. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I rise with respect to extend a word of thanks to everyone in the House for the huge work approved today covering the Main Budget for the State to progress its work commencing from the 1st of July to the end of June of the coming year.