

FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY 2019

Speaker took Chair at 9:00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I declare that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly commenced. I acknowledge our farewell bid made yesterday to our colleague, the late Member Afioga Sefo Pau Taumata Pau. May the Lord comfort the grieving wife, children and family.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPORPRIATION BILL (No.1) 2018/2019
- consideration in detail resume from yesterday's Sitting**

MR SPEAKER: Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned yesterday whilst we were on the consideration of the Bill on the Ombudsman Office and we shall resume.

**FIRST SCHEDULE
ADDITION IN APPROPRIATIONS**

MINISTRY	DESCRIPTIONS	TOTALS
OMBUDSMAN OFFICE:		\$50,643.

Approved.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:		\$69,115.
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Approved.

FIRE SERVICES:		\$83,987.
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Approved.

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019
– consideration in detail**

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION: \$35,955.

Approved.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES: \$5,735,928.

Approved.

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE: \$17,294.

Approved.

SAMOA QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY: \$46,200.

Approved.

SAMOA TOURISM AUTHORITY: \$55,796.

Approved.

OFFICE OF THE REGULATOR: \$23,124.

Approved.

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
OF SAMOA: \$43,368.**

Approved.

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA: \$339,727.

Approved.

SAMOA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY: \$23,994.

Approved.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES: \$32,664.

Approved.

BUREAU OF STATISTICS: \$57,613.

Approved.

LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY: \$103,820.

Approved.

LAW REFORM COMMISSION: \$16,263.

Approved.

PRISONS AND CORRECTIONS SERVICES: \$2,334,970.

Approved.

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019
– consideration in detail**

TOTAL ADDITIONAL OVERALL EXPENDITURES 2018-2019: **\$16,557,282.**

Approved.

**SECOND SCHEDULE
REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS**

MINISTRY	DESCRIPTION	OVERALL REDUCTIONS
FINANCE		\$(165,000).

Approved.

DESCRIPTION:

MR SPEAKER: There is an Amendment to the DESCRIPTION provided in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Chairperson the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

Afioga ALIIMALEMANU ALOFA TUUAU: I greet the Speaker of the House and distinguished Members of the Parliament and the presence of the Chief Executive Officers. Mr Speaker I move to amend the First Schedule as follows:

“AMENDMENT:

1. For item **NE- MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT**, under Addition to Transaction on Behalf of the State, substitute “Co-location Digicel lease” with “Electricity bill for Digicel posts.”
2. For Item **AT-OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**, under Addition to Outputs Provided by Department” insert numbering “5.0” before “Commercial and International Law Division” and insert “6.0” before “Criminal Prosecution – Supreme Court”.
3. For Item **STA- TOURISM AUTHORITY**, under Addition to Outputs provided by the SOE, item 4.0, substitute “Asia Market” with “Research and Statistics Services”.

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019
– third reading**

Amendment approved.

Schedule approved as Amended.

CLAUSE 2: Grant and Appropriation of \$16,557,282 out of the Treasury Fund.

Approved.

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

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement

TITLE: Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2018/2019.

Approved.

Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019 was progressed with Amendment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.1) 2018/2019
– third reading**

Afioga Hon SILI EPA TUIOTI: Mr Speaker, before I move the motion, I first convey my gratitude and thanks to the Speaker of the House and the respective Members of Parliament in support of the Supplementary Appropriation bill (No.1) this year. Great job.

Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019 be read a third time.*

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Land Titles Bill 2019
– third reading

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

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

Members of the Chamber showed appreciation by applauding in approval of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019.

LAND TITLES BILL 2019
– first reading

Afioga Hon FAAOLESA KATOPAU T. AINUU (Minister of Justice, Courts and Administrations): Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Land and Titles Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Revenue, Minister of Communication & Information Technology and Minister of Finance.

Motion approved and the Land and Titles Bill 2019 was read a first time.

TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMENDMENT BILL 2019
– first reading

Afioga Hon TIALAVEA FEA LENIU TIONISIO HUNT (Minister of Revenue): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Motion approved and the Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.

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**SAMOAN LANGUAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL
2019 – first reading**

Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture): Thank you Mr Speaker.

I second the acknowledgement on the offering prayer to the Divine Father with regards to our calling this morning.

I stand to move a motion, *That the Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Minister of Justice, Courts and Administrations and the Minister of Revenue and Minister of Finance.

Motion approved and Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.

**RETURNING OFFENDERS BILL 2019
- first reading**

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Returning Offenders Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor.

Motion approved and the Returning Offenders Bill 2019 was read a first time.

**ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019
- first reading**

Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor): Thank you Mr Speaker. I acknowledge your patience on this final sitting day of the week. I also acknowledge the House and the presence of Government Heads gathered here today.

Mr Speaker, I move the motion, *That the Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health and the Minister of Tourism.

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Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019
– first reading

Motion approved and the Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2019
– first reading

Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA (Minister of Health): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Minister of Tourism, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Revenue.

Motion approved and the Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019 was read for the first time.

COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE AMENDMENT BILL 2019
– first reading

Afioga Hon FAAOLESA KATOPAU T. AINUU: Mr Speaker, I move the motion, *That the Community Law Centre Amendment Bill 2019 be read a first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Communication and Information Technology and the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Motion approved and the Community Law Centre Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 2019
– second reading

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to the Certificate of Urgency in my hand for this Bill, the Assembly will now proceed with the second reading of this Bill.

I call on the Hon Minister of Health.

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Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019
– second reading

Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019 be read a second time and I wish to comment on it.*

Seconded by the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor.

MR SPEAKER: Before the question is put, I call upon the Hon Minister for your clarification.

Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA: Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the good health of the Speaker and that of the Members of Parliament. We are blessed with another new day added to our lives. I further acknowledge the prayer of thanksgiving to God delivered by the Chair for our works today. This is our petition to the Almighty God for His abundant blessings upon us this morning.

Mr Speaker and distinguished Members of Parliament, the current tabling Bill is nothing new to the hearing of the public and Samoa. This bill has taken eighteen months for it to be underway. Since the start, this Bill has been deliberated by the Members in the many Sittings in the past. There is belief that everyone has gained full insight of this legislation. Although the recent compilation has just been completed for this bill constitutionally, it is now discussed in Parliament today.

The Bill intends to amend the Principal Act of the Ministry of Health Act 2006 and repeal the National Health Services Act 2014. This the most accessible way to ensure the smooth transitioning of the merge. The reason for the merge as constantly explained before is the lack of optimal health service not being provided to the public. Furthermore, the Social Committee are currently working on other ways to better the Legislation while the Bill is being tabled for the time being. It is my belief that the Bill will fulfill the necessary requirements of the Government in merging of the National Health Services and the Ministry of Health.

Mr Speaker, it is important to reiterate the objective of this Bill as discussed. There is no objective of the Bill to rid employees of their jobs or anything similar. The main purpose of the Bill is to improve the health service provided to our people through proper management by the Ministry. The reason for this is to reduce the number of overseas referrals for treatment as it is costly. Furthermore, the Bill seeks to improve the quality of live to all its citizens in rural and urban areas.

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Furthermore, the Bill will also provide for the improvement of health services in the district hospitals as voiced by Members. The need to improve the services in district hospitals by way of resident doctors within the district hospitals was voiced yesterday. It is the reason the World Health Organization believes in the importance of prevention over treatment. As mentioned yesterday in regards to dialysis, it is caused by non-communicable diseases like diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure and heart disease. The support of the Asian Development Bank as pledged through an offer to lend their assistance towards the improvement of health services in the rural area. It is also an opportunity to collaborate together with our community participants. As advertised in the media, prevention is better than cure, initiative is catered for the involvement of the public by being hygienic in our communities. Ensure clean environments and hygienic way of living encouraged by our Welfare Committees will ensure the community involvement in nationwide collaboration towards better quality living.

Mr Speaker, that is purpose of the Bill as mentioned. There is nothing that succeeds in the first run and thus the Ministry is more than ready for the merge. Therefore, with the approval of the Assembly, the Bill will move forward with the merge this year.

That is the notice in regards to the Bill and I will be glad to address further queries concerning the merge. Thank you Mr Speaker and Members of the House for this opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETEELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: I wish to elaborate more on non-communicable diseases. The interpretations of non-communicable diseases or NCDs for those of us who are not doctors. Henceforth, let us enjoy the non-communicable diseases as it is not contagious. The reference should be changed to death diseases instead of NCD as majority have lost their lives from it. The public will mistake the term non-communicable and thus take it as a matter of less importance. Mr Speaker, I stand to reiterate the importance of this Bill. The Ministry of Health and the National Health Services were merged before. However due to the dilemmas within the Ministry over the past years, the experts from New Zealand were brought in to review the practices and legislations. There were numerous commissions reviewing the procedures of the Ministry in the hopes of reducing the predicament.

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The findings of this reviews suggest the reforming of two separate departments. It was advised that doctors will focus on their work of curing the patients while the NHS focus on the health services to the overall public. The theory side is great. Once the Ministry of Health and the National Health Services are separated, it will improve their works and services. Because when it comes to the practical side of things, it is no good, the service sees no improvement. The reason behind the expert's suggestion was the New Zealand adoption of the reform from the British. The New Zealanders followed the British Government and we followed New Zealand. However, the British health sector is one of the worst in the world in terms of medical services. In all of Europe, Britain is by far the most inefficient in Europe and the international financial institutions understand this. Meanwhile, New Zealand later on merged their Ministry and the Health Services as they discovered the inefficiency of the medical services whilst we carried on with the division.

It is why the thought was considered that we too should move away from this notion and merge. The merge should have been done due to the complaints and criticisms of the rural districts in regards to poor management. The plans were in place but the protests by some of the nurses delayed the process. Therefore, a meeting was called for the nurses to come together.

The decision was made for a Commission of Inquiry. The media has had a field day with news updates of the merge. It was my observation that the clash and conflict of the merge of the health services and the Ministry would be with the higher management. The Cabinet recognized the importance of reconsidering this matter. Therefore, the Commission of Inquiry carried out their investigation. The opening remarks of the report supported the merge but also included the phrase that referred to the Ministry as 'backstabbers'. It emphasized that employees were only there for themselves and to receive their wages. Their service to the country was not of importance which the Commission of Inquiry concluded in their report. Regardless of the plans and course objectives we wish to implement, it would not be *successful without working together with honesty and integrity*. Therefore, the Hon Minister has voiced the consultations carried out and the financial assistance gifted by the World Bank. The contribution of \$25million tala will assist in improving the health services. The implementation of the merge will be in three columns and this includes the complaints of the nurses. The first column is the segregation of the Administration; the second is the Tuasivi Hospital and the third is looking at enhancing the Health clinics in districts.

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The Cabinet has reviewed and approved the priority set including the merge and restructure for the improvement of services in the rural area or district hospitals. It means improving buildings, improving machines, assigning doctors and nurses and ensuring the trust is earned again. We cannot afford another incident that cost the lives of the young ones that occurred in Savaii. It is why doctors will now be present to monitor the injections and ensure the right medicine is being used for the immunizations of our children.

That is the reason for the merge and the support of the World Bank to this merge which has made a tremendous difference. The difference in being that there is now financial support to execute and implement the needed equipments and improvement process to ensure that priority is set. The improvement of district hospitals will hopefully minimize the crowded state of the hospital in Motootua. The improvement of district hospitals in regards to resources will allow citizens to visit their district hospitals rather than commute to the main hospital because district hospitals will now have improved machines, more doctors and nurses and upgraded buildings. However, things to consider is the possibility that when doctors are there in the district hospitals, there might not be any patients to treat and doctors will grow idle. Not everyone owns a car. Nevertheless, the improvement process of the rural or district hospitals will thus include internet services to ensure that records are available for all patients. With the internet cable being set up, that will hopefully become a reality in both rural and urban areas.

Mr Speaker, I conclude that the merge has long been waiting for its take off time, but the Hon Minister and Ministry have been delaying the take off. I acknowledge the importance of the Bill with its kick off position in the Meeting.

Mr Speaker, that is my additional input in regards to this very important Bill that has the total support of the entire Cabinet.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognize the honorable Member for Anoamaa West.

Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO (Anoamaa West): Thank you Mr Speaker. I note the prayers of thanksgiving voiced in the acknowledgement of our Lords blessings. I also note and acknowledge the addressing of the nation in all its honorific salutations, therefore I will move to share my thoughts on the Bill.

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I first thank the Hon Minister of Health for the Bill. I further acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister for his clarification on matters to improving the health services. The improvement of the services is what we all want. The Member acknowledges and voices support for the merge in the hopes for improved health services by the Ministry of Health. The health of the citizens is a very important matter. The Member notes the importance of the merge of the National Health Services and the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, I note the statement voiced by the Hon Prime Minister about the assistance of \$26million for the merge implementation. The Member acknowledges the words of the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister in regards to the fact that this was the way it was before the reform. I seem to recall that perhaps the setback is due to the differences in opinion and quality of service. In regards to the structure and systems, they are all man made things.

Therefore, the quality of the service provided is dependent on them. Nevertheless, I wish to bring back the increase earnings of the National Health Service possibly from 2012, 2013 to 2014. Correct me Hon Minister if I have the years wrong. The annual report of the National Health Service perhaps in 2015 was \$1million and was deposited to the ANZ Bank. That is a slight reflection of the few years back, yet, the intention I see in this legislation is good as we move forward to raise and improve quality service for the health department.

The accumulation of these profits was collected from within their sector. The National Health Service at the time was under a board or committee as the main administrators. The point I query is now that the Hon Minister and Government wishes to merge the two departments again, it now seems that the accumulated profits by the health sector will now be taken to the Treasury. The matter is not a terrible thing, but it will now seem like the Ministry will have to go back to the Government and request for a piece of the cake that is being allocated to all Government Ministries and Corporations. Regardless of the aforementioned \$26million gifted by the World Bank in assistance to the merge, the National Health Service contributions **would not be counted as their own.** In regards to the employees, the Bill states that all employees will be under the authority of the Public Service Commission when at first the health sector was under the management of a board. Does this mean it will now be turned over to the PSC for the hiring and recruiting of employees? However, I recall the Hon Prime Ministers' remarks on plans to refer the hiring and firing of employees to the Chief Executive Officer and the Ministry. Perhaps plans are being arranged.

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However, I wish to query whether there is a fund set aside for the redundant workers of the Ministry. The query was voiced to the Ministry of Finance and their reply was that it was to be included in the wage increase with the amount \$3.7million. It is very important to ensure that the workers made redundant due to the merge are to be taken care of financially.

Furthermore, I wish to inquire whether these redundant workers are able to reapply to the Ministry. The Hon Minister did not comment on the matter, but I seem to have heard that there is a stand out period of two years. Furthermore, I note the specialized skills in the Ministry might be hard to sustain in the Ministry. Nevertheless, I hope the Hon Minister considers the importance of these skill workers when in the process of rehiring. The Member acknowledges the priority given in the Bill to the rural areas and district clinics, thank you for considering our communities. It is the wish of the Member to upgrade and improve the services of our district hospitals and also that of my constituency.

The Hon Prime Minister mentioned the priority given to the Doctors to carry out the injections for the immunization of children and to ensure that no other deaths are caused by accident. However I hope to recommend that the process of catering to the patients is to be improved. Doctors usually give first priority to the emergency rooms and women and children will wait however long it takes to get their immunization shots. It is crucial to bear in mind that constituents travel from across the constituency to the clinic centre and then they are to wait for a long time to be seen. I recommend the consideration for women and children so that they do not have to wait long hours to take their immunization shots. This is my recommendation to the Hon Minister and Ministry, so that women and children are able to get to their families sooner.

Hon Minister I now come to the qualification area as I observe the opportunity for one to be the Director General of the Ministry. The qualifications and eligibility of the Director General is considered for the following persons; a registered health care professionals. The registered healthcare professional registration and standards, the Bill provides for the following persons to be eligible; registered doctor, dentist, nurse and midwife, pharmacist, dietitians, sign language professionals, radiologists, midwife and traditional healer. A lot of our people are now eligible to this Director General of Health post.

Therefore, I acknowledge and thank the Hon Minister for the wide selection eligibility opportunity provided. Who would have thought that a traditional healer would be eligible to apply for Director General? Thank you Hon Minister of Health for this wonderful opportunity provided for the traditional healers.

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MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Point of Order. The statements voiced by the Member are outrageous and misleading. It will lead people astray and I would know because I deal with traditional healers every day, they come to the office for one matter or the other. It is because I am considered the father of the nation by some confusing people. It seems that whatever happens they say to themselves, ‘let’s go to our father.’ A proposal by the traditional healers came to me one day, and they stated that they wanted a storey building to conduct their massages or fofo. The reason was because the existing fale was leaking. So I talked with the Chief Executive Officer of Tourism and told her to talk to the Minister about the conditions of the roof leakages. The traditional healers have many clients lined up and sometimes I go there to massage my legs. However the statement that those traditional healers would be eligible for the Director post is preposterous. There are protocols for these things. How can a healer who only treats patients with *nonu leaves* be the Director of the Hospital? There is no such thing. However, the Hon Minister will respond to that.

Moreover, I believe there will soon come a time when the PSC will table its Bill in regards to their operations and responsibilities. Therefore, the Public Commission will then focus only on the capacity building of public servants. Furthermore, the Commission will align their annual programs from January to December each year in seminars and workshops to improve capacity building for all employees. Therefore, a specialist will be conducting a capacity building program for the public servants. There are three things that the nation needs right now. The first is money; money is needed to implement the developments of the State, second is technology granted from countries with vast technological expertise and the third is capacity building for our people. The Government has noted the vast improvements of money earnings but the one thing that is lacking is the ability to execute the operations needed. It is why the Public Commission will now have more time to focus on seminar workshops to upskill and develop our public servants. Therefore, the hiring and firing of employees will be based on the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry or Corporation. Moreover, one of the criticisms towards the hiring process is that some candidates are still recruited yet they do not have the suitable qualification to the post. It is not a common occurrence, but the matter has been carefully considered by the Cabinet.

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It is why I acknowledge the Member for voicing concerns on the matter. However, the statement that seems to imply that PSC will now take over the process is incorrect. The PSC will not be handling this process. However, in regards to the differences in salary earnings of the PSC, the Tribunal has conducted investigation in the process and its benefits. The aim is to have a competitive and marketable workforce so that it is aligned with the pays of the doctors in New Zealand.

At the moment, the wages of those working in the hospitals are very high, but what about the state of savings? The status should be advertised because it is the key to the state of finance.

There was a Cabinet Development Committee meeting that was carried out 18 years ago and the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Finance at the time notified us that the profit was \$25million. Acknowledgement was shown by way of clapping. So I told the members of the meeting that this was unacceptable. Appropriation was laid out and yet \$25million was left? It means that there are hospitals and schools that could have been built with that \$25million. It also reflects that there are Chief Executive Officers that are sleeping on the job.

In all honesty, 100% of the budget should be utilized. If it was \$800million then by the end of the year that \$800million should be finished. It is not good to save money. The Government always seeks to create employment opportunity, thus it is good to have a deficit budget. The deficit in budget increasing the developments and benefits the people. It is why I reiterate that saving money is sometimes bad. Therefore, I conclude my remarks because we are nearing our breakfast time.

Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister for the interruption.
 r Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: You may proceed.

Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: I reiterate the content of my speech as voiced was mainly in gratitude to the Hon Minister of Health. I refer and recommend the Hon Minister of Health to consider the annual reports of the Ministry as mentioned. Therefore, the Member recommends to the Ministry not to save any money but utilize all funds for the betterment of service.

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The matter with eligibility as mentioned was merely recalling the contents of the Bill. It was not a suggestion but the Law. However the Hon Prime Minister voiced that the remarks voiced were stupid but it was not what I was thinking but the Law. Perhaps the Legislation can be reviewed and amended and tabled again in Parliament.

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

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: In consideration of all matters regarding eligibility, it is important to remember that common sense is the key to carrying out jobs. Therefore, the qualifications must be carefully considered by a Committee of usually three or four people and later be referred to the higher Committee for further review. It is then referred to the 13 minds in the Cabinet. All inadequacies are dismissed. Therefore, there is nothing to worry about.

There is a Biblical saying that is whispered when the Israelites complain and whine, the elders would say, “do not worry, Moses and Aaron will take care of everything.” Remember that it would have taken only seven days to reach Canaan but the Lord circled them in Mount Sinai for 40 years. The end result was that 603 hundred thousand came from Egypt but only Caleb and Joshua made it to Canaan. Moses and Aaron did not reach the holy city. Therefore, have no fear for Moses and Aaron are looking after these affairs.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you, I call on the Member...

Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: Mr Speaker, I am not worried. I am merely relaying recommendation to the Hon Minister of Health and if there is anyone that should be worried, it would be the Hon Minister of Health, not me. Hon Minister I acknowledge the expertise upon which you were called upon the post, therefore the Law is the Law and no one is above it. Nevertheless, I have given my recommendation for the discretion of the Hon Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the honorable Member, but we have now reached the hour of our usual break.

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Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: I hope to recommend to the Hon Minister the consideration of the Bill and that this will be your legacy. Whether it ends in good or bad, it is the legacy of the Hon Minister. I pray it ends well for the nation and for the health of all of Samoa. Bless the Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you, it is important to bear in mind that our Parliament is heavily dependent on the grace of the Lord to bless us with the discretion to conduct the affairs of the State. Nonetheless, recommendation is always welcomed for the consideration of matters for the future. Discretion is from God to which we depend on for conducting the affairs of the Government, Ministries and Administrations.

I notice that there are three more Members who show interest in sharing their thoughts in regards to the Bill. The Bill has been in progress for 18 months now and I acknowledge the Members who wish to remark upon it. Opportunity will be granted to the Members when we return from our normal morning break. I remind the Chamber that today is a short day and that we adjourn at 12:00. However, our time may be delayed till 7:00pm if there are more Members who wish to speak.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was set aside at 10.35am and resumed at 11.07am.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the Chamber is aware that today we adjourn at 12:00 as per the motion moved by the Leader of the House. Therefore, our time is dependent upon the Members consideration and their speeches being made. The Member for Palauli le Falefa showed interest once the Member for Anoamaa West concluded his speech. I call on the Member for Palauli le Falefa to stand followed by the Member for Vaimauga East.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker. I acknowledge and convey thanks for the refreshments prepared and acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and Associate Ministers. Due to the pressure of time, I shall be brief and will only cover the important matters.

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MR SPEAKER: I thank the elder Members of that side of the House.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: The bottom line is that I support the Bill. I also acknowledge and support the urgency of the Bill because such matters affect people's feelings. The Bill provides for the Principal Acts with amendments to return to the old legislation. The amendment I wish to shed light on is Clause 19 which provides authority to the Minister to determine fees and charges.

The provision is in conflict with the Act that was approved by the Assembly in the previous year which provided for the determination to be conducted by the Ministry and referred to the Revenue Board. The Revenue Board will then review and make recommendations to the Cabinet. It was the reason for the amendments of non taxable revenues, which I believe the Hon Minister can attest to. Therefore, I recommend the Hon Minister and Ministry to consider amending this clause because it collides with the Act that provides for the referral of non taxable revenues to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr Speaker, the Member voices support for the Bill and the priority provided on the district hospitals and Welfare Committee. I acknowledge the assistance granted to our citizens so that travel can be more efficient and the priority given to our citizens in Savaii. I voice appreciation for this arrangement.

In regards to the structure which the Hon Minister and Hon Prime Minister mentioned, I voice my concern for the 2 pillar structure instead of 3 pillars. Having just 2 pillars will overload the service base. As we all know, when a person is overloaded with work they create mistakes. However minimal mistakes are to be accepted when dealing with people's lives. Therefore, it is imperative to continue and if the Bill cannot be amended as it is now tabled, then I believe this calls for the phrase that the Hon Prime Minister usually says that the first decision is usually the right one. I am puzzled on the foundation which separated the pillar that should have been put together. It would have been better if the pillar was directed at the District Hospitals or Health Centre. Nevertheless, the Bill is now tabled and the Ministry has set sail, therefore I relay remarks as recommendations for the future.

The other matter I queried the Ministry about is in regards to the doctors designated for the district hospitals. There should be incentives provided for the doctors to persuade them to stay and spend their time there. A reminder of youth activities should be emphasized so that they remember fishing days, yam planting and so forth.

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In my opinion, doctors realize their state of upbringing. In saying that, isolation requires one to find something to spend their time. The isolation factor...

MR SPEAKER: The Member has two more minutes.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you. I asked what incentives there are in place for doctors. And they said vehicles and houses.

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

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The concern of the Member are arrangements that should be conducted. There are horses and motorcycles available if vehicles are not. Mr Speaker incentive was needed those days when doctors were scarce. However, now that we have a School of Medicine, other arrangements need to be made in regards to delivering orders to the doctors. It should not be when the doctor is available. Public servants are directed to where they are needed.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I acknowledge the clarification voiced by the Hon Prime Minister. I remind the honorable Member there is a time for specifics.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I will only speak on the major issues. For instance, the district hospitals and the state of pharmacies and the need for upgrade. I recommend equipping the pharmacies for the district hospitals in Sataua, Salega, Safotu and Fagamalo.

Furthermore, I remark that once Satupaitea becomes the centre for the West side, then it would stabilize the Ituotane for urgent case instead of rushing to Tuasivi.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I beg the pardon of the Member, but I recognize the honorable Member Afioga Olo.

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Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: I will be brief Mr Speaker. I wish to correct the statement of the Member, but Salega does not support this notion. It is very far for Salega to commute to Satuipaita, therefore I recommend that they have their own hospital there and ours over here. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I urge the Member to conclude his speech.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: I will conclude since I have two more minutes. Therefore, there should be indicators to indicate the drop of the number of people having the death disease. For example, the NPF 13 years ago there 8,000 pensioners recorded. At this moment, 10,000 pensioners are recorded which means it has increased by 2,000 since the Hon Minister Tuitama became Minister. Moreover, the kidney failure patients should also indicate that in the next 5 years there should be 20 or 10,000 patients of the dialysis unit. It should indicate that there is improvement. Furthermore, I second the notion that the term be changed from non communicable diseases to death diseases as voiced by the Hon Prime Minister. I do not fully grasp the concept as I too went to check my kidneys and the nurse assured me that my kidneys are healthy and so is my sugar level.

I conclude by recommending to the Hon Prime Minister and Hon Minister of Health to reactivate the Foundation Act. It was useful in terms of preventative activities for the future. Thank you for this opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I thank the Member for Palauli le Falefa for your support of the Bill. I now call on the honorable Member for Vaimauga East to share his remarks on the Bill.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I acknowledge your patience in steering our meeting. *We are now on the last day of the week and still in sessions for the future of our people.* The Member therefore wishes to make speech on behalf of the constituency in regards to the Ministry of Health Bill.

Perhaps this Member is one of the Members that is against the merge of the Ministry of Health and National Health Services. I have reasons for rejecting this merge. It was because I had firm beliefs that the Ministry would be able to monitor the NHS and its operations.

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However, this morning I acknowledge the Bill and its priorities set for the health of the nation. It is also the reason why I am very happy with the leadership of this Party, such that it is not afraid to amend Bills for the betterment of its people and their health. The Member for Vaimauga does not care about the funds being wasted rather, the people's health must come first.

Majority of the Budget every year, priority is first given to the Health Sector followed closely by the Ministry of Education. I recommend to Afioga Loau, that is enough educated children. The priority is now directed towards the district hospitals and Education, therefore I recommend the Hon Minister to refer that money to bettering our Health Services.

I have keenly observed this morning the merge, due to the...

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg the pardon of the honorable Member, I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I wish to query the Member, do you mean to suggest that we close down the Ministry of Education and sack the Hon Minister?

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker, I conducted a survey and students responses were, 'the Ministry are overloading the activities, and it is to the point where kids do not know where they would end up. It is overcrowded.

Mr Speaker, the objective is to ensure that health services provided is being improved. The Social Sector Committee deals with the Health Sector. I acknowledge and convey my thanks to the Associate Minister of Health. Most of the times we conduct visitations to the district hospitals in either Savaii or Upolu, we arrive there having just missed the Associate Minister also conducting his duties. The Hon Minister of Health remains in their Office while the Associate Minister is out and about ensuring that operations are run smoothly. It would be so great if all Associate Ministers were this devoted and committed in seeing firsthand what needs to be done and what the problems are. Nevertheless, this morning and in consideration of the merge, I believe the main concern is the undecided factor of who will oversee the health services with this merge. As I have said before, money is not as important as people's health.

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I now come to our international policies as we are all aware of the incident that occurred with my son. The Government granted my son opportunity to be medivac to New Zealand for treatment but was denied by overseas. For the information of the Parliament, my son is a New Zealand citizen and yet New Zealand themselves declined the help. Therefore, I recommend the Hon Prime Minister to reconsider these international policies. The ambulance and the medivac agreed but the hospital declined. It is why I recommend these policies...

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

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: According to the report that I received, recommendation was given for the doctors to monitor and advise whether the patient was fit for transport. It was also reported that the treatments being conducted locally would also be the same treatments being conducted overseas. Thus it means that there is no further point in transporting the patient when the patient was in critical condition unless proven otherwise. It is the same with regards to my eulogy yesterday where I reiterated the importance of sustaining the deteriorating health of the patient until fit for transportation.

Moreover, the States objective with regards to all critical patients are for them to be medivac overseas for treatment, however some do not survive the trip to Faleolo. It is why I apologize to the father of the patient because precautionary measures were undertaken. It is the same with other patients and their families constantly urging the Government for assistance, but the Government must await the discretion of the doctors.

The reason why I shed light on this issue is because the family of Afioga Pau is listening in and it was the same case for them. The Government cannot proceed with its discretion unless the clearance is submitted by the doctors. I am sure the Hon Minister of Health has his own explanations towards this concern.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

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Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the mention for my input on the matter. Mr Speaker there are protocols to be followed and as mentioned by the Member, the condition of the patient must be considered before being transported overseas.

Our doctors must first seek the medical advice of the doctors in New Zealand and discuss the condition of the patient and whether the patient needs to be transported to New Zealand for treatment. The appropriate documents and reports are processed before the decision is made. The doctors in New Zealand will have a meeting to discuss and finalize their decision and will state that they will treat the patient and should be transported immediately. From then on, transportation avenues are to be considered and whether the commercial flights can cover it and so forth. The Government policies provided for families of the patients to pay for the accretion overseas unless other arrangements are made whereby Government guarantees the payment for the medivac. It is done so with understanding of both doctors in New Zealand and Samoa by way of teleconference in regards to the treatments needed prior to the transportation of the patient is carried out.

The part of the discussion between the local doctors and New Zealand doctors is to verify and consult whether treatment is able to be conducted locally. It seeks the advice of the doctors from New Zealand on the treatment procedure and so forth. It is because it is less stressful to have treatments locally instead of being transferred when treatments are the same. The entire aforementioned are conditions in which are considered before patients are to be medivac overseas. Thank you.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Thank you for the remarks Hon Minister. The Member understands however, I voiced concern to the fact that my son was a New Zealand citizen and yet New Zealand themselves refused his entry for treatment. In my belief they do not have the right to deny his entry when he is seeking treatment. Nevertheless, I will move on.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I wish to shed light on the issue voiced. There is only one nation with the authority over its citizens and that is the nation which that person is a citizen of.

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Thus, New Zealand has every right to do as they please with their citizens. It is why, those who have children with New Zealand citizenship, be aware because New Zealand has the final say. The issue is very important because only the Samoan Government has a say over its Samoan citizens. The New Zealand and American Governments have jurisdiction over their own citizens and whether they are Samoans, the State does not have any authority over their ruling. Observe why New Zealand established the Act to object the trial conducted by the privilege council. In regards to citizenship and immigration statuses, the nations which citizens are citizens of have complete authority. It is none of our business to interfere with such matters pertaining to citizens of New Zealand. The notion that New Zealand should do this and that is not our job because New Zealand has the final say. Therefore, the bottom line is that Governments have the authority over their own citizens.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the Member to reconsider.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the clarification. Hon Minister, I now defer my concern to those critical patients with no hope at the hospital. I voice empathy and concern for the public and families whom have been told by the Ministry that their loved ones have no hope of recovering. The very same happened to the late Member Afioga Pau and their family. Mr Speaker, I recommend the Hon Minister and Ministry to consider a Chapel for families to seek refuge and comfort and voice their prayers to the Lord. On that note, I acknowledge the Hon Minister and Ministry for allowing families to visit loved ones in the ICU. However, I recommend the Hon Minister to consider a Chapel or special vicinity for families of loved ones that have been delivered the bad news. Samoa is a nation founded on God and we are believers of the blessings that the Lord blesses Samoa with abundantly.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I do not quite understand because these things have policies. When it concerns a place of worship and prayer, then there is a Hospital Chapel available for people to seek comfort in God during these times. Is the Member querying about a Chapel? We have a Chapel available that is used when people pass away and it is available all the time.

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Secondly Mr Speaker, I knew a pastor who went at 4am to visit a late Member of Parliament, Afioga Asiata. So we talked and I asked him if he went and the pastor replied yes. I asked what happened and the pastor tells me that he talked with the patient and not long after the man died. I told the pastor that he was very disrespectful, and it would have been better to stay home and conduct his prayers there. According to doctors, the best thing for dying patients is absolute quietness. However, in our nature, it is natural for Samoans to sing songs and pray whilst the patient is in need of rest. Patients need rest. It is why doctors are so restless and frustrated. It is also the reason why polices are set in the hospital that provides for visitation times whereby some visitations hours are limited. Some people die from constant visits when they need sleep. Patients need their sleep and rest because they are trying to maintain their strength that is slowly disappearing.

Mr Speaker, the concern raised by the Member is very important. The live coverage of our media allows us to reiterate the importance to staying home and say prayers for patients at the hospital. God is everywhere and will hear our prayers everywhere. I encourage leaving the patient to rest and just voice prayers from the house.

Mr Speaker, that is my assistance on the concern voiced because many of the patients have passed due to the constant visitations denying patients of the rest they need.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I recommend the Member to move away from this issue and the Members time is coming to an end.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Well, thank you. I acknowledge the statements voiced by the Father of the nation. However, it was the Members recommendation for available room to wait whilst the patient is going through treatment and monitoring. Nevertheless, I recommend for something like that.

I acknowledge the referral of hiring and recruitment of the Ministry and National Health Services to the Public Service Commission. The Member acknowledges the statement voiced by the Father of the nation in regards to the priority set for training. The PSC conduct interviews and report their candidate for appointment to the Cabinet. However, the Cabinet changes the appointee. Thus it is a waste of time for interviews to be conducted by the PSC when the Cabinet has the authority to change it. Perhaps it is better if candidates are first directed to the Cabinet for their discretion.

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Point of Order. There is an important reason for these interviews being conducted. As I have mentioned before, there are three panelists and of course there are things that the interviewees can miss out on. Mind you, there are 13 people that are waiting for this decision. The 13 Cabinet Members are the most equipped and experienced people because they have been through these posts. The Cabinet Members are not inefficient. We have Members who have conducted numerous interviews for companies and in saying that, the Cabinet is very flawless in conducting these interviews. Now, in my calculation 95% of the recommendation reports by the panel are mostly approved by the Cabinet. However, the other 5% is when the Cabinet concurs that there is a problem. Bear in mind that the Member currently making speech should acknowledge that the 13 minds of the Cabinet are better than the panelists for the initial interview. Secondly, the Samoan phrase is that the older you become in this world, the more you know. Consider the white hairs of the Cabinet sitting here, the older you become, the wiser you will be.

Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the opportunity to respond to the Member, because the Member is youthful.

MR SPEAKER: I beg indulgence, I ask the Member to conclude now.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Well, Mr Speaker I will now conclude my statements as the Hon Prime Minister has clarified the matter and I also acknowledge the PSC to conduct other works. I thank the Ministry of Health and I acknowledge my pride in the constituent of mine. It has been a proud moment for me in the knowledge that one constituent is the CEO for the National Health Services and the other for the Ministry of Health; both are from the constituency of Vaimauga. Therefore, I convey my gratitude for the services provided to our Ministry and whatever the results may be, that is for the both of you.

Thank you Mr Speaker, I pray you have good health in steering the proceedings of the Assembly. In Jesus name.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call upon the Member for Gagaifomauga No.3.

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Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA (Gagaifomauga No.3.): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I greet and acknowledge the distinguished Members of the Parliament. I also greet the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations. The Member acknowledges the importance of the Bill to the nation and the efforts of the Ministry and Hon Ministry in putting the Bill together. Therefore I voice my support for the Bill. However, recommendation is also voiced in the matter. In regards to this Bill the reason for the merge in the first place was to test the theory that we had before about separation of responsibilities. Now that it has failed we have now come to conclude that it is best to merge and so we refer back to the old Bill. We go back to the eye of the river and review what was once tried, tested and failed.

Hon Minister of Health and the Ministry I thank you for the arbitration as Members have voiced their concerns and ideas on the Bill. I recommend cutting down the expenses, save money on duplication and adjust accordingly to the best interest of the Ministry. Regardless of the commission of inquiry being set in place to review and investigate whether the need for merge is adequate or not, I believe the best decision is to leave matters with the Ministry and those in authority of the decision making. The Member wishes the Hon Minister all the very best, because no matter the structures and changes we wish to make, without the proper execution it would all go to waste. It is the basis of the recommendation; that is emphasizing the importance of those working together to implement these structures. The structures being set would be inefficient without the collaboration of the employees.

Therefore, I urge the Hon Minister to consider the administration and management of employees that would be responsible for the new structure. It is evident that there is friction between the doctors and nurses. The incident with the children has not died down and it reflects the conflicts amongst the employees. We need one heart and one goal to serve the Ministry. We need people with passion, love and the heart to deliver. As I speak I have two constituents up at the hospital at this very moment fighting for their lives. Therefore, the system set to conduct the operations of the Ministry is very important. A life is taken by death every day. But the hope is that if the administration and implementation is up to par, then it would minimize the unforeseen circumstances. There is no more room for argument upon health. You need to consolidate, communicate and cooperate. That is the recommendation of this constituency because life is very important. Life is full of uncertainty and accidents we cannot avoid. And on that note, I leave the matter to the Hon Minister.

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I acknowledge the Hon Minister who is a fine doctor and knows the direction for the Ministry. I conclude by reiterating the need for one heart to do the job within the Ministry. This is the recommendation with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you honorable Member. I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker that is exactly what this Bill is about. Something is happening here. The world we live in is a fractured world and it has been like this since Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were the root and cause for this and now we live with the devil amongst us every day. Remember that all illnesses and diseases come from the devil because that was the punishment for the original sin. The reason for saying this is because no matter how hard we try and achieve something great, the devil will always be there; he does not rest. The Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come from?” Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” The Lord replied, “Have you considered my servant Job?” Satan did indeed attack Job’s health. Mr Speaker, that is the reality of life as we cannot avoid Satan because he is the root of all evil. Therefore, if another incident occurs in the hospital we should not criticize the hospital or doctors, we need to criticize Satan. We need to pray and fast. It is why the servants of the Lord play an important role in praying constantly to avoid temptations that happens all the time. It is because Satan exists in every good deed we do. The Minister and hospital are not inadequate; it is just that Satan is always tempting.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister if there is additional thoughts on the Bill as the Hon Prime Minister has already responded. Shall I now put forth the question? Very well, thank you.

Motion was approved and the Ministry of Health Amendment Bill 2019 was read a second time.

MR SPEAKER: Well, next on our agenda is the consideration in detail of the Amendments on the Bill. I digress that this work will be in our agenda for the next Sitting day next week. As for now, we have come to the hour of adjournment for our business orders. The Bill has been read a second time and orders for next week will be the consideration in detail of the Ministry of Health Bill.

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Before we set aside our Proceedings, I will conclude our Meeting with a prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly set aside at 10.55 until Monday, 28 January 2019 at 9:00am.