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FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY 2021

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9:13am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I announce the resumption of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly this morning.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read out the list of Papers pursuant to S.O.49 (2)

1. P.P.2020/2021 No.128, Samoa Shipping Corporation Limited Annual Report 2020.

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MR SPEAKER: Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned yesterday while the member for Vaisigano No.2 had completed his remarks. The floor is open for another member to address the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2020/2021.

I call upon a member to take the floor to start off our day, alright I thought it was someone else, I call upon the Leader of Government, the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker I notice that members seem reluctant to speak, perhaps it is the weather from yesterday which is continuing this morning.

I rise to officially inform members that the leaders of the Pacific will have its meeting via satellite very shortly. This organisation is one of many within the realm of Pacific leaders which deals specifically with strengthening development especially in the promotion of the life of the Polynesian people and their customs and traditions.

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Practices which they have been carrying out for thousands of years and includes every island within the triangle that spans from Hawaii towards the Maoris in Aotearoa in the south, and to the Eastern side to Easter Island and crossing north again to Hawaii. In this triangle resides people who are called Polynesians. This forum of Pacific leaders had for a long time considered the setting up of the forum of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia. The forum that is now established was strongly encouraged by us here back in 2011, it has been 10 years since it was established. And we were the first to be part of the Polynesian leader's council. The Governor of American Samoa is now the Chairman. He called the Forum this morning to deal with the serious issues that are affecting the Pacific, due to the appointment of the Chairman of the Forum. So that is being called this morning and is held virtually online.

The reason I have shared this is because I will be leaving shortly to attend to this, but I am concerned that Olo may possibly get up and say, Tuilaepa is gone. It is why I have taken the floor, whilst distinguished members are contemplating who will speak on behalf of the House to offer thanksgiving to God for His providence that has brought us all here again to our council, our forum, our sacred sitting to consider the remaining matters of our term.

Mr Speaker that is my statement voicing my appreciation to members that will be speaking today and it is a short day. I have been wanting to end our deliberations and consider the Budget in detail. But I may possibly be accused of being autocratic, but the spirit in me and Cabinet, is there should be enough opportunities given to members to share important issues, this will also be the last contribution in the House before we go into elections. Have a blessed day.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. Well...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East): Mr Speaker, I seek an opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon Tofa Olo.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: I am grateful that we are able to meet again today to carry on with our business. But the situation that the Hon Prime Minister has spoken about is very important since they are forums that must be attended. So do go ahead and attend and leave our sitting to us. I will make note of members who are not present. There are almost ten members of HRPP that are not here at the moment. As the vacancy of our seats, well we have already stated we were late. However, we wish you a successful meeting and may you share constructive ideas.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I rise to say that I accept the well wishes of the member. You need not be concerned as there are cameras on the ceiling that will show members that are playing games on their phones inside Chambers.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you. This is the opportunity for another member to speak. I think it is the member for Aleipata Itupa i...that is trying to take the floor, or am I mistaken by the light. Today is a short day... we should, yes, it is like so. It is not good for the view of the public tuning in...well...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee is prepared, then we can conclude.

MR SPEAKER: The view of Olo assisting the Chair is good. Will the members wanting to speak rise so I could have some idea of allocating your time before I call on the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee or the Vice Chairperson so that our work can be determined. Members who wish to speak.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, but if I could suggest again, who would like to speak this morning? In my view a lot of members have already spoken and for that reason they are deliberately coming late just like Faasootauloa that had just walked in. That is my question.

MR SPEAKER: That is the point of my question as to which members want to speak. So as to measure the order of our business today. If not, we can easily postpone it for next week. The Prime Minister has quite a few meetings to attend and also Cabinet has their duties to tend too.

I call upon the member of Falealili East.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo (Falealili East): Mr Speaker, it is a thought-provoking opinion.

MR SPEAKER: You have already spoken, and you cannot have two turns.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo: Alright, what I was trying to share is...

MR SPEAKER: The member of Falealili East may give his assistance.

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Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo: Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I did not quite get what the member for Falealili East was saying, Afioga Fuimaono.

I call upon the member for Urban West.

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong (Urban West): Mr Speaker I have been following the course of things so far and it seems that the Hon Prime Minister has an engagement, he also does seem ill. I move a motion, *that we adjourn for today and resume the coming Monday.*

With respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister of Works.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Mr Speaker thank you for the opportunity. It seems that members are reluctant to speak on a Friday and I guess they are preparing for Monday. I move that we adjourn until Monday with respect.

Afioga Hon Loau Sola Keneti Sio (Minisita of Education, Sports and Culture): Mr Speaker I rise to say that it seems we are bound by our capacities as Ministers to generally address the supplementary estimates. But if this is not the opportunity for us to speak as members, since our constituencies are following our debate. We would like to convey our appreciations with your discretion of course.

MR SPEAKER: The view of the Minister of Education is interesting, but I am afraid of implementing something new in our Parliament. The other thing I want to point out is the fact that we are here for our usual business which pays us. If there is no meeting, then no one gets paid. Do not forget that I call on a member....

The member of Sagaga le Usoga.

Susuga Hon Seiuli Ueligitone Seiuli (Sagaga le Usoga): Mr Speaker I have given my speech, but I move that, *those of us that have spoken take leave and perhaps it would make it easier for those yet to speak to have the floor.*

Mr Speaker with utmost respect.

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MR SPEAKER: The opinions shared this morning are all very constructive. Everything is captured on TV, members that have yet to speak will continue to occupy their seats. I note the member for Falelatai and Samatau is ready to take the floor.

I call upon the member.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai and Samatau): I am full of respect and in awe this morning seeing members reluctant to speak. The representative of this constituency will not be in that same boat but will take the lead this morning. Therefore, thank you for the opportunity.

I will firstly express my sense of gratitude for we meet again today as arranged in good fortunes and not catastrophes. It is a pleasure to see you all in good health and so praises should be offered to God for His providence. I respectfully acknowledge the dignitaries of Parliament gathered here today. If I may draw on the comparison of pigeons originating from different forests and are now all congregating here. This meeting of venerable chiefs is enabled by the grace of God, revealing the grandeur and majestic of our Lord.

Now, the clouds of the sky are parting because the heavens have announced the glory of God, the work of his hands has been revealed in the firmament. The name of the cup of Leuluaiiis is beautiful, thus is that of Tauiliili and also Sa Tupua, together with the club of the tamaitai. Therefore, Tauaana will proceed with a word to lead our meeting this morning, as other respectable members have done before in our previous sessions. Members have already shared their intelligence and wisdom. Let me say to my constituency to take it easy and lend me your support whilst I speak on your behalf, especially to Samoa listening.

Greetings to His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and his consort Faamausili.

The member of the Council of Deputies Le Mamea Ropati and his Good lady.

I also express greetings to the House, Mr Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the 50 distinguished members of Parliament.

I acknowledge the sanctity of Government, to the Leader of Government Hon Prime Minister and the thirteen Cabinet Ministers. I also recognise the thirteen Associate Ministers of the Government. Such are the respects of the Government who are at the helm of Samoa this Parliamentary term.

I also recognise the Chief Justice, the President and the respects of the Court.

I extend greetings to the leaders of churches, our sacred covenant who are praying for spiritual guidance of our people.

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I recognise the Chief Executive Officers of the Ministries and Organisations of our Government. Also, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

I acknowledge the support of Samoa. Also, the general public who are following our proceedings. Such are the respects of *Aiga ma Tama, o Tama foi ma Aiga, le usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*.

I respectfully seek the permission of the House before saying hello to my elderly mother Pelenatete Lafotanoa Taefu whom is over 90 years. She has moved to Apia for a breath of fresh air and for a change in scenery. When she looked at me today getting dressed for Parliament, she promptly calls the children to turn on the radio. The children replied that her radio is left at home. So she says well turn on the TV then and after a glimpse she claims, oh how beautiful the Parliament looks. Well mother you can recite your rosary and give me your encouragement, and hopefully we will get some votes from our constituency.

Mr Speaker I am all set to begin to address the main points of my speech, but I cannot do so before touching on the relationship of Latai and Seela who are brothers. Since death has visited the Assembly here at Tiafau. The chief that was respected by the Taulagi clan and revered and loved by Sa Tuala clan. One of the orators of the principal court at Maauga has passed away. He was someone strong with a roaring loud voice and I guess most of us were older than him. I recall the words of condolences from one of the church Ministers. “It is not how many years you live, but how you live those years, that is more important” He has reached the highest of positions since entering the Parliament of Samoa. We have all associated and bonded with him and has left us without a word. He is my colleague with our constituencies being connected to each other.

At the end of his speech the other day he said to me, “Taefu, your brother does not speak lightly of our road that marks the boundary between us. We all attended the dedication ceremony to mark the official opening of the road. He spoke on behalf of the village community, and he stated that, “what is good for Falelatai is also good for Faleaseela.” I said to him, “tell Talo that Seela and Latai are actually brothers. The original statement made by Tofilau was what is good for Apia is also good for Salafai. Do take into consideration the agricultural products of this constituency. So now my brother is gone, he has left a message for us. What is that message? We must all be mindful of our health.

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I know that the message that he has left for us to ponder, is to do one thing and forego the other. Just look how busy he has been, he was occupied with the construction of the church, and the development of his family business, together with preparations for the election. Be mindful of our health. It was his heart that claimed the brother, this month. I also heard news from the other side of Judiciary that one of the judges of the Land and Titles Court passed away because of heart problems. It reminds me of the toast by a doctor at a wedding I attended. I am not sure whether it was a joke by the doctor, but it did stay in my head. He continued to say that there are actions which can be done to protect your heart that is near stopping. He said, if we have relatives with heart disease, there is a big chance that we will also get heart disease. Protection is what is needed. When you feel like your chest hurts, you know it is the heart, then keep hitting your chest. Another way is to cough aggressively, cough to make the heart move, so that there is no room for the heart to stop.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member, but I remind you to address our Supplementary Estimates.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker, I am doing that on the area of health. It is said that the heart is like a clock with its legs becoming stiff at times and so you have to tap it continuously. I am not a doctor and I suppose it is the reason why the Speaker interrupted but that is a strategy to keep you alive. Once the heart is saved the life that may possibly become wasted is saved.

Mr Speaker, I said something about our village in the Meeting, I advised our village, try and see the doctor for your checkup, say monthly or twice a month, check with the doctor as we are getting old, and we no longer have the same strength. My family and I would go to the cheapest hospital and the doctors would carry out a thorough examination on me. Which hospital? The kidney hospital. The current ongoing program, protection is better than cure, as the machines are short. Check your blood, check your sugar level, check your weight, check your height, your age, give a bottle to fill up in the back, 5 to 10 minutes the doctor calls to come for a talk, then you sit down.

I come from a family that have diabetes and high blood pressure, waiting for the doctor is like waiting for the verdict from the Court. The check up was done at the end of the year. The doctor said, sugar level is good, blood level is also good, because of your height you are overweight. Perhaps this group had used a scale from China or from Europe.

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When it comes to the bottle, I had taken with me to the back, when the doctor sees the bottle filled from a leaking water and you can still see the clear water bottle to the other side, then he says, thank you, you have enough water in your body, maintain it. But when the doctor sees that the water tap is dirty and the water bottle is quite blurry like changed petrol of a lawn mower, then the doctor will say, to dehydrate you, not enough water in the body, drink water.

Mr Speaker, my drinking water is about to finish when our meeting has just begun. Our Parliament, drink water. Thank you to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the water. I often drink water, because I only have one life. After I drink my water bottle, I turn and drink the water bottles of these men. So beware to drink up your water, this district is not a drinking water people. And do not worry when one of you has heart problem. Whatever chest I sit on, if not this that, at least doctor Salausa is near us, to help us with the operation. Mr Speaker, that is the community service of this district. I will now move on to the matter you are discussing.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena (Faasaleleaga No 4): Mr Speaker, point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the member for Faasaleleaga No 4.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena: Thank you to the member, this water before me and the Associate Minister, the reason it is not a drinking water, is because I am named after it, Vaifou. This much is enough for me to drink, with respect, Vaifou. That is the assistance.

MR SPEAKER: Proceed in accordance with our orders. Is there anything...honourable member for Palauli le Falefa.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Palauli le Falefa): Mr Speaker, thank you. Because the member is advising that we have to visit the hospital every now and then. I know that if check each day today, and the election is soon, I think that is better. Because I know that...bring also the contenders to check their blood, to know that...whether their blood is high or low together with their sugar level. With great respect.

MR SPEAKER: The advice is great, because at this time, as another person does not have heart problems, but all of a sudden have heart complications. I call upon... if not and all of a sudden gets high blood pressure during the time of election.

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Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Mr Speaker, I wish to convey great gratitude to the Minister or the first Minister to have selected me as the Associate Minister, Afioga Sao Faapito, Hon Fiamē Naomi Mataafa. I also wish to express appreciation for the faith put in me. Not only on this Term and the Ministry of Environment but also the previous Term for the Ministry of Justice. So it is nothing new the fellowship with the Sao Faapito given her service from previous years, and you were the former Minister towards the end of her service with the University of the South Pacific. You were the former Chairperson of the Board of Directors Committee for the University. Perhaps this is my opportunity as the chosen Associate Minister by Afioga Sao Faapito, with great gratitude.

Mr Speaker, the concluding speech for the Sitting of this 5 year Term, and there is no other way to do it for as far as I know. The highlights for these 5 year term for me to go back. To a few of these objectives and areas that were implemented during these 5 year period.

Mr Speaker, the beginning of this 5 year period, we had appointed the Tama a Aiga Tauaana as the Le Ao o le Malo. In accordance with the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa, the Samoan Parliament has implemented its cultural respects and authority. And this is the third time Parliament has implemented this plan. Because after the passing of Susuga Malietoa in the year 2007, Parliament had implemented this process. This implementation of the Constitution to seek the Le Ao o le Malo, gave rise to one of the Tama a Aiga. He was appointed twice, and the third time when the Tama a Aiga was changed to Tuimalealiifano.

This district wishes to extend great appreciation. It was not easy. I speak to my constituency. See, there is only one Aiga Tauaana in Samoa, it is only in this constituency where you will find it, *tele aa o le tagata i lo aa o le laau*. Anyway, thank you, we must thank the Parliament of Samoa as that is where authority derives from where the appointment of our Father was done. Nevertheless, our family is very few in Parliament, appreciation to the House for the respect during that time. It was also a legacy that this district was well known for whilst the Tama a Aiga was known as the member of the Council of Deputies since the start, before independence, until we made the appointment to this Seat, 50+ years later. Well done thank you.

Mr Speaker, progressing through these 5-year period, eighteen members pursued a Law Certificate at the University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu. There are 2 ways a person can attain this task, through responsibility and the Legislative Assembly. It is through sitting here and observe and study the process and the works of Parliament, or to go and pursue education.

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18 constituencies carried out this program and it is a milestone established by the Parliament of Samoa for all Parliaments of the Pacific. 3 letters were sent back, and one reply was done in a day. This chosen program is funded by the United Nations with a variety of organisations to gain assistance from for this program.

Mr Speaker, we also participated in this program together with some of the Cabinet Ministers, Hon Lopao Natanielu, Hon Loau Keneti, Tafua Maluelue, Hon Lauofo Fonotoe, Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga, Aliimalemanu Alofa, Fuimaono Teo, Nafotoa Talaimanu, Toleafoa Vaafusuaga Ken, Mulipola Laki, Lenatai Victor, Ili Setefano Taateo, Faumuina Wayne Fong, Faalogo Iosefo, Tapulesatele Mauteni, Tuifaasisina Risati and Pa'u Sefo Pa'u.

You can obtain the roles and sustaining the works of Parliament through 2 things, passing the Bills, education or pursue it right here. To the listening constituencies, the eighteen I have read out have all done these 2 things. Well done.

Many developments are implemented by our Government, however serious consequences also arose particularly within the Pacific. This 5-year period was faced with the development of our international airport. Our company the Samoa Airways, public roads from Apia to Malua, Phase 1, Phase 2 from Malua to the airport, and Phase 3, from the airport to Falelatai. Well done to our Government and their strategic plans. Let us be hopeful, God has many days, one day these plans will be fulfilled. We hosted the Pacific Games in the middle of 2019. That was one highlight, thank you Hon Minister, good luck to us the hosts. Samoa was able to assist other Pacific nations that were not able to cater preparations in hosting the games, well done.

Then we had the measles outbreak at the end of last year. This virus greatly affected us and our foundation in nurturing the health of our people. Regardless, it brought a strong message to our Government and the Ministry of Health, and it was an eye opener to us. Which made us carry out more inspections for our stability. The 80+ were not taken in vain, their lives were not a waste. No, it was a wake-up call for Samoa, to strengthen the Law in order to push for vaccinations like what we have now. Diseases will not go away from this earth, but I appreciate all the preparations. Even with the Covid-19 in 2020, Samoa is able to rise strong out of it. Samoa was one of the first countries in the Pacific with existing policies for its protection. Samoa does not want the measles virus to come back although the measles became useful for us when we had the Covid-19 given our preventative measures. Neighboring countries had complained about Samoa because we were too fast, but other countries were not aware of it. But no we no longer want the measles outbreak to happen. So thank you to the Government.

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Up until March, of that year, until today, bans are still ongoing, undertaken for our health protection. We are again raising services for our Health Sector, let us go back to the villages, primary health care. Let us go back to push this, the Hygiene Committees are reviving this, as done in the past.

The hospital will be revived for this district, and I thank the Government for their share, they will return to prepare again. From the grass root level, the health of people, well done. As soon as our vaccinations arrive Hon Minister, have a look at the Law for vaccinations and its enforcement to ensure that everyone gets it including all people. Even the medication for inflammatory disease, Mr Speaker, some have taken it, and some have spoken that they have thrown them away. With one person not taking it, and the campaign would be worthless entirely. Because the virus for this disease is still carried by this person within its body and will get to us any time. Climate change is here to stay.

The only thing we can do are a few steps to mitigate and adapt what we do, to reduce the effects. There is very small effect I had received, since the American Government made some change in their recent election. The reason I was so happy, is because I had looked at the environment sector. America will again join the Paris Agreement. The meaning of that matter, well based on 2 things, more plus millions from the American share, will return there, for the benefit of Samoa and other countries that are greatly affected by climate change. Not only that, but America will take part in this protection, the amount of temperature and carbon that will come with it. Thank you to change, and the decisions of the Government, I was very happy with this implemented change. Our Government has banned plastic bags and even though this ban has not yet been implemented completely, at least it is now banned. We started off with single used plastic, we will progress until plastics are fully gone.

Bravo to good governance for our Government, the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development including the villages that now have District Development Plans. Good governance, which began from within the villages, and the United Nations were able to accept well the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Coming on to our Strategies for the Development of Samoa, it has now progressed to villages. Therefore, it is a holistic approach, and nobody will be put to the development of our villages that will be implemented, thank you. The only advice from me and plea, I have already talked to the Hon Minister, this district had a meeting, and not everyone in the Committee received a copy, there were only 10 copies given. We need more copies, as this is a new Committee.

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We also need more support at least in the start of, since the Ministry has made the initiative, at least give a start, beginning with this Committee. Money has been distributed to the women and other Committees; all those other committees come under this Committee.

This is the prayer Hon Minister, to implement a slight.... perhaps put \$2,000 in the account for each financial year, the elder reverends would talk about these matters. The Committee is chaired by the member of a district, whilst its replacements are the village mayors and female village representatives. There are representatives of the church, representative of the youth and the representative of those with special needs.

I thank the Ministry of Justice and Court Administration, although there is so much quarrelling.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Women, Community of Social Development): Mr Speaker, a time will come for additional clarification on the District Development Plan. The pivotal essence is to create choices to consult with the districts and to submit their demands. This in English is called ownership. So as to do in accordance with the demands of the districts and not the instruction from the Government or the Ministry on what is needed to implement within the districts for their betterment. The member's statement is very correct, he has already said it, and this is also a good initiative that is acceptable by the Ministry the wonderful intention of the member for Falelatai, so that there is enough development guideline copies prepared for them. They will distributed to the members of the constituency so that everyone who are unable to attend the village meetings are able to get clarification of the district development plans for their information. The Ministry is listening in, and they will work accordingly to satisfy the request submitted from the member. With respect honourable Speaker.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Minister, if only the Ministers would provide similar response every time, they make appeals. To the Ministry, the authority of the Minister is now given, perhaps just a few copies. There are also different constituencies, some have only one village and one village mayor and one female government representative. Some villages are made up of many villages, and the room would be very packed when a meeting is carried out. Just saying, beware that we need enough copies for our Committee. If we agree to use them, copies, but if you want to treasure them safely, well so be it.

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Well done to the Ministry of Justice for your stance today. The preparation of the interior also reflects our recently approved Legislations. Examinations are now conducted to determine the Judges for the Lands and Titles Court. The same with the works implemented inside the Office of the Registrar, it is similar...these were a few concerns from the start. Majority of Parliamentarians were in this spirit, it is necessary to prepare the internal area of our Lands and Titles Court before we begin the process for our Legislations. My personal view, it has begun, continue with these areas, by conducting exams. We also know, many other judges when it comes to this time, we would have not gained this chance, due to...however the Ministry have new procedures in place, thank you.

The Ministry of Police and the current Commissioner, I convey appreciation to you for your courageousness in implementing the existing police raids. I was very satisfied with the latest report I received that drugs have now been cleared from some of the villages. I was very pleased with that news. The police are also aware that the work that they do, is to monitor so as to ensure that marujana is no longer planted. Well done to you as this is the norm we are used to, it is new to have a new Ministry Head taking over and so forth. I also know that it is good to have a break which is the norm and have someone from outside. They will have a different mindset to bring in such as the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration. the Registrar is from New Zealand and the Commissioner of Police is from America. Well done to your contribution and service. I am aware that so much...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Vaimauga East.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiliili Tuivasa (Vaimauga East): I do not want to interrupt the speech of the member, for the information of this House, I am related to the member speaking, my wife is his sister. But there is one thing I want to clarify, since the Registrar of the Court mentioned, is a resident of my district. That is the essence, because they are not from overseas, as the Registrar is a girl from Fagalii who is my sister. These records need to be corrected, no; this person has been serving here in our country. Well, they went abroad to advance their level of education and was then called upon by our Government, but she is a resident of Fagalii. Mr Speaker with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Oh, is this woman from Fagalii?

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiliili Tuivasa: Yes, this is the girl from the Samau family who serves Pulemagafa, yes.

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MR SPEAKER: Is the member right.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you brother-in-law for the assistance. I am well aware of the changes in internet speed, for the past 5 years. I had \$10 in my phone at that time, but then one of the sons of Samoa had a boxing match on that day. Then I said to my children, I am going to watch the boxing match. During the 2nd round my \$10 finished. Now, for \$10 you can watch 10 boxing matches, so take a look at the internet. Maybe for some plans.... can be changed, I mentioned this often in my speech. These services should be improved because they are good for schools. Well, it is just a matter of protection, which will be left to the Hon Minister, but it is something beneficial from our perspective.

Thank you also to the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure and the Land Transport Authority for the work implemented. We have also noticed the good execution of the roads that are now being made, as it is a change from 5 years ago whereby the potholes were filled with dirt. As well as the poorly constructed access roads that was paved. There are changes that we have noticed now, when we would go and initiate new roads, we witnessed the improvement by the Contractors with the construction of our roads.

The bridge at Vaimoso, that caused flooding in Apia. The flooding of the whole town area is because of this bridge in Vaimoso. Once a log gets stuck under the bridge, it will block other logs causing a pile up, and then the water will have nowhere else to flow except towards the town area. It will flow down the main public road, therefore take a look into this matter. I know it was done during the 2007 Pacific Games for improvement...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Salega East for his interruption.

Tofa Olo fiti Afoa Vaai: My first intervention Mr Speaker, to add another minute for the member to finish his speech because more than 2 minutes have passed. But in case the Associate Minister addresses the Hon Minister of Communications and the Associate Minister to make his requests, then I will note it down because both the Minister and the Associate Minister are not present in our Assembly. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I call upon the Minister of Works.

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Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: I did not want to interrupt the wonderful speech by the member, just a Point of Order. It was mentioned in the speech of the member, saying that the town area was flooded because of the river in Vaimoso. It is not only Vaimoso but it also includes other rivers in Lelata and the mountains in Palisi. There are many reasons why Apia was flooded. Furthermore, when the river flows while the tide is high, it is difficult for the water to die down, because there is no way for the water to flow to the sea. These are the circumstances since it was stated by the member, that it is only Vaimoso, but no, there are many other rivers that caused the town to flood. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I want to remind the member that your time is up. You may conclude.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: The road in Vaimoso was constructed a little bit low. I know that it was constructed in 2007 because of the Pacific Games that was held then. As for the pole that is under that road, it is situated in the wrong place, which is also causing the blockage... There is a single pole that stands in the middle underneath the road... I ask that the Hon Minister takes a look at this for the future, in preparation of the development of Samoa in the future.

Well, the location of the town area is quite low. It would be good to see that they are all developed at the same time. When they conduct the work, they would elevate the houses with dirt. If only that system were to be applied to all the developments and all the families who want to implement their development, and lastly, the town area has been completed elevated. And it has been uplifted above the main road used by the Government. But as I mentioned, there is a lot of work to be done in 5 years, but truth is for Samoa listening, our country is not small. There are fifty Members of Parliament, 50 constituencies. If one project will be done in our constituency, thank you to God, if there will be 2; I give extra praises to God. Since our country is not small. Therefore, I implore my constituency to be patient as it is a work in progress. Come a time, our hospital will be established with similar conditions, and then it will be implemented. I express gratitude to the Hon Minister for these plans.

Another milestone that was also set in these 5 years is the change of seats for the members in the Parliament. Since some of our members who were seated on this side have now moved to that side of the House. The Hon Minister Fiamé, who I was associated with in the Ministry, is now sitting on that side, but we were sitting on this side before, so it is not easy. Because a decision cannot be made by two, three or four people, as our districts are big as well as the families listening in support.

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Therefore, it is not easy. I know that a lot of asked questions, even the constituency is asking, so it is not easy. The constituency must be considered, since it is not a small constituency. Nevertheless, the foundation of the constituency must be taken into consideration.

Mr Speaker, I have summarized my 5 years. I also want to convey gratitude to you Mr Speaker, as my constituency is prepared for the election. There will be no other changes, since it has already been set up. We have already met and discussed the 3 Bills; your support was given, so it cannot be ignored by this member. This member conveyed your opinions as soon as he arrived. His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo a son of Aiga Tauaana is occupying the seat. Our hospital will be constructed and other developments that are supported by our constituency. These are some of the things that we asked for and requested, so let us hope for the best. Let us hope that it will come to fruition.

The sanctity of our constituency, none of the members are incompetent... there is only one person who is incompetent and weak, the member who is currently occupying this seat. But the other two members are very capable and not as weak. Well, the district that has communities and families, and the leadership of Leulumoega. It is the place where the wisdom and foresight of Leulumoega is set, as these are the instructions for me, so that I can adhere to it.

It is my plea to my constituency to persevere, continue to persevere as the Parliament goes to its election process. Let us hope for the cases of the fellow members on that side of the House as I mentioned, go and support if they attend. Go and support them since they are not just anyone, it is Faumuina and Laauli are both related to Falelatai, the man of Tauaana. Olo was a classmate of mine in college, and we stayed in the hostel together, I asked him to come and do our Book-Keeping, but he was more interested in Biology. I know that he is successful with the decision that he made during our school days, and we have a close relationship. I do not need to say anything further about the *Sao Faapito* as our affiliation is well known.

But that is the request to the constituency, to support the fellow members if they visit, they are not just anyone. The village and constituency should go and support them, food is provided as well as money. But you do not need to make an introduction since it is already done. I have already done our introduction for I am not anyone else.

In case you go and contest to get votes for Pau, but I am also striving to get votes for Pau. Our work is carried out together so do not neglect your fellow members because they are sitting here. Our work is done together, and this is my gratitude to our constituency in accordance with the preparation for our...

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Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Gagaifomauga No.3): Mr Speaker, an opportunity...

MR SPEAKER: Well, you did mention the name of the member of Gagaifomauga No.3.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Thank you, Taefu, politics ends tomorrow. But family is forever till the grave, thank you for your concern. Because that is the essence of this House to keep the peace, but be courageous. We are also requesting and remembering you in our prayers. Focus on your work on that side of the House, as we are focusing on our work on this side.

Whoever is in trouble a rope is thrown towards them, that is how our game is played but we play with virtue as our country is listening. It is unfortunate that some members have noted this as bribery, asking people to come and oppose and ruin our meet and greet with the country. But that is how we care for each other, as we all descendants from the Aiga Tauaana.

But good luck on your endeavours as well. Even though we may compete with each other in the end we are brothers. But thank you for your concern, to ease the resentful thoughts of some members of our House, as they are unhappy in spite of our clear understandable, and important messages for the country. This is my gratitude Taefu, good luck with your appointment.

MR SPEAKER: Taefu you may conclude as your time is up.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: This is all... thank you Hon Laauli or Afioga Anae Lupematasila respectively for the help. It is true, we may compete but, in the end, we are still brothers.

There is just one thing Mr Speaker, the randomness of the information that is seen online, which can overshadow one's perception. My suggestion to the country, be firm on your beliefs. Do not be easily confused by the words and stories that have been publicised. The foresight and wisdom are not to be led astray. Scrutinize, inquire, and investigate to see who made the statement, before you make a decision, if it was an angel, it is difficult to reject. But if it is not, then investigate to be certain.

As one man said, 'you can fool some people sometimes, but you cannot fool all the people all the time'. I am speaking in general, but on the internet, our newspapers, radio and televisions are very interesting. There are Acts that protects them and protects us. What about the websites? Who organized the garbage shelves of the world? Therefore, be firm on your beliefs.

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MR SPEAKER: Well, do not stress over simple things.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Good luck with your election, the election of our constituency. May God bless our constituency and the upcoming elections. I also pray for the prosperity of Government. I would like to convey a vote of thanks to the constituency and their support, also the support of Samoa, thank you Mr Speaker and our Parliament, God bless.

Parliament expressed their contentment with applause after the speech of the member for Samatau and Falelatai.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, thank you. I commend the member for the speech. Falelatai and Samatau have also heard so congratulations for your hard work. I commend you for the preparations and planning of the speech in addressing the constituency. As well as trying to hold your stance for the election of the country. A representative will be appointed from the heavens to be a represent the district.

This is our statement, I call on another member to take the floor, since the constituencies are listening. Now, I will call out the names of the members who have yet to speak. Yes, and then the constituency will hear that their member is being persuaded, yes.

I believe other members are on standby because they are part of the Committee which has caused them to delay their speeches on the Budget. Well, they are planning their opportunity in accordance with the current situation, but I ask another member to make their remarks.

There are 16 members who have yet to speak, the Hon Afoa Faleulu, yes, the member of Palauli West. Well, he is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee so he will conclude.... because the member for Gagaifomauga No.2, the Hon Faaulusau, asked for permission for not attending due to family and constituency matters. And then we come to the other member for Aleipata so I call upon another member to stand. There is another member who does not have the strength to ask permission. Well, the Hon Minister of Communications, Information and Technology is attending an international meeting of foreign countries overseas, since his attendance was mentioned and questioned, so I just wanted it to be known before the House.

Well... that is why when a member gets an opportunity; I am hesitant to give it because most of the members have talked for more than half an hour or almost an hour long. That is the thought, if they have used this time, it would grant them another opportunity as the constituency is listening.

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Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching (Faleata East): Mr Speaker... an opportunity please.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Faleata West.

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching: I take the floor as we wait for another member....

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Salausa, Faleata West, you may stand, is there something that the member wants.

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching: Yes, I am trying to use this opportunity since the bridge at Vaimoso was mentioned by the member that recently spoke. Well, I did not want to interrupt but the member is correct because I also talked about the flooding on the West side of town which derived from this river.

It has also been discussed and the secretary of our constituency has also made a request, for a project to be conducted by our constituency to assist the work of our Government Ministry. The request made was that we visit the constituency and take a look at the logs which are near the canals, so that we can cut them into small pieces and remove them, to ensure that they do not affect the canals and block the river.

This is the request that was submitted by the secretary, as tomorrow is the meeting of the development committee of the district, which will discuss these circumstances. But the only thing the district is preparing and searching for are equipment to conduct the work. If some of the organizations are listening, whether they are companies or Ministries of our Government, they can provide assistance, and we will implement these conditions, to help our Government and the Ministry to reduce the cause of flooding from these riverbanks, especially the canals that was mentioned.... thus, why the speech by this constituency was longer, because it is big.

That is why if the district is big the speech will also be long, and it needs more time, but that is the case with respect, since that is the assistance of the district to fix the canals. Thank you for the opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: If I had known I would have given you more time. Yes, these are the members, because our road was inaugurated yesterday, the Fasitoo-uta road. I would also like to take this opportunity to convey our congratulations and gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government because the Parliament is all aware that our constituency does not have a voice in here.

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But since it is progressing due to development work of the Government, I am thankful that our village of Fasitoo-uta was included by the Government. Well, since this is one of the villages that serves the Government every time through the developments is needed by the Government.

Therefore, I convey the essence of gratitude and congratulations but there was an elder of our village who asked, 'It seems as if the members are afraid to speak since they are being persuaded, maybe it is due to the election'. But I replied, no, it is just the behaviour of the members, the other senior member waits for the younger members to speak first. That seems to be the opinions of the members, but this reading...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: That is the opinion of the country, whether the election has given them cold feet and has made it difficult for them to stand up and speak. I call upon Tofa Olo.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Thank you, as I am given this opportunity to... my constituency of Salega 2 listening in, I apologise as I will not attend our meeting tomorrow because the members are still being persuaded to stand which has prolonged the Sitting, what is the opinion of our constituency, if our meeting were to be postponed until this Assembly has concluded completely and then we will meet, with the utmost respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well, the Parliament is not a place for you to make announcements to your constituency Olo, but well said. I believe this is the case for using our time. Since the constituency is listening in, why not use this opportunity to convey the opinion of the member, in regards to what is needed to be said to the constituency, especially if you will not be attending the village meeting on Saturday.

However since we have arrived at our usual recess time, hopefully when we come back there will be another member who wishes to speak. Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for usual recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 10:25 am and resumed at 11:10 am.

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MR SPEAKER: I announce the resumption of the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Well, we have found strength to continue with our work and Sitting.

With utmost respect, I call upon another member to continue deliberations. I can see that Tofa Namulauulu Papalii seems to be upstanding. I call upon the member.

Tofa Namulauulu Sami Leota (Faasaleleaga No.2): Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe you and members of the House have all had refreshments this morning. Mr Speaker I apologize, this is the significance of the advice given by the member of Falelatai this morning. I was trying to reach for my water bottle to implement the advice, but my light was accidentally turned on. But if you want Safotulafai's speech to be repeated because you want to hear it, I can repeat it. There are a number of issues that I would like to address to the Ministers this morning, because I was first, but I will leave it to you.

Thank you Afioga Taefu for the advice this morning. We would like to ask for more bottles of water since your advice is useful with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you, no circumstance is impossible. But because of our work, if you are going to speak twice, yet some members have not spoken, this is an area of concern with records of our Sittings, however that is how it is, but this is one role of the whip to see the progression of speeches, is our whip here? Alright I can see you are upstanding, Susuga Lufilufi.

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu (Anoamaa East): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Not only am I the whip of the House, but I also talked with the old man if he is away, I am in charge of picking those who speak next.

There was a notion voiced this morning saying there are many members of HRPP who are not present. I sat here and observed it during the time the notion was made, and you have also mentioned earlier, that some have informed you of the reason for their absence. The best part is now watching it on television, the whole of HRPP are present. This is the duty of the Speaker as well to foresee that all members are present, for the continuation of our work.

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But if you want me to appoint a member, there is a reason why Lufilufi is cautious of such things, because the Government is in Atua, and it is why Lufilufi must say his part last. Nevertheless Lufilufi will pick the next member, I call upon one of our senior members Aeau if not, I call upon Afoa to continue with his speech, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: It seems that Lufilufi's opinion is also good because this is the attitude of Tumua if we look at the culture of our country. Well this is the work of Tumua and Puleono to respect Aiga and Tapaau and give their opinion last. Well...

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiliili Tuivasa: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Well...

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiliili Tuivasa: A point of order since it has been missed by the member of Lufilufi. Susuga Lufilufi and Susuga Tuisamau. It is true that the Government stands under the leadership of Atua, but these lands are Tuisamau, and are ruled by Tuisamau. I ask permission because... but if you wish that I voice my speech again since you were not present to hear it Saleupolu. As for this morning, it seems Susuga Lufilufi has missed it, it is true that a man from Atua is leading the Government, but these are the lands that Saleupolu and Tuisamau have authority over, this is a correction as I heard that Tuisamau was waiting to go last, however we are awaiting the passing of the Appropriation since we have Government work that need to be done.

That is the way it is, the only thing is that we have the opportunity to wait, like Tuisamau and Vaimauga as they own their lands. Mr Speaker I apologize, I just saw the text message from my constituency on the speech of the member for Falelatai. The member mentioned the 18 names that went and took law, and my constituency heard that my name was not on it. Then they asked me where were you, since there was a list stated of members who passed law degrees?

I then responded, since it has been raised in Parliament with the constituency being piqued. Asking why I am not on the list because with everything I am always first, Vaimauga is first, like Vaimauga 1 which will be, from the Vaimauga East. However my response on why our constituency is not on the list, when I first came into this term as mentioned by the member, some were chosen to take Certificates. It is not a high degree since it is the lowest. Unfortunately your member came here with high degrees, and I cannot go back down.

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Therefore I told my constituency, it took a whole year to carry out this training. Now the course has concluded, it is now time to perform the work to serve Government and the Parliament. However this course is taking a whole year, what about the constituency who is waiting. This is the reason why the member of Vaimauga did not participate since time for learning is over, but now it is only the Bible, which I took classes for with Hon Minister Loau, taking law is not useful. This is something that can protect the individual.

Mr Speaker, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I am surprised.

Afioga Hon Loau Sola Keneti Sio: Mr Speaker, an opportunity please...

MR SPEAKER: Alright, since it has been raised in the House I call upon the Hon Minister of Education.

Afioga Hon Loau Sola Keneti Sio: The member is right, because we all took these law courses. But the truth is, the reason why his name was not included, is he did not pass the exam. Therefore his name cannot be included since he did not pass his paper. Now an opportunity is given to him again to take the test twice with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well, let us leave it at that, but I want to say that the member of Vaimauga is right. I can see the member of Palauli West is ready to speak.

Afioga Afoa Amituanai Faleulu Maui (Palauli West): Mr Speaker I take the floor on a point of clarification. Since my name was mentioned by Lufilufi, a point of clarification Lufilufi has no right on the time when Afoa of Palauli wishes to speak. I have already informed the other members, that Afoa of Palauli will give his speech next week.

This is the announcement as for the matter of mentioning one of the eldest members of this Parliament by Lufilufi, he has no right to mention either me or Aeau to speak at this moment. Mr Speaker this is an announcement. But I will be prepared to speak next week.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you. It seems to me it was an act of respect conveyed by Lufilufi to the older member, Afioga Aeau. Thus there was also the mention of your name, which I envy you for it since you are mentioned together in this respect.

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I believe that is the situation, but if the elder is not strong enough to take the floor, it is alright and it is his choice on when he wants to speak, with respect to Hon Aeau. He is one of the oldest members of this Parliament, who has served through Government politics.

Blessed is the constituency listening in, no matter how bad the weather is every morning it cannot stop the member from attending to coordinate our work. Thank you, a word of the Chair, may God prolong your life.

I note that, thank you, perhaps you have found strength to say a word, as everyone is aware we are the ones that will be concluding our services, as the saying goes for pastors, take rest with victory. This includes elder Aeau also the elder Faasootauloa. I call upon Hon Aeau to take the floor to convey your opinion on the matter.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA (Falealupo): Thank you Mr Speaker, the dignity of Fonousu of the country, it is with honor and respect that I rise this morning. Gratitude to our Master in Heaven, for His love that we have gathered Samoa and its Parliament in success. This is His praise that endures.

Thank you Mr Speaker, for the opportunity given to me, especially to my constituency listening in agreement. I will try and convey an opinion since it is difficult. It is with respect that I take this time to acknowledge the dignity of the House.

First to Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, respectable members, also to His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo listening in, Afioga Tuimalealiifano and his Good lady, also to Samoa in all honorifics. Thankfully the trying times have passed. It is the open-mindedness of our caregivers, that has put turmoil to rest, because of the universal love of God we are gathered here today in good health such are the words of lady Leutogitupaitea.

A voice has been heard this beautiful morning, to convey the spirit of gratitude to Samoa, my beloved country, for your devotion as your Parliament commences its duties for this Parliamentary term which is coming to an end.

Before I say a word to Government, I first want to acknowledge my beloved constituency, *Afio o lau Afioga Auvaa, o oe o le Tupu Faanofonofu ma ou Aiga. Aiga Sa Seumanutafa ma la outou Tama o Gisa ma le Matua ia Seve. O le Aiga Sa Amituanai Aeau, Ugapo ma Faletagoai aemaise le Afifio o Maopu o le Nafanua Solia ma Foaima, Peseta ma Tuimaoe, faapea le Afio o le Matua ia Lamositele, a o le mamalu i la outou Toafa ma le Fetalaiga a Siliialaei ma le mamalu o le tapuaiga.* Least I cannot forget the contribution of mothers and women, your feedback and wonderful service, thank you very much.

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Thank you for your authority and respect for appointing me as a servant to carry out our contribution to the politics of the Government for the past 26 years. Least I cannot forget in my heart the devotion of our Spiritual leaders, their prayers of blessings not only upon our constituency but all of Samoa, especially my Pastor of the Congregational Christian Church at Vaotupua, Susuga Namaia Kofe Tuiletufuga and Faletua. Thank you for the support, it is through your prayers that has gained me strength.

You have listened and you have seen the faults of your servant to convey your voice and decisions to the House, I pray that you forgive, and cast it to uninhabited islands. But your respect and reverence for me will never be forgotten. I will not wear it on my head, least the sun might change it, I will not wear it as a necklace, least I might dance and break it, but I will wear it like the traditional Samoan tattoo. I will take it with me to the grave.

May the Lord bless our work for the start of this New Year, incase I forget I also want to thank my pastor at our church in Vini Fou Susuga Tasele and faletua. I thank you for the prayers, and support, and my beloved village of Falealupo.

Mr Speaker, especially the Hon Prime Minister and respectable members of the House of Samoa, I commend you all for the composure and patience. I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the developments that have been distributed in the country, even in our constituency. Hon Prime Minister, you have done great things, and I commend you for your services.

I also thank Mr Speaker in the administration of the Fonousu of Samoa. We are both going to retire with victory, therefore praise God.

Thank you to the Chief Justice and Chief Executive Officers of all Ministries and Public Bodies for your hard work and dedication in the various developments for the benefit of Samoa.

Thank you also to *Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Fofogailefua ma Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Nafanua*. And whatever faults the member of Falealupo may have committed in Government politics, I humbly ask forgiveness.

The farewell in Tulafasa at the bay in Falealupo of Tovia and his sister Sinatapuitema, “I will go. When I appear in the East in the morning that is me, that is the time for you to hunt, if I appear in the West in the evening, then that is the time you shall have dinner.” You are all remembered and not forgotten. I pray the best for future endeavours.

The respects of Parliament may God bless the dissolution of Parliament for the election of the new Parliament while the man from Falealupo gives his support.

Soifua and God bless.

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Parliament expressed their contentment with an applause after the speech of the member for Falealupo.

MR SPEAKER: The dignitaries of the constituency have heard, as well as all of Samoa starting with His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo, Member of Council of Deputies and everyone. The respectable members of the House have also listened to the wonderful speech by the member Afioga Aeau. Therefore like the flight of the bird at Utufiu we are pleased. What was the saying? Leatiogie played at Amotai and Amouta, and the final day was at Moamoa. As for the speech voiced this morning, we are grateful. You have thanked the constituency and stated your will, especially the dignity of Parliament in our relation as members, thank you. Blessed are we who have been able to work with you, hence you also took the lead as Chair. We have been listening, which we have followed in your footsteps, it is through your teachings that has led us here, to follow your work. I remember your contribution, for the good work you have done to educate, not only me but also all members of Parliament.

I express my gratitude. May you get the rest you need, and trust in God. As for other duties left to carry out, I pray the Lord prolong your life, to fulfill such duties after the dissolution of this Parliament.

This is a word from the Chair, also thank you for the blessings upon the Parliament. I believe we should conclude our work here, let us end with the speech given by the senior member with respect.

Therefore Samoa listening in, those are the orders of this Parliamentary Sitting, we have come to the end. I pray that your support be rewarded. Also whatever faults you have heard during our session today Samoa, leave it to God. The work of your members is very much in your faith Samoa.

This is a word of the House. Before we adjourn for Monday next week, I will conclude our Proceedings with a prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 11:34am until Monday, 1 February 2021 at 9:00 am.