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MONDAY, 22ND JUNE 2015

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

OBITUARY SPEECHES

Mr Speaker announced the passing of Afioga TOOMALATAI Lauvai II, who was a Member of Parliament in the previous years until June 2015.

Afioga TOOMALATAI Lauvai II was elected as Member on March 17 1995 as a representative for the Aleipata Itupa i Luga Constituency. He was sworn in on May 30 1995 and was a Member of the HRPP Party. On behalf of Parliament I convey deepest condolences to the Constituency, the Faletua and children and especially the family.

The Chamber stood in silence for a minute in respect of the late Members passing.

OPENING SPEECH BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I greet the Chamber this morning and give thanks to the Lord our God for safeguarding the dignified Members of Parliament. Regardless of the dark cloud that has befallen us due to the passing of the senior Member of Parliament, I trust the comforting Spirit of the Lord will continue to console us.

I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. I also acknowledge the Leader of the Opposition and that side of the House. I greet the dignified Members of Parliament and appreciate the attendance. I believe the Members have gained enough rest in the weekend and are well prepared for the Orders of the day. I acknowledge the support of Samoa for the prayers and work carried out each day. The Parliament is a success and blessed because of the prayers of the nation. The Chair also acknowledges the servants of God for the constant prayers offered up night and day. On behalf of the Parliament I wish you the blessings on the duties of the day as your Parliament proceeds with its Orders of the day. We will now progress with our orders.

MR SPEAKER: We will now proceed with the speeches of the Members on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill and of course the second reading of the Appropriation Bill.

The Sitting adjourned last week after the member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola concluded his speech and the Chamber is now available for members to share their thoughts.

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I recognize the Member for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lefau Harry Schuster.

Tofa LEFAU HARRY SCHUSTER (Vaimauga West): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I humbly greet the Chair this beautiful morning that our Lord has graciously blessed us with.

I greet the Hon Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and the distinguished Members of Cabinet. I acknowledge the Leader of the Opposition and all the Members of the House. I greet the Clerk of the Assembly and the Office and most especially the Heads of Government Departments with us today. I humbly acknowledge the support of the nation and most especially my Constituency of Vaimauga West.

Mr Speaker I wish to convey gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister of Works through the Speaker. I convey gratitude on behalf of the Constituency for the development noted during this Parliamentary Term; the Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi building, the Flea Market at Fugalei which has recently been renovated and of course the Hospital at Motootua. Although it is a development of the Government for Samoa in general, the Constituency of Vaimauga benefits greatly from it.

I express gratitude for the infrastructural upgrades on the roads from Apia to Siumu. There was substantial damage to the Afiamalu road due to Cyclone Evan. The other roads that have been improved including the roads from Vaitele to Malifa, Vaimoso to Fugalei to Mulinuu, Apia to Matautu and Moataa, Vaivase to Maagiagi which includes the cementing of those roads. The upgrades have been noted over the past five years. The road at Alamagoto needs further upgrades and the roads are too narrow and there is not enough space for pedestrians and students walking to school every morning. The footpaths could maybe be built on the drainage area to provide safe walking space. Nevertheless I acknowledge the Government for the upgrades and the seawall at Matautu and Vaiala. I also acknowledge the Member Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua. This piece of land has proven quite useful to members of the public. It has provided resting area during the day for many public servants. Therefore I thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister.

I acknowledge the work of the Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration. The improvement of the Ministry's service is noted, especially in terms of court cases. There were 16 court appeals listed this year and decisions have been delivered on all of them. I acknowledge the efforts of the Ministry because court appeals are only heard twice a year if there are plenty of cases. I commend the Ministry and the Hon Minister for the services provided.

The Supreme Court had 589 criminal cases and 394 of them were heard and ruled on. There were 749 general cases but 281 were read and decisions delivered.

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The District Court had 5,597 cases registered but 3,014 were read and sentences delivered, the general cases lodged were 1,575 and 1,078 were read and ruled on. The District Court in Savaii had 696 cases but 345 were heard and decisions delivered. For general cases, there were 75 cases and 56 were ruled on. In the Court at Mulinuu, 5560 crimes were lodged and 2028 court decisions were delivered. For general cases, 528 were lodged and 310 were heard and decided on. For Tuasivi, 1088 cases were lodged and 574 were decided on. For general cases, 58 were lodged and 30 were decided on.

The most crucial of the Courts is the Land and Titles Court. In Apia 441 cases were lodged and 285 were heard and decisions made. For court reviews, there were 121 mentioned and 112 cases have had decisions. For the appeals, 37 out of 41 cases lodged had rulings.

For Tuasivi 145 cases had rulings out of 284. There were 5 court reviews out of 35 that had rulings, while 8 out of 20 appeals were completed. It is evident in these numbers that the work and service of the Ministry has improved since the complaints of the public. Mr Speaker there are still complaints about lengthy waiting time for court appeals and case reviews but the service has improved.

The United States of America has States with Laws that a Judge must pass ruling within 3-6 months. If by that time a Judge has not passed judgment then that Judge will not be granted any other cases until a ruling has been made. The Judges time will be held and pay withheld until ruling is delivered. Mr Speaker this could perhaps be a way to minimize public complaints in relation to the delays. People are being denied their rights by the delay in court rulings. There is a saying that "Justice delayed is Justice denied". Therefore it is very important that people receive court rulings.

I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Education and the Chief Executive Officer and the Ministry. According to the statistics, out of 41,233 students, 15,133 graduated and are still pursuing education while 29 recorded have never been to school. However it is not recorded whether these students mentioned attended Sunday school or any other form of education. I believe this number is very good compared to the other countries with free education programs yet have higher uneducated population. Luckily for our situation that is not the case. There were 16,611 school leavers who did not continue on to year 12 and year 13. From 9,000 students 2,460 graduated college and 2,814 continued to University.

Hon Minister the statistics are very good for our country. However I recall the Hon Minister stating a plan for students to attend schools within their own Constituency until they finish year 13 and then they are able to attend University within Apia. The plan is very thoughtful as Vaimauga schools are filled with students from other villages. They attended school here and passed and went overseas for further education.

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It is an alarming issue of concern that the well educated students and teachers of our nation end up moving out of the country. It is something that we cannot stop as it is a personal decision to seek better opportunities.

In Samoa, most of the teachers opt for mission and private schools like Robert Louis Stevenson because of higher wages. It is something that cannot be criticized because it is the nature of life. However the point is to ensure that the level of academic quality is equal in all schools around Samoa. I have watched the EFKS TV channel screening science and mathematic programs. Perhaps this is another way to ensure that assistance is offered in whatever means necessary to other teachers to further improve their teaching skills and so forth. It would be better if the TV1 adopts this program as it will offer help to teachers in their field of work.

I acknowledge the Deputy Prime Minister and Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour. In the District of Vaimauga the two most important things is education and employment. The Constituency is at a disadvantage as there is not enough lands for plantations and so our constituents depend on businesses and offices for jobs. I have noted Hon Minister that the Ministry Report mentions an Industry Development and Investment Division and it is also noted in the statistics that there are 34,530 employees in Samoa excluding self employed farmers. As for the manufacturing sector, the number of employees is only 2,350.

Hon Minister the usual forms of income for us over the past years has always been through remittances, tourism and agriculture. We need to look and develop other ways to ensure our businesses develop in terms of export and also providing employment opportunities in town. I believe that whatever product is to be produced it will be affordable as delivery is close by.

For instance Hon Minister; I read in the New Zealand newspaper that Tupai Saleimoa Vaai has a cocoa plantation in Savaii and supplies cocoa to the Whitakers Company. The Whitakers produce the chocolate and call it the Samoan chocolate and it even mentions the place in Savaii in which the cocoa comes from (country and place of origin). Furthermore the trip I took to Sydney reported chips being produced by Susuga Suliana Ott and has had a great exposure for her company to export markets overseas. I humbly recommend to the Hon Minister and the Ministry to consider these possibilities in ensuring growth of our local businesses and export of our products overseas.

Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment I observed the Financial Statement that the Ministry received \$7,470,803 from the United Nations and other organizations to assist in the efforts against climate change. There is a saying here in Vaimauga that goes, "*E a ulu e tafe ae selefutia ai Vaisigano.*" It has become quite problematic for Matautu and Apia when the Vaisigano River breaks.

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I noticed in the World Meteorology Report that we are to expect harsher changes in the climate in the future and stronger cyclones compared to the

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ones we have surpassed. We have seen on TV the impacts and destruction of natural disasters on countries like the Philippines and the tornados in America lasting longer than usual. Vaimauga will be affected by the river flow.

I humbly request at the discretion of the Hon Minister for part of this money for Vaimauga to cement the river banks to safeguard the residents from natural disasters. It is not only during the cyclone season that impacts our constituents but also during heavy rainfalls causing floods in Matautu and Apia. Hon Minister this has become a permanent issue for many of the constituents and local businesses. It is why I also acknowledge the Hon Minister of Works for the upgrades at the Fugalei Market in reference to the water drainages as these are also areas impacted by heavy flooding when there is heavy rainfall. It is my humble request to the Hon Minister.

Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Bless this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Member for Vaimauga West; Tofa Lefau. I acknowledge the Members recommendations to the Hon Minister in reference to our Appropriation. I also acknowledge the Constituency and I bid you well on the remaining works of the year. The Chamber is available for a Member who wishes to make a speech.

I recognize the Member for Faleata East, Tofa Aveau.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity and I thank the respective Members of the Parliament.

Before I move to share my thoughts on the Appropriation I wish to greet Samoa in all its honorific salutations. I greet the islands of Tutuila and Manua. I also greet the servants of God. I also acknowledge my Constituency of Faleata East for the support and the prayers. I thank the previous Member who has just concluded his speech for his acknowledgement of the Government and the work implemented in Faleata. However there are still a few improvements needed to be addressed which is the road at Vilimaa and Samalaga. These roads have numerous residents but are inaccessible to bus transportation. I wish to request not only the Hon Minister but also the Hon Prime Minister to consider these roads. Furthermore, Faleata constituents do have lands in Laloanea that have been used for plantations.

Mr Speaker, I will now address the Hon Minister of Education and the Ministry as there are a few concerns I wanted to voice. The Member for Vaimauga West voiced the figures especially for the youth. Nearly 60% of the student population do not complete or further their education and the main reason is the inability to pay tuition. The concern is that there is still uncertainty about the free education scheme as the majority of the students do not complete school not only because of tuition but other reasons as well.

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The children are the future of Samoa and I am thankful for the program that enables students to be educated for free. Nevertheless there are still issues which I believe the House is aware of. I also trust the Ministry is working

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effortlessly to address the matter. However there are suggestions I have noted that may be of use to the Ministry and the Hon Minister.

Firstly Mr Speaker, I have noticed that the PTA fees being paid are to assist the school with electric and water bills and this is also the statement from the School Committees. Before the school fees scheme was implemented in the rural areas, the school fees covered these expenses and stationary costs. The Government is now covering these costs but there are issues. Perhaps the Hon Minister and the Ministry can consider including these costs in the scheme. There are schools that contain 300 to 500 students and the scheme would be more than enough to cover the costs of electric and water bills.

I recommend the Government perhaps consider school buildings to be monitored by the Government. Furthermore I recommend the combination of schools with small student rolls. There are schools that the Government spends \$100,000 to \$500,000 on and sometimes even a million tala to upgrade the facilities yet they only have a roll of 200 students and roughly three or four teachers. Another reason why students drop out of school is because of the bus fares. Perhaps the Government should consider using the SIDS bus transportation for Savaii and other schools that need it the most. The Constituency of Faleata East is close to Vaimoso so there is no need for a bus in our Constituency but it should be used for the rural schools....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The buses have already been distributed so no Member should speak more on it. I remember walking to Saint Joseph at 6:30am from Saleufi. These days even if the distance is only 500 yards the students still hop on a bus or ride cars to school. It is something I noticed in the Members of the House with the speeches to sway the nation when it is nearing the elections. And then when the Government proceeds to seek money to carry out the suggestions voiced, the Members turn around and state that expenses should be based on the income earned. It is why I bid Members to speak truthfully. The Government is aware of what needs to be prioritized but we cannot also neglect necessary developments. If we had followed the balanced guideline perhaps Samoa would have only reached the year 2000 now in terms of development. The buses have been distributed to Corporations except for the expensive bus from Japan as per aid requirements.

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The suggestion to the Hon Minister concerning school dropouts is a concern for all of us. I believe the assisting hand in addressing this issue is the *alli and faipule* of the village. They can form committees with the parents to monitor and enforce education for all the youths of the village. I believe most of the villages have addressed the matter except maybe the ones in Apia.

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The Member who voiced the concern should prioritize his village and establish committees that will monitor families that are not taking their children to school. Upon discovering such families the village fono will decide on the course of action for such families and perhaps there would not be much work needed more to be done on our school dropouts.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I recognize the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta (Falealupo): Mr Speaker the statements of the Hon Prime Minister in reference to distribution. May the Chamber hear the distribution list as the nation is in audience....

MR SPEAKER: The Members concern is noted....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I have a program with the media each week. The problem is that the Journalists come up to me and say that those on that side of the House do not wish to listen to the program. The details will be mentioned perhaps this Thursday or next Thursday.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member for Faleata East to conclude his statements.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you Mr Speaker. What I was trying to emphasize was not directly to the HRPP party but to the Government as a whole. It is what was emphasized in the message on Sunday that we must all work together.

The Government mission in the Appropriation and in the Fiscal Strategy and the Budget Address is to minimize unemployment rates and improve developments in Samoa. Education is our mission, all children must be provided with education in any form. If a child is not able to attend school it is our responsibility as a nation. It is known that the inability to attend school is because they cannot afford bus fare. Calculate yourselves how much it would cost a student travelling from Aana to school each day and the rural villages schools where children have to commute to. It is the reason why I voiced the issue.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I recognize the Hon Minister of Education.

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Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu (Minister of Education, Sports & Culture): Mr Speaker I stand because now I realize what some people say about politics being dirty. Politics is not dirty until we have such speeches like this as the Hon Prime Minister mentioned. The Member speaks of duty.

The reason I know of why children do not attend school is because their parents do not prioritize it. How many of your children are in school? Why have some people been successfully educated? It is because you prioritize

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their education. The Ministry is encouraging the parents to be informed of the importance of educating their children. It should also be a priority for the Parliament to voice words of encouragement to the parents. The Ministry have brought parents, parish ministers and informed them of the importance of reading books and the like. Bear in mind that it has only been a year since the year 11 has been included in the scheme. Perhaps in the next three, five or ten years from now you will see the improvements. There are families with nine kids with only one person in the family working, but the question is where? Perhaps it is Frankie? If the child is given the opportunity to be educated the outcome would triple the amount of money they are making for their families once their families are well informed. I firmly believe that no one here has uneducated children. Why? It is because you prioritized it. The hopes of the Chamber differ greatly from that of the public. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of Opposition): Mr Speaker, point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker the Hon Minister states that this is dirty politics, but the Member emphasized working together. The reason why children are not in school is because parents cannot afford the high cost of living. This side of the House is recommending that we work together to provide affordable education.

MR SPEAKER: The concern of the Member is noted.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister clearly addressed the matter in the previous week and he has just now rephrased that we work together. For instance if a student from Vailuutai cannot pay bus fare to Apia then they are to attend the college within their constituency. The colleges are the same in Apia and Savaii as TV and internets and all necessary equipments are available. That is what we mean by working together.

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The problem with the Leader of Opposition is that he blindly interrupts the Members speech. The matter has already been addressed by the Hon Minister during his speech last week.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Honorable Member the Hon Minister clearly stated dirty politics which the nation is listening to. The words voiced should be deleted.

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MR SPEAKER: The concern of the Leader of Opposition has been noted. I grant this opportunity to the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: An individual is subject to his or her own conclusions of the statement voiced. If however the heart of someone like the Leader of Opposition is dirty, then so are their conclusions. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: It is best to move away from the comments voiced by the Hon Minister that bothers the Leader of Opposition. The Hon Minister has clearly emphasized that we are all to blame; we the parents. The Member voiced that we must work together. Therefore there is no further need for worry and no need for the tension over the buses. The buses have been distributed accordingly to transport the young children. Therefore if the parents wish well for their children, they must do their duty. The Chamber is urging the Government to stand firm in its duty. I call on Tofa Aveau. I trust the matter on education has been clarified.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker there is a saying, "Everything is dirty to the mind that is dirty," however that is not the intention of the speech. It is indeed the duty of the parent but what can the parent do when they are penniless. It is why I voiced to perhaps consider other alternatives to address the problem. I speak with conviction as I have witnessed this.

The other recommendation I hope to infer is the lunch program. The lunch program would benefit constituencies and the money generated will be sure to stay within the country. The money is well spent as we would be investing in our children.

I now come Mr Speaker to the issue with the lack of Science teachers in schools. The intention and hope for the program was good but the problem is that students need to travel to the school which offers Science. Perhaps the Ministry could consider another solution to the problem as students have to pay for their own travelling expenses to the school which offers science subjects each time. It is why I voiced the importance of distributing buses to the schools.

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MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Education.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Thank you for the opportunity. I do not wish to disrupt the Members speech. However I believe I have already stressed to the Chamber the temporary plans of the Ministry as we await the graduation of our teachers.

I do ask the Member if he has a better solution as he is pointing the finger and saying this is not right. What do you suppose we do for the schools?

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Member.

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Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. This is why I suggested the utilization of buses. I suggested the buses collect all the students needing to attend the science class and drop them back to school. It is why I queried the buses as that is my solution to the problem.

The third part Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker there is a problem. The problem is that once the schools get the bus they end up requesting for a driver. Once they have the driver they request for gas money. After they request for money they request for toilet rolls.

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Member.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker, in reference to funding the gas money for the buses perhaps if the Associate Ministers sacrificed their gas money for the school buses that would be the best option.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, we are nearing the Commonwealth Youth Games and I acknowledge the preparations. I am aware of the \$5million in the Appropriation for the preparation of the Games. I would like to query the Hon Minister whether there is a stable fund allocated for our teams in preparations of the Games. Despite the age of players being 17 or 18 years we must consider the participating nations of the Commonwealth which includes the large nations of the world. I am not sure whether we are prepared as I believe the Games include a sevens team. Our country has prepared well in terms of sports facilities but we must also consider being prepared to win a medal. I recommend the Government consider allocating a stable amount of funding for our sports association to better prepare the youth representing our nation in the games.

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Mr Speaker I now address the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. I acknowledge the Government for the discretion to make Agriculture a priority. Perhaps the Hon Minister is aware of the insistence of the Opposition to prioritize the Ministry of Agriculture. The Deputy Prime Minister also spoke last week on the rate of unemployed persons that depend on the Ministry of Agriculture since the Ministry of Education is responsible for the education of children.

If a thousand children graduate then there will be jobs available. We are all aware of the figures and although the number of school drop outs is high, there are numerous education programs for children. The issue is that we are not doing enough to ensure there are sufficient jobs available for children. The Ministry of Education is not responsible for providing jobs. There is also the

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matter of having the excuse that states Samoans are dependable on the plantations and cattle and chicken farms and so forth. It is that mentality.

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

I grant opportunity to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour): Mr Speaker, I wish to illustrate some of the things mentioned by the Member. First I acknowledge the speech of the Member. The Member for Vaimauga West mentioned an employment generating opportunity by producing processed chips. It is important to remember that the produce of our plantations is used by the manufacturers to produce their goods to be exported overseas.

It is why it is important that the plantation farmers work together in supplying the primary resource for the manufacturing companies. The farmers play an important role in supplying to the manufacturers in order to continue the supply for exports. Mr Speaker it is why it is important to stress the importance of the plantation farmers and that of the fishermen. The farmers do not have to pay any fee to the Government like NPF, ACC or GST as they sell their goods and their earnings go straight to their pockets. Therefore it is clearly understandable that there are quite a few jobs available for the public. Thank you.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the Deputy Prime Minister should carefully consider and observe the Bill about to be approved that provides for plantation farmers to pay GST.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the Leader of Opposition; you cannot direct statements...Leader of Opposition....

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Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: The issue that the Opposition is stressing is the lack of employment opportunities....

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Leader of Opposition, the statement of the Deputy Prime Minister is quite clear. It is best that we not cross those waters before we need to.

I call on the Member for Faleata East, as I trust the statements voiced by the Deputy Prime Minister have cleared up the concerns voiced.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. I now come to the Agriculture Office in regards to the Cyclone Evan distribution. The Appropriation is \$3million for this output and I recommend the appropriate distribution of the fund as this is important for the development of our works. It is why I acknowledge the Ministry as we consider that the

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allocation granted is small despite the returns from the agricultural sector. It is why I continue to acknowledge the Ministry of Agriculture as the contribution to the economy is valuable. The operations of the SACEP are in progress and perhaps the Hon Minister will comment on it soon.

I come now to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure on the EPC especially with regards to the statements issued by the Hon Prime Minister on the fiscal Strategy to ensure the SOEs contribute a substantial amount to the economy of Samoa. I therefore wish to query as the Hon Prime Minister is merely presenting Estimates rather than actuals from the previous year. We need to view the actual collected from here and there. The Deputy Prime Minister mentioned that the import tax has decreased while the money is still increasing. Therefore I wish to query why that is?

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, we are currently discussing the Financial Statement of 2016. Today is the 22 of June therefore there are eight more days before the financial year of 2015 concludes. The report will be ready when the year concludes as per normal practices.

MR SPEAKER: The Member has five more minutes, I grant the Member to stand and conclude statements.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker if the previous year has yet to be concluded, then present the actual from the year before to confirm the estimates especially for EPC. In the statements related to the EPC the Government has stressed the prioritizing of renewable energy. I remember asking in the previous Sitting for confirmation from the Ministry whether the electricity bills will be reduced if this project succeeds. Furthermore the Committee Report recommends the Ministries invest in renewable energy to minimize the electricity bills. Why?

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Perhaps it is because the Committee investigated this matter. The Finance Committee is expecting the Government to carry out this project and distribute it because as we are all aware the EPC is in charge and also distributes. It is why I am requesting for a forecast, and whether the Hon Minister has considered the costs of electricity especially in relation to renewable energy.

Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I grant this opportunity to the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, I call on Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee): Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I wish not to interrupt the speech of the Member.

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The matter which the Committee recommended the Government is in regards to considering solar energy if the costs are more affordable. The Committee did not recommend using it but merely to take it into consideration. The concern for the cost of electricity in the future is in regards to prioritizing the environment. The cost of the electricity will depend on the impacts on the environment in regards to climate change and so forth. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister, to save time for the Member.

I grant opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Mr Speaker, this is the concern raised by the Member in the previous year and he is till questioning the decrease in electricity costs by the Corporation. However, if we compare the electricity bills from the previous two years the cost was \$50 for 40units but now it is \$50 for 55units. The units have increased which means that it was over a \$1 per unit but it is now under a \$1. At the moment the Regulator is carrying out reviews on the Base Tariff and it is expected that by the beginning of July the matter will be settled. Bear in mind that the changes have three components which includes fuel charges, investment charges and usage charges. Furthermore there are domestic rates for those that use under 50units and the others for non-domestic rates. However the costs of electricity have decreased due to the grid of renewable energy by the EPC. Thank you for the opportunity that is my assistance on the matter.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker perhaps the constant voicing of the subject is due to the lack of understanding of the foundation of things. The reason why the costs have increased is due to the foundation. The oil that is called diesel includes a number of other different oils extracted from the core of the earth.

Therefore the price of oil comes from those who own the oils. The oil companies control the oil prices and it is up to them whether they wish to increase the supply of oil and it is the reason why oil prices continue to increase all the time. It was in 1970 that the world suffered due to the increasing power of the Arabs and the nations supplying the oils which has caused the dramatic climate changes. Therefore what we are now proposing is the usage of resources within Samoa. We will no longer need to depend on overseas supply of oils and the prices will no longer increase. There is no cost imposed on the sunlight or the wind and rivers. If the Member understands the foundation of which the change is proposed from then there will no longer be any stupid questions voiced in the Chamber.

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MR SPEAKER: In respect of the Member, I must voice that your time is up Member for Faleata East. I urge the Member to conclude your speech.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. Mr Speaker the reason why I continue to question is because an answer has not been given. I am thankful that the response has finally been given, that the electricity bills will be decreased, that is all that was needed....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the reason why a response was not given was because we were under the impression that the Member understood. It is a child's question that needs exact answers to questions given and further explained to better understand. These things are not new.

MR SPEAKER: I trust the concern has been addressed I therefore urge the Member to conclude his speech.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. Mr Speaker, there were 66 employees of the EPC that were fired and it is why I voiced these concerns. Although I am running out of time it was the reason I queried it as there is no mention of the EPC contribution in the Ministry....

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: The concern is noted, I beg pardon of the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure the Member for Faleata is now concluding speech.

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Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker I have the deepest respect for the Chair but there is one more concern in need of addressing.

It is in regards to the proper diluting of water as there is a lot of money spent on it. Perhaps the Hon Minister might consider addressing the issue to ensure better drinking water. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I apologize, I grant opportunity to the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development): Mr Speaker it appears that the Member for Tautua is blaming the Government for the managing of the private water schemes. As I have stated before, the Government entrusts those responsible to carry it out efficiently; they include the Water Authority, the SROS and the Ministry of Health. Monthly tests are carried out and samples are given to the Organization for water testing. The matter has been the Governments priority for the last 10 years in ensuring the nation is accessible to safe drinking water. Therefore I urge the Member to present the proof of

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unsafe drinking water because the accusations are very offensive. If the Member has no proof to present then he should be told to go home because these accusations make a bad name for the Government when the Government is trying to ensure healthy living for the nation.

With due respect the water village committee can attest to the safe drinking water for the country with the support of the Ministry.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I must advise the Member to conclude your speech. The concern voiced is noted and as addressed by the Hon Minister that the Ministry of Health, SROS and the village council are collaborating in addressing your concerns. Therefore I acknowledge the Member but I advise you to conclude your speech.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker I would like to briefly respond on the matter voiced.

MR SPEAKER: Tofa Aveau I beg you not...I urge the Member to continue in case the matter resurfaces.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: I have been to many of the unsafe drinking waters which is why I say these things, but I will leave the matter to the Hon Minister. Proof can be provided if it is needed.

I thank the Chair. In regards to the Appropriation, I am quite disappointed in the Ministry of Finance for the incomplete report. Perhaps in time there will be an opportunity to apologize to the Hon Minister and also the Ministry. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure we all have safe drinking water.

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Nevertheless if I have overstepped or voiced any offense to anyone I apologize.

I pray the Lord blesses the Hon Minister and the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Associate Ministers and also the Opposition. Lest I forget the CEOs present here and the listening Public. Bless this Sitting and the distinguished Members of the Public. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Honorable Chairperson of the Committee, but I grant first opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, there is a small matter that is disrupting our debate. Mr Speaker what the Opposition voices are concerns which the Opposition wishes to be elaborated on. However it appears that, that side of the House is reluctant to give responses especially the Hon Prime Minister and the Members of the Cabinet. It is why....

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The reason why we stand is to correct the notions behind the questions. I was not a Member yesterday and even before you put your

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unfinished questions forth I have already guessed the meaning behind it. We all know how to dodge all types of questions and it is why I respond directly to the question put forth and the true nature of the question. The Chamber has a Standing Order on two sided questions but there are so many three sided questions. I have already guessed the meaning behind the question before it was made.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Honorable Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I stand in response to the Member's accusations towards the Ministry of Finance. For the information of the Chair, the matter has already been cleared as there was one whole page of the English copy that was missing from the Report. Other than that, it is mainly typing errors as stated by the Hon Prime Minister. There is nothing wrong with the service of the Ministry; everything is accurate. I would like to acknowledge the efforts and the works of the Ministry although there are still a few mistakes in need of rectifying. Thank you.

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

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Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I acknowledge the distinguished Members of the Chamber and not forgetting the public listening in.

I am deeply worried for the Leader of Opposition because even though he is a veteran Member of the House, it has not improved his sound discretion and understanding in the procedures and Standing Orders of the House. The Standing Order provides that the Hon Minister can respond verbally or in written form. It is within the Standing Orders and there is no obligation to respond immediately as per the insistence of the Opposition.

Mr Speaker it is only voiced if it is deemed essential for the listening public. However I am letting the Leader of Opposition know that the provision is in the Standing Order and if it is observed carefully it can be understood that there are queries in which the Government takes note and some that are responded to immediately. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the Leader of Opposition your concern is noted.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, you have the sole authority to Chair our Sitting but it seems that you are lenient with that Side.

MR SPEAKER: The concern is noted.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The concerns being raised here are being twisted by that side stating dirty politics and whatnot.

MR SPEAKER: Your concern has been noted and I will now give you my response Hon Palusalue. The matter has been clarified and I beg Tofa Aveau that the matter is settled. The Government has not been negligent of their duty in responding to the queries voiced.

It is important also for Members to note so that repetition of concerns voiced is minimized. It is why the Government hesitates in responses because they have already explained so. Therefore, the Proceeding will now continue as I trust the matter is understood.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): Mr Speaker, I beg your pardon but I would like to clarify the statement of the Hon Minister in regards to the written questions. Hon Minister kindly observe the files we have here containing our questions. It has been years since we have had questions on Thursday. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Wonderful. Yes Tofa Aveau.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker, I wish to direct my statement to the response voiced by the honorable Chairperson. I expressed that the incomplete report on the Financial Statement is missing a whole page.

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It would have been minimal if it was just spelling and a few typing errors. But it is not.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I wish to speak on a few things regarding the reason why we refer our Bills to the Committee. The Committee has 14 days to review. The Members of the Committee are Members of Parliament and are expert persons in finance and they are knowledgeable to review it. Reports are similar to others aspects of life, they are almost never complete. It is why they are referred to Committee to review on errors and offer suggestions with the cooperation of the Ministry. It the same process with all our Bills. It is why I stood and voiced that this is not something new as it is a normal practice. In regards to the Report, there is nothing wrong everything is complete as the summary of the numbers are complete. It is important to note that missing pages from our copies of the Report is inevitable because it has happened in our previous Sittings. There is no need to place the blame on the workers for such things.

We are in a modern age where majority of the work is carried out by machines. Take for instance the United States of America which consists of the most intellectual scientists of the world. But they also come across difficulties that constantly need perfecting each time. It is the way of life and we have solutions as per procedures of the Chamber. The same can be said for

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your insufficiencies when you were chosen to be the Coach of Manu Samoa for the Test with the All Blacks. Each person has his or her own downfalls and there are ways to correct them.

MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon Tofa Aveau.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker, the debate has now come to where I never wanted it to go. The Hon Prime Minister is now mentioning the Games and it is wrong as the Hon Prime Minister is wrong.

MR SPEAKER: No, I beg pardon of the Member your concern has been noted.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, no. The Member was given 4 months to prepare for the Manu Samoa and All Blacks test; however the preparation was two weeks before the test. It was just for show.

How could you give a poor performance when the whole country was in support? It reflected your dishonesty.

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Hon Palusalua leave the matter to the Chair.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, it is an example that everyone makes mistakes. We have a phrase that says, “*E poto lava le tautai ae i ai le taimi e sese ai lana atu.*” It was just a small example and yet you rise; am I to understand that only Tofa Aveau and I are the only ones that understand?

MR SPEAKER: Well, I beg pardon of Afioga Hon Palusalua and Tofa Aveau, but I have noted your concerns. If you have any respect for the Chamber then let the Chair conclude the matter. I believe the concerns raised are important and as I have stated the Government has clearly responded to the concerns voiced. The issue of the incomplete Financial Statements has been voiced from the beginning of the Sittings and the honorable Chairperson has explained time and time again that there is nothing that is amiss. Furthermore the Hon Prime Minister has also clarified the role of the Committee in reviewing and offering recommendations for the future. The concerns raised are also considered by the Committee and reported back for our approval.

I trust the matter has been understood and as we are nearing our interval I believe it is best that we take a break and resume when we get back.

I declare that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will now be set aside for its usual morning recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its morning recess at 10.39 and resumed at 11.25am.

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

I trust we have regained strength from the refreshment and the recess so that we may continue our orders of the day. We went on our break after the Member for Faleata East concluded. In accordance to practices and procedures of the Chamber, the opportunity is granted to Members. However it is the request of the Chair that Members be mindful of the time especially in regards to Government responses. I also urge the Chamber to be mindful of your speeches and to kindly refrain from accusing one another. The Chamber is now available for speech.

I beg pardon of the Member for Gagaemauga No.2, but I will grant opportunity to this side of the House to the Member for Siumu.

I call on the Member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA (Siumu): Thank you Mr Speaker for the Members have received refreshments of rejuvenation.

I wish to acknowledge the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of Assembly for the preparations for the Members of Parliament in the morning tea. However I stand to share thoughts on the Appropriation.

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I greet the Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister, the Ministers of Cabinet, the Leader of Opposition and distinguished Members of Parliament. I will greet my Constituency soon but for now I wish to only praise the Government for the works completed. I thank the Government for the works completed for the benefit of Samoa.

I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance for the Appropriation. In my observation of the Appropriation it is not nearly enough but I note that the important aspects of Health and Education are prioritized. It is my first acknowledgement. Secondly I wish to acknowledge the Independence Committee for considering my Constituency to perform in the Independence. I thank the Honorable Chairperson for even though the monetary gift was not enough; our Constituency was very proud to have been part of the celebration.

I further acknowledge the Government and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture and most especially the Government of Australia. I am grateful for the renovation completed on the Palalaua College that was destroyed by cyclone Evan. Furthermore, I thank the Hon Prime Minister for approving our Constituency request for a Primary School to be built in Siumu through the assistance of China. The construction is magnificent and solid as some of the Members have observed and it is to be opened in September or October. It will be of great benefit to our Constituency and also neighboring constituencies.

I acknowledge all the works completed as any Member who enters the Parliament plans and proposes and pleads to the Government to consider a seawall, electricity, education, health and water access for their constituency. It is why I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and the Government because what I acknowledge are the developments specific to my Constituency. I have voiced my acknowledgement however I will now voice my disappointments especially to the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

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Mr Speaker, from the beginning of the Parliamentary Term in the year 2011 I constantly requested for the roads of Saaga and Maninoa. It is now pointless to bring it up but I believe it is important to note the requests I implored but were not brought to fruition. It is quite pointless to request now since the Hon Minister has stated that the opportunity is no longer available.

The road to Tiavi to Siumu has been gravely damaged due to the heavy rainfalls of the cyclone of Evan. The Hon Ministry has constantly been noting that it cost \$7million. The roads are used by the public connecting the east to Siumu, Falealili and Aleipata, Safata and Lefaga.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member but I recognize the interruption by the Hon Minister. I grant opportunity to the Hon Minister.

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Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I believe the matter of our access roads has been raised before. It is why it is best that we briefly explain. During our Parliamentary Term, we faced with numerous natural disasters and we hosted international conferences. In 2011 and 2012, the works mainly focused on the preparation for the 50th Independence celebrations so the appropriation proposed for access roads was instead allocated to that. In the end of 2012 we were impacted by Cyclone Evan and funds were transferred to the upgrading of the roads at Siumu, Fagaloa and parts of Safata; we are looking at \$15million which was used to repair the damages.

In 2013 to 2014 there was much that needed to be done for the preparations of the pre-conference with respect to the airport, the roads to the hotels which the delegates were to stay and most especially the road at Tuanaimato which was the venue of the Conference. Our Parliamentary Term is to be remembered for those works completed.

Siumu starts from Avele to Siumu and the roads were repaired and I trust that there has been much improvement. It is why I take my hat off to the Member for Faleata West. Furthermore the roads from Siumu to Safata have also been repaired and it means that the Land Transport Authority has been vigilant and we are trying to provide as best as possible with the funds available. The access roads to which the Member is referring are those that have never been tarred. Furthermore there are villages that have been careless in maintaining the roads. The maintenance of the roads is not included in the program as that is the duty of the village council and villagers. The negligence of the roads can lead to major damages. Moreover the road the Member is concerned about is the road that is one that has already been completed. It is also important to bear in mind that David was insistent upon building the temple, but the Lord said, 'no, your son Solomon will build the temple.' It is how things are meant to be, because maybe it is not for this Term to complete but others to follow t

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hrough. Thank you.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, point of order.

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The Hon Minister voiced some offensive accusations in reference to the public improperly maintaining the roads. The rain is the cause for road erosion and not the carelessness of the village people. The matai and villages are listening in to these accusations.

MR SPEAKER: I note the concern of the Member. First of all I understand the concerns of the Leader of Opposition. However to save time I declare that a Member cannot interrupt on a interruption. You can only interrupt the Member that has the floor. Therefore I call on the Member for Siumu to continue his speech.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I am the Leader of Opposition. Opportunity should be granted to the issue as the public are being blamed.

MR SPEAKER: I acknowledge your concern. The Chair continues to grant opportunity for matters to be clarified. The Member is directing statements towards the Hon Minister and the Hon Minister has responded. Therefore I call upon Manua.

Afioga Hon Manuasalegalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Before entering the House as a Member of Parliament, I was deeply involved with the village council in ensuring our roads of Lotofaga were constructed with cement. I let them know that it was our duty to do what we can as the Government is busy and have a lot of work to do. I honestly declare that there are villages of our Constituency like Saanapu that have just been blessed with proper access roads in the year 2013 after years of proposals. Other villages have yet to receive proper access roads. The matter is easily obtained when the Government has the support of the village council as it is very difficult to evenly distribute our limited funds.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister is referring to the collaboration of the Government and village council but the accusation that village people are careless is inappropriate.

MR SPEAKER: I beg forbearance of the Leader of Opposition. The matter has been cleared by the Hon Minister. The reason why Tofa Hon Tuuu spoke on the road has already been addressed by the Hon Minister. The word careless refers to the maintaining as you have heard in the Hon Ministers statement and it he has clarified his statement. I recognize the Hon Minister for Women, Community & Social Development.

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Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatua: Mr Speaker and the distinguished Members of the House and the listening public. I merely wish to query whether this is the duty of the Leader of Opposition; to defend the statements of the Members. It appears that Afioga Hon Tuuu is sliding to the Tautua Party as the Leader of Opposition is very defensive towards the Hon Ministers speech.

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the Leader of the Opposition to remain seated and leave Tofa Hon Tuuu as the Hon Minister has addressed the concerns raised.

Yes Afioga Hon Leaupepe.

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Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi (Aana Alofi No.1): Mr Speaker, point of order on the statement of the Hon Minister for Women. The Leader of the Opposition is trying to persuade myself and Tofa Hon Tuuu to transfer to their side, but we will never budge. Am I right Tofa Hon Tolofua? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, Tofa Hon Tuuu I call upon the Member for Siumu.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, please I would like to clarify something.

MR SPEAKER: If there are any more clarifications then the matter will continue to be misunderstood.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I am being accused of persuading them. No, they themselves have been longing to leave that side. I have no intention of persuading them.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, well for the information of the Chamber, the Chair is not accepting interruptions on interruptions. I beg pardon of the Leader of Opposition, but I call on the Tofa Hon Tuuu to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe I have no right over the Hon Ministers acknowledgment of the Member for Faleata East. And I bear the Hon Minister to remember that David has passed and I am Solomon. It is why I am requesting upgrades on the roads of my Constituency. For your information, it was initially constructed in 1995 and our road construction companies then were quite inadequate.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of Tofa Lealailepule, but who do you wish to interrupt?

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: The Member has voiced my name twice.

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MR SPEAKER: It is not Faleata West, it is Vaimauga West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: My hearing is not impaired.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: It is the Member for Faleata East.

MR SPEAKER: The Member has clarified the matter and I beg forbearance of the Member for Faleata West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I merely wish to thank the Hon Minister of Works for completing all the works. Have patience we will come back next year to do more work.

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MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to Tofa Hon Tuuu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Yes, as I have said the road was poorly constructed in 1995. Since 1995, 2005, and 2015 there has been no works in relation to the road and a request would be invalid as the time is up. It is important and I need to let the Chamber know of the situation.

The response that was given was to leave the matter to the Ministry. We came to request the road together with the village of Maninoa. I am deeply disappointed by those words, “Leave it to us” because others said the same words and they never returned. I am not sure we are responsible.

Mr Speaker, I am trying to emphasize that the roads of Tiavi and Safata were damaged but were immediately repaired. It is my observation that upgrades start at Mulivai and overlooks Siumu. If it were not for the SIDS and the hotels perhaps the Constituency would have been dismissed altogether. Furthermore there are roads that have been repaired two or maybe three times this Term yet my Constituency roads is yet to be repaired?

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I recognize the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I believe the statement in reference to roads being repaired twice or three times is incorrect. The money allocated for our infrastructure was appropriately distributed. When Malietoa was sleeping restlessly and was sought out by Nafanua in Savaii, he told her, I sympathize; your kingdom is in Heaven. I am sad to hear the concerns of the Member who is also considered one of the senior Members of the Chamber. I hope to remind the Member that the golden rule is to, “Love your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as you love yourself.” We should foster a spirit of positivity and gratitude for the works we were able to complete here and there, it is important to acknowledge that we did the best we could. If you are not appreciative then fear not for the Lord sees all. Nevertheless, leave the matter to us we have not quite finished our Term.

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MR SPEAKER: Tofa Hon Tuuu I offer the same recommendation, carry out your duty calmly and flatter like you would a sweetheart. I believe the Hon Minister has the discretion because even though there is authority there is also respect; love ceases to exist if one is unrelenting.

I call on the Member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker. No, I do not hold ill feelings for my colleague and neighbor, I am just sad we are neighbors yet you do not do something for me. Nevertheless I thank you for the clarification; I merely want to share everything so bear with me.

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I had a conversation with the Hon Prime Minister in the last Sitting and I shared my distress with the Hon Prime Minister in regards to the Hon Minister of Works for delaying the upgrade of our roads. The Hon Prime Minister said to me, “Do not worry; your roads will be fixed.” What now? I am not sure who the Hon Minister listens to. If I was the Hon Prime Minister it would have been completed already.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, all Ministers of the Cabinet are like yourself, they are stubborn. I recommend your request be well prepared or else it will be tossed in the sea. Therefore I advise the Member not to speak forcefully or authoritatively but speak persuasively. If the Hon Minister is not satisfied then all you will get is the response that it is in the list but 2015 will come to pass and nothing will be completed.

MR SPEAKER: I call on Tofa Hon Tuuu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Hon Prime Minister. Recently, the Aleipata roads were opened. It starts from the Constituency of the Hon Prime Minister and all the roads that reach the mountains have been tarred. It is why I question the distribution but never mind.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the upgrade on the impacts of the cyclone Evan includes the upgrade of the roads as the number of deaths was considered. Although it is unfavorable those are aspects that are considered by the foreign Organizations. The suggestion to relocate inland for safety caused the construction of the access roads as the overseas partners understand the situation. I know that it cost \$40million to construct the Siumu roads because it was damaged by Cyclone Evan. The roads were smoothly done. However I read here that there are perhaps 10 access roads in Siumu requesting tar seal to connect to the main road. It is why I recommend the Member to request and plead persuasively because the Hon Minister of Works is very attentive. Therefore I bid the Member to have faith in the Hon Minister.

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MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member but the Constituency of Aleipata was mentioned.

Tofa Fagaivalu Kenrick Samu (Aleipata Itupa i Luga): Thank you Mr Speaker. I had no intention of interrupting the Members speech but since my Constituency was mentioned I wish to make it clear that this is the first time our roads have been tarred. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue.

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Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Hon Prime Minister, I have faith but the Hon Minister is inadequate. I know perhaps it is delayed because of my friendship with the Leader of the Opposition. Afioga Hon Palusalue I do not understand why you do not want to be our friend when we are doing our duty. Nevertheless Mr Speaker I will now move on to irrigation....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I recommend the Member not worry I will whisper to the Hon Minister to fix your roads. If not then you can come to our side to work with us.

MR SPEAKER: It is becoming clear now that it is the Leader of the Opposition that is the cause of the problem. I call on the Member for Siumu to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker. The drainage next to the school built by China needs to be addressed because heavy rainfalls causes the damages to the school being. I request the Hon Minister to consider this.

To conclude, I remind the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development about our independent water scheme as it is best to continue to remind you. Thank you.

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

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leिताua: Mr Speaker, I thank you and I apologize if the Cabinet is quick to rise when statements are directed to this side. It is our hope to quickly clarify the matter for better understanding. Furthermore, it is important to remember that projects are not immediately implemented as the Constituency must contribute and place an appropriate amount within the bank. Projects are not funded by sand or from clouds of the

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sky. Nevertheless the Government continues to search for funding but the villages must contribute.

Fear and worry not Member for I promise you that once the Election is finished your water tanks will be full. I recommend you take the advice of the Hon Prime Minister to have faith. When one has faith blessings will befall those people and the water tanks of Saaga will be full if you have faith. However the problem is that you have more faith in your beard instead of the Lord. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member to continue.

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Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I know now that this Hon Minister is untruthful because this is the first time that I have heard of the proper instructions on what to do. However he stated in the past year that the project will be constructed nevertheless perhaps we shall see it in action after the Elections....

The Television has been advertising the escaped convicts but the problem is that their faces are not shown. The pictures of escaped convicts would assist the public in capturing the escapees. It is my recommendation that pictures be made available as the majority of the convicts are thieves and it places the safety of the public in jeopardy. Perhaps we should consider the shackles that come on the movies that are placed on the escapees legs as punishment.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member but I grant this opportunity to the interruption of the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons.

Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati (Minister of Police and Prisons): Mr Speaker I acknowledge the concern of the Member. In regards to the pictures, it has been my duty to constantly remind the warden to advertise the pictures of the escapees but I have not seen any action put in place.

For the information of the House, it is our collective responsibility to report escaped prisoners. In reference to the shackles voiced by the Member; those methods were used in Roman times but the *FaaSamoa* is respectful of its people. The Government lead by the Susuga Hon Tuilaepa does not support such methods. The pictures will be advertised on air. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank your Hon Minister for clearing up this matter. It is crucial that the public be aware in all possible aspects and perhaps when the new prison will be built the prisoners will be contained.

The market at Fugalei has been empty but when it was in front of the Afioga Leaupepe's rental buildings it was crowded all the time. I am not aware what has happened to the market but perhaps it is our 24 hour law that has stopped the operations of restaurants.

Furthermore I hope to recommend the Hon Minister to consider an area for the people selling their goods on the side of the road. People cannot sell their catch of the day if customers are no longer accessible to what they are selling. I observe the Chinese travelling on bicycles to and from where the people are

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mostly populated. Perhaps the Government will consider reviewing the market to be opened 24 hours. It is important that the Government consider reviewing this so that the money earned from the farmers is good. Mr Speaker I have shared my ideas on the Appropriation for the day and I wish to thank you and acknowledge the Chamber.

Lastly, I acknowledge my Constituency and all its honorific salutations. Thank you Mr Speaker. Bless this meeting.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you Member for Siumu. I grant opportunity to the Member for Gagaemauga No.2.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No. 2): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted to this Constituency to share our thoughts on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 and the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.

I believe the considered greetings have been acknowledged and thanksgiving has been offered to the Lord for guiding us. It is without further ado that I will now proceed to share our thoughts on the Budget but first I acknowledge the Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. I also acknowledge the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and this side of the House. I further greet the Associate Ministers and respective Members of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I first address the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for accepting the request of one of the villages of my Constituency at Saleaula, Savaii for the construction of the access road. It is not so much an access road as an escape route in case of a tsunami. Hon Minister I humbly request the construction of the road at Salamumu towards Salamumutai. Further it is not an access road but an access road of the Government.

Furthermore, I remind the Hon Minister of the hotels within the village that have been a huge contributor to our national economy. I rely on the Hon Minister and I hope that you do not leave it to the Heavens because Jesus does not own a construction company. Maybe Solomon will complete the works in the next Term as I have mentioned.

Mr Speaker, I have always been passionate about sharing thoughts on the Budget. But this year I suppose it is best to set it aside because if I speak on the figures of the Budget it would cause confusion. I had thought a corrected copy would have been made available today so I can elaborate more on the estimates because the ones presented are based estimates on the actual period; the previous year.

Nevertheless I hope to recommend that our Budget be better prepared as the nation is waiting on the summary of the works and especially the Budget. The nation wishes to be notified of the fruits of the work from year to year.

Mr Speaker, I wish to begin by mentioning the theme mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister for the Budget; live within your means. Mr Speaker, this is the first time that I have heard of such a statement. It reflects the bravery and confidence of the Hon Minister of Finance. In previous years the theme was usually themed, “Despite our limited budget, we still need to spend money to make more money.” Therefore I ask why are we now living within our

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means? I acknowledge the honesty of the man on the state of our nations finances.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I had thought the Member was intelligent. Observe the generalization of the terms which includes the grants from overseas, our loans and also the things we are able to afford. If the previous statements of the past year and the current one are to be compared then it is obvious there is no difference. Furthermore the theme is to act as a reminder to prioritize what needs to be prioritized instead of wanting more. It is the way money works.

This morning I have heard requests for buses for school children and also petrol money among other things. We all have a duty in contributing what we are able to put in. We have just increased the taxes for soda drinks and cigarettes and the constants demands would mean we will have to increase taxes everywhere else. It is why I stress that it is highly inappropriate to rely heavily on the Government as we must all contribute somehow. Mr Speaker I was under the impression that the Member understood. There are no major changes in the reports of the budget as it still reflects the existence of contributions from overseas, our loans and also our income earnings. If we had depended on our income alone, there would be no excess expenditure compare to revenue. Mr Speaker the summary of the budget report includes the same information.

Mr Speaker, in summary the expenses slightly exceeds the income earnings which has been the same for the last 20 years. It is merely an arrangement of words. Therefore I must recommend the Member to not be easily surprised in case you may have a fatal heart attack.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, my calculations are based from the previous year. The economy flourishes when expenses are increased. However the issue is the inadequate prioritization of developments.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, it is important to bear in mind that from the previous year up to now the majority of developments are near completion. During this period a majority of properties were destroyed due to natural disasters. Three weeks ago we opened the roads at Aleipata which was destroyed by the 2009 Tsunami.

The river bank and Vaisigano Bridge, the Maagiagi and Moataa roads are some of the major developments recently repaired. The damages were caused by Cyclone Evan. Furthermore the Siumu road being tarred is also nearing

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completion which has minimized the majority of works needed to be addressed. New projects in place include Japan signing a M.O.U to repair the Matautu wharf that has started to deteriorate.

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It was a project that nearly cost SAT\$70million which was built by Japan in 2002. This morning we signed the M.O.U worth USD\$30million for renovation of the said wharf. The developments continue to move forward and these are the things that we have prioritized. The Member has not been a Minister of Finance so the Member cannot understand.

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you for that long speech despite being irrelevant to what I am referring to. Nevertheless Mr Speaker, the concern I noted in the Budget is the decrease in revenues because of the decrease in overseas grants. It is exactly why we first voiced a recommendation to the Hon Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the response was explicit. The grants were assisted in the recovery efforts after the tsunami and the cyclone. Other financial aid was in the form of loans. Furthermore, the aid was done in consideration of the large existing loans and thankfully our overseas partners noted that we are slowly decreasing it. Hopefully it will continue to be that way. There is a saying that goes, “You cannot have your cake and eat it too.” It is inappropriate to expect to use money and still expect to see it sitting there. Once we have money, we need to put it into good use on the developments for the country.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I trust the concern voiced has been clearly elaborated. I recommend the Member to move on with your speech, in case you waste your time.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: The cake cannot be finished if it is uncooked. It is exactly the reason why the Opposition advised the Hon Prime Minister to delay upgrading our nation from a LDC until we were properly prepared. Now it is becoming difficult.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Point of order. Mr Speaker, we have no say over that. I have explained time and time again that it is not something that we decided on. It is the decision of the United Nations and they have the authority to make this decision based on the conclusions they draw from their visitations and review of the revenues and so forth. Therefore we were upgraded after our gross revenue was estimated to be \$2billion. It means that Samoa is no longer a least developed country. And therefore is no longer eligible for grants. I have

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explained the matter countless times that is the decision of the United Nation to which the grant comes from.

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MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you. It is nothing bad that we come to the state where we are in. From these overseas nations perspectives, we are well prepared and we have sufficient funds but now we are asked to live within our means.

MR SPEAKER: I believe...I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker we are going around in circles over the same thing. I have explained everything. We have a Standing Order on repetitive speeches. Therefore we should not waste any more time as there is nothing new to be voiced. There is no further explanation than the one already voiced.

MR SPEAKER: The Chair observes the Government has responded to the Member three times on the same subject. I recommend the Member speak in regards to your Constituency as you are running out of time.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you. The major problem I wanted to reiterate as the nation observes is the drop in the revenue. Nevertheless, Mr Speaker I will move forward.

I wish to comment on the state of unemployment. I believe a Member spoke on the same topic but I comment on a different angle because the statistics provided was the statistics of NPF contributors and not the overall statistics of the country. Mr Speaker if you observe the 2011 Census, the latest population count was 188, 000 and of that number 112, 000 of the population were not earning income. It includes the elderly and babies. It is 70%.... It is what I refer...

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member; I recognize the interruption of the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, there is a census for employed persons. It is important to remember that majority of the income earners are not recorded as they survive on the plantation. It is why economics specialist state that there is no such concept of unemployment in countries like Samoa because there is an abundance of land to work on. Furthermore, the Deputy Prime Minister has also elaborated the opportunity for improvement in the future. There was complaints and criticism over the lack of markets but now that the market has opened there is still insufficient supply of taro. The farmers contribute in the tourism industry as they provide coconuts and BBQ for the rural area. These income earners are not being recorded. Furthermore the fishermen and their catch each day provide for themselves yet they are not recorded.

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We are very fortunate as there are plenty of opportunities for our people as we are now able to send our laborers to New Zealand and Australia to work in orchards. We have numerous opportunities for our people to acquire financial stability for families. However it appears that whatever the Government decides on the Opposition will always be criticizing. The Government creates employment opportunities but the Opposition discards. I remarked during Independence to encourage and motivate the students and the country to use these employment opportunities. Nevertheless there is only criticisms and rebuff from the Opposition despite the efforts of the Government.

Mr Speaker it is important to note that projects are in place. It is noted that the contractors have been assigned two perhaps three projects at a time but unfortunately one project can be completed at a time. We are at the stage where we have much to be done but lack the skilled persons to complete it; hence the reason why we seek assistance from overseas to assist our nation. Furthermore, our sick citizens were also being transported overseas for treatment but thankfully we have established the new hospital which we will enable local treatment. The great achievement we have accomplished is the establishment of the Dialysis unit in Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I continue to list the developments achieved because despite that the Opposition will continue to point out insufficiencies. But what have they done? They are just roaming around useless.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, regarding the accusations towards the Opposition saying we reject and criticize. Observe Hon Prime Minister that we would not rebut if the people have employment. We offer our suggestions for the Hon Prime Minister to provoke ideas because the country is struggling with lack of employment opportunities.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: What should be done is to educate the Members of your party.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: We are supporting the Government, but the issue is that the priorities are wrong.

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Hon Palusalue your concern is noted. I call on the Hon Minister of Agriculture.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Lemalu Su'a Leatuvao Tuiletufuga Ropati Mualia (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries): Mr Speaker, since the Member remarked on the lack of employment I believe now is a good time to note that 88 fishermen positions were advertised. Those who showed up asked the captain how long the fishing trip would be and the captain said two to three months. They did not wish to travel for so long as they only wanted to leave for two weeks. It is why we are employing fishermen from Kiribati, Solomon and Tuvalu. If anyone is aware of interested candidates for this type of job then let them know. Thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: Yes, I call the Member to continue.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you Mr Speaker. First of all, Saleaula educates these two over here; Saleaula does not take instruction from anyone. Therefore, the idea of hotels for tourists is old and not developing rapidly. If the Hon Prime Minister would consider my idea then perhaps we would see how rapid development would grow.

MR SPEAKER: The Member has five more minutes.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, our Government can never fully acquire a stable economy if we do not first develop the citizenship. How is it done? As I have said, other countries have babies earning money from the moment they are born. But we are not able to benefit from that.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I was waiting to hear what the idea would be but now I note that it is a foolish idea. It is why I stated that the Members are recommending irrelevant ideas. What we should be doing is pushing the country to work. What the Member suggests is encouraging the people to sit around and earn money. For the information of the Member, that is what people overseas do because they have oil. We only have coconut oil which earns little income despite hundreds of coconut produced.

The tourism industry would roughly earn \$400million by the end of the year and it earns far greater than the other developments. The tourists are mentioned countless times because the industry includes airplanes, restaurants, and hotels among other things. It also includes the sports we host here. It is why the Rugby Union pushed for the All Blacks game to be held here because it will surely bring the New Zealanders to watch. The hotels have been fully booked. Furthermore, the Apple Picking Association will also be here to watch and discuss the possibility of taking over more workers. Observe one idea that creates more employment for our country. Saleaula presents a poor idea.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, if the Hon Prime Minister had patience I would have voiced my idea. I will consider giving you my idea now.

Mr Speaker, one of the Members mentioned a family of nine having only one working member. What the Government should be doing is pulling manufacturing companies to invest in Samoa. I know the Government fears the decrease in employee rates but it is better to have a job than none at all.

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

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is another foolish notion voiced by the Member. We do not control the decision of the companies to come to Samoa. We can only grant them approval and they do most of the decision making. I recall you refusing to accept the incentive Bill for 100 more companies like Yazaki to Samoa. At the moment Yazaki is preparing to leave while the Government is looking at discussing other alternatives that can possibly enable the company to continue its manufacturing operations in Samoa. The issue is that it would be far more affordable for the business to operate elsewhere. Any business person calculates and decides on the best decisions for the company; therefore if it is not profitable then surely they will move on.

Mr Speaker, no matter what we try to persuade companies to come to Samoa, we need to accept the fact that there are very limited resources in Samoa. Resources are to be shipped from China to be produced here, and then shipped back. It costs twice as much on the shipping. This is why we passed the legislation as incentive to foreign investors to invest in tourism related businesses such as hotels and other ventures that tourists would opt to visit when in Samoa thus extending their visits.

Mr Speaker, it is the choice of the foreign investor whether they wish to come or not. There was a remark regarding prioritizing Savaii but the fact is that the wharf in Samoa is in operation and vessels docked there.

Other tourist vessels can also dock at Asau. The Government merely initiates and then the private sector takes over so if a vessel chooses to come here instead of Savaii that is their free will because the majority of the country is here. This is why the Government is attempting to build a city centre in Salelologa to attract investors to Savaii and develop the island instead of over populating Upolu which results in investors investing here instead of Savaii. If you only talk about developing Savaii and still remain here, your words are lies.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member to conclude your speech.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, I am shocked the Hon Prime Minister is kicking me to Savaii when I am from Tumua. Nevertheless I wish to state that I was one of the Members in support of your Bill. In elaborating more, if a factory was established in Safata a family of nine with one working person would be paid \$2.60 an hour and earns \$100 a week. If the factory is set up and all nine family members worked at a rate of \$1.60 an hour, the family would receive \$600 for a week; would that not be better?

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, an unskilled person cannot be appointed to carry out a job. Recall the statement voiced by the Hon Minister of Agriculture when fishermen were called to a job that required them to stay overseas. The men could not muster staying for more than four days.

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Furthermore the seasonal workers that were taken overseas did not last a week. They were asked and they said they could not be away from their

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children. It is time wasting because we asked the wife and children and the reason given was that the father was concerned for his mother. Perhaps the Member cannot relate as his wife is overseas. I am not sure if the Member is being faithful which is why he continues to leave his wife overseas.

Mr Speaker, I would continue but I observe that the Member has 30 more seconds.

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

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, my wife is seeking a future overseas due to the struggles of this country – and refrain from speaking to me while eyeing the Member for Falealupo. Mr Speaker the main purpose is to allow opportunity for all able members of the family to work and earn income and develop our economy.

Mr Speaker is my time up or....

MR SPEAKER: Yes, I beg the Member to conclude your speech.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: I am nearly finished; nevertheless I thank the Chair for the opportunity and also the Hon Prime Minister. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I acknowledge the Member for the thoughts shared. I trust we and the listening public have observed the ideas and thoughts voiced by the Members during these past three days. Therefore I recommend the respective Members yet to speak to comment on the subject at hand to lighten the orders.

It has been observed by the Chair that explanations on certain issues have been given responses three times. Although I trust there is no further need to educate each on the concerns voiced, we must direct our speeches on the Budget in case we waste our time on the things that have already come to pass.

There is still time for a Member to share before the Chair grants opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister for the motion.

I recognize the Member for Samoa; perhaps this is the last time the Member will be representing all of Samoa as he may return under a different salutations. I call on one of the Members for Individual Voters, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM (Individual Voters): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I was worried because this is the third electorate I represent in this Term. The first was All of Samoa, the Individual Voters and soon it will be Urban Voters.

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I am grateful to the Lord for guiding the Parliament to this part of the day. I acknowledge O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, the Council of Deputies, the Council of Churches and also the seniors and the youth of our nation. I

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acknowledge the support of my Constituency with the Member Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang.

I stand to speak on the Budget we have today. The Members of Parliament have shared their thoughts on the Budget. Therefore I would like to acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance for the Report. It is our observation that the Budget has been cautiously allocated and put to good use for the development of the nation. It is evident that there have been many upgrades in development. I also acknowledge the Members that spoke on the improvements of the roads and the drainage within our constituency areas. However, there are still a few matters Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure as I believe there are still requests for our roads to be upgraded.

The access roads mentioned are not lengthy ones at that, but are perhaps only 5 feet and I believe that these roads lead to peoples' homes....

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but this Chamber is a Chamber of accuracy and truth. It is important to accurately state the length of the roads in case it misleads the nation.

Susuga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: I have mistaken the access roads that are 5 feet, no perhaps it is only 500meters or something like that....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi: The ceremonial address for the Member is All of Samoa. It means it includes Savaii to Aleipata and all of Samoa. Therefore there is no further need to request for development or such as it has already been addressed. I observe the Members of Parliament for all of Samoa agrees.

MR SPEAKER: I apologize to the Member, due to the salutation the Chair voiced. The Bill has been approved and once it is sealed it will be known as the Urban Seat.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you Hon Prime Minister. Mr Speaker I acknowledge the statement voiced; we must all support every project developed for the country. All developments are for the benefit of the nation. However, there are a few matters concerning the Apia area. I wish to thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I have caught word of preparations for the upgrade of the road next to the Pesega gas station. I trust that the funds for the road are included in the Budget.

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Therefore, I recommend the implementation of these roads for the safety of the citizens living there.

I thank the Chair for the reminder as the Constituency is no longer recognized as Individual Voters but as by Law will be the Urban Constituency. I take this moment to acknowledge my constituency for the patience of being cast over from Individual to Urban Voters. A Member

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voiced the improvement of assets in the urban area and I have seen it implemented.

I also acknowledge the Chairperson for the Committee which approved the Bill. I support and acknowledge the neighboring constituency being established that includes Vaitele. It is evident that words cannot fully express the work completed. I believe the constituency has been very blessed. However there is one more development in need of addressing Hon Minister of Labour....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, the Member has mentioned Vaitele which is my village, and it is in my Constituency. I ask the Member which area of Vaitele, because I have seen to the upgrades of the Vaitele area which one can travel on by wheel chair. It is only the foot path that needs tar. I recommend the Member to comment no more on the subject as I have addressed the matter. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I believe Afioga Maualaivao since we are nearing the time for our break. The Chair will grant the opportunity to the Member to continue his speech later. The Chair acknowledges the Members general comments voiced as it is not specifically directed to any part mentioned. The Member is speaking generally.

I believe we have come close to our time of recess. Before we proceed to our break, I grant this opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister to move the motion.

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Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I stand with all respect to move a motion, *That Standing Order 31 (1) be suspended so that the Sitting Hours can be extended from 9:00am to 1:00pm and resume at 3:00pm to 7:00pm.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and the Minister of Health.

Motion approved.

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MR SPEAKER: I wish to thank the respective Members of the Chamber on this part of the day. The Hon Prime Minister has moved the motion and it is in the hopes of progressing with our work. Therefore I urge the respective Members of the Assembly to heed caution and also direct remarks to the Budget.

I believe the Government has many duties not only the everyday duties but also here in the Sitting. I must remind the Members of the House that have yet

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to share their thoughts to use the time when we return at 3:00pm to 7:00pm for remarks.

The Office of the Clerk of the Assembly has prepared a meal for the Assembly. I declare the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside until 3:00pm.

Proceedings of the Assembly were set aside at 1:00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3:00pm.

Debate continued on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 and the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.

MR SPEAKER: We have come to the last session of our Sitting today as per the motion moved in order to complete our deliberation on the Budget and of course our Orders of the day. I acknowledge the Members for your patience. I trust we have regained strength from the break and are now set for the next four hours.

I acknowledge the attendance of the Chief Executive Officers this afternoon and also the listening public. I greet the Hon Ministers and distinguished Members in attendance.

We took our break when Afioga Maualaivao representing all of Samoa or Urban Voters was in speech. I call the Member to continue.

Afioga MAUALAIAVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker. I thank the Lord for safe guarding us so that we may continue our Orders of the day. I acknowledge the attendance of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and distinguished Members.

We went on our break Mr Speaker when I was about to respond to the interruption by the Member for Faleata West. Firstly, I acknowledge your statement on behalf of the Urban Constituency.

Before I continue my speech it is important to clarify to the nation and also the Members of the House the villages that are included in the Urban Division. The inclusion includes the following; Elisefou, Falelauniu, Lepea, Laloanea, Puipaa, Safune, Saina, Siusega, Talimatau, Tanumapua, Tapatapao, Toamua, Tulaeleuta, Tuvao, Vaigaga, Vaipoto, Vaitele and Vaiusu.

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Mr Speaker, this is why I expressed my gratitude to the Honorable Chairperson of the Committee for the recommendations that approved and acknowledge legally these villages as the Urban Constituencies. I trust the Members also have approved and I believe it is enough to respectfully remark on the places I have visited. I am grateful that I have been given the opportunity to represent this Constituency and from my observation....

Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: Mr Speaker, I wish to ask a question.

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MR SPEAKER: I grant this opportunity to the Afioga Toeolesulusulu.

Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I merely wish to clarify since the Member is commenting on the notion that he is now a representative for the Urban Constituency. It is my understanding that it will only be effective during the Elections. Can the Chair confirm?

MR SPEAKER: I grant this opportunity to the Member for Faleata West before the Member speaking continues.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Thank you Mr Speaker. I must thank the Members interruption as this is exactly why we should be cautious not to speak on matters that do not concern us. Observe the Member is sorely mistaken with his list. The Member missed out Lotopa, Sinamoga, Alafua and Vaimoso which are all included in the Urban Constituency. At the moment the Member is a representative of Individual Voters until after the Elections.

Furthermore, the reason why I interrupted the Member is the mentioning of Vaitele which is under my Constituency at the moment. The developments carried out there need not be addressed. Everything is in order. Once people pass by Vaitele they say, "Lealailepule, I wish to vote for you." It is why I recommend the Member to voice statements on Individual matters as the Urban representatives have not yet been decided. Once it has it will be Lealailepule.

MR SPEAKER: The Chair notes the Members concern. However it is important to note that the Member that has the floor is speaking generally. The House has approved the Bill and even though it has not been approved, a vigilant Member carries out visitation.

I beg Members of the House to grant the Member for Individual Voters to continue with his speech. I trust the Member is speaking with a genuine of heart in reference to Constituents within the Constituency.

I call on Afioga Maualaiavao.

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Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker and also the Member who interrupts all the time. The Chair has voiced acknowledgments and I am not sure why the Member continues to voice statements as if there is no longer a Constituency for Individual voters. I beg the Member to let me finish my speech as I have already explained the changes to my Constituency. There are 34 villages in the Urban West Constituency which include, Alafua, Lepea, Lotopa, Moamoa, Pesega, Seese, Sinamoga, Vailoa, Vaimoso and Vaitoloa.

Mr Speaker, I am very grateful to the Chairperson for the division because this Constituency is very big. It is very suitable for me and during my

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visitation I have noted a need for additional improvements; more developments. It is why I wanted to address the Hon Minister....

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I recognize the Member for Gagaemauga No.2.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, the Member has twice forgotten Lotopa in which he resides.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I apologize to the Chair but the Member needs to observe carefully. If the Chair and Samoa has noted the Members speech, he is defaming me and the Member Tofa Aveau. I am being blunt as the Member stated that he has carried out visitations and there is a need for development. It is not the Constituency for Afioga Maualaivao and the Member should ask what he has done for the Individual Voters, the businessmen and the Individual voters. I ask the Member to speak not of our Constituency because all developments have been implemented on these Constituencies. For instance, the hospital, the prison, fire station, legislative building, the roads, electricity and water everything is a hundred percent. I grew up in those Constituencies; my umbilical cord was buried there. Speak on the Constituency you represent....

MR SPEAKER: The Members concern is noted. I apologize first to the Chamber, but as I have already explained, the Member is a representative of the Individual Voters which includes voters in Faleata East and Faleata West and all of Samoa. Therefore the Member is speaking generally and directly to the Constituencies in which his constituents reside thus the mention of the villages within the Constituency of Faleata East and Faleata West.

On the other hand, I recommend the Member direct statements on the Budget because the division has just recently been drawn and it will only be finalized in the next elections. I recommend the Member to be considerate of the Members currently occupying the Constituency seats in question.

I request Afioga Maualaivao to move away from the topic as the reconsideration of the Constituencies has not been finalized.

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Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: I wish to thank Mr Speaker. The important thing is that my speech is clear but the Member keeps disrupting. I have no intention of defaming the Members or their Constituencies or the work they have done. There is a huge difference between the mentioned Constituencies and the Urban Constituency. Nevertheless I shall continue because I was about to plead to the Hon Minister of Works in regards to the water at Ululoloa. The water at Ululoloa makes safe drinking water for Aleisa but it appears that it is no longer being made available. Therefore I request the Hon Minister to reconsider providing this service for Aleisa. Furthermore, the roads at Moamoa needs to be upgraded as pickup trucks can barely travel through these roads. It is why I am grateful that these villages have been

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included in the Urban Constituency so that when the town areas are upgraded, these villages will hopefully be included.

Mr Speaker, I attended the opening of the Aele Hall and noted the speech of the Ministry's CEO in stating that all the students are being educated for free. All students whether they are special needs or able bodied are accepted under the scheme. I wish to acknowledge the Hon Minister of Education. I was hoping to speak more on this matter but since the interruption I believe it is best to adhere to the Chairs recommendation and move forward.

On the other hand, I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Health for the services provided. There is just one flaw which I have heard about countless times and that is discrimination. There are times when sick people visit the hospital in the late hours of the night and they are ill treated or given delayed treatment. Hospital staff should be more attentive and considerate of the patients especially those with permanent illnesses.

As I have stated before, we are in the modern times and there should be no more discrimination in Samoa. All Samoans are equal. I acknowledge our Government, the Hon Prime Minister and of course the Legislative Assembly for the assurance of that notion to become a reality. I pray that the Lord blesses the Chair and the distinguished Members of Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: I stand in response to the statement voiced. I believe the only countries still entertaining the idea of discrimination and racism are those of the whites. The Member is mistaken because I only see Samoans here. In case it might be taken wrongfully as the hospital staff is listening, it is best to clarify what the Member means by racism.

Furthermore, I am quite disappointed that the Member is a colleague and should be collaborating with the Ministry but is instead doing the very opposite. I expected the Associate Minister to voice his concerns over the shared responsibility rather than voicing the matter here. Nevertheless, for the information of the Chamber, the Ministry and staff are aware of the accusations voiced now and in the past about the services which are being addressed.

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The Cabinet has just approved a grievance policy which the public has been made aware of via newspaper. It also included the acknowledgement of the Ombudsman who is available to address issues. It is a general belief that there is a case of discrimination and racism as the Member claims but I say now that those workers at the hospital are Samoans. The majority are Samoans with only a small number of non-Samoans being employed. Maybe the Member is referring to the Samoans that are working there and that is impossible since Samoans do not discriminate against each other. Mr Speaker that is my explanation in case another Member wishes to address this issue of hospital staff being racist.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Minister. I believe the Member has concluded his speech and the concern voiced has been clarified. I beg pardon

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of the Leader of Opposition but let us not stray away from the progress we have made so far.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: This side of the House is shocked by the lack of corporation from the Hon Minister and his Associate Minister. The Hon Prime Minister clearly stated that in your party the Hon Minister and Associate Minister should work together. The matter should not have been brought into the Chamber as it should have been settled outside.

MR SPEAKER: The concern is noted. I ask the Leader of Opposition to stop starting fires.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Mr Speaker, I believe the devil does not sleep. Whatever small word we voice in error will be twisted but I must apologize to the Hon Minister and also the Speaker. I have no intention of implying such notions as I was trying to explain in simpler terms but there is no racism in the Ministry. Perhaps the staff is tired when the patient arrives at the hospital but I believe the hospital staff is doing a fine job for the country. It is why I beg forgiveness of the Hon Minister as I am your Associate Minister and I support your duty and work. As the Ministry is listening in, I speak to clarify that there is no such thing as racism in our Ministry. However it is important to stress that the hospital staff be patient with the sick patients at all times even if it late in the night. I urge the hospital staff to exercise patience with the patients of the hospital and show compassion when they come. I pray that the Lord blesses the Heads of the Ministry and their services so that all the people receive the same treatment from the hospital.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honorable Member for your patience. The Chair is also trying to calm this side of the House but I believe humility is the best way. I acknowledge the Members direct statement towards acknowledging your relationship with the Hon Minister.

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The Hon Minister has also clarified the matter and now the Chamber is available for any Member wishing to speak. I recognize the Member for Anoamaa East. I grant this opportunity to the Member.

Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. First of all I greet Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Members, I also acknowledge the Leader of the Opposition and that side of the House and also the gathered Members of the House. Lest I forget, I recognize the presence of the CEOs and Heads of Government Departments, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff. Furthermore, I greet His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, the Council of Deputies, the Chief Justice and also the Church Ministers; thank you for your continuous support through prayer. I further acknowledge the support of Samoa in all its honorary salutations. I dare not forget the support of our islands in the east; the

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Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker and the two Chambers. I also acknowledge the Chief Justice and all the honorary salutations of Tutuila.

I take this time to greet my Constituency for their support and forbearance this time of the year as the Parliament is in session to consider the plans of Samoa for tomorrow.

I take this opportunity to thank the Hon Prime Minister or the Hon Minister of Finance for the main purpose of this Sitting is to deliberate the economic progress of our nation through the financial estimates for the upcoming financial year beginning next month. Thank you for all the good work as it is noted that although there are not enough funds for all our developments however the Government continues to seek funds in order to secure developments for the nation. Nevertheless from this point of view the Government has successfully developed the nation with its limited resources which is the most important aspect. It is why this Member acknowledges the Government for accumulating the income for our developments.

The proposals made should be in accordance with the Budget made available this financial year. I trust the Constituency acknowledges the work that the Government has done so far not only for the nation but also for the Constituency itself. The Government has implemented various developments befitting not only the country but also our Constituency.

It is important to express gratitude to the Hon Minister of Natural and Environment for the discretion to establish concrete river banks for the village of Lalomauga. As it is known this is one of the villages that struggle when the river banks flood. Thank you very much.

I also plead to the Government to take into consideration the request for the Falefa seawall which I have been proposing since occupying this seat as a Member of Parliament. Also the village of Sauano which is barely seen by the country could very easily be destroyed by a tsunami. Therefore I pray to include these developments. The seawall at Falefa has been approved to be implemented but it is yet to be completed. Once more I request with all due respect to consider this part of the Constituency.

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I then come to acknowledge the Hon Minister of Work, Transport and Infrastructure for implementing the construction of the roads at Manunu. The road damages begin from Saoluafata up to Manunu and although I am not sure if it is to be tarred or not but I do hope it will be. Nevertheless I am grateful for the execution of the plans.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the work carried out on the road at Lalomauga. However the bus has barely been able to travel this road because of its poor state. I do hope construction on these roads can be implemented and I hope it can be tarred if there are enough funds.

I also acknowledge gratitude to the Government for implementing street lights to the access roads at Falefa. However I wish to request the construction of the access roads further inland. It is crucial especially for the citizens who relocated in fear of living on the coast.

In the audience of the public I hope to humbly request for the Government to consider upgrading the roads if possible maybe this year or the next. If it is

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uncertain that I am able to return to Parliament in the next election, I sincerely hope it will be in the Government plans to have the village road implemented.

Mr Speaker and the distinguished Members of Parliament I conclude my speech. Bless this meeting and the rest of our orders for the day.

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honorable Member for Anoamaa East, Tofa Alo Fulifuli Taveuveu. I trust the Hon Minister of Finance and most especially the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet has noted your concerns.

Well, the Chamber is available for another Member. I grant this opportunity to the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU (Aleipata Itupa i Luga): Thank you Mr Speaker, for granting this opportunity to the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga to share thoughts on the Budget.

Beforehand, I wish to greet the Speaker of the House and of course the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. Lest I forget, I also greet this side of the House to the Leader of Opposition and all the distinguished Members of the House.

Before I proceed to the Budget, I express gratitude to the Speaker for the acknowledgement of the passing away of a former serving Member of the Constituency. I have high belief that the condolences voiced have been heartfelt by the children and the mourning family.

I acknowledge the attendance of the CEOs and Heads of various Government departments.

I joyfully greet my Constituency of Aleipata Itupa i Luga in all its honorary salutations. I also acknowledge the support of the servants of God in my Constituency and also all of Samoa for their supporting prayers.

Mr Speaker, I first acknowledge in gratitude the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry of Finance for the well prepared Budget we have all contributed to for the development of our nation in the future.

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I will begin with the requests of the Constituency for developments. It has been four years since I have participated in the decision making of the nation, and it has been four years also since I have been requesting.

I thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the construction of the road at Samusu in Lalomanu. I believe this road has enabled the Constituency to develop its lands and also make transportation from the coastal areas to inland more efficient.

I also express gratitude to the Hon Minister for the tsunami access road that is nearing completion. The road exit allows the Constituents a safe passage of escape in time of natural disasters. However I hope to remind the Hon Minister of the roads at the villages of Ulutogia, Vailoa and Lalomanu.

The road at Tiavea is the passage road that leads straight to the Constituency. It has long been deteriorated and whenever the water breaks it has proven hazardous for vehicles and most especially for the travelling public heading through the Constituency. Therefore, I hope to recommend to the Hon Minister to consider upgrading this road at Tiavea.

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The seawall in the sub-village of Lata has a newly constructed seawall but unfortunately it was destroyed by the tsunami. If it is agreeable with the Ministry, there are plenty of rocks at the beach and all we need is a machine to construct the seawall back together.

I address the Samoa Water Authority. I wish to request irrigation to be installed inland for the citizens relocated inland.

The Electric Power Corporation has installed a wind energy plant at the Constituency and it is beneficial to the constituents. Perhaps then the residents will have a discounted electricity fee. Furthermore, regarding the electricity poles of our Constituency Hon Minister; it seems that the electricians are not really doing their job. Perhaps the Hon Minister and CEO of the Electric Power Corporation would consider checking our street lights that are....

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, perhaps this is a good opportunity for the Member to have a break. In reference to the road at Tiavea, the Management and World Bank mission are currently meeting. The World Bank representatives are working together with Australia on the maintenance of all the access roads in both Savaii and Upolu. The mission began in 2009 after the tsunami and in the past week the works were officially opened. The process has been lengthy due to the World Bank procedures that needed to be satisfied. The important thing is that the Tiavea road bridge will soon be constructed to ensure the safety of residents.

Regarding the street lights, it should be emphasized that it is a collaborative effort. The village council needs to report to the Corporation so that electricians may assess the street lights when available and make the final arrangements to have them replaced. The workers are managing their time so they cannot be expected to work during the night.

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The street lights that have been replaced are the ones that have been reported by the village *pulenuu*. Therefore, I recommend the Member to refrain from voicing the assumed incompetence of the electricians in carrying out the work. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification. I trust the matter has been clearly noted by the Member, therefore I recommend the Member to move on with your speech.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Hon Minister for clearing that up. I come to the Shipping Corporation whereby I acknowledge the services in Apia, Salelologa and also Mulifanua. I humbly pray that the Satitua wharf will be used once in a while since it is in operation. There are trips planned for Tutuila for the end of the year where the Satitua wharf can be used.

I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Health for the health services provided in the hospital at Lalomanu and also the Motootua hospital. Hon Minister I request for a dialysis machine for our Constituency as the number of dialysis

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patients has increased. Perhaps one dialysis machine or two can be made available for our Constituency to save the travelling expenses of the Constituents that have to travel all the way to Apia.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, I wish to ask the Member on the number of dialysis patients. This will be the deciding factor whether there is a need for one or five machines.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Hon Minister of Health but to answer your question, there are nearly ten dialysis patients in our Constituency.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons I wish to commend you for the services in ensuring the safety of the nation on the roads and also with family disputes. I also acknowledge the discretion of the Police Commissioner. It is being observed that the Law is the Law, and I believe the Law encompasses the values of our nation which is respect, I recommend the Hon Minister to consider this aspect.

I request to the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons to remember our police office at Lalomanu. It is now very old and it has been four years now.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons.

Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati (Minister of Police and Prisons): Thank you Mr Speaker. I presumed the Member would not voice the matter with the police post. The Member is the Associate Minister of Police and I thought that we would be working together in our work.

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Nevertheless, this is the fifth year since the Member has been requesting for a new building and I promised the Member that a new glass office will be constructed by the end of the year. Perhaps it will be benefiting the Member if the building is constructed near the time of elections to boost my colleagues votes. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Hon Minister. I merely wish to remind the Hon Minister to take into consideration the police post, but this is the fourth year not fifth. The building at Lalomanu is not....

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, point of clarification. This is the very reason why our Sitting is delayed, it stems from the lack of collaboration between the Ministers and their Associates.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of Opposition your concern is noted.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The matters raised should be...it means that the Hon Minister and Associate Minister never meet. The nation observes these positions.

MR SPEAKER: I recommend the Leader of the Opposition to heed my clarification. There are no requests on the Budget that can be voiced outside of this Chamber. All matters pertaining to the Budget are to be carried out in earnest in the audience of the public and of course the Chamber. Observe the Associate Minister of Health requesting to the Hon Minister of Health; to which the Hon Minister responded. I recommend the Leader of the Opposition to have patience. The work of each Ministry is all done in fairness and transparency.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, all of Samoa has been listening to the statements of the Hon Prime Minister, but this matter is where the Hon Minister and Associate Minister work together.

MR SPEAKER: I note your concern. They work together but when it comes to decisions on matters concerning....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You are siding with the Associate Minister....

MR SPEAKER: Our Sitting is being delayed due to your interruption. Important decisions are not being decided outside of the Chamber and I am not siding with this Side.

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I beg the Members and the Leader of the Opposition, this is our last year. The Chair is trying to ensure our Meeting progresses. Leader of the Opposition, you will not be earning any points by interrupting the Chair ever so often. I call on the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga to continue.

Afioga FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have already discussed matters with the Hon Minister. The response given was, “Do not worry the Police Office will be constructed before the Term ends.”

The Constituency I represent is in audience and I am voicing their concerns for the renovation of the Police Office at Lalomanu. I conclude by acknowledging the Hon Minister of Education and the Ministry for all its hard work. I humbly pray to the Hon Minister and CEO of the Ministry to consider posting of teachers for the Aleipata College ensuring the expanse of knowledge is acquired for our constituents. Mr Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity granted to this Constituency to voice our thoughts on the Budget. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I acknowledge the Associate Minister for Police and Prisons. Thank you for having the patience with the interruptions on your

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speech. I further acknowledge your honesty because although you are the Associate Minister for Police you do not hide your requests. The Member has openly requested for his Constituency and has not hidden anything from the Chamber.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: Mr Speaker, point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I grant this opportunity to the Member. To whom do you wish to clarify?

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: I direct clarification to the Leader of the Opposition. I must apologize Mr Speaker but I voiced recommendations to the staff of the hospital. The Hon Minister has also acknowledged the statement voiced in earnest and in recommending advice to the staff. The ill intentions that the Leader of the Opposition is implying is not the intention of my advice. If the hospital staff is listening in, I voiced recommendation and held no intention otherwise.

MR SPEAKER: I have addressed the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The accusation is offensive; ill intentions. Mr Speaker the reason why we are delayed is due to the lack of collaboration between the Ministers and their Associates. The public is listening in.

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MR SPEAKER: I have addressed the reasons as to why it is so. Leader of Opposition please do not interrupt the speeches of the Members. Leave the Associate Ministers directing their requests to their respective Ministers. Well I believe the matter is settled. The House is available for another speaker and I grant this opportunity to this side of the House. I call on the Member for Faasaleleaga No.3.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI (Faasaleleaga No.3): I first greet the Speaker of the House and thank the Lord for guiding and protecting Members of the House to this Sitting day.

I stand with utmost respect to voice the thoughts of the Constituency. I trust the Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015 and the Appropriation 2015/2016 tabled has been well understood. Our voice cannot hide the acknowledgment of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, the Leader of Opposition and that side of the House. I also acknowledge the respective Members of the House. I believe it is important to acknowledge the Proceedings of Parliament. The developments made have been observed and therefore I wish to relay acknowledgement. It is also observed that duties have been carried out efficiently in assuring the future success of the country. Rome was not built in a day. The work is hard and I acknowledge the Government for all its progress.

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Before I proceed, I acknowledge the nation of Samoa. I greet His Highness, O Le Ao o Le Malo and Masiofo down to the youngest child. I also acknowledge the servants of God for their constant support in prayers each day. I greet Samoa in all its honorary salutations.

The Parliamentary Term is nearly over and I believe it is time to voice and share thoughts on some of the needs of the Constituency. I suppose the requests should also be in consideration of the limited amount of money used for the developments of our country. In truth everyone wants to see their requests being met and despite wanting to carry out these deeds for all the Constituents, the fact of the matter is that we have very limited resources to do so. As I observe the Budget of the previous year, I note that my village of Saipipi is on top of the list.

Furthermore, I request to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure to consider the village of Faga. The 2009 tsunami damaged the road over there and also the one at Salimu. These roads lead to the villages of Siufaga, Luua, Sapini and Malae and they are in need of renovation. I humbly request the Hon Minister to kindly consider the request of our Constituency.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the hard work of the Hon Minister of Health. Thank you for the improvements to the hospital at Tuasivi I trust it is indeed not easy, but by the leaders of the nation, things have been accomplished thanks to the Cabinet.

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I then come to the matter concerning the Government assets at Salelologa. I have noticed that whenever I am in the Constituency I note undeveloped land. I understand that the past has restricted many developments due to the lack of space in terms of land. But times have changed and at the moment we have numerous opportunities to carry out the developments like constructing a NPF branch there.

I have also acknowledged and observed the Ministry of Womens building. It is a building that is second to this Chamber and it should be well maintained. The title of *pulenuu* is very prestigious and therefore a stable venue or conference building for village representatives should be constructed for them.

I come to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure with reference to the wharf at Mulifanua and its developments. The safe parking provided for vehicles traveling to and fro is very adequate. It is quite disappointing however, that the cars line up on the opposite side of the road at the Salelologa wharf and at one time it caused an accident where a senior lady was injured. I recommend removing the concrete wall on that side of the wharf. Perhaps, the wharf can be extended to the land in which the queue is lined up to ensure safety of the public.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I grant this opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

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Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the Member for the matter voiced in reference to the wharf at Salelologa and Mulifanua. It is true that the facilities at Mulifanua are upgraded but there are problems in relation to the land voiced by the Member. It is the problem that is delaying the projects set out by the Ministry and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Nevertheless, the normal programs of the Shipping Corporation continues in maintaining normal traveling services between Savaii and Upolu. The plans for the wharf at Salelologa will have the vehicles safely queued like that at Mulifanua. However we need to address the issue first. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI: Thank you Hon Minister. It is the small details that matters and need to be addressed in order to ensure the safety of all of us and of course the public.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries I acknowledge the development of the agricultural sector. However I believe it is important to redevelop the *lauuta* or *avagato*, and most especially the coconuts and cocoa. In 1999 a bonus was earned at \$2.00 for cocoa and \$2.00 for coconut or a box worth which was a stable income for many of the villages. Families need not look for employment as the cocoa and coconut provides generously for the people.

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I humbly recommend to the Hon Minister to consider reviving these staple produce for the nation and also for consumption.

In Savaii Hon Minister of Tourism help is very much needed especially in our beautiful village of Faga to Tuasivi. The village has placed a ban on sand mining and rubbish disposals around the village. I leave the matter to the Hon Minister and the plans and projects of the tourism industry of the nation.

I believe many thoughts have been shared concerning the Budget, and although our funds are very limited we must also be considerate of the needs of the nation in its development.

The theme of the Budget is that we live within our means. I acknowledge the Hon Minister for the Budget and for also considering unforeseen circumstances. However, it is also important to invest in our development so that the Samoan economy will continue to grow.

Today I wish to acknowledge my Constituency, the village of Saasaai to Siufaga and Faga in all its honorary salutations. The Parliamentary Term is nearing its end and I thank the Constituency for the never ending support. May the Lord be praised for all our work.

Before I conclude, I pray the Lord blesses the Chair, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and that side of the House and all the respective Members of the House. May the Lord continue to bless the rest of the year in peace and courage. Bless this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honorable Member for Faasaleleaga No.3 for the thoughts voiced and for the prayers.

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Well, we have come to our normal recess hour. We shall take a short break and return to continue our work. I declare the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be set aside for its normal recess hour.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its recess at 4:45pm and resumed at 5:20pm.

Debate continued on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015 & the Appropriation Bill 2015/2016.

MR SPEAKER: I acknowledge the dignified accord at this hour of the day. We have come to the last part of our Sitting and the Chair wishes to relay gratitude to the respective Members of the House for the patience. I believe that all good things eventually come to an end and therefore I pray to the Members of the Parliament to use and manage our time wisely. The Government has moved to extend our Sitting hours in the hopes of acquiring all the thoughts on the Budget. The Chair continues to grant opportunity to Members as the nation waits to hear the thoughts of those who have yet to share. I presume we have perhaps four or five Members left to make speeches.

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Well, I recognize the Member Afioga Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua one of the Members for Vaimauga West. I grant this opportunity to the Member.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I take this opportunity to greet the Chair and the Hon Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the distinguished Cabinet Members.

I also greet the Associate Ministers and the Leader of Opposition and that Side of the House. Not forgetting the CEOs and Heads of Government Ministries and various Departments in attendance this evening.

Mr Speaker, I express my sincere gratitude to the Constituency of Vaimauga West in all its honorary salutations. I acknowledge the support and prayers and of course the vote of confidence for this person to be a Member representing our Constituency.

Mr Speaker, this evening is probably a time for expressing gratitude. It is why I express my gratitude to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the construction of the road at Moataa-uta towards Magiagi. It was recently opened last week. The Hon Minister has in his possession a written request from the Constituency for street lights to be installed along this road. I trust the Hon Minister has also received the letter of request for road construction to the water reservoir at Magiagi that connects to the road that was recently opened. We issued a letter in request of these road works especially for the road at Faatoia in 2012. Unfortunately the impact of Cyclone Evan has depleted some of our funds. Nevertheless I pray the Hon Minister considers our Constituency when the time comes to have our roads upgraded.

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I convey my thanks to the Hon Minister of Environment and Natural Resources for the construction of the seawall at Vaiala and Vaipuna. Mr Speaker, this project was requested by the Member from the previous Term, but thankfully with the joint persistence from Tofa Lefau and myself this Term, we are able to witness the construction in progress.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the Hon Minister for the upgrades and renovation of the town area which was damaged by Cyclone Evan. I thank the plans to renovate the Vaisigano area with the river pool towards Lelata and Ueligitone in Magiagi. I also acknowledge the plans to provide an access road for the population residing in Ueligitone, Magiagi.

I humbly request to the Hon Minister to consider establishing another access road for our residents at Magiagi. The current access road that runs through the property of the Tuiletufuga family is often closed off in the night when people return to their homes. Perhaps another road can be made cut next to the Mormon chapel at Magiagi. I am grateful for the acceptance and of course the program in progress to construct a walk-way in the Moataa mangrove area. I hope it will be constructed before the end of the year.

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Mr Speaker, I wish to express my congratulations to the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for leading the nation in the conference to Rome in the beginning of the month. There were close to 200 countries represented and I acknowledge the Hon Minister for receiving the award on behalf of Samoa.

I come to the Hon Minister of Justice and Court Administration and the Electoral Office in reference to the registering process of voters.

Hon Minister the reason why I voice my concern is because when Constituents go to register with their documentations, they arrive and are told they must also present confirmation from the village council representative. The issue is that traveling expenses is hard to come by for our people and in the end candidates will very likely to step forth to assist the voters. However it is very difficult when people are in need but candidates are prohibited from assisting the voters in their registration process.

Furthermore, the Constituents from Vaimauga West have asked me what the actual stance is on the urban seat since this is the sixth Term that they have been voting for Vaimauga West. What is happening now is that children are now eligible to vote but the issue is that the Election office states that there is no Kinship in Moataa, Magiagi and Vaiala and thus they cannot vote for Vaimauga West No.1. I humbly recommend to the Hon Minister if the voter can have the choice to freely choose whether they can vote for the urban seat or the territorial constituency.

Mr Speaker, I conclude my concerns on the Budget and I thank the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry for the report. I also acknowledge the Honorable Chairperson and Committee for their contribution.

Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, I pray that the Lord bless the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and most especially the support of my dear Constituency of Vaimauga West. Soifua.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honorable Member for Vaimauga West. I trust the Chamber has noted your concerns and that of the Constituency. There is an opportunity for another Member to speak.

I grant this opportunity to Tofa Tuisa, Member for Sagaga le Falefa.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I greet the Hon Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet. I also acknowledge the Leader of the Opposition and that Side of the House. I acknowledge the presence of all the distinguished Members of Parliament and CEOs and Heads of Government Ministries and Departments. Furthermore, I acknowledge His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, the Council of Deputies, Chief Justice and the President of the Land and Titles Court. I greet and acknowledge the support of all of Samoa in its honorary salutations.

I acknowledge Samoa in the East; the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor and Government in all its honorary salutations.

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Lest I forget my dear Constituency, I acknowledge and thank you for the support. I trust constituents are aware of the new plans for us in the next year. Thank you for the prayers and for tolerating me this Term.

I cannot forget the support of the servants of the Lord in constant prayer for the Members in Parliament and also the nation. Thank you.

I come to the Budget which is themed ‘live within your means.’ I thank the Hon Minister for the Budget for this year and its theme because it is not only beneficial to the Government, but also relevant to the schools, church, villages and families. I am grateful to the Ministry as I note our economy revenue has grown to \$2billion. It is also being noted of the many economic activities occurring within the country. There are many small businesses and also businesses set up by our friends from China. However I note Hon Minister of Finance that there are only two Departments of the Government that are tasked with collecting money; the Customs office and Tax. Perhaps it is time to consider separating the two Departments so that each CEO can focus and develop the work in order to meet the targets of the Ministry. If a new CEO is appointed for the Tax office, that person responsible will work at collecting from the businesses. It will also increase the Government Budget when these sources of income are properly maintained.

Then I come to the Ministry of Health. I note that \$79million is being appropriated for the Ministry and rightly so as the Ministry is very important. I also acknowledge the work of the Hon Minister and CEO of the Ministry and staff. I only recommend improving the triage system. Furthermore I note that \$6.1million is appropriated for the Dialysis Unit. I acknowledge the Government for this and also for taxing cigarettes and sweetened beverages. As it is publically known, these are one of the main causes of kidney failure.

To the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture I note the funds for the Ministry, but I wish to inquire whether the Pre Schools is included. Primary school and Pre School is very important as I believe it will set a solid foundation for all children in their education.

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I have also noted conflicts in Primary Schools between the PTA and teachers and the teachers and village committees. I recall there used to be School Inspectors in the past and therefore I recommend to the Hon Minister and CEO to consider reinstating the position of school inspectors to monitor the teachers performance. It will motivate teachers to carry out their duties well for the students. Many of the problems arising in our school is due to the conflict between....

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

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Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. The concern has been voiced before in the last three sittings and it has been two years since School Inspectors were no longer employed. However the Cabinet has decided that School Inspectors will be reinstated. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: It is clear Honorable Member; the School Inspectors will be reinstated.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you very much Hon Minister. The field at Salepouae is very important for the student games and also the Tuamasaga Rugby Union. I respectfully pray for funds to upgrade this field.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, I grant opportunity to Afioga Hon Magele.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Perhaps if the Member visited the field in the past week he would have known that work has commenced on the mentioned field.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. The Hon Minister has spoken Tofa Tuisa.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you Hon Minister, this is the only Minister that is answering to our needs.

Then I come to the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. Well I express acknowledgement to the Hon Minister and CEO of the Ministry and of course the staff for the works in developing the agriculture and fisheries sector in our country. The sea and land is where the nation turns to most of the time. Furthermore I acknowledge and support one of the Members acknowledgement of the Hon Ministers appointment as Chairperson of FAO and the special award we received. Samoa is blessed with land and sea. The reason why we are poor is because we do not work the land. I notice that the Leader of the Opposition is laughing at me. Nevertheless I wish to share

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something that happened to me this morning. A son of mine came to me with a basket of cucumbers and tomatoes and I asked him, "Where are you going with these?" He replies, "I came with these for you. I asked, "Where are they from?" He answered, "My plantation earns \$200 a day." He went to explain that he sells his produce at the market. I told him, "\$200 so do you pay NPF?" He said, "I go with my wife to pay our NPF." I asked again, "Oh what about tax? He said, "No, even though we do not pay any tax but we pay GST at the shop when we purchase our lamb and that is our contribution to the economy." I told him that is good for him, and he should listen to the Sitting to where the Opposition is saying that those unemployed need to earn a living when this man is indeed working.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, point of order.

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MR SPEAKER: Yes, since the Leader of the Opposition was mentioned, I grant this opportunity.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: There are two reasons why I was laughing. First, the Member seems unlikely to visit the Constituency for not knowing about the field.

Secondly, the Member has just mentioned his son that came to him with cucumbers for his meals. I wish to remind the Member that he is very fortunate; there is an elderly woman and man that are unemployed and are still paying their GST at the shop.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Yes, maybe the old man and woman do not work at the plantation.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon Tofa Tuisa, I grant the opportunity to the interruption by Tofa Levaopolo.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, it appears from the statement of the Member that farmers need not pay any tax. It means that the Member rejects the Bill to tax farmers.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: I acknowledge the statement but for the information of the Member I do not reject the Bill. What Bill is the Member referring to? I presume it is yet to be tabled in the Chamber? Perhaps when it is tabled I will respond to the question. Thank you.

Then I come to the Hon Minister of Commerce....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the Bill is yet to be tabled.

MR SPEAKER: I urge the Member to refrain from referring to the Leader of the Opposition. I recommend the Member to conclude your speech.

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Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you Leader of the Opposition and that side of the House.

I now address the Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour. I acknowledge the Ministry for the efforts and service to the nation in monitoring the businesses being established in the country. It is noted that we only receive \$1,250 and it would be great if we could have earned more to help in our economic growth. I request consideration of children that complete Primary School or school leavers to join the apprenticeship program. Some of these children are very talented in technical work outside of the classroom. Perhaps the Ministry can consider looking into simplifying the opportunity for students to be educated and have this experience.

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I recommend encouraging students to be in school and also take apprentice courses. I believe the more tradesmen we have the more our economy will flourish.

I come now to the STA. It appears that 70% of the budget is being allocated for the STA. I acknowledge the ongoing work and service of the STA in developing our tourism industry, hotels and associated services. I acknowledge the work carried out that has allowed our economy to flourish.

To the Ministry of Police, I express gratitude to the new Police Commissioner for the changes in the country. Thank you for the service provided. The Police Commissioner is no different from the CEO for the Ministry of Education. It is the way of life; if there is something in need of being improved then it must be done. I acknowledge the Ministry and the support for the new Commissioner. To the Commissioner of Prisons, I urge resilience and patience. I believe the Lord will bless you and the future of the Ministry. Rome was not built in a day but I urge you to pray and stay strong.

I come now to the most important Ministry and this is the only Ministry that loves Tuisa. To the Hon Minister of Works, I acknowledge the work carried out on our roads, bridges and also access roads in the country. I request Hon Minister to consider the road at Utumoa near the Methodist Compound and the Assembly of God. This road is used by Constituents that walk from Faleula-tai to Aeale. The road is problematic due to the sharp corner of the main road. I request the LTA consider looking into providing better warning signs in front of the George Brown Primary School road hump. The corner just after that road hump needs to be re-designed to minimize life threatening accidents.

I come to the roads of Saleimoa to Alamutu, Nonoa, Lotosoa, Utualii and Tufulele that are yet to be tarred. It is why I feel I must voice my suggestion regardless of it being inappropriate. Perhaps if the Government considered applying for a large loan that will upgrade all our roads; each Member in need of an access road upgrade will be included. And then we will ask China for assistance.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, but I recognize the interruption by the Member for Aana Alofi No.3.

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Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. The question is based on the request of the Member for a large loan but it is my understanding that there is no room for us to make any loans. For public awareness, is there a chance for our Government to apply for a loan with consideration to our economic state at the moment?

MR SPEAKER: I grant the opportunity to the Member, you have five more minutes.

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Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Perhaps the Member did not grasp my statement. It is merely a recommendation to be voiced but the decision is up to the Government.

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

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: If the Government wants to do it, then that is what will be done. There is nothing that concerns the Government because we are financially stable enough to loan. The only delay is that we are being cautious.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the concern has been noted. I urge the Member to continue.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: I acknowledge the Hon Prime Ministers response. To add on to my suggestion, we can consider a large loan to renovate all our access roads. Once we have completed all our access roads including our access roads we can put a hold on the new building projects and just focus on repaying back the loan.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: There is something in need of clarification for the Member. What the Hon Prime Minister is stating is that truthfully we do not have any say as the World Bank and ILF recommends us to be cautious.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I am talking because I am the one facing the World Bank and yet the Opposition speaks as if they face them? I am speaking truthfully.

MR SPEAKER: I urge the Member to conclude statements.

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Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: I do not accept recommendations of the Leader of the Opposition. I acknowledge the statement by the Hon Prime Minister as he is consulting with the World Bank. Let us do a loan. I conclude my speech but I pray the Lord blesses the Chamber, the Chair and all the distinguished Members of the House. I also acknowledge the support of Samoa. Thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for the thoughts shared. I acknowledge reminders to the Government and also the response of this Side of the House.

I recommend the Member to visit the Constituency every once in a while. The Hon Minister has stated that machinery is digging the field yet you are unaware. Nonetheless the Chamber is available for another speaker. I recognize the Member for Palauli. I call on the Member for Falelatai and Samatau.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai and Samatau): I greet the distinguished gathering of the Parliament, the Speaker of the House and respective Members of Parliament; I also acknowledge the Leader of Government, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers of the Cabinet. I also acknowledge the Leader of the Opposition and that Side of the House and esteemed Members of the Legislative Assembly. I also acknowledge the support of Samoa, from His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiifo, the Council of Deputies and Masiifo, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I also acknowledge the servants of the Lord in constant prayer for the future of Samoa.

I greet the support of Samoa for the duties of the Parliament. I acknowledge Samoa in all its honorary salutations.

I also greet the CEOs and Heads of Government Ministries and Departments.

I recognize my Constituency of Falelatai and Samatau in all its honorary salutations. I acknowledge the efforts and hard work and mostly the support for the Member. Furthermore, I greet the Lords servants working in our Constituency. I greet Afioga Patele Douglas Fido, Afioga Patele Peniamina Sitagata and Afioga Patele Tuli Paulo. I also greet Susuga Opapo Soanai and faletua. I also greet Afioga Deacon Kalolo and Faletua, Susuga Lafaele and Faletua, Susuga Sitivi and Faletua, Susuga Caesar Samuelu and faletua, Susuga Rev Livingston Toelupe and faletua, Susuga Rev Talavou and Vaoafi of the Methodist Parish at Pata Falelatai, Susuga Maota and Saron of the AOA at Pata Falelatai. I also greet Susuga Uati Collins and faletua of the SDA in Samatau, Susuga Pofa and Gase and Susuga Setu and Malia, leaders of the Latter Day Saints. I thank you all for your prayers.

Mr Speaker, the Lords Prayer says, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Daily bread, what is the meaning of this phrase? I thank the Lord for teaching us this prayer that we pray every day. I am also grateful that this line was not written by a Samoan because it means that daily bread is based on the needs of the day.

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Mr Speaker this phrase is important because it also implies control and appropriate allocation within a season. The Budget theme states living within our means, I express gratitude to the Hon Minister of Finance for the report to control our appropriation. On behalf of the Constituency I hope to recommend considering our requests if there is enough funds; if not then it is alright.

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Mr Speaker, I believe it was a wise decision to establish a new Ministry of Public Enterprises. It is a valid decision that has brought together all the Enterprises of the Government to work together in their goal. It is well known that many Enterprises often stray from their objectives. Furthermore, Enterprises having their own Steering Committee often neglect their duty to report to the Executive. It is my belief that the Ministry of Public Enterprises is very necessary. This Ministry is related to the PSC as PSC is the centralized body for Human Resources. It is also gradually being de-centralized in its functions. I recommend considering this arrangement as it is noted that the CEO post is not being occupied. The Chairperson of the Committee is carrying out the duties of the CEO. Perhaps the Government will look in to the matter when they come to it.

In my observation of other nations, there is only one Committee representative whereas we have three. Therefore the Government has used their roles to carry out other services to the country. Moreover, all the government lands can be found under the STEC, Land Board or SLC. I recommend that one Enterprise should be responsible for these lands. It is similar to our Sports Association or SSFA.

The Tuanaimato sport complex is publicly known as a sports complex. But I can easily observe the uncertainty of the Association in its core functions reflected in their Report to Parliament. It seems that its foundation is weak. I suppose the Government will consider looking into the matter further because the lands in the Sport Complex are not under the authority of SSFA. The only authority they have is the sport facilities. The Apia Park and all its facilities are the responsibility of the SSFA and maybe that arrangement is better than the way it is now. If the intention is to improve the monitoring of the facilities then it is recommended that all SSFA assets be well maintained. Furthermore, have the SSFA paid the lease so that they can better coordinate the forfeiture of land?. However if SSFA were to be queried on many of the services that they provide, the SSFA are uncertain. Perhaps it would be better if the SSFA were to coordinate all the assets within the sport complex, as the intention of the budget is to better control and budgeting.

The School of Maritime at NUS; it is noted that the shipping company also established their school. I observe that they too have a reason for this, claiming that they are educating local sailors while the SMT at NUS educate those going overseas. Perhaps this should be considered in terms of budget and fair distribution.

On the other hand, I hope to recommend the Government concerning the Samoa Victim Support Group. There are 2 girls from my Constituency that

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are residing with the Group and my question is, when will our children be returned?

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member, I grant this opportunity to the Deputy Prime Minister.

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Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, I stand with due respect, perhaps this will be a good time for the Member to take a break. The Maritime Campus of the National University is currently being built at Mulinuu and it is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Maritime School will then be relocated here for international contract training. Furthermore, the Member is accurate, the Shipping Corporation also established a school for local sailors. The training for overseas sailors differs as there are certain requirements that need to be assessed and made aware of to the students. Moreover, the Government is also considering coordination of the two Institutions to improve and maintain the education of students heading overseas.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I hope to save the Members time, therefore I grant the opportunity to the Minister responsible for the Samoa Shipping Corporation.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the Member voiced a duplication of the educating process. However the Shipping Corporation program guarantees employment for those being educated. However I note in the article of the Samoa Qualification Authority that they must be authorized in carrying out of this program. In the SPC meeting last month of the Central Pacific Shipping Commission it was voiced that the increasing concern was the labor force being employed by overseas contracts. It is the service of the Shipping Corporation to have charters that extend to other countries like Tokelau and Manua. As the Deputy Prime Minister stated, the programs are for the benefit of the nation in the future. It is also in the hopes of ensuring that many are granted opportunity to learn maritime skills.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member for Falelatai and Samatau to continue your speech.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: I thank you Mr Speaker. Returning to my statement regarding the Samoa Victim Support Group, we seek assistance to clarify when our children will be returned to their families. I am not criticizing the service being provided but I am curious to know when these children will be integrated back in to the mainstream education system. The mainstream education system guarantees the student a solid opportunity to scholarships when they sit the SSC and SSLC. I am not sure which the Hon Minister is responsible for the Group, but I hope to ensure that the pathway for these children is being developed. I leave the matter to the Speaker of the House.

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MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

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Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau (Minister of Communication, and Information Technology): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I also acknowledge the Member for the concern voiced. The Samoa Victim Support Group is not a Ministry of the Government as it is a charity service and it is funded by public contributions. The simple answer to your question is for you to ask the families of the children who brought the kids to the Group. The Group deals with cases from two avenues; court decisions and charges being laid against an offender. Therefore, if the court decides to remove the kids from their families, then where would they go? It is why the Court rules to have the children be placed in the care of the Group. However the sooner the families come forth to take their children, the sooner they can be re-united because truthfully there is no stable fund to care for them forever. For the information of the Chamber, five children have been offered scholarships in Australia which the Group facilitated. It is for those that are of age and can no longer be affiliated with their families. In regards to students that need to be put back into the mainstream education system, that is being considered. The Government considers all aspects as they cannot be returned to their families which are the root of the problem.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the Member to continue his speech.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker and I thank the Hon Minister for clarifying the matter. I suppose I will leave the matter to the Government to review so that not only five children are able to have scholarship but all our children.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the concern voiced by the Member is a very delicate issue especially if it is considering incest. It is a huge problem if the child is returned to the family as there is no guarantee of safety. The child is not safe especially if the father returns after two years of imprisonment. The child will still be within this unsafe environment and I have been queried on such matters. It is very delicate and disturbing to consider incest and how it can be addressed.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member to continue.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker, the matter is indeed delicate as stated by the Leader of Government. I was concerned mostly for those at the age of ten and over in the Group and their education. However I accept the response of the Hon Minister and of course the Hon Prime

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Minister. Furthermore I must also acknowledge the service being provided by the Group.

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There are three ways that water can be tested in Samoa; the Ministry of Health, Samoa Water Authority and SROS. The intention of the budget is fair distribution and even though these other facilities are in Samoa, we must first prioritize our scientific organization that has been certified to carry out research. In saving our money, perhaps it is best to have only the Scientific Research Organization test our waters.

I acknowledge the service of the EPC for all the work and for the pipeline yet to be in full operation. I say this because Governments service is like that; the service is now halted leaving the Government to concentrate on its duty. I give my support for the discretion to relieve the power generation and have the EPC concentrate on power distribution in order to improve the service provided. I acknowledge the Hon Minister in the discretion to restructure the Ministry as I believe it is not easy relieving employees from their jobs. I thank those for accepting the EPC to go through this process but most of all the CEO and Hon Minister for the work carried out.

I acknowledge the work of the Ministry of Agriculture. However I wish to enquire about the Office that was based in Matautu Falelatai and why it was removed as stated by the Budget. I asked the CEO and was given a response, but the Constituents still wish to know. It is why I ask again Hon Minister to clarify the reason why this extension centre was removed.

Furthermore, I express my gratitude to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. I requested assistance for the road at Aana II in Apolima and even though votes cannot be obtained through upgrading these roads; I thank the Hon Minister It was not painted but nevertheless vehicles are accessing the roads now. Furthermore, I hope to request to the Ministry of Education in regards to the distance of these schools. It is difficult for students and teachers to commute as the school buildings are inland. I hope to request for assistance in terms of bus transportation for these schools. A majority of students attend schools at Nuuausala and Leulumoega because they are accessible and also have school buses for the students. But what of the Government schools? The school rolls for these schools range from 1,000 for each while Government schools have 500 or 400. Why? It is because Nuuausala and Leulumoega are well resourced and have buses that take them to and from school and to their villages. It is one of the inconsistencies between the schools in the rural areas.

Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Agriculture for our research on the number one taro that we....

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Member but I recognize the interruption by the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I apologize to the Member, your concerns are wonderful. But I hope to understand whether the buses are provided by the Church or are they public buses. I feel sorry for the students of Government schools. It is why I want to know who owns these buses.

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MR SPEAKER: They are school buses. Afioga Taefu, I recommend you continue your speech as time is running out.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: I know the Leader of the Opposition knows very well what I am talking about. Nevertheless I acknowledge once more the Hon Minister of Agriculture for the number one taro that is now being replaced by the number two taro. I pray that the service continues to improve and that New Zealand markets will accept and sell our taro. Furthermore I recommend the Hon Minister ensures these taro exported are securely checked so that the quantity is assured and the market maintained.

MR SPEAKER: The Member has five more minutes.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: I thank the Hon Minister of Health. I sought out the assistance of the Hon Minister when I came to visit a Constituent of mine that is 40 years old. The man was injured in a car accident and his facial bones were crushed. I apologize I do not know the exact scientific name of the injuries. He was discharged but due to bleeding he was rushed to hospital from Falelatai. He was rushed to the hospital three times and only when all the blood was drained from his body did he rest. When I heard this news, I visited the Hon Minister of Health and I assumed the Ministry did not consider the condition of this patient from our Constituency. On the fifth visit to the hospital, the doctors cut his brain to allow him to breath but it did nothing on the cause of the bleeding. I acknowledge the Hon Ministers assistance for the Constituent has recovered in New Zealand and is now having extra operations on his skull that was dissected for no reason by our doctors. I came to the Sitting this morning and discussions of the state of the hospital were brought up. And it is why I hope to recommend to the Ministry that if staff cannot treat the patient, then report to the Board for review and consult the Hon Minister. It is useless to leave the patient in the room with I.Vs when they are unsure of the treatment. I recommend to the doctors that we are not always right. The most experienced doctors are serving outside of the hospital. Furthermore I recommend the Chamber to visit your Constituents in the evening because if you visit in the morning, you are most likely to be rejected. I hope the Hon Minister considers this issue as many visitors travel far and in groups to visit their patients but are stopped due to the doctors rounds. Perhaps the Ministry would consider an alternative.

MR SPEAKER: Well, in saving time I grant this opportunity to the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker before I forget to respond to the Member I hope to clarify the state of visitations. The matter is not only carried out in Samoa, it is also practiced in other countries.

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The morning in the hospital has many preparations for the doctors and nurses in doing their rounds to their patients. It is inappropriate to accept visitors during the time that doctors are doing their work. Furthermore, the visitors mentioned by the Member are referring to church groups and they tend to crowd the patient rooms. It is disturbing for the doctors when they do their work and also the other patients.

On the other hand, the doctors often prescribe procedures to their patients for the afternoon and it is again assessed in that time. Once that is done, and then patients families are allowed to visit.

Mr Speaker that is why the hospital is rung because there are guidelines to ensure that the hospital is not too crowded during working hours. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on Afioga Taefu and I remind the Member that you have five more minutes.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker. I was actually talking about Members of Parliament like myself visiting my Constituents, not church groups. However, if you consider the doctors rounds that resulted in a patients skull being cut open, it reflects the quality of service being provided. The doctors visit usually takes an hour yet it is nearly taking the whole day.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, to safeguard the reputation of the hospital staff since the Member has voiced his concern on the service provided. The concerns voiced by the Member are confidential issues and only members of the family and doctors are clarified on such matters. It should not be publically discussed within the Chamber. I urge the Member to consider leniency with regards to announcing hospital procedures. Thank you.

MR SPEAKR: Well, I call on the Member to conclude.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you I apologize to the Hon Minister for mentioning sensitive services being provided and it is why I mentioned your Ministry last. Lastly, I hope you remember my request for a medical clinic for Falelatai and Samatau. The Constituency does not ask for anything else. Although the Budget emphasizes fair distribution and there is a hospital in Faleolo, it is still far. It will take me an hour to travel from Falelatai to Faleolo or Leulumoega hospital. Lives will be lost. Therefore fair distribution should be considered in ensuring the most important services are being provided for all citizens. I humbly request to the Hon Minister to....

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Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, the request and the issue is not new. It is well known that there was a hospital in Falelatai and I do not blame the Member for persisting to request. We all want the same thing, for a hospital to be constructed beside our houses so that we do not have to walk very far.

Furthermore, Falelatai and Lefaga both had hospitals. The hospital at Lefaga was removed due to certain changes. However the important aspect is the efforts in improving the service being provided.

The purpose of the Faleolo hospital was not only ensuring a closer facility to Falelatai but also providing medical services to the incidents at the Airport such as a crashing plane which had patients transported to Apia. But fortunately the Faleolo hospital will now provide that service. Furthermore, the hospital will also serve as a medical quarantine boundary for infectious diseases like the life threatening virus, Ebola. Ebola is a West African virus that has killed 10,000 and if it comes to Samoa and the patient is rushed to Apia, all the people on the way would be infected. The hospital will allow isolation of infected travelers within the hospital. If however the hospital was to be set in Falelatai, the Constituents would have been infected if the infected patients were rushed to the Falelatai hospital.

It means it is appropriate.... May I be granted an extra half hour to conclude....

MR SPEAKER: I apologize to the Hon Minister but we have come to the end our time. The Chair has been trying to minimize our speeches but Government responses cannot be avoided. Nevertheless your response will be continued tomorrow. I apologize to the Honorable Member of Aana Alofi No. 3 our prayer will hopefully sooth your feelings this evening.

I apologize to the esteemed Members of the House but we have come to the end of the Sitting for the day. I acknowledge the patience and forbearance for our Orders of the day. I thank respective Members for the thoughts shared and concerns voiced. I pray forgiveness for offensive comments that may have been voiced and pray the Lord is praised for all our good deeds. The responses of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet must also be acknowledged in explaining and clarifying matters raised.

Today I wish to express gratitude to the dignified House. We have come to our recess hour and I pray the Lord guides us until we meet back here tomorrow morning. I also acknowledge the CEOs and Heads of Government Ministries and Departments in attendance. I thank you Samoa for your support today. I call on the Afioga Toeolesulusulu to lead us in prayer to conclude our day.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 7.05pm until 9:00am Tuesday, 23rd June 2015.