

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2015

The Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I greet the dignified House this new morning with greatest respect. Firstly, may God's Holy Name be glorified for His everlasting love and kindness in protecting us as we undertake our work today. Given the protocols sincerest appreciation to the entire House for your persistence and patience specially the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Leader of the Opposition and this Side of the House.

I offer greetings to the presence of the Legislative Assembly, Clerk and Government Heads as well as Samoa in all your notable statuses.

Before we adjourned our sitting yesterday the Hon Prime Minister was giving a Ministerial Statement on the works of the Government in relation to a very significant legislation tabled in today's sitting.

Before I recognize the chance to the Hon Prime Minister I remind the House to have patience and be alert at all times, the same with opportunities given to each Members to speak, point all comments to the legislation that the Government will respond and clarify accordingly.

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, continuing our deliberations this morning, I concur with your prayer thanking the Lord for his grace and love which has enabled us to gather here in the House. Mr Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and your party and this side of the House, I have a few more clarifications because of the importance of this Bill for our future generations.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of the Assembly, the Government is trying to clarify that there is no proposal that the Government implements that intends to harm our people. We are only trying for the future developments especially considering the time in which the Bill was in its consultation stages with the Ministry and the Deputy Prime Minister. All aspects of the Bill were investigated and other jurisdictions especially those similar to Samoa in regards to its land mass and population were researched for instance the Caribbean.

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This Bill was not done on a whim. The preparation stages of the Bill are now clarified to address all the concerns as raised in this House. The recommendations put forward to the Committee and the Minister as well as the Cabinet and it was discussed in length. This still does not mean that the remarks made yesterday are being rejected.

I congratulate the members that took the floor yesterday and I notice that those that did not speak are nodding as if to say “That is enough. The Bill will be passed.”

Mr Speaker, this is why we constantly mention past events because amnesia is a common illness. We tend to forget the events of the past and the processes that were followed. There is a historian that believes ‘If you want to understand the future you must glance back at the past.’ This is a warning for the future because the events of the past, can repeat itself if we are careless.

We do not want to travel to Savaii again on kerosene ferries which took 5 to 6 hours to reach its destination. By the time it lands the passengers would smell of diesel and suffer from sea sickness. Now we have air conditioned ferries that can transport vehicles. In the past, we could not do this. We do not want to return to the days of lamps fuelled by coconut oil. Copra has to be dried and wringed of its oil then bottled with a piece of cloth to light. There are practices used more than 60 years ago in the rural villages. Only a few wealthy families in Apia had electricity but the rest of the residents used kerosene lanterns.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II (Leader of the Opposition): Mr Speaker, is this a Ministerial Statement?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me your honorable Leader of the Opposition, let me give the opportunity.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: If you can shorten it we would have completed the legislation.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I went on my maiden voyage to New Zealand in 1964. This was 50 years ago. I flew to Tutuila to wait for an airplane named the TEAL to fly to New Zealand. This was when the Faleolo Airport was grasslands. I only caught the flight out on the next day to Nadi and I had to wait again at the airport. The journey continued to Whenuapai before the Magere was opened at 10.00pm. The trip to New Zealand was more than 30 hours which is about 2 days. Now, trips are faster and our people do not want to relive the past. No one wants to walk anymore, they want to ride in cars.

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When we were in school 60 years ago, we would start walking as the rosters were crowning. We would walk with coconut thatch torches because we did not have money to purchase torches. As dawn broke, we would reach Lotofaga and we would decide whether to travel to Falefa through Lelisi or travel to Falealili. This is why our geneology reaches Falealili and Falefa because we would walk along and turn into family homes toe at and not for the reasons you are chuckling. We would only catch the bus to Apia at a store opposite a Reverends House at Falefa. When you travel on the bridge at the Vaipu, look inland and you will see a Ford and that is where we would cross so we did not get wet at the Vaipu. If you crossed through Falealili you would be drenched at the Salani estuary.

These recollections are to illustrate that our people do not want to walk anymore and life has changed and they want cars. How can we acquire vehicles? The Bill answers this question. They can be acquired from employment. Now Palusalua is clear on the objective of this speech. You cannot understand the speech if you do not reflect on the road in which you travelled.

Our country wants jobs Mr Speaker. People continuously come to my office because they want to go to New Zealand and Australia under the scheme which is the inspiration for some of our local lyrics. We are trying to seek employment opportunities through any method possible. We are able to seek employment opportunities through any method possible. We are able to attract investors to our country and we do not need to travel overseas which leads to adulterous temptations. If there is objection to the Bill, this means that there is no support for what the Government is trying to do to seek employment opportunities for our children and the success of their future. This is what I tried to relay when the students from NUS were present so as to instil in them the importance of this Meeting. As Leaders of the country, chosen by our constituencies, we should use the talents the Lord has blessed us with to develop. Are these not the talents which the Lord spoke of that are wasted when not utilized?

This Bill Mr Speaker is to attract large companies like Yazaki. Just one company can employ 1,000 to 3,000 employees.

No matter what other ethnicities we have; Tokelauan, German, American, Niuean, Japanese, Chinese, Tongan, Fijian, Scottish, Welsh, Solomon, Vanuatu, we are now Samoan chiefs. Lautalaletoa from Fiji snatched the Tongan Princess that was married to Tupai; a Samoan man and she bore him many children. She ran away and returned to Tupai and she also bore him children. What is the importance of the story? The descendants of the Tongan Princess and Lautala are sitting here; from Safotu, Salega, Matautu, Aiga i le Tai and Sataua.

Why are we afraid? Why should we be afraid if descendants of the foreign investors sit in this House as Members? There are already descendants from overseas here! You are all the dignity of the country. This is why I accepted the title from Falelauvao for that is the correct pronunciation of our village. I also hold the title from Fasitoo Uta. Why you may ask?

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The original title holder of the name Tuilaepa was the son of a man from Lepa. His father was from Tonga by the name of Tuilatepa also known as Tuilakempa from Fiji. This man was the owner of the Lakempa Island Group where the brown skinned descendants originated which is why part of the Fijian islands are Polynesian. I have my suspicions that Banimarama is a descendant of Tuilakempa. Even the Speaker descends from other mixed races. The Chamber is wrought with different ethnicities and yet we are the dignity of the country holding the highest titles and you have forgotten your roots. You are only thinking of your Samoan roots. Do not be afraid of foreigners.

No matter if a Fijian, Tongan, Chinese, Japanese, German or British male comes and notices the woman of our country and their beauty they will make their decisions.

Remember the previous Miss South Pacific pageant? Miss Samoa won this pageant because our women are beyond beautiful. Visitors view our beautiful women like Gatoloaifaana and they get married. Why should we fear them when they can become spouses to our people? There is nothing we can do about it. Who would complain about the beauty of our people when foreigners wish to marry them? There is a saying '*Na o Afono na melea i manu*' meaning if investors invest and reside in our country sealing a union in a form of a marriage with a Samoan man or woman; there is no difference. They too are Samoans and they support the developments of our country. The view about overtaking businesses is incorrect. Competition amongst businesses is not an impact. Through hard labour reaps benefits.

If you quote from the Bible that money is the root of all evil, we hold different beliefs in this regard that means the opposite. You intend to think that seeking funds for developments is a sin. The bible also says '*go and sell thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven*'; work is easily executed with sufficient funding but how is that possible? It is through developing legislations of this sort that I am still clarifying. Jesus also said '*For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?*' That is a relevant advice. This is the same advice that the Ministry of Finance applies when preparing Appropriations. All money are accounted for including policies and the word of God. Therefore is money evil according to God? No it is not. Even today no temple is established without a prayer. Even the Pastors house is constructed using money. The moral of the story money is not evil if used wisely but if abused then it is evil.

The program is in line with the economic improvement as quoted '*For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?* If there is not enough funding, we should look for other ways to seek funding which is the ultimate purpose of the reviewed Bill discussed this morning.

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The concerns mentioned by the members are based around the assumptions that our developments will cease operation. There is no other company or another entrepreneur that has a business like Yazaki. Not long after the proposal from Yazaki was received, the Cabinet decision was made and approved. This was due to the aspiration of the Cabinet and the Minister of Finance; Tofilau, to attract companies to create 3,000 jobs that has decreased to 1,000 due to foreign competition. Perhaps the concern is about fear. If competition was between Hotels then fear it is, this hotel chain including the local Sheraton Aggies are also available in other parts of the world including their occupancy rates. This should not affect other hotels in terms of marketing and prospective customers.

This is why I advise the hoteliers that if you want to attract tourists, here are a few pointers. First, avoid advertising your rates in US Dollars as tourists are familiar with the exchange rate rather use the local currency or Tala. Second, provide a good service. No one wants to visit if the service is poor for instance an incorrect order or ants in a plate.

Third, review your rates because even if the room rate costs more than Fiji, they will opt to travel to Fiji instead. Accommodation rates should be cheaper and obtain profit through meals and beverages. There are several ways to running a business.

Mr Speaker, once again I address that fear from foreign businesses will affect our local businesses. A business that has a vigilant owner cannot be destroyed. In 1997, the Hon Prime Minister of the day instructed me to travel to the UN branch in Geneva to present our request to the World Trade Organisation. I went in July of that year and I made a speech which was applauded by all those who were present. I was followed by the Amassadors from Russia, China, America, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand who voiced their support for my speech. Upon my return, the Hon Prime Minister Tofilau asked me "How was the reception?" I replied that judged by the applause, we should be members by six months. This was incorrect forecast because it took almost 15 years before we became members of the WTO. When I returned, we consulted with the Chamber and the Manufacturers Association and I cautioned them that when Samoa becomes a member, international markets and products will be available to Samoa and viceversa at competitive prices and we have to 'pull up our socks'. We have been preparing and producing products at the required quality for this competition. Our businesses have also been preparing. The President of the Manufacturers Association also has not forgotten this because the Government has two priorities. Yesterday, I see that most of the comments regards the entrepreneurs but what of the rest of the country. Approximately 99% of our people do not have businesses. The Government looked at the bigger picture, considering both business operators as well as consumers. No entrepreneur can evade the law to increase their profits meaning that they cannot raise their prices.

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If a foreign investor came to me and said 'I want to buy a business in Samoa because I care for the Samoan people' I would reply, 'That is all hogwash'. The Government only wants to ensure financial benefits for the investors and how will Samoa benefit? Employment first. Samoa will benefit by job creation which is the most fundamental aspect.

Second, taxes paid will be enough to develop the country to upgrade roads and infrastructures and implement other needs. These are the benefits of the Bill; employment will be created and revenue will be accumulated for the various national developments.

The member for Faasaleleaga No.2 stated that there are many avenues to generate revenue. I asked him to mention at least 10 or 9 methods but he only mentioned two. However, these methods have already been implemented by the Government which indicates that he does not know of any new methods. The Government needs new methods to further increase national revenue to implement your requests. Constantly you mention that there are not enough funds and we seek funds, we hear your question whether we have reached a state of poverty resulting in our request for overseas assistance. No matter what the Government tries, there is always criticism but the Government needs to do what it has to find ways to seek employment for our youth. All governments despite their economic status do this because their population continuously increases and so does the need for employment. No government becomes idle in the search for employment.

This is why our membership in WTO is important. We will be able to Access various goods and services. Our products will have export markets and our people will also be able to travel overseas for employment. This is why New Zealand and Australia have the seasonal workers scheme. This is why foreign investments are important because we can duplicate the work ethic required by overseas employers.

When Yazaki was established, there were complaints from the employees that they were being driven like animals and I asked "What do you mean being driven like animals?" They responded that they had to stand from 8.00am until the horn sounded for recess. The horn would again sound they and they would continue until the end of the working day. I explained that this is the norm with overseas employment. If a job takes 3 hours, then you work for the entire 3 hours and this is the work ethic that we should duplicate.

Recently, I spoke generally about the events in Australia. At least 50 of our people are working there as seasonal workers picking grapes for wine production. All that is required is to walk with a scissors, cut off the grapes from the vines and lay them gently in the sack lest they burst. You do not need to bend. When the Samoan group picked 20 sacks, they would stop however compared to the Tongans, they picked 40 bags each. The more you pick, the more you are paid. This was the norm until our people became angry and accused the Tongans of behaving obsequiously. This anger led the Samoans to go on strike complaining that they were being worked like animals and the Tongans were behaving obsequiously towards the Company.

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The Tongan workers were not picking for the Samoans, they were picking for their own profit and the Samoans did not agree with this. The CEO of the Prime Ministers Office travelled to Australia and told them “if you continue this you will be returned to Samoa” and I wrote saying “You should achieve the highest standard required. You should pick at least 100 bags a day so that you can earn more in the short time you are here”. It was then that they started picking more.

Mr Speaker, we are beginning to train our people on work ethics. In New Zealand, if you observe a Chinese in his garden; they crouch from the morning till 6:00pm without rest. If a Samoan were to do the same job, it would take 6 of them to do what this one Chinese can do in a day. This is why when one youth loiters and then plants 200 taro shoots in one day, he would get back aches and become ill for an entire week because he is unfamiliar with working. This is the work ethic that foreign investors can teach us. The longer you work, the more you are paid.

Mr Speaker, I am nearing the end of my speech. Regarding competition; I recall in 1960, there was a letter from the only local toilet paper manufacturer to cease the exportation of toilet paper because his toilet paper was not selling. The owner became agitated when the request was ignored. I relayed to the Hon Prime Minister the decision to reject the request and the Hon Prime Minister replied in gratitude that the request was not being acknowledged. We sat conversing and I learned that the Hon Prime Minister did as I had done. He had also counted the sheets of paper in the local manufacturers toilet paper and compared it to the extorted toilet paper. The local toilet paper had 150 sheets and it was thick and itchy compared to the overseas toilet paper which was soft and scented.

I wrote to the business owner saying ‘I apologize but the quality of your toilet paper differs from the extorted toilet paper. The body trembles at the touch of your toilet paper and it can be compared to the thick, prickly coconut husks used while we were a New Zealand colony.’

That is the case Mr Speaker with competitions. The Government needs to be vigilant with the products so that they are affordable and of the appropriate standards. If we let businesses have their freedom, the products will become costly and deteriorate in quality.

Mr Speaker, that is the Governments duty. Let us not be quick to assume that the business owners are being ignored. The Deputy Prime Minister is seldom on island as he is always travelling to Australia, New Zealand and American Samoa trying to promote our products. The entrepreneurs are being cared for and the consumers protected from faulty products. How many instances have there been when a tinned herring was unfit for consumption? This was the purpose for the creation of the Health Promotion and Preventive Services Division in the Ministry of Health to monitor food safety in food outlets.

I often observe consumer preferences for shopping and they always opt to shop at Frankies Supermarket. Why? It is because their goods are affordable for the public. Why can we not do the same? I ask myself why our people cannot mirror these practices.

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In 1965, Commodore Perry of the United States Navy convinced Japan to open its borders for trade with the Americans. As a result, Japan exported bicycles, duplicated the designs and manufactured their own bicycles. Japan has duplicated and manufactured various exported products and they are now one of the leading manufacturers.

This is the same initiative our entrepreneurs should follow. We did this also with the Fijian Hibiscus Festival which resulted in our first Teuila Festival in 1991. During the Fijian Festival in 1993, I read reviews in the Fiji Times complaining that they should duplicate the Samoan Teuila Festival which is tourist-focused rather than charity-focused. However we imitated the idea from them. That is the nature of developments. Ideas are duplicated and redesigned. This is a practice that is done by vigilant entrepreneurs and if an entrepreneur blames another business for their failure, that entrepreneur is ignorant and should be erased from the world.

Mr Speaker, the importance of the Bill is to create employment opportunities whilst the Government continues to implement its main developments such as upgrading roads and improving electricity and water supply.

There is another matter that must be addressed regarding the lease of customary land. Unused customary land can be leased for profit. We have witnessed the benefits of the Legislation which provides for this which was also met with opposition. To this day there are chiefs residing in Apia refusing to return to their villages and their ignorance is reflected in their writing exclaiming, Our God given inheritance will be affected because of these leases. These are the declarations of those who have been blessed as Members and have become ignorant. What is the purpose of being a member when after the General Elections you reside in Apia? This can be said of our land. What is the purpose of our God given inheritance if it is not being used?

The Lord sees that we are not using our overgrown inheritance. The Cabinet Ministers are also witnesses to our unsown land. There are various programs that the Government has in place to utilize our customary lands. I believe that an influx in the youth emigrating permanently is one of the reasons for this overgrown land. I expressed envy for an elderly man who had a sounder but he retorted "Why are you envious? The pigs are plenty in number but there are no young men to slaughter them for village commitments. They have become fattened and they stare mockingly at me. Now, for village commitments I buy boxes of tinned herrings because I am too tired to cook the pig in the oven. I have now called for my son to return and help me". This is the reality with many of our citizens. There are a few untitled men left as they have emigrated to search for a better living. The land has been left untouched and overgrown. The Lord can also see that we are not utilizing our land and He is probably smirking at such views to leave our lands untouched while we moan with poverty. Who is to initiate the use of lands? The Government is the initiator but not forcibly as the high chief has the authority over their customary land.

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There is now a way to utilize our God given inheritance through leases for a period of time for families to receive income. When the term of the lease ends, the land will be returned. Siumu, Lefaga and some villages in Savaii have leased their lands to hotelliers and they are reaping the benefits especially in Lefaga. Employment is created for the locals which is appropriate because those who live further from the hotel leave work early, arrive late and constantly absent from work.

These ventures located in the villages, for instance Aggies at Faleolo, employ the villaje residents that now benefit from these ventures. However, there is still objection against the lease of customary land.

Mr Speaker, the Government does not establish Legislations on impulse that would harm our country. The guidelines are set and the public have the freedom of choice without forc . If there is opposition then so be it and nothing will be gained. There were consultation on the Alienation of Customary Land Act in Upolu and Savaii with Reverend Elder Oka Fauolo as the Chairman of the Committee. They reported to the Government that the legislation should proceed. This same legislation which has reaped financial benefits for villages that have leased the land for instance Aopo.

This Bill which is now being deliberated uses citizenship as an incentive for national development. Samoan citizenship can be gained by living permanently in Samoa for a certain period of years or marrying a citizen while loitering in Samoa for 5 years. Citizenship has had no contribution to our country until now. This Bill provides for a business venture to be investigated and approved in all its aspects. After it is implemented, citizenship can be granted in 3 years and you do not have to wait for 5 years. The time period had decreased and that is the only incentive. Without the Bill, citizenship can still be applied for within 5 years and the 3 years will not apply to this application. Citizenship is a small incentive to decrease the number of years from 5 to 3. Within the 3 years, there are many processes to ensure that the applicant is of good repute. Although this is a minor incentive, I notice that some become breathless and fearful. We were chosen by our constituencies Mr Speaker. We should remember that our population is increasing and we should be determined in seeking opportunities that will benefit our children. Time and tide wait for no man and child birth is not dependent on the availability of employment. The Government is attentive and persistent in planning and implementing policies year after year for the economic benefit of our children. This is why statistics are important to enable the Leader of the Government and the Cabinet to approximate the number of teachers, schools and funds needed; the number of patients that need treatment. Why? Because all the Government proposals lead to the provision of education, treatment, transport, employment for our children. That is the difference between our works; some rely on others but the Cabinet is always prepared and this Bill before the House is proof of that.

Mr Speaker, that is my clarification to further support the Bill. God bless.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you for the statement Hon Prime Minister. The Ministerial Statement presented this morning is now complete since yesterday with Government intention to highlight and generalise in depth the objective and core functions of this proposed legislation in the House.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No. 2): Mr Speaker, since the speech of the member for Faasaleleaga No. 2 was mentioned, therefore I believe I should elaborate the principles for raising this matter for the sake of our constituency. I will be brief your honour....

MR SPEAKER: Make it short member for Faasaleleaga No. 2, I will grant you the chance since...make it brief.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau: Mr Speaker, the basis of the view for Faasaleleaga No. 2 refers to nothing new however due to delayed timing to....

MR SPEAKER: I beg leniency....I have forgotten about that, I forgot that it was the speech of the Hon Prime Minister is a Ministerial Statement I beg tolerance on this....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Point of clarification Mr Speaker.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development): Mr Speaker I rise with respect in regards to the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement that is stipulated in the Standing Orders hence I move the motion, *That the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement be tabled, it is a Statement that is very accurate and insightful for all this morning.* Respectfully.

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Communication, Information Technology and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I second that.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: A bit to be clarified on.

MR SPEAKER: Let me put the question for the tabling of the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement first.

The motion was approved and the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement was tabled.

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MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon Papalii, as per normal procedures the Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement must be tabled.

I call upon the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Thank you for the opportunity. I do not query the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement, you have responded in accordance to Standing Orders hence the Response is now given through a Ministerial Statement. I rise to suggest that members should be given a chance to respond to the Hon Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition I will give clarification on that. We cannot deliberate the Ministerial Statement in general despite the format on when and how it is given, the procedure states that we cannot debate on it. The Cabinet has moved a motion therefore we should accept it and move on with our work. As highlighted earlier we are in a construction process, bear with us as we progress with your submissions as time will permit what you desire.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The Deputy Prime Minister will reply on any raising matter. With the statement I gave earlier, it is only a clarification not a response but the Deputy Prime Minister will provide a three page response whenever necessary.

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

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: True it is not a response but a tactic, one which can avoid members from giving speeches.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Leader of the Opposition, I am the only one who can hold from giving speeches.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele: Mr Speaker it is not a tactic, that is the problem with this member that was taught by Tofilau, remember when Tofilau had the stand, strategy, stragegy, it is not a tactic but a strategy.

MR SPEAKER: Well Papalii....

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Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau: I speak of current processes nothing new Mr Speaker as my constituency is listening in. Such is the recommendation to the Government, we now have two methods as mentioned yesterday, the Minister of Public Enterprises is now appointed to oversee this Corporation despite the number of Corporations we now have that is close to 30, only three are making contribution to the Government.

Secondly the Report of the Revenue Committee states bigly funds being treasured there. With due respect your honor.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. The submission of the member is well delivered and transparent since yesterday. I call upon the member for Satupaitea.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minister of Public Enterprises): Thnak you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Since the member for Faasaleauga No. 2 has mentioned my name twice this morning that is reason for upstanding. On correction, all raising matters you have put forward including this Report that had me as a Chairperson for a very long time before the member for Falelatai ma Samatau took over for very few months, have all been considered by the Government including this legislation. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, the spirit by the Hon Minister is now distinct. We shall move on member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Pardon me Mr Speaker before the member has the chance, respectfully I rise in regards to Section 62 of the Standing Orders to request if could obtain copies of the Ministerial Statement by the Hon Prime Minister, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well, time will permit. The Clerk is present, seeing that we have, 1, 2, 3, 4, e 18 computers broadcasted live for our Hansard records. We should get this by tonight if appropriate with our normal House orders.

I call upon the member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

CITIZENSHIP INVESTMENT BILL 2014

– debate resumed over second reading

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No. 2): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. I had been listening intently to the Prime Minister's storytelling and it is like listening to Risati's joke in the newspaper. But I shall respond in speech form.

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Citizenship Investment Bill 2014
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Mr Speaker like the conversion of Tua and Alo that is similar expression I received, several submissions have been made by the public in regards to the Hon Prime Minister's statement, the Constitution written by our forefathers is soon enough destroyed which in view – this is well defined in Section 13 under rights and freedom for permanent residency. It is clear that this Constitution is still open in terms of personal ties with other countries and the legal binding of the Government to create a similar legislation, in query, what sort of personal ties is the Constitution interpreting, then I think of business and natural disaster recovery programs we have witnessed in the past. This should have been addressed and clarified given the many comments and submissions from the public. This matter is not new as it was initiated by our forefathers, regardless Mr Speaker they have run out of ideas and have turned to citizens as the last option.

This is a sensitive matter and I believe that once we take this path we are seeking refuge making no sense.....Mr Speaker this is Schedule Ministerial....

MR SPEAKER: I beg leniency to the member, I give the chance to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker point of order, we seem to be heading towards the wrong direction given the recent statements, there are no last options as the member claims, this statement is totally wrong. As said earlier, we can continue as it is, the only Amendment stipulated is minimizing the number of years to get a citizen from 5 to 3 years. Therefore we are still in square one. What you are talking about is wrong all the way to Sidney.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member to resume his statement.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, he holds a Doctor of Laws yet he cannot interpret this legislation, never mind the word last option will be omitted and substituted with desperate option, is that better.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, now that is even more stupid.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker this is why I pity that side given the difficulty you are going through, it is best that you give up now.

MR SPEAKER: Proceed with your speech but do not listen to Aeau, state your views without listening to that advise....

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Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Yes correct us then we shall do so without having to....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, I give the Hon Prime Minister the chance.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the statement I just gave was very long yet this is one member who went against the road switch with predictions that more problems will arise. Hence none of it has happened, these are only threatening speeches.

Mr Speaker I have given a very lengthy statement on the good development executed by the Government yet none of what they predicted happened, It resulted to Palusalue walking away and even until now he refuses to admit that he was wrong. Palusalue predicted that more deaths will occur when we had the road switch yet none of that 700 death toll is real. That is what I mean by saying do not be smart to remember the season and reluctant to define the words you say, I am reminding you. Whenever Government plans something you put up strikes and in consequence there is no problem whatsoever.

You always mention that our calling is a waste when everything else is going well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of order because my name was mentioned in the statement of the Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I see that the Prime Minister is now confused. What can you do with vehicles that are parked under the breadfruit trees unused? How about the country that is struggling to pay for car parts that they cannot afford. That is reason for our statements, and the Deputy Prime Minister is taking the lead in that.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker that is reason for having a mechanic business. That is a huge task I am undertaking. You may recall I had a speech in New Years where I advised our people to send new cars for their parents and not the old and broken ones. I am aware of this because I receive people's applications on this complicated process. Perhaps if you had lived in Australia and one of your relatives would write to you for something new, you too would know what I mean. Nothing is being hidden I have spoke of this clearly whilst Samoa was listening. Those living abroad, bring your parents new gifts not old ones because that is the reason why the vehicles are damaged sooner because they do not send new ones and the ones sent are already broken.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the Leader of the Opposition is now clarified

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You made the legislation allowing cars that are 12 years old to be imported. Why are you asking the country to bring in new ones when you told them it is okay to bring in old ones?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker what was done was because it was a request from you to allow that. Yes because there are many cars that are 12 years old and are still in good conditions. Regardless of your manipulations Palusalue that is why you left our Party which did not make us fall apart. That is the explanation.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I wish to correct something.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the point is now clarified – pardon the Leader of the Opposition, we are discussing road switch when we should be passing the legislation.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Because this Side has been accused of having the legislation be withdrawn, the country has been misguided.

MR SPEAKER: No this involves everyone including myself regarding the road switch.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The country is struggling.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Gagaemauga No. 2, I believe we should move on this matter is now understandable.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: It is only 42 seconds since I gave my speech – nonetheless never mind because they are senior members.

I wish to ask the Hon Prime Minister about this legislation, what is the complexity of having the first Investment Bill as opposed to the Citizenship Investment Bill we have now? The main objective of having these two legislations is to seek investment. We have witnessed the positive progress of having an Investment Bill.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Deputy Prime Minister.

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Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Mr Speaker a point of order. There is no harm with having the Investment Bill. This approved Investment Bill from two years ago is different from the Investment Bill program we are currently discussing.

Point of order Mr Speaker, under Section 13 of the Constitution it stipulates inter-Governmental partnership agreements between Governments and the Pacific island nations. This includes Samoa's trading partnerships with the WTO as elaborated by the Hon Prime Minister. Negotiation talks are also underway between New Zealand and Australian Governments to foster the trading developments.

The Hon Prime Minister has clearly provided a response on the raising matter that is ongoing. The Government has clearly defined everything – that enables us to receive funding assistance from natural disasters. This partnership under Section 13 remains open in the future for the benefit of Government commercial trades. That is correction Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member to resume.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you Mr Speaker. That is the intention of clarifying the legislation for you to comment on. The only difference between the Investment Bill and the Citizenship Investment Bill is the attempt to attract people to buy citizenship. The aim and objective of these two things is precisely similar, no difference whatsoever. This is the same statement by the Hon Prime Minister to Yazaki, without this legislation Yazaki would not have reached us.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker we are not selling citizenships. The only thing to do is for investors to run their businesses as some are more qualified. Can you read out one word or a passage where it specifically uses the words buying (or selling) citizens. There are no last options as the Member claims which seems to mean corruption.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker the main intention for creating investment in the country is to benefit the country as the country is listening in.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the word uttered by the member is buying. Can you cite where in the bill that says those words because accommodations has several dirty meanings.

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Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker this is similar saying we heard on....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker point of order. The member mentioned the sales of citizenship. Is there a word like that in here. You can also say yes or no.

MR SPEAKER: Well you can respond to the Prime Minister's question.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: What else is there, how can we get citizenship if we do not have money?

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Can you read it out? Read out the word.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Those are the same words in....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The word used here is investment.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: These funds are not released to other countries.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The word investment refers to business but it does not mean buying (or selling). Those are two different words buying mean you buy it today and that is it. What is sold is permanent. We know exactly what you are after which is dirty and corrupt.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker this are serious accusations. How do you interpret investing your money and getting citizenship in return? If nothing is given in return for the investment then you are correct, but you are not.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am directing my statement to that side. We are about to have disorder... You do not correct the correction I make, I correct it.

MR SPEAKER: I remind everyone that you must pronounce the words precisely when expressing your views. The Government intends to define and clarify this legislation and affirms that the word 'selling' is not in the bill. That is the personal opinion and interpretation of members alone whilst the official interpretation is made by the Government.

I call upon the member.

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Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you Mr Speaker. I still am following these two legislations. For this reason it led to drafting the Investment Bill. As such and without this legislation Yazaki and Vailima would not have existed yet again another new legislation is now tabled. The Yazaki has existed for over 20+ years but if Yazoko or Yazaka or any other company had existed we would have supported the tabling legislation you submit.

In addition Mr Speaker, I believe this program has been implemented within at least twenty countries. The Hon Prime Minister has mentioned that his Committee members are all big fish. In query have these big fish studied in Rome, Panama and Brazil in the Caribbean? Have they pursued studies on this to attain knowledge expansion? The answer is no, hence I do not believe....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I give the Deputy Prime Minister the chance because he was mentioned.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Mr Speaker there is no need to travel around the world to study this program. Today we use technology simply by pressing the computer to retrieve information from the media. This program is efficiently available in all countries.

After our sitting last night I went home to my computer and found a similar program from Australia. The Australian program states the initial investment begins at \$15million hence Australia is a large country with a stable economy and is one of the 20th developed countries in the world. After 12 months you will receive your Australian citizenship.

You see how this works? I do not need to take the plane to Australia. After our meeting then I will give you these documents to read but I did not go to Australia to research on this. They are also available here.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member to resume his speech.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker this is exactly why I was worried. Now I know why this bill is not based on my belief. The word of the Bible, "*Right believing produces right living*", is it right? That is what I meant because you are being doubtful and fearful.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: I truly have no doubts.

Mr Speaker I am not fearful. The Hon Prime Minister has emphasized this in his statement. The only objection received is the fearful voice to avoid these benefits such as job creation, attraction of foreign investors that helps prosper the country and future generations.

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This is similar purpose by our forefathers as former representatives of this House. This is the collective work we aim to provide by making laws for future generations.

That is the basis Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: The member's time is almost up, you have two more minutes.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker do not go on facebook to get false information. State what you trust. That is what I thought you would....

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker....

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: I thought this was a sign from the Holy Spirit....

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker this bill was made through the whisper from the Holy Spirit. In addition this is not about facebook. This information was obtained from the Australian website. Mr Speaker you are always talking about facebook. We only use the facebook when we do our research but we do not waste time socialising on facebook.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call upon the dignified member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Well thank you. Mr Speaker I speak of health security for the country which was one of the reminders. The main reminder I wish to make is that terrorists are not millionaires but billionaires, trillionaires. They do not walk freely with weapons as those staying abroad and pay the ones doing the job in the vicinity.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, point of order and reminder. Palusalue is very well aware of the Terrorist Bill that drew us to heated debate and discussion in Mulinuu. I think this was during the [previous year](#). [That was sorted and the country is well secured](#). I am confused....your statement indicates that you are afraid.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Leader of the Opposition....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Point of order....

MR SPEAKER: Palusalue, have patience I am managing our Sitting.

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Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Terrorists do not derive from millionaires.

MR SPEAKER: Palusalua, be still as we aim to maintain our meeting. We now arrive at our normal recess hence we should take a break since we are at blur this morning.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended for its usual morning tea.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now set aside for normal recess at 10:45am and resumed at 11:21am.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly is now resumed. It is also good to hear the powerful voice of the gentleman making the acknowledgement (Salelesi) when the Legislative Assembly meets. Congratulations everyone, I believe we have reached the second part which is deliberation as scheduled in today's sitting program. I believe you have been renewed in strength for us to resume our work.

Before our break the member for Gagaemauga No.3 was concluding. I call upon Levaopolo to conclude his speech.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have two more submissions to the Government for their decision-making.

I believe that any proposed legislation must take into account the environment and surrounding. Every country has its custom and tradition and religious beliefs. Mr Speaker in truth migration is one powerful weapon by way of maintaining one's language when investors migrate to Samoa, we may hear the Arabs language, Chinese language or the Tongan language that investors aim to maintain. As a reminder for deeper consideration we must bear this in mind in case our Samoan language disappears....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker we have already passed the Samoan Language Commission that involves criteria to protect the Samoan language and its accuracy. Why worry about foreign investors when most of our children do not speak Samoan, the aim is to make laws and see if any investor is willing to come. As said 50 years ago, we have only achieved three main milestones. Never know in the next 50 years we may attain another ten plus development like Yazaki then what?

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Mr Speaker nothing has happened because this is the normal talks they make particularly when the visitors figures increases in the country, “I pity the custom that is disappearing”. The number of visitors is not yet significant; after 50 years, it is gradually increasing to 135,000. After the next 50 years we could receive another extra 100,000 visitors and then we can sing hallelujah.

Mr Speaker, this is the correction to the member. Why worry when we can hear the different accent spoken by our children on TV and 2AP. The Government has already taken the initiative on preserving and protecting our language.

MR SPEAKER: Levaopolo please conclude as your time is up.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker I obey you. I wish to talk about one more thing. This program began 2000 years ago and some countries have become successful whilst some still have problems, as such the Deputy Prime Minister has given detail and in depth consideration. The pivotal issue is the great effect it may have on politics and their program....

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker a point of clarification according to the member’s statement. I wish to know which Government administration took place at the time during the existence of this program 2000 years ago.

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: See how vague you have become. This matter started with the Government of Rome 2000 years ago, next came Brazil, Panama and the Caribbean nations, you see how much you have not studied.

Mr Speaker....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: You see the huge mistake you make? What you are saying is wrong all the way to Sydney. Yet we are talking about Rome. Rome did not pray for investors in Rome. They used the sword and arrow. David too used them. In the past, strength was measured using the arrow and the sword. Nowadays we live in a democratic society. That is it but the words you say are hugely incorrect.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker that is very correct, they used sword. The investment made in Rome at that time were sports done in the arena for people who had swords to invest to which later on failed but regardlessly became successful...

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker that is another mistake. These were not international investment, they are created and possessed by the Government of Rome itself not investors from abroad. You see how this is.... Do not bring wrong information to manipulate this Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: I have warned you twice Levao, you need to wrap up now as the recommendation presented to the Government and the Deputy Prime Minister is now distinct.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you. We abide by your instructions Mr Speaker if only time is enough to hear the numerous recommendations submitted through the clarification. This is the only legislation that has been clarified twice. This shows the sensitivity of the legislation hence we should all assist to improve it.

Otherwise thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: Further chance is available in the consideration process through the Committee. Pardon me Alataua I recognize the Hon Minister first. I call upon the Magele, the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU (Faasaleleaga No.1): Greeting Mr Speaker this morning, as well as the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet. Greetings also to the Leader of the Opposition and all the members of the House.

I rise to make a submission regarding the legislation before the House.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: What is there to clarify?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: This legislation belongs to the Cabinet. Is it a Ministerial Statement or not?

MR SPEAKER: Let it give clarification. The member is commenting generally. The Government had clearly elaborated health issues to its entirety. Perhaps the Hon Minister is referring to an education related matter.

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker ever since I entered Parliament there are times when a matter becomes serious and therefore an opportunity is open for the Hon Ministers to deliver statements as representatives of their constituencies. So even the Ministers, they are allowed to give statements on behalf of their constituencies according to the orders of the House.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: I have thought intently of the on Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister's speeches in regards to this Bill. The main purpose of this legislation is in relation to education and employment. That should be the main target of this legislation instead of deliberating citizenship that is controllable. Majority of the people are not interested in citizenship including Savaii and Upolu. The main intention is to obtain employment, food on the table, income to give the church, village and pay the school fees of our children.

According to Faasaleleaga constituents they have asked when to receive infrastructural developments to get job opportunities. Mr Speaker, the recent census indicates a sum of 2,500 school youth children between the age of 16 and 29 years who are unemployed. They are known as out of school youths. From 2,500 over 50% reside in the district of Faasaleleaga. Similar group is found in Vaimauga West according to the member for Vaimauga West in his statement given in a 2013 sitting that emphasised a large number of unemployed and out of school youth population in their district. As observed by the Ministry, I affirm an increasing number of school dropouts for levels 12 and 13.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo (Faleata West): Mr Speaker point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Hon Minister. What do you intend to clarify Aveau?

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: I wish to ask the Hon Minister of who he blames given his statement?

MR SPEAKER: The clarification is now well defined, the Hon Minister is giving his member's speech in regards to his constituency and its effect, hence he will give a statement as soon as he is through.

I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker there is a declining job market for graduates.

The average number of graduating students five years ago until 2014 is 300 whilst the average graduating number for Samoa Polytechnic is 350. Therefore a total of 650 graduates is received on a yearly basis and are in search of job opportunities.

In 2015, we have had 1,000+ university preparatory students at an increased rate of 100% since 2014. Hence by 2018 or in the next three to four years we will have at least 1,200+ total graduates on an annual basis. This is a very significant number for our small island nation.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Hon Minister, I give the chance to the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Because this is the same excuse we hear about unemployed children whilst teachers are short in number and doctors are adequate. Why not set procedures to educate these children well? The number of teachers and doctors would have been enough if the children were educated well.

MR SPEAKER: I get your view Leader of the Opposition. That is the main intention relayed in the clarification as to the basis of the Hon Minister's statement referring to the impact on his constituency.

I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker it is best to bear with me and listen until I finish then you will know of my intentions.

The proposed 1,200 number of graduates from the University I gave excludes students from Don Bosco, Tesese Institute, Punaoa Technical Centre, Wesley Technical School and other schools. I have not yet received any graduating numbers but I had been advised that the number is quite high. If the graduating number from the University is added with the number of out of school youths, therefore this will be big challenge for us in the future.

We also have returning graduates from USP, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and China who are job hunting. Mr Speaker, this is major challenge that the Government is currently facing. We must find ways to create employment. We must encourage relationships with the matai, church and community at large as suggested by the member for Vaimauga West – hence sincere appreciation for that wonderful statement that has corrected me. The mistake I made has been with me long enough, thanks to the loving heart of the member and his speech which almost had me in tears.

Encouraging bond and true identity for a Samoan is the only way to better education and employment because good education empowers a girl and a boy to raise his/her status within the homes, village and church and towards other people. Once this empowerment is enriched the girl or boy's voice will be acknowledged within the homes and village. It will be difficult for them to break the peace in regards to chief titles and become a good leader in the youth, church, choir and such. Harmony and peaceful living in the homes with parents is recognizable when one or two of their children are bestowed a chief title in this regard. A good patriot is a well educated and qualified individual.

Mr Speaker the Chinese proverb says, "If you are planning for a year, sow rice, if you are planning for a decade, plant trees, if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

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Mr Speaker, that was the dream the Government and Parliament had in the past. Who forgets the initiation of our University? The House was also in conflict because of this. After five years of working I heard chaos from this House that the National University of Samoa will be sold at \$5.00 tala. The Prime Minister knows it well too. The University started in 1984 at Malifa and was relocated to Toomatagi in 1997. In 1993 the Polytechnic was established and was merged into the National University of Samoa in 2006. These two Institutes contributed strongly into the country's developments together with foreign partnerships and most particularly the returning graduates. We are now moving on to a new stage.

We aim to be in line with the rest of the world. Our children is now educated well and the job market is now declining. Our dream has become a reality and the Government is aiming to find ways to develop job creation. We should therefore celebrate and applaud the raising standard of education for the children of Samoa. That is our responsibility as parents. The Chamber was filled with a few from the NUS students with 20% top level students with sharp minds made up the majority who have achieved very high marks. The students' presence in this Parliamentary Program will help them filter what and what not is fruitful. We should therefore celebrate and support this legislation that assist job creation for you children as well as mine.

Mr Speaker in obtaining the views of New Zealanders by Roy Morgan Poll in August 2014 three weeks before the election, the people were questioned about the most severe issue faced by the people of New Zealand. 41% reasoned out the low economic level due to the decline in the job market which is a very extreme figure.

Mr Speaker, I conclude with a statement by the Leader of the Opposition from New Zealand, Andrew Little. He stated the importance of job creation at the Nations Speech on the 28 January 2015, I quote, *"as a Party committed to creating good jobs for New Zealanders, we know that many of the jobs we want to create, will come from business. This is the only way to drive down unemployment."*

Mr Speaker I have quoted this speech by the Opposition Leader of New Zealand because nothing in the text slanders the Government of New Zealand thus this speech is rated as one of the top speeches in New Zealand that focuses on Job Creation, businesses and foreign investments.

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

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me the member is about to conclude....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I wish to make a statement on this.

MR SPEAKER: The member is about to conclude....

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Because this seems like a figurative speech/statement.

MR SPEAKER: This is not a figurative speech given the evidence he provides....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: And Samoa is different from New Zealand.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: It is not....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me I will grant you the opportunity, your full time is not yet granted to make your statement on the legislation as the member is still speaking....

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker the Leader of the Opposition is a good leader with a good heart who aims to benefit his people. I have set this example because I know the Leader of the Opposition very well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You see this sort of statement?

MR SPEAKER: I will give you the chance afterwards we have not....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You see he is speaking directly at me.

MR SPEAKER: Well do not take it heedly, was your name mentioned or....

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

MR SPEAKER: The recommendation given by the member.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Make general comments but do not speak particularly about one person pardon the Hon Minister.

MR SPEAKER: Well he is now concluding....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Your statement is wrong all the way to Sidney.

MR SPEAKER: Pardone the honourable Leader of the Opposition, let me say this....

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Speak directly on the matter beforehand.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker I know the Leader of the Opposition inside out, he is a brother who shares the same geneology that is a family of Great Strength. I know this because the Leader of the Opposition has strong hope and wisdom, hence your side should make jovial speeches to the country and be direct on....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You see your honor, this seems to be imipolite.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You do not control the speeches of this Side.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Leader of the Opposition, he is now concluding....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Keep to your speech your brother is correct, we do not call ourselves brothers here?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the honourable Leader of the Opposition, we will grant the chance after....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes this are dignified members of the Constituencies that you are giving instructions to?

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: I am not giving instructions but advice.

MR SPEAKER: He is being direct.....state your advice before I give the opportunity.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: We do not need your advice. Mr Speaker we do not need it, you can give advise to your Side but do not teach the Opposition Side.

MR SPEAKER: I get it. I beg tolerance Leader of the Opposition.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the House does not only comprise of the Opposition Side. Your statement is very recognizable to our hearing. This is one of the historical statements that is very precise and has principle values for Government decision making. I sincerely congratulate the Hon Minister.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker a point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The Hon Prime Minister is additionally igniting the fire. In truth, the root to the children's problem is due to the 30 years of ruling by the HRPP, this is the literal reason for this trouble that needs a solution. Samoa is being sold. That is the correction.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Leader of the Opposition. Palusalue, the Hon Prime Minister's statement is right on track. I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker the only thing Palusalue is doing is defaming speeches and not giving constructive advises. As soon as something is up he rises and point fingers without giving any beneficial advice. I pray that you give a better speech.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member until the matter is laid accordingly.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of order, it is not yet time for me to discuss this matter.

MR SPEAKER: That is the main attempt. As said earlier, leave him to speak. Note we are on a different moment. By considering in detail the Hon Minister's statement, he is referring to several relationships namely village links, Government ties, constituency connection in accordance to his advise that does not make mention of any instruction upon that side of the House nor the Speaker...He states a quote by one of the well known figures in the Opposition Party in New Zealand which adds value to what we are deliberating. But given the increasing number of graduates that are unemployed that is the what we are trying to prove whereas in terms of statements and submissions expressed, Moo needs not interrupt the rear of the ship meaning we do not interfere with the other members' statements, regardless, I appreciate the recommendation you state Hon Minister but your time is not yet granted.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I respect you too much, but I ask him not to give advise to the members of this Side but to the Government for the benefit of all by way of developing employment opportunities.

MR SPEAKER: It is...Palusalue....

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Direct your statement to me and not towards the representatives of the constituencies. You must be careful.

MR SPEAKER: Palusalue if your view is true that this House is for us to discuss and make the right choices, that is not a problem the Hon Minister's view is well defined given the right recommendations for the benefit of all. See how wonderful that is, we advise, forgive, make right...I call upon the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture to continue your speech.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Thank you Mr Speaker. Everyone is still having patience except for the Leader who is always taking the stand.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I cannot leave aside these sorts of talks. The reason why everyone is retaining peace is because they respect as their leader to respond to you, I make corrections, that is respect because this side, we hold on to respect and cooperation but do not take it wrongly.

MR SPEAKER: I now get your view.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker these speeches must be stopped, they are metaphorical statements that can impact the members views.

MR SPEAKER: Be upstanding.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker, you do not instruct me, the more you speak the more stupid you become.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: See how rude that is, do not be rude, you are the stupid one.

MR SPEAKER: That is exactly what I meant Palusalue, take your seat.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Do not be stupid you do not have a right to speak to us.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down dignified member. That is reason for the said attempt made earlier.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker that is rightfully why I said that your speech is inappropriate, this matter was submitted to the Cabinet, yet you now reiterate it, that is what you call stupid.

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MR SPEAKER: Do not....pardon the Leader of the Opposition I am trying to govern our meeting, press the green light and wait until I give the chance. We are about to repeat what we said yesterday. One cannot avoid another member's statement yet I have also given you the chance to make corrections. The Hon Minister's comment is his own viewpoint that is made in general. You may continue Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Thank you. I am now concluding. Live well honorable Speaker, Leader of the Government and the Cabinet, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, members of that Side and Samoa, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I beg tolerance to the Hon Minister if I have mistaken but I do not intend to object but bear respect upon you as our Minister not just that side. But when it comes to protection, I have to say something. Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: This is the second time you have given an apology. You see what I am trying to explain. I have already advised that we are all Saumani. In the words of Saumani Afaese, "...*taialalo le ia a Sa Saumani*" meaning we must uphold humility and patience. Fail attempts by the Saumani geneology to earn Samoa's trust and obedience had resulted to no fish caught. How did the Victory of Ao and Iu became victorious? *Taialalo le ia a Sa Saumani* translates as Saumani must maintain peace and humility. Both Tapuai, Afualo and the country's representatives is in our presence thus in recommendation, let us endure Saumani in order to receive victory. You see this desk; we have already established the Constitution and the Standing Orders. Why? To support and assist us with our deliberations. I seek endurance by upholding respect and our custom. Take everyone into consideration. And note the Minister's statement which derives from the same geneology. Lest eagerness troubles the mind and Samoa hear one's mistake over another. I beg forbearance we must heed patience and uphold respect during our meeting. Once your turn is over and another takes over, that is the order of procedure as Samoa is also listening in. If procedures has it that...as witnessed the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture has stood up which is tolerable because we have seen a whole lot of students on the first day yet what now? What is the most famous statement today? What will happen after these students graduate? The Hon Minister of Education has given a very clear description. We must bear true love for our children. Where will these scholars go? Hence I beg tolerance everyone this is not an easy matter, we must abide respect and dignity.

I call the representative of Alataua West.

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Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES (Alataua West): Mr Speaker I rise with respect to make submission on the tabling Bill in the House.

Mr Speaker the deliberations on the Bill have been heard and observed. I wish to mention one main thing which I believe is very critical.

Mr Speaker if we find anything appropriate, we support it. We also support investors and this Bill. We are a country of cultural values; we are defined by our identity. This Bill also signifies our living relationship with our land in the sense that it belongs to us therefore it is not for sale but can be leased.

Mr Speaker and the notable House, I entered Parliament in 2006 and this was the same request made, we have lands of millions available and if this investment is beneficial for the constituency, why leave it? Mr Speaker, we have not yet prospered yet you are receiving a lease of \$400,000, or \$300 plus in case we are mistaken. See that is beneficial? Thus we support this investment completely. Our land will not be taken away from us because the authority of *alii ma faipule* is wielded. I have observed other members comparing us with Tutuila. The authority of *alii ma faipule* is retained everlasting and so as our land.

Mr Speaker I ask for more investors for Alataua West to create developments and jobs for the benefit of the constituency. Mr Speaker we plan to submit our application to the Deputy Prime Minister once this becomes law as our lands are open to foreign investors to lease on a five yearly basis as it serves a much needed additional source of income for the members of the constituency. We agree to a five years lease agreement to investors by bringing in machinery and new house that is significant.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I get what the member is trying to say. If a huge Company took a five year lease how much is the lease? They will be put off. When we speak of lease agreement, once the timeframe is up, the investors will automatically have to leave whilst everything remains. See how agreeable that is? That is why I am interested in whatever the members are talking about. I guess that is why you were appointed at the Central Bank? Now you know what this means.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Lafatele I give assistance to the member for Faleata West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): Mr Speaker, I do not object to the member's statement on foreign investment. We fully support it and if that is the case then give them all to that side. Nonetheless you are overlooking our main intention which is citizenship. That is the objective but we do not object investment.

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MR SPEAKER: I get it. Pardon me Alataua.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau: Mr Speaker to save the member's time lest the country and the Constituency takes it wrongly, the bill on Government lands does not mean customary land. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. This includes land tenure. That is additional Government lands and land tenure.

I call upon Lafaitale. Pardon me honorable Lafaitale I recognize Gatoloai.

Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow (Faasaleleaga No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not intend to interject greatly on this regard rather I wish to clarify the member's statement from yesterday in regards to Tutuila businessmen. I did not say that we will lose our lands to Tutuila. Rather I highlighted the events happening abroad that may possibly occur locally. That is the misinterpretation by the member. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the respectable member. Keep it smoothly as you are on the right track....

Afioga LAFAITELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: Mr Speaker that is the intention given earlier, Samoa has its divisional status known by the kin of *faleupolu*. According to my interpretation, the authority of the *alii ma faipule* is above the investors and we wholly support the Bill. If this is approved, that is a good sign. As stated by Magele it would be appropriate to have adequate jobs for our people in Savaii. Therefore it is suitable to invest in Savaii given the existence of the warehouse in Tumua and the airport in Asau.

That is our perspective we look at the benefit of the constituency particularly Alataua West. I also received a call from them this morning saying, "Lafai, tell the Speaker that the land of the constituency are open for investors to lease as it serves as a much needed additional source of income. Similar to what you and your constituency (to the Speaker) are collecting. I still have not seen any developments yet but I think they get \$300+ which is very beneficial and this is how the matai make a living. Again the overall objective is to attract investors to Savaii even if in millions, come to Savaii to the village I have identified. Since the life in Savaii is quite difficult, therefore we need to make a better living by creating more job opportunities to fund the many activities in the village and church. Hence we must encourage foreign investors otherwise it would result to a loss of Samoan land that remains unfounded?

That is the submission from this constituency with respect. If I had offended anyone, that is my true intention, I do not bit around the bush but speak straightforwardly to support the Government's purpose. Have a blessed meeting.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well. I will give detail clarification of the Bill. You are correct about the village expiry lease agreement of six years. But in terms of investors, some are reluctant to invest locally because they lack full guarantee of their investment. On a yearly basis my village earns \$300,000+. But I will grant the chance spoken by Lafaitale for the sake of the House. For the information of everyone, investments made by the chiefs in the village were administered long ago and the proposed Investment Bill is therefore not new. Investment is much stronger than the passports we hold. But I shall speak entirely on this when I have the time.

I call upon Aveautau, the member for Faleata West.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata West): Thank you Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister for elaborating this Bill. The same with the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture who is very much correct. I agree with the Associate Minister but I will state how the administration took place. When New Zealand administered Samoa, the Samoans went on strike which resulted to the establishment of the Mau in Vaimoso. Why? Samoa did not agree to New Zealand citizenship yet Samoa did not want another country to fight the war which paved way to its independence.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I grant the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, New Zealand did not want to govern Samoa. New Zealand was appointed by the League of Nations that was later called the United Nation. They were appointed to administrate Samoa which was objected by Zealand. But that was the decision by the League of Nations during the First War that resulted to what happened. This means if the League of Nations had chosen Australia or Great Britain to govern Samoa but New Zealand were asked to administer Samoa.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member to resume his speech, Tofa Aveautau.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Under this [agreement according to the Prime Minister](#), it will provide New Zealand citizenship for Samoans. Evidence of this statement is proven in the court case verdict that every Samoans citizens born before 1962 now hold Samoan citizenship which is why the mau was established because Samoa disagreed to free New Zealand citizenship. Two of the main things Samoans signify are blood life involving geneology and environment, secondly your country. These two things make a Samoan proud regardless of where they go. Why? It is your land and country despite of your blood life.

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MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker point of clarification. That Bill effectively assisted the Samoan people to move to New Zealand to claim citizenship. If this was made known certainly most locals would apply the same. This one lady knew of this process which resulted to the New Zealand immigration's decision to have her deported but she refused. Her case was based on the legislation passed in 1927 to allow Samoans born from that period until 1949 to become New Zealand citizens. The Immigration claimed the lady's refusal to accept deportation to Samoa. The court's ruling was succeeded to the Immigration by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal to which the woman resorted to the Privy Council. From what I gather the judges' deliberations in London took eight minutes alone before it reached a ruling. Consequently the people of New Zealand and Samoa later found out that such legislation had existed. As a result, many Samoans received citizenship at the time with a protocol to allow 1,100 Samoans into New Zealand.

The reason for explaining this is because the member had begun incorrectly. This key legal case for the lady who pressed her claim to be a New Zealand citizen was the daughter of Lesa. If she had not pressed for a citizenship, a case would not have taken place. That is the correction.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member to resume his speech.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker intently if we had agreed as the Niue and Cook Island Government, we would have shared the same New Zealand citizenship as them in the past. The leaders of the country affirmed at the time, "No, the Samoan does not need citizenship." This is why an amnesty agreement was signed in 1982 with New Zealand.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker point of order. This is the problem with jumping immediately to speak English. The result of that law when the ruling astounded the New Zealanders, "Oh my goodness every Samoan will migrate to New Zealand." This was encouraged in the New Zealand Parliament to...this resulted to the support given by all New Zealand Parties to swiftly pass the law by repealing that decision because if the lawyers had not repealed it this would have been buried long ago. This also led to the enactment of the approved legislation which encouraged our Prime Minister to sign the protocol of 1,100 that still exists today. On the contrary, if the law was not repealed then, it would have been difficult to stop our people from migrating to New Zealand.

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The statement about our objection of (citizenship) is completely wrong. The New Zealand citizenship was encouraged by the New Zealand Government, this issue poses serious arguments by this Political Party so we understand it very well. But it is best that you move on to a new topic.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I call the member.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker that is the purpose behind this because I understand it. The reason for stating this drove significance to the term citizenship. That is why the *Mau* was established because Samoa was against the New Zealand citizenship. This was the main reason behind the *Mau* establishment.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the matter is now understood.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaioi: Mr Speaker the *Mau* was established for a different reason. If you had the book titled *Mau*, a Commission of Enquiry had existed. That was a very good book about the *Mau* that called for each individual member to give their testimonies which consequently formed the *Mau*. I speak of written records not verbal information.

MR SPEAKER: I believe this is well defined. Aveautau, give a distinct recommendations on the bill.

I call upon the respectable member.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: I shall move on. Since the commencement of this legislation I have observed and looked up to the respective Minister of this legislation who can be viewed as a future Government leader of this country. However with this legislation he seems ineligible to become that leader.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo: Mr Speaker this is rightfully the intention of the Leader of the Opposition, I beg you do not to take it personally. If you are the Leader of that side then speak for your Side and mind our Side as we are aware of what to do.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

Tofa TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Well pardon your honorable no this is the member's perspective (.....). The first part of this legislation....

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Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Mr Speaker, point of order.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member. I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Do not accuse the Government Heads who cannot answer to the accusations that are very harsh. I beg to have these statements be withdrawn.

MR SPEAKER: That is the intention, we take our Standing Orders into consideration despite the exchanges we give in this House but I plea to have this withdrawn.

I ask to have these words be removed from our Records, the defaming of the chosen representatives. Even though their names are not called, but it is being spoken in the House and a Special Committee has been selected. I call upon the notable member.

[Words instructed by the Speaker to be omitted from the statement of the member for Faleata West: “Even the big fish that you state, I am very disappointed, it seems to mean that they do not truly love Samoa.”]

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker, no I did not defame the Committee, I said pity which is different from defaming.

In the legislation, it does not state anything about people seeking jobs. If the objective of this legislation is about seeking employment opportunities, this should have been mentioned, including a company to employ the locals.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the weakness of the member is about to be revealed. The investment we receive will be very beneficial for the people. If you start a new shop operation, everything in store is operated by people. There is no such investment in this world whereby a new store and money automatically operates itself without the assistance of people. The stores were not set up by ghosts but by people who operates them. Secondly, people are intelligent, it is best to speak cautiously incase you are being marked by the statements you make. And note that your constituency is hearing your speeches. If we know about your troubling speech surely we will not earn anything positive out of it. Therefore make in depth remarks.

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MR SPEAKER: I call the member to continue his statement. Do not listen to Levaopolo's whispers he has already spoken but your statement still sounds wonderful.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. If you consider this legislation, the investor has to invest \$4million that will permit his entire family including his spouse and children and other related members of the family under this legislation to enter and become involved in the business. Why is this part not incorporated in the bill?

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker point of order.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I call the respective Minister of this legislation.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: The Hon Prime Minister has previously provided clarification yet the member seems to become dumber according to his response. Read the bill thoroughly and consider it. What you speak of refers to regulations and policies.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker the Deputy Prime Minister's statement in the beginning talks about three main things regarding the legislation. Firstly, attract investors. Secondly, seek job opportunities. Where in the legislation is job opportunities stated?

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: What you are saying does not need to be incorporated in the Principal Act, but can be included in the Regulations and Policies. That is what I am trying to clarify but you seem to be misunderstood. Read the legislation well.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker I am referring to your statements and the need for job creation. Yazaki is now mentioned for the fourth and fifth time. And the reason why it was set up locally is because of the labor cost and minimum wage at the time. This legislation has different intention as Yazaki. This Bill has it that if you have \$4million you are eligible. Why does not the Government invest \$10million to the business people?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Saillele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the Bill the discussing matter is relatively bewildered but the Bill is open ended including what you said. Some members have questioned the failure of submitting these legislations in the House which I clarified they are regulated under the laws assented by the Head of State and the Cabinet.

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Everyone on this side knows this too and with the regulations processes, it does not necessarily need to go through Parliament as the Principal Act is already passed in the House given its significant requirements. The members of the House seem blurred with the laws passed in the House and laws made upon the Cabinet's discretion. Parliament had been delegated this discretionary power. That is the explanation to the member who seems confused. The Principal Acts are submitted to the House and once they become effective the regulations are enacted. Pursuant to regulation procedures, the Cabinet and the Le Ao o le Malo are aware of this process however I see that the member refuses to understand.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I believe we should not prolong arguments on this, your view and reminder is critical given that you want to consider everything into detail in relation to the Principal Act thus the Government has clarified the different category and processes to take within the Ministries as guidelines and procedures when considering the Principal Act. Otherwise your view is well received Aveautau you have three minutes remaining.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. The reason if the bill had aim to raise job opportunities standards then that would have been better.

MR SPEAKER: Well see what I have clarified when it comes to investors at the broader level investors includes different benefits including employment, otherwise I believe everyone is clear of this. I call upon the member to continue.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you. I see that most of locals have experience and ideas to setting up businesses however the only problem is the lack of funding to operate and start a business. Most of the products have been achieved by SROS but financial constraint is the main concern. Why can't the Government grant \$10million, \$20million or \$30million investment to the local business people?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I recognize the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaioi: Mr Speaker, when we became Independent we started off with one bank which was the Bank of Western Samoa that had limited funds. In 1974 the Development Division was set up and was separated from the Bank of Western Samoa. This development was later converted to establish the Development Bank of Samoa. Until 1984, the Central Bank of Samoa was initiated.

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The Central Bank was set up to regulate and supervise the operations of financial institutions and specifically acts as reserve bank to the commercial banks. This is how we came up with three banks. Then we had the Westpac and in 1989 a decision was made after most of government assets were sold to ANZ that was renamed from BWS. ANZ had achieved quite a few milestones. How many banks do we have so far? We now have ANZ, Westpac, Samoa Commercial Bank and the National Bank of Samoa totaling to four. A proposed one is on the way to make up five in total. We also have NPF that the public run to whenever financial assistance is required to start their businesses. Additionally we also have the UTOS. Hence this is a huge opportunity for the entrepreneurs. The DBS also target these huge grants received from the ADB, World Bank from the European Investment Bank to develop our local economic growth. So there is a huge market opportunity for the business operations. Hence it is not good to explain these things but if you make it back in the election make sure you give better speeches. Right now instead of you seeking positive points, they are all negative from what I gather. Everything spoken today is being received and is understood by your constituency. That is the correction.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker my constituency is well clarified of these things, so do not worry about my constituency, the impact of urban areas once this becomes law is less land available, what land will these people buy when they become citizens? Where? These are the constituency lands discussed in this Bill. I know what you are saying Hon Prime Minister as I do not see...My district is well aware of the \$30million I am talking about.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker the member's statement seems to leave no financial assistance for the people. But according to reports received there are numerous businesses funded by these Corporations other than the financial borrowings from the Samoa Commercial Bank, National Bank and the WESPAC sold to Papua New Guinea, as well as ANZ, that receives a large income flow excluding the assistance from NPF, all these government enterprises are assisting the Private Sector. But the main talks and the utmost concern is the Financial Management and the poor utilization of programs.

MR SPEAKER: I ask the member for Faleata West to conclude now.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker the main objective I am trying to relay is why not apply the programs set in other countries locally by creating personal investments by setting a grace period...if a Samoan business company owner purchases a land in Samoa and therefore the legislation beforehand is inappropriate....

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker we also have assistance through the Housing Corporation to assist the local applicants in regards to land and housing. In 1989, the Housing Corporation legislation was submitted in the House that is related to what the member is trying to point out.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the respectable member.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker a person cannot loan up to \$4million from the Housing Corporation. As recommended, can the Government allocate \$30million or \$40million to assist the people?

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the development depends on the available funding, pardon me if you want to set up a pig farming development, you begin with three which unnecessarily requires \$40million. You see how wide the problem is. Those working in the banks are very qualified and experienced people that assesses and evaluates your report hence most of the time the crook are rarely believable as most of them are business owners who puts business for purpose, otherwise the funding is used for something else.

Mr Speaker you are referring to a different legislation that relates to bigger developments like Yazaki –if we talk about Yazaki then consider the Company who brought Yazaki into Samoa, otherwise everything you state is noted under Government policies and the assistance available. You speak of what we know and do nonetheless give us something new but do not bring anything that will trouble you.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Point of clarification Mr Speaker the Hon Prime Minister spoke clearly about the Deputy Prime Minister's legislation hence I pity this fellow member who seems troubled because of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker none of what the member for Faleata West was saying is important.

MR SPEAKER: Be mindful of it, one cannot correct another member's interjection.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Therefore if we are to avoid this, it will continue rapidly.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The only thing I wish to say Lealailepule, everytime you say something it is always problematic and I have to stand to correct it.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker the day is getting hotter.

MR SPEAKER: You may conclude as the day is getting hotter member for Faleata West. I am still maintaining respect as you are running out of time.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker the main objective of my intention, the Government has no other option to seek employment for the people, then they resort to selling citizenship that is the main objective.

MR SPEAKER: Well your speech is now clear.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker you see how weak the statements made. Government plans and undertakings are still ongoing. Government aims to introduce new programs to create more job vacancies. I am clarifying this bit in case you are unclear. Currently we are putting up tendering advertisements for road and building constructions and with the succeeding bidders, the work will involve 50, 100 to 300 workers. The La Mana hotel currently under construction has over 100 Samoans employed with the first phase being completed in the beginning of February or March next year, followed by the second and third phases and the construction of more and extra accommodations in the island. The hoteliers will bring in their own visitors that will not affect Gatoloai's guests and will benefit the constituents of Lefau by way of producing more job vacancies in terms of waiters and such. These ongoing programs will furthermore set up an Infrastructural Development that will make up three other Major Developments. Hence move away from those shallow thoughts that you all bring.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker Perhaps this will affect the business people already in Samoa but let me give you an example of what will happen to Samoa in the next ten years if this bill goes through. There are people with money from Asia that are occupying town. How many (pieces) of land have they bought to set up their shops and others in Vaitele? What will happen to the town of Apia in the next ten years, will Apia still exist....

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

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Are you talking about Frankie? Frankie is married to a Samoan and has many children and I am told that she is very beautiful and she is from Vaimoso, I am thinking, where (were) the men of Vaimoso when a Chinese man came and married the beautiful girl..the girl knows she is better off with him. There are more than one hundred people employed by the company and majority rely on this Company not only for employment but also the people of Faleata buy from this supermarket. Therefore are you suggesting we should stop our people from marrying foreigners, goodness sake you are starting to sound like Hitler, do not be jealous? If you did not have your way with her then Im sorry, I say this because everytime I see the beautiful girl I think of Palusalue.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Your time is up and your statement is now well taken as you conclude with the significant salutations of the constituency, your time is way over, I call you once again.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Mr Speaker a small chance I will be short, my wife is more beautiful than this girl, this girl is a relative of ours, I do apologise about this but Frankie is a citizen and upon approval of his citizenship, he was able to do everything we could not do with respect Mr Speaker, thank you Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, anything done out of a clean heart is good. But if if done out of a dirty heart then so be it. But the legislation was done out of clean hearts.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for the concluding speech by the member for Faleata West I believe the House is certainly clarified. Since we are now nearing our adjourning time, I agree that we must take a break. Well done everyone for being tolerant given the huge load we achieved from morning until now. I believe the views and comments made today were very constructive and indepth.

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Tomorrow is a short day hence whatever general comments we had I believe we will reach Friday next week, this is upon your discretion given these rare opportunities otherwise let us endure happiness it's a great medicine of life and let peace, joy and laughter be upon everyone and harmonious spirit witnessed in the House but disregard hatred.

Let us heed our work and take our discussion into emphasis regardless of the exchanges we make, we must tolerate respect and humility. Despite the views and expressions made, we must direct this Bill smoothly for the benefit of the country.

Before we disperse tonight, I call the honorabe member for Sagaga le Falefa to conclude us with a prayer before we go to rest.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now adjourned at 12:57pm until 9:00am Friday, 20 February 2015.

FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2015

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayers.

**CITIZENSHIP INVESTMENT BILL 2014
– second reading debate continued- (Day 4)**

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached the last day of this week and our Lord has been good especially to Members of Parliament. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all Members for your presence this morning to carry forward with our Proceedings as scheduled. I thank you all for the patience since the start of this week from Tuesday until today the shortest Sitting day of the week. I thank you all for the recommendations and opinions portrayed within the House this week. I have a strong belief that we are continuously progressing with our orders of the day.

I want to acknowledge the support of our people in various parts of the country carrying out their everyday duties. I believe that your support is the motivation that has resulted in the good work carried out by this Parliament.

I want to thank some of the Members who have already spoken on the Bill. There is still time for others to voice comments before a response is given by Government.

As I was trying to elaborate yesterday no matter the outcome of Proceedings it is Opposition that differentiates us from other overseas Parliaments. No matter the differences between opinions voiced, it is the Samoan way that we consensus.

I wish to acknowledge the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet also Associate Ministers. I also acknowledge the Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader and all Members of Parliament.

We are also graced with the presence of Heads of Ministries and Corporations of Government; we cannot forget the support of all Samoa. Proceedings adjourned yesterday after the Member for Faleata East voiced the concerns of his Constituency within the House. Therefore I will now give the opportunity to a Member who wishes to comment on the Bill.

I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM (Sagaga le Usoga): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I would like to officially greet the Chair this morning and I praise Heavenly Father for His protection. I humbly greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Associate Ministers the Leader of Opposition and his party.