

THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH 2014

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayers.

MR SPEAKER: I am truly grateful this new morning for we have met once again in good health. I find the respectable members of the House in good health and spirit, the Hon leader of the country, the Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet and this side of the House, the Leader of Opposition and dignified members in its honorific salutations. Such is the basis of this morning. The main thing is gaining strength in body, mind and soul for us to resume our tasks. .

I also wish to acknowledge Samoa's support upon your leaders this morning as your Parliament is set to embark on today's set duties. May you hold onto that trust and support today. Parliament will now proceed with its work as per usual.

As pointed out yesterday, today's a new day and the Minister is prepared to discuss the bill. Today we will deliberate the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014. This bill must be clearly addressed and clarified as it deals with the safety and security of the country from global terrorist attacks.

The world is still looking for the aircraft that went missing. We cannot afford these problems. If there are terrorists imitators, then this bill was made to avoid these illegal acts from happening. Let us commence with today's orders. The Hon Minister stood a motion last night.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Thank you for the opportunity with respect. You have given praises as we assemble once again this morning. Let His name be glorified as our duties and toils are greatly supported by the country.

Therefore your honor, this side does not forget the duties of the Hon Prime Minister whom you should have mentioned in your prayers this morning for the sake of Samoa. Nonetheless, we share our sincere prayers to the Hon Prime Minister and his health on behalf of the Opposition and this Parliament. We pray for his speedy recovery so that he is able to resume work with us in Parliament.

The country is supporting our tasks as this was not mentioned in the prayer this morning. That is the wish as the Prime Minister is leader of the country and the leader of this side. May God's love...

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Decision by Mr Speaker

Before we adjourn proceedings this evening, I call upon the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development who has recently returned from overseas to conclude our session with a prayer.

Prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 11.02pm until 9.00am Thursday 20th March 2014.

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MR SPEAKER: I understand thank you. The opinion of the leader of Opposition is now fully clear but if you know something then pray secretly. As for my prayer I was praying for the country as a whole. I was praying in general. The Hon leader of the country is not sick he is taking a break. That is the Christian way if you know something then pray secretly instead of publicizing the Prime Minister's illness. We also held a special prayer for the good health of the country which covers the Prime Minister. As of today if you want us to offer a prayer for the Hon Prime Minister then so be it but not for the general public. Everyone is praying silently and you too are not looking well.

That is the entire spirit, let us pray for our health and please do not question my prayer. Everyone prays and I have covered everything in my prayer if anyone wants to obtain a copy from the Hansard. Hence we shall not argue but bear understanding. I call upon the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo (Deputy Prime Minister): Mr Speaker I move with utmost respect this morning. Your clarification is true, your prayer this morning was fine with me. It was a 100%, so not a worry. The Prime Minister is well he is just away for business but let us hope. He might join us sometimes today.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, this is now a big mistake. Why hide it, the country is praying? He is the leader of the country, do not lie.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the leader of Opposition to take your seat.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: The Prime Minister is well and there is nothing wrong. We all appreciate the offering you gave this morning your honor, hence I have been praying since last night. Thus now we have seen the leader of Opposition has regained strength from the eye disease. Hence this is 100% status. But there is nothing to be anxious about hence let us proceed with our work as the Hon Prime Minister is fine.

MR SPEAKER: In case my prayer is posed with several queries when everything is running smoothly. Pray silently if your love is true but do not question my offering which is the not the basis. I plea incase you take it wrongly as the support of the country is crucial.

I call upon the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons to provide a clarification on the bill and acts of terrorism.

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Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI (Minister of Police, Prisons & Fire & Emergency Services): Thank you for the opportunity on such a fine, clear skies which has guided the House upon His spiritual love and kindness.

During our deliberations last night, the Deputy Commissioner advised me that the leader of the country was resting. I confess wholehearted, the Hon Prime Minister is not sick. He only needed a rest which is why he left the House.

This gave way for some police officers to escort and protect our leader. That is the announcement with all due respect. I really wanted to clarify this last night nonetheless, everything is fine Samoa. Let God's name be glorified as He has guided our Parliament today in good health and spirit.

In relation to the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014 before us this morning which has repealed the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism Act 2002, it is also linked with the Finance Department Act, Aviation Office and the Revenue Office Act.

We are aware of these problems today. Looking at the aircraft that's gone missing (Malaysia airline) we have to ask the question of why are these terrorists in this world, why do people hijack planes, why do they kidnap and demand ransom money? All these link to terrorism that is covered under this bill.

Last night we deliberated the urgent SIFA Trusts Bill in relation to overseas millionaires securing their funds in the country with the incentive that Samoa does not implicate terrorism problems, because we are a peaceful nation. Hence the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014 and Citizenship bill relate considering the protection of our people from things like money laundering and the like. We should also consider the bigger picture and our involvement with the bigger nations or united nations not something that is drawn for...yes this is to protect and safeguard our people and visitors.

The bill involves unlawful acts involving missing aircrafts, kidnap hence we need protection from the outside world of violence and abuse. I agree that Samoa is free from terrorists. Hence the only thing I know is that sometimes there is the selling of marijuana for a bottle of beer. When the seller is caught, he is jailed. But some suggests that selling marijuana is due to being poor when not. These sayings are mere assumptions because Samoa is very lucky. Samoa is founded on Christianity although problems do arise at times such as the problem happening in Ulutogia where there is so much evil. So why go to church and pray when you are not praying truthfully. Hence one should say 'Lord forgive them'. The truth is everyone has evil inside them, including myself because I too feel angry at times and say horrible things.

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This bill is thoroughly clarified and clear to viewers and members of the House. The government has chosen a Committee to foresee these arrangements for the upcoming SIDS conference hosted by Samoa this year. Perhaps this is one aim which is to protect us from the attendees of this conference.

For the sake of the members, I have before me a thick security plan for the SIDS conference to which I am the chairperson. So I have prepared a copy which I will handover to all the members and Cabinet Ministers with the idea that you are all informed about the preparations by our sons and daughters whom we have entrusted with this task. I wish to disseminate a copy of this plan to all members why? This is the House of Samoa where we decide and report to, it is a collective effort for the government of Samoa. Such is the clarification for the information of everyone the arrangement of school children and their assistance. This duty has been delegated to Fauono. Fauono whom I now call is the Commander in Chief with good qualities. We are lucky, for clarification of the House Fauono is one hero of our country. Please with respect because some have not seen you. That is Fauono
(members showed appreciation with applause)

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Minister for the uplifting comment.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: How is the service of our children done? All have been well prepared. Our meeting with the security Committee involves Interpol, Australia, New Zealand and USA in terms of sharing intelligence on potential targets. We also have the assistance of other organizations like JICA, SHAPAP that have suspicions on such unruly behavioral people. But if you would like me to read out everything (in this report) we would be here all evening but if you want me to read just a bit...

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, I move with respect, that I...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon Hon Minister, but I give the opportunity to the deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: The speech given by the Minister and his clarification on the bill is much appreciated, although I do not wish to interrupt your discussion except for the matter mentioned on security measures for the SIDS conference, If the issue of security is in relation to SIDS, can you ask your Commander in Chief one more time if its appropriate for these details to be revealed?

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This information should not be revealed in case the terrorists get a hold of your list and then you might not be able to find your Commander in Chief? That is the case with due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister. I think what the Minister wants to make public are public awareness programmes whereby our Parliament can assist in terms of security but I think the Hon Minister is holding on to confidential information.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Thank you. I thank the Deputy Prime Minister. I believe the matter raised by the Deputy Prime Minister is related to terrorists inside the House. There are no terrorists in the House. For example, is Levaopolo a terrorist? Is Leala a leader of terrorists? Or Ifopo from Aiga I le Tai? The answer is no. I am relaying this information from a pure heart. Some of these sections are in Samoan and there is no specification of confidential information in some parts. These preparation will ensure the security of Samoa and the people involved in the Conference which consists of...three Conferences Official Meeting, a total of 3,000 delegates are expected, and a large number of media personnel will cover the Conference.

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

MR SPEAKER: What is it do you wish...Pardon Minister but I will allow an opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I feel for the Hon Minister because he doesn't seem to know the aim of the Ministry. Another reason is that this political party supports the bill; your bill is significant as it caters for the safety of our conference. As viewed, the Hon Minister is prepared to read the entire bill when it is based on the state of urgency?

MR SPEAKER: It is clear Leader of Opposition, an opportunity is given to the deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker I am fully aware of the safety precautions and measures discussed by the Hon Minister. We are talking about security and that's in line with this bill. We are talking about protection from terrorists. That is the intention of the Hon Minister when I'm advising him that there are parts that shouldn't be revealed to Palusalue and their side in case they know as they are similar to terrorists. These plans should be revealed until after the meeting.

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

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: For the sake of our listeners, this side has been compared to terrorists, do not....have these words be withdrawn from our Parliamentary records because the Opposition are respectable members of the country and constituencies' representatives but if these are the deputy Prime Minister's intentions then alas, although he is trying to be humorous but it goes to show how weak he is, for the sake of our listeners, they are giving support and yet we are being called terrorists. Remove these words your honor.

MR SPEAKER: Your opinion is clear. I call upon the deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: If you read this bill carefully and you look at the meaning of the word terrorist, it doesn't just refer to people who detonate bombs. It also includes people who create conflicts with words like what you are saying. So the word terrorist has a broad meaning and yet you're only thinking about what we see on TV and the news. You are right because you've got no bombs but terrorists can use thoughts and conspire to defeat the other side. All those are terrorist activities. Look into it.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I advise the Hon Deputy Prime Minister to withdraw the word 'terrorist' and replace it with 'tourist' to maintain peace in our proceedings.

I call upon the Minister of Police & Prisons, Fire & Emergency Services to resume clarification of your report.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Mr Speaker you should be thankful and thank the Hon Minister for the information shared with you. Why? Because there is belief that we are brothers and we should not be mistreated. We may have different views and different decisions, but the main thing is that we have to stand up for each other, Samoa for Samoa. This is the reason why you must be aware of our government's plans. The meeting will hold up to approximately 6,000 travelers to Samoa. The arrangement of security integration began in September last year. The security Committee started with its implementation plans as soon as the Ministry of Police started receiving assistance information from overseas safeguards. Since December last year, the Security Committee has been collecting information. We are working with the Customs, Immigration, SPA, SSC, Marine, Health and others.

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The importance of the Ministry of Health and other Ministries is in case there might be a disaster and these organizations can prepare them for mass evacuations. The duties faced by the police department and other....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Minister of Police & Prisons, I give the opportunity to the Minister of Health. I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Health): I do not wish to interrupt the Ministers discussion, but matters pertaining to the Ministry given that they will face emergency cases should the need arise. What I want the House to be aware of is that these are not the only terrorist activities that could endanger the lives of people in an organization, like this meeting. Another terrorism method is secretly bringing disease with the idea of spreading it among people in a public place. This is one of the areas the Ministry is looking at. These sort of terrorists do not care about anything, the only aim is to introduce these diseases to the public so that the people are affected. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your assistance on this bill.
I call upon the Minister of Finance.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Minister of Finance): Mr Speaker, let us give some rest for our brother, the Minister of Police and Prisons and the tabled bill. He has clarified shared information. Security information has different classifications of security information to safeguard people from being attacked. Some of this work involves devising security plans according to my past experience. These are strictly classified incase others are aware of them and they would set up a plan ahead. That is the assistance to the bill.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call upon the Deputy Prime Minister.
Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: It seems that the statement I issued earlier on security methods is confirmed by the Hon Minister of Health and Finance. If the Minister is addressing the leader of Opposition who is affected by a pink eye disease, then simple; he is the leader of the terrorists. The Minister of Finance has also spoken about security plans on various levels. And it seems the leader of terrorists is now aware of the security plans but I will leave it with the Minister of Police & Prisons to control the dissemination of this information.

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

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with utmost respect, you are so rude deputy Prime Minister. I am not a leader of terrorists. The other thing is, (there are so many voices in your party) what's happening to your side? You are all over the place, what happened? Have you got no leader? It seems as if the Minister of Police & Prisons does not understand the bill. What is your understanding?

MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon leader of Opposition...

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Mr Speaker, a point of order. This is not being rude. Consider it?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Your given views are different but the bill should be discussed in Cabinet. Do not be rude, this has gone too far.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon leader of Opposition.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: It is not rude.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I feel for my country.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: If we look at the rules of debate, there are no interruptions during clarification of the bill but the Opposition is interrupting. This is the reason for taking the floor. Let the Minister finish before you submit your queries.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: He was the first one to interrupt Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the leader of Opposition.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo: Do not disrupt proceedings. You are being continuously rude.

MR SPEAKER: Let us work together in carrying out our orders this morning. This is the reason why I give the opportunity to the government to respond and give clarification matters that requires clearance. That is the correct clarification for our bills which is government owned. The Cabinet can also assist with the Minister's clarification. Look at the opportunity granted when it shouldn't be given according to the rules of debate. And whatever humorous remarks said do not be alarmed, this is just for amusement. This involves you being leader of terrorist when in reality you are not, its just amusing remarks.

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That is the spirit but do not take it seriously. Let's keep it together as the day is still new. The Minister of Police and Prisons is also assisting with this matter. This Minister is fair minded on sharing information. I am also giving respect. Hence we must support the bill for the prosperity of the nation and Parliament. Hence with security plans, there is a saying that goes, prevention is better than cure.' We must be protected otherwise we will encounter unnecessary problems. Therefore we should not point fingers. But the recommendation is for the respective Minister to consider our general views for our protection.

I call upon the Minister. Thus I give the opportunity to the leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with great respect, since we are blamed for interrupting the clarification of statements. There is nothing provided for in the Standing Order which restricts the immunity of querying clarifying statements.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me as I will now decide. Are you questioning my duties?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: This is the reason why I constantly rise because of the way you manage proceedings, it must be questioned and corrected.

MR SPEAKER: Hon leader of Opposition, listen closely. If the Minister is clarifying the bill we must wait until we are open for debate. That is the Standing Order, hence there is no debate at the moment. The bill will be open for discussions once the Speaker permits. Do not question me for I am trying to maintain peace and order. This is the basis of my endeavor. I have also granted you frequent opportunities out of respect which should not be the case. I call upon the Minister to continue with his clarification on the bill.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Thank you. I recall a saying by one old man, "Good families are known for quarreling as peaceful derives from within." God is present in quarrels and so as peace. We do not argue over negative thinking. Not all fights in Parliament are respectful. It is done out of respect for the sake of our listeners. We are leaders. Hence we must rely on God as leaders. Also whatever unruly statement given, sincere appreciation to the Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister because if our security is alerted we should be worried. But with our assistance upon an undertaking praise God as nothing is hidden which is the essence of this House to discuss and revisit our decisions.

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That is the spirit and I pray for patience upon the Opposition leader and its deputy. If a person or prisoner is bounded by the law, they are sentenced for 15 years imprisonment, police or civil aviation officer also holds warrant to arrest such prisoners before they are submitted to the Attorney General's office for investigations. I totally support this bill that is appropriately submitted for the protection of our society today with the assistance of the police force. Have a blessed meeting. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification, I believe that the bill has provided its clear purpose and this is a good chance for members their submissions and recommendations to achieve this very important bill.

I call upon the member for Gagaemauga No.2 to elaborate upon the bill.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No.2): Thank you your honor for this grand opportunity this morning. I believe you have offered our thank you prayer for God's divine mercy in order for us to resume our duties for today.

At this hour there are a few grey areas pointed out by some Ministers as essentially, the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons was chosen for a reason, which is unbelievable. The only disappointment is your intentions on the bill which seems to be directed to the conference instead of the security and safety of Samoa as a whole. Although I am pictured as one of the terrorists in today's Observer, but that is just a joke as you said.

However, just a word of advice your honor, there is still issue that is affecting our residents living abroad whom are prosecuted as terrorists and are deported back home pardon the listeners. That is one issue that should be clearly specified under this bill, the attitude of our returnees' citizens bringing home trouble costing the lives of our local people.

Secondly, our preparation for the SIDS conference with emphasis is centralized on the venue. You honor, please note the entry points at the airport and wharves incase...problems may occur when a delegate is being followed by a terrorist here thus affecting our shores and marine zones if we are not mindful of these impacts. The question is do we have enough facilities and patrolling boats to secure our seas and airport surroundings? Because according to the information provided, this is under the supervision of the Samoa Airport Authority. Hence this should've been spearheaded by the Security Committee and seek foreign assistance so that we are fully prepared for this event.

We also had a \$2million Iron Scan machine at the Customs office utilized to analyze cocaine and other drugs which requires experts to carry out this specification.

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Lastly your honor, we also have our Statistics office that will assist greatly with providing efficient and effective information which is one....the releasing of information is specifically stipulated under the Statistics Act.

Lastly the Minister of Health is right; one act of terrorism is the attracting diseases like the pink eye disease into the country as witnessed elsewhere due to a result of not enough preventive measures. Hence this is the message for everyone, we must work together. With utmost respect Mr Speaker, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well Hon Minister there are a few members who wish to speak on the bill, it is best to give their submission and respond later.

I call upon the member for Faleata East.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East): Thank you your honor, Minister and the Ministry of this bill. We have been debating all morning about the terrorist terminology – and it seems like everyone has their own definition of this term. Despite the member's view and concerns, everything about terrorist is defined under Clause 3.

Therefore this expensive is in line with the future vision of government Ministries which envisions the future happenings of Samoa. Because I don't think we are prepared to implement this bill. We should have initiated training programs for returned qualified experts to execute the following act. Are there any resources available for this undertaking or is it going to lie here and not make it into good use. For instance, the bill stipulates section on bomb explosion. Do we have a bomb detonator expert in Samoa? As seen in movies, there are specialists on...Are we prepared for this? This is one large section under the bill.

Another section of the bill implicates crimes and offences which contains imprisonment for life. One of the least offences is the sentence period of less than 12 months. We should also be working closely with the Immigration office. Have a look at the visa permit of 60 day period for foreigners to enter Samoa. The main thing to look out for is the validity of their traveling documents. The 60 day permit and warrants is not specified, whereas the bill stipulates a list of names and organizations affected by terrorist attacks under the Commonwealth nations. We should consider all sections of this bill including all Ministries involved. The only recommendation is the effect of the bill on non-terrorists considering the definition of terrorist and the penalties incurred. Such is the plea to the Attorney General and the government to reconsider the general meaning to clearly define the section to such Acts which stipulates a person being charged from a normal crime or offence that we have nowadays.

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The warrant of arrest is another significant section of the bill that not only specifies the reason for conviction but also warrants your protection from the court. Another vital contributor is the Shipping sector. This should be enforced within...which I am sure its enforced, but must ensure that we obtain enough containers supply...as some of these chemical supplies is found in the country hence is the need for additional weapons to the list for our protection. This is reflected in past incidents where culprits would hid drugs in envelopes and are sent amongst people affecting the innocent. This marijuana leaves is available in the country.

Hence is the request to the respective Minister to consider our submissions and incorporate them into the bill for future generation. As of the current as reiterated by the Minister, terrorist has not yet reached our shores but its good to prepare.

This is also crucial for the safety of the conference attendees and delegates from abroad. I feel that we are not fully prepared as we this plan involves a lot of experts that hasn't yet been incorporated. I am thankful that the Ministry has commenced the undertaking of security measures on areas like kidnap, ramson and the like which requires special agents on this mission. Those are the concerns but appreciation to the Minister and the Ministry for this very essential bill which concerns the protection of our people. Have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your assistance and recommendations upon the bill. I take it that members are very alert on the matter beforehand particularly the Hon Minister, let the opportunity be granted to the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West): Thank you honorable Speaker. I greet our listeners and the dignified House. I also wish the Hon Prime Minister well wishes and good health from God.

Thank you Hon Minister for this bill which focuses on terrorist. This term involves a lengthy definition according to the bill but in the Samoan context, a terrorist is about bomb detonator, destroying properties and offering oneself to die over killing others. In reality we have no such thing as terrorists here in Samoa. The bill also emphasizes readily available finance to fund experts on this field to assist us should the need arise.

The only concern is that our country may be targeted as a hiding place for harboring terrorists. That is the aim of the Ministry is that there are over 14 criteria under the United Nations Conventions on terrorism including us. One of these requirements is for Samoa to establish an act in relation to returning harboring terrorists particularly when Samoa is preparing as hosts for the SIDS conference at the end of the year. This is the main aim of the bill where it involves government agencies such as the civil aviation, shipping, police and Immigration office.

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These international events are not new to Samoa considering the many preparations undertaken although it is a global threat that can affect us. Hence the requirements stipulated by the United Nations Convention must be complied with and so as this bill.

I wish to acknowledge the Ministry of Police although it has been a while now since they are without supervision but sincere appreciation to the gentlemen who are overtaking this responsibility. The Minister has already given his acknowledgement, and the new term for police sounds good – CIO instead of CEO, Commander in Chief is good to uplift their standard.

The bill though Hon Minister seems to attract everyone. It was not long ago did we pass the Chemical Weapons Bill. All these acts leads to our protection. What we should priority is our front liners or the ones with potential expertise in these areas such as a tourist visiting the country when he is here for a different purpose. This requires special training. Hence it is important to be well prepared and stay alert for the protection and peaceful living of our people.

With respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you, I give the last opportunity to the member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola before the Minister responses on the bill.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Falealili): Thank you your honor for the opportunity. You have given our offering this morning, praise be to His Almighty name for guiding the members of Parliament.

I move with utmost respect to make a submission on the important bill before Parliament. This is preparation for tomorrow and Samoa's bright future which is my belief.

I thank the Hon Minister of Police and the Ministry for initiating this bill. I have seen this bill a long time in Parliament and based on its significance, Parliament is now deliberating this morning. But your clarification is well taken to safeguard our country from terrorists. Based on truthful views in the past, Samoa is a peaceful country, filled with hospitality, and welcomes all visitors, except for terrorist attacks from entry points such as our ports, wharves at Fagalii and Faleolo. All these can lead to terrorist entrance into the country and is well planned by the Ministry of Police. The Airport Authority, Ports, Agriculture, Fire Emergency, Health Ministries have been well trained for the upcoming conference in September this year.

I do not have much to say but just a few recommendations on security plans given my past experience with the Minister and the Ministry as this common issue during operations of these plans producing false information when the tied should be calm and keep running things smoothly. The chairman of the SIDS security unit is well aware of this matter. If force is exercised problems arise leading us to the unexpected. But that is our plea, let us rely on God and everything will be made possible. Those are the views, Have a very blessed meeting this morning. With utmost respect, thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call upon the Minister for his responses on the bill before we proceed with this bill.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: I wish to convey deep gratitude to all members for their submissions in preparing Samoa forward for the SIDS conference. I will start with terrorists entering the country. We have arranged for our specialist crew or arms offenders who will be in charge of safety measures. We also have our search and rescue team. The marine monitoring has our diving crew around the coast and harbor area. America has also offered assistance through its maritime surveillance coast guard who will be patrolling the coast once the cruise ship arrives together with the assistance from New Zealand. There is also a special offenders' crew or special scrap crew from New Zealand.

All these arrangement commenced since September last year. Up to date, the collaborating efforts from Immigration, Airport Authority, Customs, SPA, Samoa Shipping Services, Samoa Shipping Corporation and other various ministries have all been given to make the workload easier. These preparations is given 1000 percent effort not 100 but 1000 because our people are well set on their duties with the best of their abilities to ensure that nothing will occur. The aim is to make sure that everything goes according to plans whereby the assistance of chiefs and villages are much appreciated in monitoring each constituency and welcoming the motor gate.

It has been issued that only Apia is now prepared, no. For your information, we have 24 hours a day, those 24 hours fully used by the employees at the airport. The Shipping Corporation has offered 50 students to be employed who studied sailing and maritime to assist with the work of the police. There is also a truck that will be brought in from Australia called armored guard I believe will arrive soon, this truck when hit by bullets bounce. I believe it will be the first time this type of vehicle will be seen in Samoa unless the UN has one; there are also motorcycles that will be brought in, in consideration of the motor gate.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Minister but I will give the opportunity to the interjection of the member. I call upon the member for Faleata West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification. I wish to know more about this individual armored guard considering the many arrivals and whether it will be returned after the meeting. We have already prepared everything on an international standard, if 100% then good. If you say 1000 percent then it is uncertain. Therefore I really want to understand more about this armored guard.

MR SPEAKER: The issue mentioned by the member is now clearly understood. I call upon the Minister to continue with his clarification.

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Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Thank you Lealailepule for your service. Lealailepule is a man that can do anything, a prominent member for Faleata. Thank you.

I have mentioned 1000, what is the reason. The essence is given to confirm and verify this side on the belief, to lend us your trust and faith. There is not a single duty that goes without an error. As with the shared information it is complete with the assistance of our children. We should be appreciative of those working day and night while the whole country is asleep. These are the people who are tasked to protect Samoa. Yes.

The armored guard given our weak economic status, but if the Commander in Chief does well, I guess time will come when New Zealand will say to AFB leave the armored guard vehicle for Samoa. If this is the case, then the member for Faleata West will be first to ride on it. As for the concern of the member for Gagaemauga No.2, everything is well in place. Overseas technology has been given to assist us with that matter. The Immigration, Customs, Quarantine and the Police will be working 24 hours, together with a special police squad, who will monitor the entire area 24 hours nonstop until after the delegates departure, then their services will be de-activated and they are free to go.

As for the poisoned gas chemicals, this will be executed by the specially trained canines.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Minister as the opportunity is given to the member for Gagaemauga No.2.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker just a point of clarification on our airports, is it just Faleolo where these services are provided in case you forget Fagalii airport where easier access could be made

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Thank you. I forgot to mention this, which is very true. Everything has its doubts...there will always be something that can ruin the... I apologize for not mentioning this but what's done for Fagalii is also done for Faleolo. The monitoring of wharves involves Shipping, Immigration, Quarantine, and SPA. If they were allowed to carry... these Ministries will be armed with guns. Although this fire arms are prohibited in the country at least we are protected at all times. Whoever is suspected of these activities is sent immediately to Tafaigata or before for me to decide before a ruling is given.

We also have our partnership with the Statistics Office as raised by the member for Gagaemauga No.2 at the airport. As stated, everything is complete. Everything is in place for the country's security and statistics officials will be present at every entry point. Has the response satisfied the member for Gagaemauga No.2? Thank you my fellow member.

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**Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Gagaemauga No.2.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatou: I rise with utmost respect no I am very pleased, I am 1000% pleased, and you are number one. There is no one similar to you your Hon Minister.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Have you finished with your response Hon Minister? Very well thank you.

Motion approved and the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014 was read a second time.

**COUNTER TERRORISM BILL 2014
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: Based on the fact that I now withhold the Certificate of Urgency signed by his Highness the Le Ao o le Malo on the bill, the Assembly will now consider the bill in detail.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, the Consideration into detail starts with clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Definition of terrorist act.

Approved.

CLAUSE 4: United Nations list of specified entities.

Approved.

CLAUSE 5: Declaration of certain entities as specified entities.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail**

CLAUSE 6: Variation or revocation of declaration by the Prime Minister.

Approved.

CLAUSE 7: Review of declaration.

Approved.

CLAUSE 8: Application of revoke declaration.

Approved.

CLAUSE 9: Procedure.

Approved.

CLAUSE 10: Harboring of a person committing a terrorist act.

Approved.

CLAUSE 11: Provision of weapons to a terrorist group.

Approved.

CLAUSE 12: Participation in a terrorist group.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 13: Recruitment of a person to be a member of a terrorist group or to participate in a terrorist act.

Approved.

CLAUSE 14: Terrorist bombing.

Approved.

CLAUSE 15: Attempted terrorist bombing.

Approved.

CLAUSE 16: Participation in a terrorist bombing and unlawful possession of an explosive, etc.

Approved.

CLAUSE 17: Hostage taking.

Approved.

CLAUSE 18: Attempted or participation in hostage taking.

Approved.

CLAUSE 19: Attack against an internationally protected person.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 20: Unlawful entry of premises of an internationally protected person.

Approved.

CLAUSE 21: Attempted or participation in attack against an internationally protected person.

Approved.

CLAUSE 22: Threat of attack against an internationally protected person.

Approved.

CLAUSE 23: Terrorism financing.

Approved.

CLAUSE 24: Attempted, participation etc, in financing and support for terrorist acts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 25: Provision of property or services to a terrorist group.

Approved.

CLAUSE 26: Dealing with terrorist property.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail**

CLAUSE 27: Hijacking and attempted etc hijacking.

Approved.

CLAUSE 28: Application of the Civil Aviation Act 1998.

Approved.

CLAUSE 29: Unlawful movement of nuclear material.

Approved.

**CLAUSE 30: Other unlawful acts relating to nuclear material,
including attempt, participation and threat.**

Approved.

CLAUSE 31: Application of Customs Act 1977.

Approved.

CLAUSE 32: Plastic explosives.

Approved.

CLAUSE 33: Power of entry.

Approved.

CLAUSE 34: Violence at an airport.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail**

CLAUSE 35: Attempted violence at an airport.

Approved.

CLAUSE 36: Seizure of a ship or fixed platform.

Approved.

CLAUSE 37: Use of nuclear, chemical or other substances on a ship or fixed platform.

Approved.

CLAUSE 38: Arrest and delivery.

Approved.

CLAUSE 39: Application of this part.

Approved.

CLAUSE 40: Direction to take control of property.

Approved.

CLAUSE 41: Notice of direction.

Approved.

CLAUSE 42: Variation, revocation, or expiry of direction.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 43: Court may vary or revoke directions.

Approved.

CLAUSE 44: Procedures.

Approved.

CLAUSE 45: Application of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2007.

Approved.

CLAUSE 46: Controlled delivery of property.

Approved.

CLAUSE 47: Exchange of information relating to terrorist groups and terrorist acts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 48: Detention of goods suspected to be terrorist property.

Approved.

CLAUSE 49: Further provisions regarding detention under section 48.

Approved.

CLAUSE 50: Return of goods detained under section 48.

20 MARCH 2014

Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:
Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Aana Alofi No.3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:
Please Mr Speaker you read out clause 51 as extension of 7 day period in section 48. Although its states in the bill it is section 50, am I right Mr Speaker?

MR SPEAKER: Clause 51 is extension of 7 day period in section 48.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:
But you mentioned Clause 50, this is why I assisted you.

MR SPEAKER: A correction has been made and it is 48.

Clause 50 Approved.

CLAUSE 51: Extension of 7 days period in section 48.

Approved.

CLAUSE 52: Custody of certain goods detained under section 48.

Approved.

CLAUSE 53: Offences in relation to certain detained goods.

Approved.

CLAUSE 54: Application of Part V of the Crimes Act 2013.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 55: Liability of a company.

Approved.

CLAUSE 56: Application of this Part.

Approved.

CLAUSE 57: Arrest and extradition of suspected foreign nationals.

Approved.

CLAUSE 58: Obligation to extradite or prosecute.

Approved.

CLAUSE 59: Jurisdiction.

Approved.

CLAUSE 60: Consent of Attorney General.

Approved.

CLAUSE 61: Power to establish a Committee.

Approved.

CLAUSE 62: Regulations.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Counter Terrorism Bill 2014
– third reading**

CLAUSE 63: Repeal, transitional and savings.

Approved.

CLAUSE 64: Consequential amendments.

Approved.

SCHEDULE:

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short Title and commencement.

TITLE: Counter Terrorism Bill 2014.

Approved.

The Counter Terrorism Bill progressed without amendments.

**COUNTER TERRORISM BILL 2014
– third reading**

MR SPEAKER: Based on the Certificate of Urgency already signed by His Highness Le Le Ao o le Malo, the Legislative Assembly will now read the bill for the third time.

I call upon the Minister of Police and Prisons.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Mr Speaker I move, *That the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014 be read for the third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Finance and Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

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

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
– consideration in detail.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that we have passed this very important bill hence is the appreciation to all members for your collaboration this morning. Thank you for taking part in the first phase of our sitting today, I believe we have reached our consultations thus sincere gratitude.

Because we have now arrived at our normal recess hour, our proceedings will be set aside to enable us to take a break and be refreshed before continuing with our orders.

I now announce that proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be set aside for normal morning recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 10.47am until 11.20 am.

MR SPEAKER: There is belief we have now reached the last part of our proceedings today. I wish to convey utmost thanks to all members of the House for your patience. I believe we have all regained strength from the refreshments provided this morning. Praise God for the food provided.

Pardon the House for the refreshments provided by the Clerk, least it is something to keep our strength as we ensue with our work today.

Before recess we had officially passed the Counter Terrorism Bill 2014.

TRUSTS BILL 2014
- consideration in detail

MR SPEKAER: Based on the Certificate of Urgency signed by his Highness the Le Ao o le Malo upon the bill, the Legislative Assembly will now consider the bill in detail.

Pursuant Standing Order 102, consideration in detail of the bill starts with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Application of the Act.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail

CLAUSE 4: The nature and existence of a trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 5: The requirements for the creation of a trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 6: The form which a trust may take.

Approved.

CLAUSE 7: Property which may be held in trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 8: The proper law and the power to change the proper.

Approved.

CLAUSE 9: Matters determined by the Law.

Approved.

CLAUSE 10: Validity and enforceability of a trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 11: Jurisdiction of the Court.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail**

CLAUSE 12: Fraudulent trust or disposition.

Approved.

CLAUSE 13: Unenforceable foreign claim or judgment.

Approved.

CLAUSE 14: Duration of a trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 15: Power of the accumulation of income and of advancement.

Approved.

CLAUSE 16: Who may be beneficiaries and the identification of them.

Approved.

CLAUSE 17: Powers to add to and remove from the beneficiaries and to create excluded persons.

Approved.

CLAUSE 18: Disclaimer.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail**

CLAUSE 19: Class interest.

Approved.

CLAUSE 20: Interest of a beneficiary and dealing with such interest.

Approved.

CLAUSE 21: Protector.

Approved.

CLAUSE 22: Enforcer.

Approved.

CLAUSE 23: Number of trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 24: Appointment of trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 25: Acceptance of trusteeship.

Approved.

CLAUSE 26: Vacancy in trusteeship.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail

CLAUSE 27: Resignation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 28: The position of the outgoing trustee.

Approved.

CLAUSE 29: Duties of trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 30: Duty to exercise care and skill.

Approved.

CLAUSE 31: Power of investment.

Approved.

CLAUSE 32: Agents.

Approved.

CLAUSE 33: Nominees and custodians.

Approved.

CLAUSE 34: Terms of appointment of nominees and custodians.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail

CLAUSE 35: Review of agents, nominees and custodians and liability for the appointment of them.

Approved.

CLAUSE 36: Effect of trustees exceeding their powers.

Approved.

CLAUSE 37: Sole trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 38: Restriction or exclusion of the powers conferred by sections 32 to 36 and by sections 40 to 42.

Approved.

CLAUSE 39: Existing trusts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 40: Trustees remunerations and expenses.

Approved.

CLAUSE 41: Remuneration and expenses of agents, nominees and custodians.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail

CLAUSE 42: Insurance.

Approved.

CLAUSE 43: Letters or memorandum of wishes.

Approved.

CLAUSE 44: Corporate trustee may act by resolution.

Approved.

CLAUSE 45: Reserved powers to a settler.

Approved.

CLAUSE 46: Reserved powers to a protector.

Approved.

CLAUSE 47: Prescribed directions.

Approved.

CLAUSE 48: Samoan International Special Trust Arrangement

Approved.

CLAUSE 49: Interpretation.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 50: Primary purpose of section 51.

Approved.

CLAUSE 51: Designated shares.

Approved.

CLAUSE 52: Trustees duties in relation to designated shares.

Approved.

CLASUE 53: Restrictions on trustee's powers.

Approved.

CLAUSE 54: Provisions relating to directors.

Approved.

CLAUSE 55: Intervention by trustee in management in prescribed circumstances.

Approved.

CLAUSE 56: Power to dispose of designated shares.

Approved.

CLAUSE 57: Enforcement.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
- consideration in detail

CLAUSE 58: Power of Court to order disposal.

Approved.

CLAUSE 59: Beneficiaries not entitled.

Approved.

CLAUSE 60: Disqualification of trustee as a director.

Approved.

CLAUSE 61: Ascertaining wishes of settlor.

Approved.

CLAUSE 62: Limitation of trustee's duties.

Approved.

CLAUSE 63: Combination of a trust with a limited partnership.

Approved.

CLAUSE 64: Protective trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 65: Charitable trust.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 66: Purpose trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 67: Trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 68: Limitation on trustee’s liability – exculpation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 69: Beneficiary’s consent, release or ratification.

Approved.

CLAUSE 70: Prevention of breach of trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 71: Remedies for breach of trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 72: Damages in absence of breach of trust.

Approved.

CLAUSE 73: Protector.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 74: Enforcer.

Approved.

CLAUSE 75: Variation and revocation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 76: Failure or lapse of interest.

Approved.

CLAUSE 77: Termination.

Approved.

CLAUSE 78: Migration.

Approved.

CLAUSE 79: Foreign Trusts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 80: Confidentiality and providing information.

Approved.

CLAUSE 81: Application to and powers of the Court.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

Trusts Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

CLAUSE 82: Payment of cost.

Approved.

CLAUSE 83: Nature of trustee's interest.

Approved.

CLAUSE 84: Following trust property.

Approved.

CLAUSE 85: Bankruptcy of trustees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 86: Protection for persons dealing with trustee.

Approved.

CLAUSE 87: Limitation and prescription.

Approved.

CLAUSE 88: Constructive trusts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 89: Regulations.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Trusts Bill 2014
– third reading**

CLAUSE 90: Consequential amendments.

Approved.

CLAUSE 91: Repeal, transitional and saving.

Approved.

SCHEDULE:

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Trusts Bill 2014.

Approved.

The Trusts Bill proceeded without amendments.

**TRUSTS BILL 2014
– third reading**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to the Certificate of Urgency signed by his Highness the Le Ao o le Malo upon the bill, the Legislative Assembly will now read the bill for the third time.

I call upon the Minister of Finance.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Mr Speaker I moved, *That the Trusts Bill 2014 be read a third time.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Revenue and Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

Motion approved and the bill was read a third time and passed by the Legislative Assembly.

20 MARCH 2014

INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL 2014
– consideration in detail

MR SPEAKER: Based on the Certificate of Urgency signed by O Le Ao o le Malo the Assembly therefore will consider the Bill in detail.
Pursuant to Standing Order 102 in detail consideration starts with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Sections 39 and 39A substituted.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Section 113 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 4: Repeal and consequential amendments.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short Title and commencement.

TITLE: International Companies Amendment Bill 2014.

Approved.

The International Companies Amendment Bill 2014 proceeded without Amendments.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL 2014
– third reading

MR SPEAKER: Based on the Certificate of Urgency signed by the O Le Ao o le Malo the Assembly will therefore read the bill a third time. I call upon the Minister of Finance.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Mr Speaker I moved, *That the International Companies Amendment Bill 2014 be read a third time.*

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Apprenticeship Bill 2014
– consideration in detail

Seconded by Minister of Revenue and Minister of Communications, Information Technology.

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

APPRENTICESHIP BILL 2014
- consideration in detail

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Assembly must first approve the Committee report to make the bill available for consideration into detail. I call upon the chairman of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Chairman of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee): Mr Speaker and respectable members of the House I moved, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Committee report to allow the Apprenticeship Bill 2013 to progress with corrections and Amendments.*

Seconded by the member for Palauli.

Motion approved.

MR SPEAKER: I declare that this Assembly has approved the Works, Transport and Environment Committee report on the Apprenticeship Bill 2013. The Assembly will consider the Apprenticeship Bill 2013 in detail. Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail of the bill begins with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Act binds the government.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 4: Establishment of the Council.

MR SPEAKER: There is an amendment by the Committee in Clause 4 (2) (g) as shown in the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon the chairman of the Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move an amendment to Clause 4(2) (g) as follows:

“AMENDMENT:

To omit the old (g) and substitute thereby the new (g) that reads:-

“(g) one (1) member who is a person who holds a Samoa Apprenticeship Certificate to represent employees from the apprenticeship trades.”

Amendment approved.

Clause 4 approved together with amendment.

CLAUSE 5: Co-opted members of the Council.

Approved.

CLAUSE 6: Vacancies.

Approved.

CLAUSE 7: Meetings of the Council.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 8: Fees and allowances.

Approved.

CLAUSE 9: Functions of the Council.

Approved.

CLAUSE 10: Powers of the Council.

MR SPEAKER: The Committee has an amendment on Clause 10(3) as shown in the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon the chairman of the Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move an amendment on Clause 10(3) as follows:-

“AMENDMENT:

To omit the words “a tribunal” and substitute thereby the words “the Council” thus sub clause (3) reads:

“(3) Subject to subsection (4) any person who after being summoned or ordered to appear before the council or to produce any books, papers, writings, or documents to the Council and:”

Amendment approved.

Clause 10 approved as amended.

CLAUSE 11: Inspection powers of Chief Executive Officer.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 12: Declaration of apprenticeable trade.

Approved.

CLAUSE 13: Power to make guidelines.

Approved.

CLAUSE 14: Matters for which guidelines may be made.

Approved.

CLAUSE 15: Panels of Trade Advisors.

Approved.

CLAUSE 16: Sub-committees.

Approved.

CLAUSE 17: Application for approval to employ apprentices.

CLAUSE 18: Admission to apprenticeship.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: What clause member for Faleata West?

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Clause 17 and 18 sir.

MR SPEAKER: Clause 17, states the power of the Minister to override or change a council decision. We must remember that the council includes the Chief Executive of the Ministry. Such is the question, the Minister and the CEO should work together. Does this specify a conflict of interest?

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**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

Clause 18 states that a person is only eligible to be an apprentice once they turn 18. For clarification your honor and respectable members of Parliament, most of the children nowadays are attending school at an early age that at University level, most have just turned 17. So why limit the age to 18, if no re-arrangement on the feasibility for those pursuing education in advance. Particularly students who have reached level 12 as stipulated in the bill. Majority of female educators are educated in advance considering their age 17 and 16. With all due respect.

You may take the floor Mr Chairman.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker, the queried matter by the member in clause 17 is clear in the principal act. The statement under the act provides that the Minister and the Chief Executive Officer consults in approving reports and employees, not the sole approval of the CEO nor the chairman. With respect.

Clause 18 as raised by the member is also stated in the bill, the required age is 18 as stated depending on their apprenticeship certificate and performance. With respect.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, if this is the Chairman's response, I am satisfied, but I needed clarification. But it does not affect me, although the bill should've been flexible according to the bill depending on the age of a person, and the relationship between the chairman and the Minister, but never mind, with due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that you should put your trust in the Minister and the Chief Executive officer in reviewing this matter as the chairman taken your concern.

Clause 17 and 18 approved.

CLAUSE 19: Medical examination of apprentices.

Approved.

CLAUSE 20: General obligations of employers.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 21: General obligations of apprentices.

Approved.

CLAUSE 22: Duties of employers to notify.

Approved.

CLAUSE 23 Records to be kept by employers.

Approved.

CLAUSE 24: Employers to provide information to the Council annually.

Approved.

CLAUSE 25: Samoa Apprenticeship Register.

Approved.

CLAUSE 26: Contracts of apprenticeship.

Approved.

CLAUSE 27: Extent to which contract is binding.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 28: Contracts to be filed for registration.

Approved.

CLAUSE 29: Contracts register and registration of contracts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 30: Issue of copies of contracts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 31: Tenure of contract.

Approved.

CLAUSE 32: Probation period.

Approved.

CLAUSE 33: Extension of contracts.

Approved.

MR SPEAKER: It looks like eyes are not heard within the House. Let us be patient for our orders for the day are nearly done.

CLAUSE 34: Reduction of period of contracts.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 35: Transfer of contracts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 36: Termination of contracts.

Approved.

CLAUSE 37: Apprentice to reimburse employer for fees paid.

Approved.

CLAUSE 38: Apprentices to be apprenticed with one employer.

Approved.

CLAUSE 39: Wages of apprentices.

Approved.

CLAUSE 40: Samoa Apprenticeship Certificate.

Approved.

CLAUSE 41: Other certificates.

Approved.

CLAUSE 42: Duplicate certificates.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 43: Offences relating to unauthorized use or dealing with a certificate.

Approved.

CLAUSE 44: Appeals.

Approved.

CLAUSE 45: Abandoned appeals.

Approved.

CLAUSE 46: Employer not to reduce wages, etc.

Approved.

CLAUSE 47: Offences.

Approved.

CLAUSE 48: Penalties.

Approved.

CLAUSE 49: Death of partner not to terminate apprenticeship.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Apprenticeship Bill 2014
- consideration in detail.**

CLAUSE 50: Winding up or material change in shareholding of Company.

Approved.

CLAUSE 51: Minister to determine fees and charges.

Approved.

CLAUSE 52: Council to approve forms.

Approved.

CLAUSE 53: Annual reports.

Approved.

CLAUSE 54: Disclosure of information.

Approved.

CLAUSE 55: Repeal.

Approved.

CLAUSE 56: Regulations.

Approved.

CLAUSE 57: Savings and transitional.

Approved.

20 MARCH 2014

**Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013
- consideration in detail**

SCHEDULE:

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Apprenticeship Bill 2013.

MR SPEAKER: There is a correction for Clause 1 as stated within the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon chairman of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move a correction on Clause 1 and title as follows:-

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute thereby the number “2014” thus the Bill reads:-

“Apprenticeship Act 2014.”

Correction Approved.

Clause 1 and Title approved as corrected.

The Apprenticeship Act 2014 progressed with the correction.

**LANDS, SURVEY AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL
2013 - consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Assembly must approve the Committee report to make the Lands, Survey and Environment Bill 2013 available for consideration in detail. I call upon the chairman of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee.

20 MARCH 2014

**Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013
- consideration in detail**

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move a motion that, *The Legislative Assembly approves the Committee report to allow the progress of the Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013 together with corrections and amendments.*

Seconded by one of the members for Individual Voters, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him and member for Palauli.

Motion approved.

MR SPEAKER: I now declare that this Assembly has approved the report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on the the Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013.

The Assembly will now consider the Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment bill 2013 in detail. Pursuant to Standing Orders 102, consideration in detail starts with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Valuation for calculation of renewal rent.

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

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you Mr Speaker. I note from clause 2 that I have request for the honorable Speaker upon the bill which has now been amended from the previous bill whether can it be referenced within the bill for understanding of members.

I have questioned the matter in relation to findings of the Committee. Under this clause it states that clause 7 will be removed. But under findings of the Committee it states that about 5% is given to those who renew licenses of 20 for year period. But according to clause 5% will be removed and negotiations will be undertaken between the leaser.

It is also stated that the hotel owners least has gone over millions. My question is what is the value of this 5% fee that will be omitted from the leasers?

Secondly why is the above arrangement executed when the small business enterprises owners which is below should be the ones to requiring assistance? Why consider the more stabled business owners as well as the removal of this 5% which is valued by government revenue allocation?

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well done. Mr Chairman please rise.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker with utmost respect to the question put forward by the member, government aims to develop the hotel developments but due to the high cost imposed by government for foreign investors who aim to build tourism businesses in the country.

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Such is the aim of the bill in removing this requirement by the Committee to allow consultations between the government and foreign investors on a attractive percentage rather than what is given in the bill. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I believe the member is now clear.

Clause 2 approved.

CLAUSE 3: Insertion of new provisions.

MR SPEAKER: There is an amendment by the Committee on Clause 3 according to the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon the chairman of the Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move an amendment to Clause 3 as follows:-

“AMENDMENT:

75”(3) *To omit the words “has the same meaning as in section 7A(1) of the Income Tax Act 1974” in sub-clause (3) and substitute thereby the words “means a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Hotel listed in Part B(2) of Schedule 2 of the Income Tax act 2012” thus (3) reads:-*

“(3) in this section “hotel” means a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Hotel listed in Part B(2) of Schedule 2 of the Income Tax Act 2012.”

Mr Speaker, the main reason for this amendment is based on the fact that the Income Tax Act 1974 mentioned in the bill has been repealed.

Amendment approved.

Amendments on Clause 3 approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013.

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**Unit Titles Amendment 2013
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MR SPEAKER: There are corrections by the Committee on the Clause and Title given in the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon the chairman.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move a correction on Clause 1 and Title as follows:-

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute the number “2014” to read:

Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Act 2014.”

With respect.

Correction approved.

Clause 1 and title corrections approved.

The Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Act 2014 progressed with Amendments and Corrections.

**UNIT TITLES AMENDMENT 2013
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Assembly must approve the Committee report to make the bill for consideration into detail. I call upon Chairman of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Committee Report to allow the Unit Titles Amendment 2013 Bill to progress together with corrections.*

Seconded by member for Palauli, member for Aiga i le Tai and member for Vaa o Fonoti.

Motion approved.

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**Unit Titles Amendment 2013
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MR SPEAKER: I announce that the Assembly has approved the Works, Transport and Environment Committee Report on the Unit Titles Amendment Bill 2013. The Assembly will now consider the Unit Titles Amendment Bill 2013 in detail.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail of the bill begins with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Long title amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Section 2 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 4: Section 5 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 5: Section 6 substituted.

Approved.

CLAUSE 6: Section 7 substituted.

Approved.

CLAUSE 7: Section 8 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 8: Section 9 amended.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 9: Section 10 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 10: Section 11 substituted.

Approved.

CLAUSE 11: Section 12 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 12: Section 14 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 13: Section 20 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 14: Section 21 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 15: Section 22 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 16: Section 23 repealed.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 17: Section 32 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 18: Section 34 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 19: Section 40 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 20: Section 41 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 21: Section 42 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 22: Section 48 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 23: Section 49 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 24: Sections 50, 52 and 54 amended.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 25: Section 57 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 26: Section 58 repealed.

Approved.

CLAUSE 27: Consequential amendment.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Unit Titles Amendment Bill 2013.

MR SPEAKER: There are corrections by the Committee on Clause 1 and Title according to the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon Chairman of the Committee.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker and respectable members of the House, I move with respect a motion for correction to Clause 1 and title as follows:

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute the number “2014” thus the name of the Act reads:-

“Unit Titles Amendment Act 2014.”

With respect.

Correction Approved.

Clause 1 and Title corrections approved.

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The Unit Titles Amendment Act 2014 proceeded with Corrections.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2013
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Assembly must approve the Committee report on the Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2013 for consideration into detail. I call upon the chairman of the Education, Science, Communications and Information Technology Committee.

I find that the Chairman is absent. Who is the vice chairman of this committee? One of the members for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua. Who is the Vice chairman? I call upon the vice chairman the member for Aiga I le Tai to move a motion for this bill.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Vice Chairman, Education, Science, Communications and Information Technology Committee): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That this Assembly approves the Committee report to allow the progress of the Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2013 together with corrections.*

Seconded by member for Palauli, member for Falelatai and Samatau, member for Sagaga le Falefa and member for Alataua West.

MR SPEAKER: I wish to advise Parliament that the Chairman has requested leave today for he has the pink eye disease. He is a very obedient chairman according to instructions from..such is the instruction to all those affected by this disease, whoever is affected should stay home and rest. Next week is another week of proceedings hence it is best to take precautions for the betterment of our proceedings as per usual.

Motion approved.

MR SPEAKER: I now announce that the Assembly has approved the report of the Education, Science, Communications to be in line with the Information Technology Committee on the Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2013. The Assembly will now consider the Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2013 into detail.

In accordance with the Standing Order 102, consideration in detail of the bill begins with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 3: Objectives of this Act.

Approved.

CLAUSE 4: Responsibilities, functions and powers of the Regulator.

Approved.

CLAUSE 5: Office of the Regulator.

Approved.

CLAUSE 6: Appeal of orders of the Regulator to the Telecommunications Tribunal.

Approved.

CLAUSE 7: Other tribunal members.

Approved.

CLAUSE 8: Tribunal proceedings.

Approved.

CLAUSE 9: Tribunal decisions.

Approved.

CLAUSE 10: Appeal shall bar litigation.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 11: Customer complaints.

Approved.

CLAUSE 12: Service provider disputes.

Approved.

CLAUSE 13: Customer disputes.

Approved.

CLAUSE 14: Insertion of new provisions.

Approved.

CLAUSE 15: Alternative dispute resolution.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2013.

MR SPEAKER: There are corrections by the Committee upon the title and clause 1 as stated in the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon chairman of the Committee.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Mr Speaker I move a correction to Clause 1 as follows:

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute the number “2014” thus the name of the Act reads:-

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“Telecommunications Amendment Act 2014.”

Corrections approved.

Clause 1 and Title corrections approved.

The Telecommunications Amendment Act 2014 proceeded with Corrections.

**POLICE OFFENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2013
– consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Assembly must approve the Committee report to make the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013 available for consideration into detail. I call upon chairman of the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Chairman, Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee): Mr Speaker I moved, *That this Assembly approves the committee report to allow the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013 to progress together with corrections.*

Thank you.

Seconded by the member for Palauli, member for Falelatai and Samatau and member for Alataua West.

Motion approved.

MR SPEAKER: I now declare that this Assembly has approved the report of the Justice, Police & Prisons, Land & Titles Committee on the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2014. Therefore Parliament will now take the Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013 into detail consideration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail of the bill starts with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Repeal.

Approved.

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CLAUSE 3: Repeal Provisions.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013.

MR SPEAKER: There is correction made by Committee on Clause 1 and Title as shown in the Supplementary Order paper.

I call upon the chairman of the Committee.

Tofa TUSA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I move a correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute the number “2014” thus the name of the Act reads:-

“Police Offences Amendment Act 2014.”

Correction approved.

Clause 1 and Title corrections approved.

The Police Offences Amendment Act 2014 progressed with Corrections.

**TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AMENDMENT
BILL 2013 – consideration in detail**

MR SPEAKER: In accordance with the Standing Order 106, the Assembly must approve the Committee report to make the bill available for consideration into detail. I call upon the Chairman of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee.

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Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Chairman, Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That this Assembly approves the Committee report to allow the progress of the Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Bill 2013 together with corrections.*

With utmost respect.

Seconded by the member for Siumu.

Motion approved.

MR SPEAKER: I now declare that this Assembly has approved the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and the Labor Committees report on the Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Bill 2013. Parliament will now consider the Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Bill 2013 in detail. Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail starts with Clause 2.

CLAUSE 2: Section 5 amended.

Approved.

CLAUSE 3: Section 6 substituted.

Approved.

CLAUSE 4: Consequential amendment and transitional.

Approved.

CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:

CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.

TITLE: Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Bill 2013.

MR SPEAKER: There is a correction by the Committee to Clause 1 and Title given in the Supplementary Order paper. I call upon the Chairman of the Committee.

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Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Mr Speaker, I move a correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

“CORRECTION:

To omit the number “2013” and substitute thereby the number “2014” thus the Title reads:

“Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Act 2014.”

With respect, thank you.

Correction approved.

Clause 1 and Title corrections approved.

The Trade, Commerce and Industry Amendment Act 2014 now progressed with Corrections.

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached the final part of our orders for today, I thought we will finish at 1.00pm pursuant to our sitting schedule. Although due to your quick ayes responses I believe we have concluded earlier. I believe it is best to find strength as there are still members who are not complying with our orders. Hence I shall not issue any ruling as that is for you to decide, next week will be another week of sittings until all our reports and bills are completed. That is the motion for today.

And with great respect I give my utmost gratitude to all respectable members of the House. I believe we have now concluded our orders for this week given that there are several other businesses that will be engaged by the **government especially respectable members.**

There is expectation that there will be a group travelling to Savaii to achieve other governmental matters that have taken previous years’ consultations and are yet to be attained.

It is with respect that I convey my utmost gratitude to all respectable members of the House, the Hon Prime Minister, deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Leader of Opposition, I believe you have paid much attention to our work today regardless of your unwell condition in spirit, mind and soul nevertheless, you have chosen our work.

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Thank you for that is what a leader is all about, you do not abandon your fellow team by participating with us today. Whatever we had today, the leader of the country has also been given time to rest, that is how it's done. Whoever wishes to take a break and regain strength, we shall meet again in good health. As for today, I wish to thank you all.

I cannot forget the support of our country, Samoa your Parliament has now reached the conclusion of its work this week but there is belief that we shall ensue next week. Thank you for your support and prayers starting from the highest to the least, to all the respectable high chiefs and orators, women and the whole of Samoa in all its honorific salutations, I am gratified for your never ending support to your Parliament.

And to our preachers as heard this morning, this Parliament does not overlook anything including my prayer, whatever is covered, the main thing if being filled with the Holy spirit when you pray secretly. One must pray for everyone not just one person,

With utmost respect, thank you to the House and we shall meet again soon – in good health and spirit.

I give the opportunity to the deputy Prime Minister to move a motion for next week's proceedings.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: Mr Speaker before I move a motion, I wish to convey sincere thanks to your honor for managing our proceedings this week, well done. We have achieved so much for the benefit of our country.

I also extend appreciation to that side of the House, we have reached this week in good spirit, commencing from Tuesday and night sittings this whole week, may God be glorified for his everlasting protection.

Also may God bestow the Hon Prime Minister good health.

May the support of our country be blessed from highest mountain to the lowest.

As for the prayers of Gods servants, thank you kindly for your generous support.

Therefore Mr Speaker I say this with respect, I move a motion, *That proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be adjourned until Monday, 24th March 2014, at 9.00 in the morning.*

That is the motion honorable Speaker.

Seconded by Minister of Communications and Information Technology and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

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MR SPEAKER: Before we adjourn, I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3 to conclude our sitting with a prayer with respect.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 12.35 in the afternoon until 9.00am Monday, 24th March 2014.

MONDAY, 24th MARCH 2014

Mr Speaker took the chair at 9.00 am.

Prayers.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: We are grateful this new morning as the House has risen in good health and spirit. Whilst resting towards the end of the week, I believe we have returned blissfully due to Gods merciful love and kindness. I have noticed that everyone are in good spirits and are determined to carry out the orders of the day as per normal Parliamentary schedule.

Greetings to the respectable members of the House this morning. I believe everyone is well aware of the absence of the father of the country who is seeking better health. There is belief the House is not without favor as we are in the presence of the Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers, Cabinet and Associate Ministers, and this side of the House, Hon leader of Opposition and the dignity of members of the House. I humbly greet you all as we are about to embark with our normal proceedings of the day.

We have our set program for the day hence nothing will be changed, except some slight amendments which is appropriate and for the better. As noted in this program, one of the main objectives is to remove much of the reports as well as legislations that must be in place in order for government to execute its tasks. I rule that we must not holdup. These reports must be reported back to the Assembly after three months to avoid accumulation given the 70 current reports. It is a tiring process to review and assess them all but I need your support and patience.

The main objective is to achieve Parliament plans scheduled in the Order Paper particularly the arrangements between the Leader of the Government and the Deputy Prime Minister to resume as per business order.

I pray with utmost respect given the eye disease spread in the country. This has been in discussion the whole of last week. Clearly, prevention is better than cure. Therefore I plea that if you are infected you should not be here as you will greatly affect the others postponing our sitting until a later date. This is witnessed in the absence of the leader of the country hence it is best to comply. Once the doctor gives instructions, we must adhere to rejuvenate strength.

Therefore I humbly request that if anyone is infected with the pink eye disease, I beg tolerance, you must seek better health before proceeding with our business in Parliament.