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*The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:17am in accordance to Standing Order 27(1).*

Prayer.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I announce the commencement of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Well firstly, I wish to welcome this fine morning the respected members of the House, with the presence of the Hon Prime Minister, the Cabinet and Associate Ministers. With this side of the House, I greet the honorable Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committee and appointed Members. We have witnessed the magnificent works of God; a new day has arrived with His glorious love upon us to resume our works. I trust blessings has filled this dignified Parliament. Such as the uttering words by the Nuutele and Nuulua, as God Almighty has brought everyone here in good health and strength upon this new day to continue our proceedings.

With that, we glorify Him, the God that Samoa is founded upon, and therefore, we shall pursue the best for Him. On this thought, may His love be upon our proceeding today. I would also like to greet the respectful rise of the general public in your support and watch, greetings and welcome. Bear with us as your Parliament embarks to its Sitting today.

Before we adjourned the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon Minister of Work Transport and Infrastructure was finishing off his speech last night. As such, with respect I call upon the Hon Minister to continue and conclude his remarks this morning.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure):** I would like to convey my acknowledgement to the honorable Speaker for the opportunity given to conclude my remarks, as I had tried to complete it last night, however it may be God's desire to complete it, 2 days and 2 nights to resume my speech.

Regardless as I have already stated, these are just a few matters to finish off my speech today.

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So, I would also like to also acknowledge and praise God this morning. We shall rejoice and praise the Father Almighty for his love and kindness for we have gained yet another day with good health and guidance.

Before I continue on, I would like to convey my apologies to my 3 Associates, I had missed out last night, no not intentionally, but missing out because of a mixed up with papers. With that I apologize to the shipping Company, the Samoa Shipping Corporations as well as the Samoa Shipping Services, and our Company known as the Pacific Forum Line, but it does matter as I have given fortuity by the honorable Speaker to resume my speech this morning, praise God. I had also missed out on my statement on seawalls, as stated by Lauili and the Member for Safata, based on Government policies. The only seawalls that the Land and Transport Authority are able to assist, are the seawalls that are quite affected thus destroying the roads as these are assets that are looked after by the Land Transport Authority, traffic roads, because your requests are not included in the list of seawalls that are affecting the main roads. However, there will be a change in policies, as funding will no longer be received from the grants going through the Ministry of Natural and Environment to implement these infrastructures. Your request is not undermined, as it was also raised by the Hon Prime Minster, and so the Government is looking at ways to find financial assistance to complete it, given the impacts upon your environment and village communities.

Mr Speaker the workload implemented by the Samoa Shipping Corporation, for this Parliament Term 2016-2021, the renovation of the location for lands and vehicles and car parks in Salelologa. The upgrading of the bus station at Mulifanua, the major work on excavating the passageway at Mulifanua is now completed.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg pardon Hon Minister while I call upon the Member from Anoamaa East.

**Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu (Anoamaa East):** Mr Speaker, well because the speech of the Hon Minister has set sail. Praise God for we give our gratitude this morning given our gathering and relationship with God and our respect before Him through the prayer delivered by the honorable Speaker. There are a few matters stated by the Hon Minister like the seawall areas, well perhaps the Hon Minister has forgotten he stated in his speech the other day the seawalls in Falefa. I shall lay it before you Hon Minister.

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Now that it has been stated that it is only Laulii and Saanapu, yet it seems that the Hon Minister has missed out on.... While for me I live around Vaitele area, where I currently reside. It was mentioned by the Hon Minister the development of the wharf, a Governments project. The Members here are true although they reside in the back districts, but they do live here. I strongly support the intended developments, not only for the growth of Samoa, but also benefits for the neighboring areas of Vaitele, Vaitele-uta, Vaitele-fou, Aele and Faleula. These are all the villages that are going to benefit from this and not just Vaiusu, we should extend the availability of these developments for the prosperity of our people.

Hon Minister, just this small comment Mr Speaker, it has been stated that there are numerous funds for repairing generators that are in Lalomauga, and to increase capacity of electricity extracted from Lalomauga. Well, just to set it aside you that EPC vehicles are easily damaged due to the state of roads towards Lalomauga your honour, for just a kilometer and a half to repair our village roads. With respect. Bless our Proceeding.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I allow the Hon Minister.

**Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong (Urban Seat West):** Mr Speaker, please is there a chance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the Minister as I grant the chance to the member of the Urban West.

**Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong:** Very well, this morning, I would like to acknowledge you Mr Speaker, as well as the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and the dignified Cabinet. I apologize the state of this morning, according to discussions about the wharf at Vaiusu. But I wish to record an opposing thought regarding the state of this development. I wholly do not recognize a wharf in Vaiusu, or the Vaiusu bay or the entire Faleata. With an eager spirit, the Government aims to generate revenues from this development, however our district relies on food from fishing in order to survive.

That is the additional concern at this hour. Bless our Sitting.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Gagaifomauga No.3):** Mr speaker to save the Minister's time, I wish to get a chance please.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I allow the member for Gagaifomauga No.3.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Thank you. I talk with respect your Hon Minister, in relation to emergency situations. The thoughts conveyed are from the Reverends from the islands of Manono as we had visited the island. Please, when we got there, water was cut for the past 3 weeks.

Please if you could have a look at this matter Hon Minister. We had noted it down as this appeal was given to us directly.

Secondly is the island of Apolima, the power comes on every three or four hours. Such are the requests put forth with due respect your honour.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I apologize to the dignified member, bear with us Hon Member the Chair does not allow any new thoughts you did not clarify.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Your honour, the urgent matter was delivered to us yesterday.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I get it. I believe you are not allowed to state anything new you did not mention during your main speech.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** I am aware as I did not say it. Mr Speaker I did speak as I did not stated it in my speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Are you aware of what I am saying. Please sit down. I call upon the Hon Minister of Work to continue with his speech.

**Afioga Aliimalemanu Alofa Tuuau (Alataua West):** Mr Speaker can I get a chance please.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the Hon Minister as I allow the member for Alataua West.

**Afioga Aliimalemanu Alofa Tuuau:** Thank you. While we are on the wharf matter in Vaiusu, that is to why I stood up.

My question your Hon Minister, long term plans or plans from the long-term vision which mentioned \$100 million donated by China, is it a loan or a gift which is otherwise known as grant? That is my question? So for this fund, was it our request or did China gave it to us? Thank you for the opportunity.

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**DEPUTY MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister to clarify on the stated comments.

I beg the pardon of the respected members upstanding, for the decision of the Chair has been made. Well, now I give the chance to the Hon Minister to answer respond to...

**Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouou Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu:** No a point of order to the member that had.... It seems like his comments on the wharf are directed at me, but this was the subject that was discussed last night by the Hon Minister, and reason why we gave our thoughts. Yet he seems to be directing it to me as if though I was the one who had raised the.....no, the topic was raised by the Hon Minister last night, but since the member was not present last night. With due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well it does not matter, as the Chair has made its decision, now that the Hon Minister will comment according to statements made in the House...

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena (Faasaleleaga No.4):** Mr Speaker, since it was a matter, I had...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the Hon Minister as I allow the dignified Member for Faasaleleaga No.4. The matter I had raised before it was...

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena:** Thank you for the opportunity. Now that I have gotten the opportunity with reference to the matter that had been stated by the Hon Member on roads to the standby generator in Lalomauga. But this is one topic I had raised, as it was mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister in future developments of the Government in town, as improvement works will be done with road developments in the future.

My advice to the Hon Minister, if possible for the Ministry to look into it, if this might be the appropriate time to implement awareness, as majority of the people are currently settling in this area, they are also receiving the long term plans of the Government, and now it has been realized, there are other plans that will be developed.

These are mere suggestions, just to advise the Hon Minister, should we notify the country, now that the Government is anticipating to meter the height of these roads in the future, so that they can work accordingly.

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If you look at it Mr Speaker, there are 3 houses that had their foundations lifted, it is remarkable. That includes the Lucky Foodtown, the Maali beside the Western Union, and Amau. It is very nice, the foundations of these buildings are beyond meters, and perhaps they had done it with caution according to the speech by the Hon Prime Minister

Those are a few comments Mr Speaker, with due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, I have noted. With that I would...

**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki (Aiga i le Tai):** Mr Speaker, please just a slight chance, not only of what had been mentioned with the speech of this Member...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, I will allow a chance to the respected member for Aiga le Tai, lest we are biased towards other members. However, I believe that the clarifications of the Hon Minister last night were made clear. But do go ahead.

**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I would like to attach thoughts and praises to the communal service you have uttered Mr Speaker. Praise God as we have gathered here in good strength like the saying to Leutogitupaitea, you have seen here, and I have looked at you. Thank you for this morning.

Regarding seawall areas, this is one important element to the speech of this constituency ever since I came here. I specifically refer to the seawall areas of our Manono-tai island. As we have witnessed the effects of the surrounding area of the island due to damaged seawall areas that have been much affected entirely. I have also spoke about it in my resigning speech. So just reminding you Hon Minister and for the sake of my constituency and village, lest they think that I am sitting around here in the House.

There is a belief, now that Government policies are now in place, and there is the delay in the progress of our works, regardless it is all about obeying you Hon Minister. Because the truth is, these were some of the areas that had caused tensions in the House yesterday. Before I had finished my remarks yesterday given that some people were not being careful with crossing other members' district and villages. By the look of it, I was still here. The comment given by another member is correct as relayed to him by one of the Reverends during their gathering on this water.

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The reason why the pastor was talking about this matter, was because the reason for the heavy rainfall today, is the answer towards our prayers because there was no water. However, for the time being Mr Speaker so now you know and so as my village and constituency, the Water Authority is working on it now, they are not resting, I have talked with them for almost the tenth time Mr Chairperson and those that are affiliated with such duties.

When you look at it, when we talk about the water in Manono no other could compare to the water here at Manono as it extends towards the sea area. This is no easy job faced by the Executive. They are not resting as they are moving, they are working. And also the village and community are also attempting to offer their service to those fishing in the ocean. Because when you look at it whenever there is bad weather, the shoreline gets blurry and swirls due to strong waves, and no wise person is able to find the cause of the leak underneath.

On that note, the member is talking about its own environment where he grew up in it as, so he understands it. However it saddens me for putting forth this matter, when I am here. The reason for saying this is, let no authority of the day cross the authority of the night. The member for Aiga le Tai is sitting aback and is not resting. This member I say to you, is aware of everything else in this village and there is no.... Even with dead lights in the street, they are being reported by this member. The Electric Power Corporation is listening in. Man, because it sores the ears, because I tend to visit and check the roads in the rural area and...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Some advice to the Member speaking, you are taking up the time of our Proceeding with bringing up new subjects.

**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki:** Well, Mr Speaker, these are the few subjects that requires emphasis for the knowledge of those that....

With regards to seawall areas and reason for the explanation...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The only subjects you are allowed to speak on is the raising matters you have discussed in your speech, as that is our Standing Order.

**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki:** It was also stated that the village is always carrying out its work, for almost every Monday of every month, and the men would take the rocks to build this seawall areas Mr Speaker. Yes. Such is the emphasis of my speech, because it is given in the manifesto of this Party who said that they will build the seawall areas.

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But it saddens me Mr Speaker, I had spoken in 2018 about seawall areas, and I was very saddened with the response from the Sao Faapito during her time as the Minister of Environment. She said, it seemed that I was the other Minister of Works given your speeches on seawall areas. But the question is, who do we talk to then? When they have gone ahead and announced to my village, the seawall areas will be implemented. But I did address it to her however she said that she is not the Minister of Works when the Minister of Environment is faced with these matters. As such Hon Prime Minister, there are policies...

**DEPUTY MR SPEAKER:** Well, now we understand, the House has noted your thoughts. The Constituency is listening in. I beg tolerance to the member to please stop stretching back our Proceedings. The floor is for the Hon Minister.

I appease the respected member standing, our Proceeding is prolonging, and we shall move on to our Standing Order, there is no need for new topics. If so, you did not discuss it during your main speech, I will not allow it. Opportunity for the Hon Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister):** Mr Speaker, since general policies of the State is now being discussed, this is why I rise to a point of clarification to further provide assistance and support to the speech of the Hon Minister.

Regarding seawall areas, there are seawall areas that are funded by foreign countries in accordance with the terms of foreign countries. While there are other seawall areas that can be funded by our own funds. Here, we use common sense. It uses the foresight of the Cabinet. The Minister has stated that will be funding these projects, and he has also stated how they will be implemented. So when it comes Government funding, we use common sense, farsightedness. There is a saying by the country said to the wise, such is the foresight of the wise. With that I can therefore say, to be clear and direct, a thought that is avoided is the thought of a fool. This Government is not driven by the thoughts of the fool, it is based on wise thinking. We therefore cannot seek achieve policies for foreign aid, when we can implement using our own funds, where we have freedom. Such is the general policy in response to the darkness we are constantly receiving.

Other policies on subjects affecting the constituencies, that is the sole responsibility of the member itself, it is also the main responsibility of the village mayor, but no spirit/ghost of another village should come and talk matters pertaining to another village. What does that mean?



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It showcases wanting to be good, it seems like it is tarnishing the work of the member who is at the helm of the district. Those are the Government policies; it is constructed from common sense. You come and talk about subjects of your own constituency. What will your constituency think? You are quarrelling with other peoples' matters, affiliating with here and there, what about of what is within your locality where you were appointed into? That is wanting to be generous. Why pursue promises with other members' constituencies? That is why disputes occur.

Another policy. If a light is problematic, the member or the Government representative to put forth as three, not only the woman representative, male representative, and the member. So these three can raise this matter to the Government. They take it here to manage it. When given, that is the duty of the Electric Power Corporation, to pursue and fixed the light of a certain village, or water too. Mr Speaker, the reason for disputes within the House, is because other people are affiliating with other people's businesses.

Mr Speaker, with the state of the environment, before conducting a development, the environment is carefully assessed, and layout the status for each development. For the wharf that is to be conducted here at Vaiusu, the mangroves will not be affected, it is not affected. As the saying goes, look before you leap. Before you jump, look forth if there is a gap or hollow incase when you jump and die. Why? Because there is no perspicacity. All things are based on consciousness, Such is the assistance put forth. For policies based on foresight, the far sight of what? That is the foresight of the wise. Blessed Proceedings.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I believe that the Head of the Government has articulated, and that will be the conclusion of this subject. I appease the upstanding member; I have made the decision. Your name was not mentioned, please member, there is nothing for you to discuss, as your name was not mentioned.

**Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong (Urban West):** I attempted to convey gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister, as the Hon Minister is entirely correct. Members should not interfere with other members. As such I was expressing gratefulness, but do not interfere with our constituency. Thank you very much.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the Member is a little too mischief with your instruction. He is violating the proceeding. Please deepen your foresight. He is breaching the Sitting.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the member but do sit down.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** I beg tolerance Mr Speaker, give us an opportunity... as hearing the words of this morning it is a metaphor.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Chair is also requesting. I ask that you sit down while the Chair gives an explanation...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, I beg you your honour, give us a chance. We are pleading for a chance. We do not accept these words, please.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Take your seat.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Please Nafaitoa grant us a chance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It seems like the Chair is being told to and instructed. Due to your insufficient self-control and disrespecting the advice I gave.

With that, I beg tolerance to all members wanting to speak. Now that the discussion by the Government on subjects are entirely clear. So, I will not give fortuity as it will prolong our Proceedings. That being said, Hon Minister, I suggest the subject is over, it is best that we move on to other matters. In addition, there is no need for you to mention it again, you have already talked about it last night. It does not matter if the Hon Member did not attend, do not discuss it again. That is the request. Please move on and conclude with speech, we do not have much time. With respect.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, please I beg tolerance to you. This is an emergency and reason for putting forth this matter. For 3 weeks the water was out, it is not for something else. 3 weeks and no water in Manono, that is the message.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Chair is disturbed; those are acts of disrespect.

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**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki:** You are way too interfering, you go ahead and request your constituency, but do not interfere... the member is doing his work.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the respected member for Aiga I le Tai, please take your seat.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** I wish to conclude my remarks, there are 3 days...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Please consider some advice by the Chair, as I am in state of being patient. Holding on to each ends the notable Parliament by the Chair, because if I reach into other matters, then we will bear difficulty. I ask all the respected members, to uphold that respect. With continuous disorder upon the Chair, that is what we call, contempt of Parliament. I did not want to speak English this morning, and you also are aware of my background. The game of the man. As such I beg lenience to the members, do bear patience. I am still here to manage your thoughts. I call upon the Hon Minister to conclude his remarks.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Thank you Mr Speaker. It is quite complicated to conclude Mr Speaker, given the many interferences. I have forgotten some of the advice and suggestions that were given. But I thank that all is being recorded in my computer.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well do resume and do not mind. Continue your discussion and please conclude.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Now that these have been just recognized, unnecessary thoughts as they are unfitting. With the comment of this young member, he is raising his own thoughts, just himself based on his self-interest, when the thoughts of the constituency is being set aside. There have been many members of your constituency that have come to me, to acknowledge and appreciate this project here. But till now you are still rejecting. I had discussed these subjects last night, because you did not attend. There was also the topic raised by your leader Laauli.

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As for the water in Manono, that was cut off for 3 weeks. It was cut for 1 week only, and it is now fixed. And such statements were not proven, they were lies, and such is the correction I aim to put forth. I had also talked about the major project set out in the ocean at Manono, as the pipelines would run underneath the ocean. It was clarified accordingly to the preparation of the Samoa Water Authority. Yet here you are again, because you were not present last night, and raise again the matters that were discussed last night. That is what saddens me, because of the huge time spent last night to discuss these issues in detail yet again, you come again today and raise again these matters. Well I am sorry; I will not respond to your interjections.

The interception by Peseta, I assume this is one member that did not listen to our discussions last night. All these preparations were put forth together with the enforcement of the Law, so as to protect the marine life here, in the town area so as to prepare the construction of houses so as to obtain this height. But please go through the report of the Ministry of Work, as it indicates the requirements for building houses in the urban area.

Like the seawalls of my brother here from Falefa, there is a reason why I did not mention seawall. Because I had longed noted it down in my records, and such is important doing. But there is no use, for Parliament to say, I am being biased of our village, no, we have set aside our seawalls. When we get the funding, while the Land and Transport Authority is present, do please fix first the seawall areas of Falefa. As for these other matters your honour...

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West):** I beg tolerance to your will.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Minister is concluding his speech.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Because we have not yet come to what I had discussed please. Just one minute.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well I beg the pardon of the Hon Minister, while I allow the member for Faleata West.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Yes, please Hon Minister, I have submitted my by-three request, look your Hon, you are one member that lives here, in Vaitele. Almost every week there is a car accident in Vaitele at the 4 corners. With that I request to please consider stop signs for us, and most especially the cleanliness of roadside areas.

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It is true that some families do not approve of it, but something should be done about it, due to the rise in incidents happening in these parts of the country. With due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Chair supports the request here Hon Minister.

**Tofa Namulauulu Leota Sami Leota (Faasaleleaga No 2):** Mr Speaker an opportunity please.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is a matter you had raised before.

**Tofa Namulauulu Leota Sami Leota:** Yes your honor.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I give the chance to the respected member for Faasaleleaga No 2.

**Tofa Namulauulu Leota Sami Leota:** Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. Thank you, Hon Minister. I see that you will sail straight to the point. The body feels the essence of your impeccable speech from last night as well as this beautiful morning.

According to the word of God, who is happy be rejoice as so. Because the subjects that had been raised as of my first speech in this Parliamentary term. I acknowledge that you have endured. Because last night my constituency kept calling, as well as my village Tapueleele. I would convey my acknowledgements to Papalii and the Government, now that request has been accepted, especially our road at Sapapalii, that is now on the list of future developments of the Government. As it was mentioned by you Hon the state of the airport here at Maota. As it was told that there will be renovations. Just and advice your Hon, because you are the Minister of the Shipping Corporation. There are times that there would be 2 days obstruct of the shipping company due to cyclone. In consideration your honor as well as the Minister of our aircrafts, for these times, as most times shipping tends to hinder, as pursue so at the airport. If the aircraft is unavailable, just to bring over some of the people from Savaii to catch the time for work, as well in times of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. I am just putting it forth, if crossed so by your Hon together with the Minister of aircraft going forward. Thank you Papalii for the beautiful clarification.

**DEPUTY MR SPEAKER:** I have noted down you request Faasaleleaga No.2. I call upon the Hon Minister.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Thank you Hon Namulauulu for the advice. The advice given is important, because the statements is accurate, when the waves get tough the travelers passage is then cancelled. With that requires the collaborations of the Shipping Company and the Aircraft Company, so that aircrafts are made available, for a way to transport the people of the country that lives in Salafai. But your suggestions are noted, and the Shipping Company is also hearing this, as well as the Executive of the Aircraft Company, to please recognize these. When you hear that the vessels are retained, then you should be collaborating, so as to continue flights so that to pursue the transportations for the general public to Salafai. Yet I remind again the condition of our Proceedings, as I got towards the end of my speech, I had managed to answer all your requirements and suggestions. But it appears that the state of raising matter. While most of these suggestions, as I am unaware if I should reply to it. Because I am very respectful, as to why I should respond. But under our Standing Order, when the Minister has replied and there are no other interruptions then it is done. While these subjects that are rearing, are new, as of things that had been researched by Hon Members yesterday and grasped, yet the time was long passed for fortuity. It is just a suggestion and advice going forward.

Continuing on with the Shipping Company, I am not sure where I left off given the many interruptions. Another great development is widening of the passage in Mulifanua. It is completed, for the protection and safety of our Vessel the Lady Samoa III, as the channel is getting shallow. So this area is now improved. The lighthouses have now been repaired in Mulifanua and Salelologa. The changing of the MV Samoa Express to MV Samoa Express II, as it will land here during the weekend. For the purpose that it will more vessels necessary for traveling by Tumua and Pule in Savaii. This is the vessel that will be expected to arrive in the weekend, with that praise thy Almighty for these blessings for us. And all these vessels, are funded by the Shipping Company, not grants like other vessels that were funded by Japan, like the Lady Naomi.

Proposed plans for 2021-2026 is now planned by the Shipping Company, is measuring and dividing the land at Mulifanua, the new reclamation area you are aware. At the time, this is a huge reclamation for this property, to prepare for future plans to use this plan prepared by the Shipping Company. Fix chairs for heavy goods vehicles to Mulifanua and Salelologa so as to weigh the weight of heavy load truck carriers. To ensure the appropriateness of truck weighs delivered on our ships, for safety, so as to avoid any problem from occurring.

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Due to the heavy loads carried by these large trucks. The changed Lady Naomi vessel funded by Japan, is planned to be completed by the end of January 2023. The changing of the Fotu o Samoa by December 2024. To conduct a special assessment for the upgrading of the wharves in Mulifanua and Salelologa, the purpose is to fulfill this plan by December 2026.

With all honesty Mr Speaker, I have heard of FAST's illegal acts during their electoral campaign. They have announced, that when they come in, the ferry fares will be dropped. Perhaps these allegations are false, but for me, it is hard to pursue such act. Since the start of this Parliamentary term in 2016, I was requested by the Board of the Directors, that ferry prices should be raised. My advice to that was, even though there is less income received, due to high expenditure set aside for improving these vessels which are getting old. As all existing vessels are now going up to over 20 years old, and they are pricey. Certainly, the maintenance is quite expensive.

From here I suggested, to hold this to await the arrival of other vessels just to help with the state of maintenance, as they were quite old. And fares should have been raised during this time, as looking at the cash flow it is getting problematic due to too many expenses used for repairing our vessels that are quite old, but such is the advice to the announcements. Possibly they can pursue that if they take over administration. As of now whilst I am overseeing the Shipping Company, it is impossible for this to pursue. We must also rely on revenue earning, if possible, to continue... when ferry fares are lowered.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, since it is said that respect as our name is being stated they are spreading these matters in their campaigns please. Is it possible to get a chance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** This is why is not worthy to respond to unnecessary statements Hon Minister, you now upstand. I therefore cannot avoid it, as I must allow him. But I beg tolerance to the member interjecting, go ahead but keep it short.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Thank you. He is one person, but this is no unnecessary statement honorable Speaker, I beg of you. Samoa is listening, we did not announce such accusations as they are false. It is our manifesto and our clarification to Samoa, if we can gain your trust, we shall accomplish all these things, and we will show it to the country in a later time. But the essence about our false accusations. This is the thought of the Minister and the Executive alone.

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However, for our clarifications to Samoa, these are not made up. Samoa and your support, we have already indicated. We are prepared, for areas to allocate funding, and areas for this price drop. But please be mindful that our thoughts are indeed valuable. I myself am the Leader of the Party and we had delivered our message in a clarifying way. Such is the reason Mr Speaker, with respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I do not want to clarify the fallen curtain. I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Manifestos done outside, are all based on one thing. Written here, and vowing here, regardless they are lies. It is lying on the Bible. Who else would believe a word outside of this House? Mr Speaker, when you lie on the Bible, what other lies have you not done? Especially when the country is observing. With that, be heedful. Because the country is not entirely stupid. You be the judge of what you do inside this House. What other manifesto can be done outside, when the promise you made with your own hand placed on the Bible with the name you gave was a lie. This was the only member that had done twice his oath, ever since this Government was established in 1962. So from there, I plead you, stop submitting your promises here. Because no one trusts you anymore. Any further promises made outside, when you have already said it in here, with your name written here when your hand was placed on the Bible. Who else is going to believe?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the upstanding member, allow me to give clarification on this matter, as you have complained towards me.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Please Nafaitoa, I beg of you, and I plead you for a chance, yesterday is gone, it has passed. My whole name is Laaulialemalietoa, who possesses Laauli? It is Malietoa that is the entire purpose. Our village is in support.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, do you see this...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Hon Prime Minister, I beg of you my father. I beg tolerance to your will.



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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Two members have stood up together at the same time. That is not how our Meeting works. Laauli this does not need us to explain, everything you are stating is all clear.

My use of drop curtain in the back, is something that has not happened, as the talks are held outside, and the Government is standing in front, such is the meaning. It is therefore unrecognizable, let your will be done but the Government is at the helm at this time. I would have thought that you were someone with deep thoughts on this matter. *E le tau aoaia e le matapia le manaia.* With our bond, and with regards to titles, the records are clear. But what I refuse to do, to say is lest it offend one's will. But documents in this House are all clear, it is just Laauli. I do not have to say anything, as such, do try and bear some respect upon me as I am also respecting you. But that is the meaning of the saying that was used. It is not yet time to use it. With due respect. I call upon your honour.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East):** Mr Speaker, my query is short.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** What matter are you upstanding about.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** It is the same topic...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Minister is now elaborating, unless you are directing towards it. If it was not discussed in your main speech, then I beg tolerance to the member.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker, I had discussed policies and am directly querying you, do give a decision. We are now discussing name corrections, my question then Mr Speaker. Have you observed whether Tapunuu was sworn in inside this Parliament. I have seen the changes within the Bill, which belongs to the Government. It is said, I am Tapunuu Niko Lee Hang. Mr Speaker, do correct this part, there is no Minister named Tapunuu...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It has been done and the Office of the Electoral Commission has already been made aware, it is official. That is the essence.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker, he did not run in the Election with this name. Parliament is bearing witness to this and it is in records. It is witnessed and noted by the Parliament.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Do sit down.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** These allegations. The member is well aware of them, I did not use this name Tapunuu, not until the general elections.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker the changes to the amendments of the Bill are incorporated here. Here it is, I am Tapunuu Niko Lee Hang.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** It will be official when we have the general elections. I am unaware if you understand these matters. I myself believe; I am pursuing my name Papalii in this Sittng.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker I appeal to you that this signed Bill is not official, withdraw this, Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beseech the member, sit down. I allow the Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, please the Member is quite disrespectful, leave it to us as the Minister is speaking.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will not allow the question to put forth by Olo. This is our XVI Parliamentary Term. Perhaps it is clearly given in the statement of the Minister. The name you have stated, it will only be used during the general elections of 2021 when it is done. I implore the members I have said it, please consider the advice of the Chair. I call upon the respected member.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Well I do not blame the esteemed member. Perhaps he has given up on ways to remove me. The Bible says, if God dwells in you, the enemy will run out of snares through people like this. Despite their evil attempts God will always win. God's love is faithful upon His people. But these are the ways of the devil to destroy us. Do note Mr Speaker, these positions are callings from God, including us. As for your promises made, to come in and change the Government, I beg tolerance. It is God alone who can remove the leaders...

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker, we did not make this promise. It is the entire country that is making this promise, to change the Government, but not us.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** The impertinence has increased, when the approval has not been given.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg lenience to the member I did not allow you. You are beyond disrespectful. Olo, this is the first time to have me call your name. You are causing disorder, ask me first before I give you approval. Go ahead Hon Minister.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Point of order, I did not say Olo was a devil. The devil uses these good servants. I am not sure if good is still sustained or bad at this time. But that is my advice to the speaking member. Until Tapunuu is made official after the general elections.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg your pardon Hon Minister, do not sympathize your thoughts. Do not grudge, continue with your clarification, complete it and we shall move on to other statements. Do not mind it, the Chair has made its decision, to the statement of the respected member.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** I apologize Mr Speaker, it is almost 3 nights and 3 days for my speech due to interferences. The only interference I will accept, is the Hon Prime Minister. As he is helping out with what I am putting forth, because he fully understands, then all of us. For us we are young, we just came in yesterday. But the Hon Prime Minister, he is known inside Parliament, he understands any Law, he understands all your campaigns, you oppose us to defeat the Government. But I urge you, Laupua does not teach a lesson to Tamafaiga. They are the Leaders of the country, Leaders of the Government chosen by God. So despite your attempts to fail this Government, should God allow it to fall then it will befall. We will also accept it with gratitude, as we do follow the Word of God. But what you are doing now, is to defeat the HRPP, when that is not your job. Pray and repent, to defeat the HRPP. But it is not good to pray by going around and destroy the Government, as you will never gain anything from it.

Mr Speaker, I will conclude. It saddens me about the detrimental statements made against defaming people. As these allegations are unproven as stated by the family of the Hon Fiamé and the Hon Laauli, the Faatuatua i le Atua Samoa ua Tasi, FAST. And their roadshow that is blaming all the Ministers of the Cabinet that they own road contracts. Mr Speaker, it is really sad, with the English word, defamation of character. My suggestion Mr Speaker, if there is any proof of these statements, do bring forth evidence.

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I am well aware of contracts that are registered, as there is no Minister that operates any road contract. I therefore do not know where they come up with these serious accusations, defamation of character.... With that I pray Mr Speaker, if possible, to request the Leaders of this group, to provide evidence of these statements. Because this is no light matter, the country is now assuming that all Ministers are corrupt Ministers. So what should be done, we oppose, as we doing our job based on allegiance. With faith that the Lord is assisting us, to pursue the appointments we were called to do.

Mr Speaker, I would also advise the Hon Fiame and Laauli, to stop broadcasting your plans on pursuing to change the Government. This is just a thought to guide your weakness, the Government taking the helm today. It is led by the Hon Prime Minister, the Hon Tuilaepa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, I believe it is a calling from God Almighty. And it is only God who possesses these callings to the leaders of the country, and they can also be removed in accordance with His will. And not through our desires. My advice to your developing family, it is better to continue with your roadshow and change your motto, to come want to set forth a strong Opposition Side against the Government. Strong Opposition, as I solely trust, it is only God Almighty that can change a leader and Government he had chosen and called. The question is, what bad things has this Government done? Is there starvation in the country? Are they starving? Are they hungry? Are we falling ill? Another important role the Government is undertaking is protection which is a priority. There is even a closure in companies due to the fact that we must be protected from the virus. Our economy is in deep trouble nevertheless the Government has sacrificed all these things, for our protection. It is love for the country, by heeding protection from this deadly disease that is widely affecting all of us. Mr Speaker, we are all children of God. We are all aware of our callings from God. It is the attempt of a person before the Lord, our Supreme God in heaven to change the Government that was chosen by God.

Mr Speaker, *e le aoaia e le matapia le manaia* I am not trying to instruct anyone. It is just a Christian brotherly love I am offering. But for what I believe in, the devil can never take over the children of God, to destroy some of the developments and divine appointments through his callings, especially his blessing upon the Leaders that he had chosen because our country is founded especially our Government upon God.

Mr Speaker as of the scripture- Roman 8:31; “If God is for us who can be against me.”

With that I conclude my speech Mr Speaker...

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**Afioga Hon Lopao Natanielu Mua (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries):** Mr Speaker before we move...

**DEPUTY MR SPEAKER:** Well, I shall give the chance to the Hon Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Afioga Hon Lopao Natanielu Mua:** I rise with respect; a motion was moved by the Hon Minister of Work for a given proof of allegations on those contracts about all Ministers of Cabinet.

I second the motion Mr Speaker. With due respect.

**DEPUTY MR SPEAKER:** I appease the Hon Minister, now that the Minister is concluding his speech, so the Chair shall give a response. Please be patient, after this, a statement by the Chair will be given in relation to the requests submitted.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I had given some advice in an earlier time, it is only the Prime Minister's interruption that I am upstanding, but it would be good to have two even though it is not a motion, but it will be moved later. I appeal that I am nearly done. But if there are any further interruptions, even with my statement on 3 nights and 3 days for Iuli from Falefa to speak.

Mr Speaker, I have just been notified by the Head of Ministry and the Ministry that the parent of my Associate Minister has passed on, the Hon Seiuli o le Alo o le Malietoa.

Therefore, I would like to convey my condolences to the Afioga Seiuli, may you and your family continue to receive comfort from God as you grieve the loss of the Father of the family due to God's holy calling. I noticed that side of the House is filled with people from your Road Administration, LTA, and I believe that there is some good news, but I will not reveal it. But we will talk in due time about what happened to your.... you came to support the speech of your Minister. Thank you, praise the Lord. But I also want to express my congratulations for your work, the work you do is very important, and it is work that the country depends on. To ensure our roads are in good conditions, to improve the roads, to smoothen the roads, as there are many roads I have seen filled with potholes, this should be looked at. This is my main job I do every day; I would visit the countryside to inspect and make a report, especially the Advisory Committee. This is the job they do every month and make a report, it is still ongoing. But there are always statements saying that nothing is being done. Please, carry out the work that you were appointed to do.

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Mr Speaker, perhaps I have again missed the Shipping Corporation called the SSS. But I apologize, as this Corporation is very important since they have also contributed a lot in the development of our children who are employed on cruise ships and container ships of the company MSC. For an update Mr Speaker, the relationship between our SSS Company and the MSC Company in Europe is continuing for the employment of our children to be used on the cruise ships and container ships for large companies in Europe. There are also plans, as other parts have already been prepared, but due to the situation with the virus, we are refraining from carrying out these plans. But once the borders open, these sailors will then be allowed to travel, the children of our country sent to help this company. And this is a great blessing that helps our economy with the sources of income earned by our sons and daughters who work for these shipping companies in Europe.

Thus why I would like to offer my congratulations and gratitude to the Hon Chief Executive Officer for your continuous work, even though there are many challenges in this period due to the disease and it led to the closure of our borders which made it possible for the children of our country to travel and fulfill their duties. The company has already approved another crew that has been prepared. As I have said, the virus and the situation of controlling our borders in other countries have caused a delay. But our plans will come to a fruition once the borders are opened for travelling between countries.

Mr Speaker, perhaps everything has been completed.... but I want to take this hour to express gratitude to the Hon Speaker; I commend your hard work and your patience. Your work is crucial on managing our Assembly due to the disobedience of many members. But please, use your authority, so that if a member does not adhere to your Standing Orders, show them the way out. That is my advice, but the decision is up to you, for you possess enough wisdom, you also have enough discretion to do what is right and what is wrong. But may we have a successful Assembly today. Thank you for the opportunity.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The House has been well enlightened this morning by the comprehensive speech of the elected member of the House, because you are responsible for the major projects and developments of the Government. This is just a humble opinion of the Chair. But there is a feeling, it is better that I address the issue you have mentioned.

In the records of the House, it is not found the statement made by the honorable member against whom the request is made regarding these matters, according to our Standing Orders. This is also why the question was not put forth when the motion was seconded, because there are other aspects considered by the Chair.

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This means that it has been noted, regarding the announcements being made outside of the House, if this is the correct statement. There are also existing Laws to dealing with those matters. As for the essence of our House and the circumstances regarding the submission of verifications in this House, these are statements that were laid on the Table of the Assembly to be heard by the House. Therefore, it is believed that there are conditions that must be implemented to deal with the issue stated by the Hon Minister. And so I beseech the Minister of Agriculture, as this is the reason why a question was not put forth by the Chair, as consideration was also given to other aspects. And now it has been noted, such is the intention.

Therefore, I apologize in regards to this issue, as you have mentioned the defamation of character, since there are ways to handle issues that have been implemented outside the House. This is the House of Parliament, only facts and truth can be laid on the Assembly Table to be heard by all the honourable members and be recorded in the records of the House. That is the essence with respect. I believe that this matter has been made clear.

There is a belief that everything has been clarified, and the audience of the country is satisfied, especially this House, with the wonderful speech of the Hon Minister of Works, Infrastructure and Transport.

This is why I express my gratitude and appreciation to the Hon Minister, as well as the Ministries that are under the supervision of the Hon Minister with all its greatness, in the development of the country, since the beginning of this Administration from 2016 until 2020. Therefore, well, God is alive, and through His loving eyes He sees the sweat and tears that fall to the ground, from the trustworthy servants for the prosperity of Samoa and its people.

I convey congratulations and gratitude to the Hon Minister, I commend your hard work, and I also commend you for your focus. The constituency has heard your speech; the constituency is blessed to have a warrior who stands firm in carrying out the duties and responsibilities that you were appointed to do. May the goodwill of God be with the election of our country as the respected member said, may we press through and find blessings, we will continue to carry out God's will and not our own desires?

Well, this is the statement by the Chair. To the sanctity of the House, whatever you may have heard, such is the ways of the Assembly of the Country, *e tetele a pesega ae matua lava i le oo*. But the Chair would like to request, for us to work together. The Chair is dependent on the Members. We pray that the kindness of the Lord continues to guide our Assembly today. Well, we have now come to the...

I call on the Hon Leader of the Government.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there is a matter I would like to discuss before the Minister of Agriculture makes his speech.

If you notice, only 4 Ministers have finished their speeches, it is not even half of this Cabinet, then there will be six remaining sitting on that side, and then it will conclude with me because I have not yet given my speech. But what I wanted to discuss, when we look at the series of speeches, the Minister's speeches are going in a different direction; the speeches made by the Ministers are very in-depth, as they are meticulously addressing all the different Ministries so that the country can bear witness to the work carried out through the many responsibilities of each Ministry, as well as the Offices that they are dealing with. The reason why I mention this situation, it is because the world we are living in now is different. The Ministers have responded in fullness, for this is the final Assembly, let Samoa know about the in-depth and complexity and productivity that causes the Ministers to spend majority of their time at the Offices, but they are being served by those with degrees in various fields, so that the country is fully aware of the many tasks faced with the Government. So this Assembly is a bit different.

Therefore, continue to listen, keep listening. The country will listen as all the tasks and duties being implemented will be explained in full detail, unlike our previous Assembly, whereby we only responded directly to the question that was given. This time, the questions will be answered and much more, in order to understand the work, so we will not only respond to the questions because there is abundant work that the Cabinet is dealing with. And if you are tired. Well, we want to apologize, because this Cabinet has long been training for this day. We have been training and preparing for a long time. That is also the reason why I am standing up frequently and conversing with the House, as the Cabinet is eager to stand up, because it is an active Cabinet. It has been published in the newspaper that the Cabinet is useless, and the Chief Executive Officers of the Ministries are also useless. So now the statements will be unrestricted as the saying goes, unravel the rug. Now the rug has been laid, and I pray, since the meaning of the phrase to unravel the rug, which is for the Ministers to convey in-depth and comprehensive statements regarding all the things that they are in charge of. It has been noted with the Minister of Works, and the multitude of different sectors under his supervision, the remaining Ministers will also do the same.



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Mr Speaker, I ask for your patience, keep listening, as the torch has been passed over to the Cabinet, you have already had your chance, now it is the Cabinet's turn, today is the day for the Cabinet to take the floor. Even if we continue without sleeping, or we work for 24 hours, that is what we are going to do. But I ask for your patience.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I commend the statement of the Hon Prime Minister. Well, it is also good for the Chair to remind us of our Standing Orders, the Ministerial Statements, I beseech the honourable members, for our Standing Orders it does not allow for interruptions with new issues during the Minister's speech. It reflects that the member who is interrupting did not properly prepare his speech for the development of his constituency. If they are re-elected, the Chair will then move to address their weakness and the issue of not properly preparing their speech, but it has been thought provoking because of the clarification given by the Leader of the House, not only responding to the issues that were raised, but now the statements will be unrestricted. This is why it is considered that our Standing Orders must be obeyed. With respect.

Well, with respect I call on the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to make your speech for today.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. First of all, I would like to convey greeting this morning to the Hon Speaker. Good morning and I commend you for your patience this morning in facing the challenges of your work as the Speaker of the House.

But I would first like to offer greetings to our House, as well as the support of His Excellency the Head of State. I express salutations to His Excellency the Tuiaana, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and your Good Lady. I would also like to offer salutations to the Hon Member of the Council of Deputies, the Hon Le Mamea Ropati Mualua and your consort for your support of the efforts of the Parliament of Samoa and its Assembly today.

Before I make a statement, I just want to offer my condolences to the wife of the honorable Taulagi Vaafusuaga Toleafoa Ken Poutoa, who was a member of the House for the constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela. This brother will never be forgotten, as I was quite close to him. I pray that the companion Vaelaa and their daughter Winnie continues to find comfort and I also pray to God that the member will find a place in heaven and wait for who will be next after him. But may you have a good journey, and may God also have mercy on the sad family who as facing this dark day due to the passing of our brother. We also convey our sympathies to the constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela, as well as the two families.

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I would also like to express greetings to the sanctity of Parliament on that Side of the Floor to the Hon Chairpersons of the Parliamentary Committees of our Government as well as the Members of Parliament. Well, on this Side of the Floor with the Hon Prime Minister, the Leader of the House as well as the Cabinet and Associate Ministers. I also want to voice my salutations to the sanctity of the Judiciary, to the Hon Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as well as the men and women Judges. Furthermore I acknowledge the presence of the Hon President of the Lands and Titles Court of Samoa.

I also convey salutations to the Ministry, the Hon Madam Chief Executive Officer as well as the entire Ministry. Well, in addition to this, I want to acknowledge the sanctity of our Administration, with the presence of the Chief Executive Officers of the Ministries as well as the Private Organizations of the Government. I commend your efforts. And so I want to acknowledge your presence.

I would also like to offer my greetings to the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk as well as our Ministry in its various departments. For me, I enjoy coming early every morning, and I would drink kava with some men and the coffee ladies at the back. I appreciate your smiling faces, as we would also interact happily every morning not only in sharing but also your services for anything in the maintenance of this Parliament of Samoa during its Assemblies.

I also want to offer greetings to the holiness of the workers of God, the Leaders of the Churches and servants of God who are taking shelter in every village of our country and pouring the water of life and offering their assistance and support to the administration of the village council of each village. I commend your prayers, thank you also for your support upon the efforts of this House.

I also acknowledge our brothers in the East. The sanctities of Sua and Vaifanua, Fofu and Aitulagi, Saole and Saleaamua and Launiu na Saelua, but also the presence of Laau na Amotasi, Faatui and Auvaa o Tootoo, Faleula tau aitu ma Faleula tau tagata ma upu ia te oe le Manuatele, Greetings.

Those are the sanctities of our country, as well as our brothers in the East. The Governmental sanctities and national sanctities, as well as the honorific salutations of Samoa.

I salute the highest sanctities of our country for your support, your prayers, your advice and your support of the work of this House, especially the Administration that is managing the Government of Samoa.

In due time I will address my constituency, but first I would like to state the reason for why I am upstanding this morning. We have already conveyed our gratitude this morning through the prayer that was conducted by the Hon Speaker to God for His guidance and protection, for He is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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Our desires are not inherited; the joy will not be taken, because of the distribution authority of our Lord for your life and our life, so that we can continue with our lives through our work and responsibilities this morning.

I would like to voice my opinions and suggestions, because Samoa has gathered and are listening to the statement that will be made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as well as our governments laboratory in Nafanua in the 16<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Term since our country's independence. The truth is, Mr Speaker, the journey from 1960 to now have not been easy, as many of our late ancestors and our country struggled to oppose the rule of the Europeans over the livelihoods of our Samoan people so that we can carry out the administration of Samoa for Samoa. Our country was immersed in the oceans and had faced difficult challenges. There is phrased used in our constituency, *sa lutia i puava a o lenei ua mapu i Fagalele* the administrating of Samoa's journey for the sake of Samoa alone, with the help of our partners from abroad, also the guidance of our Heavenly Father which has made it possible for us to reach the end of this 16<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Term the Parliament of Samoa, we have acquired blessings as *ua atoa i'a i liu o vaa*. I would like to use a saying from one of the speeches of one of the Leaders of Pakistan at the meeting of the International Fund for Agricultural Development or IFAD last week, he said in English, "Our destinies are inter-twined." Our goals and aspirations are overlapping and interconnected.

Mr Speaker, the truth is, no matter how wise or how foolish we are, whether you are rich or poor, whether you live in a mansion or a "*faleo'o*", or you are healthy or sickly, the truth is, our road to heaven intertwines. Our destinies are intertwined just like a traditional fine mat "*ietoga*".

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I have interrupted the wonderful speech, as the Chair was waiting patiently, because of the audience of the entire country especially His Excellency the Head of State and the Member of the Council of Deputies as already mentioned. However, due to the terms of our work. We have now come to the time for our usual recess for the morning.

And I announce that the Proceedings of the House be set aside for usual recess for 15 minutes.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its regular recess at 10:47am and will resume at 11:26am.*

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I announce the resumption of the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. It is believed that the Parliament has regained strength, after our recess.

Before the Work of the House was set aside, the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries was speaking. Therefore, I respectfully call on the Hon Minister to continue your speech.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker, I believe that our brunch this morning is beneficial. We have gained renewed strength. But no matter how much strength we receive from food, it is not the same as the power that comes from the Spirit of God. This helps as encouragement, because breathing is not important, but the heart is important.

But I think that before our recess, I had started to talk about some of the policies that are being set up and planned, with the efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the laboratory of SROS. The main idea is to work together with the Ministries and the farmers and seafarers of Samoa. All the Government Ministries are contributing to the development of our agriculture and private organizations as well as the Private Sector, through the Company managers. It gives us the understanding, which allows for further improvement of our projects, for many benefits for our country. The work of the Cabinet as it is with the preparation of the goals, it depends on the cooperative work of the Government Ministries, including the Ministry of Agriculture and SROS, together with the farmers. Because it is not possible if it is solely handled by the Ministry or by the farmers. Because they will not be able to speak their minds if this is the way. Mr Speaker, that is why, with the addition of important goals that have already been organized by the United Nations. To act as a guide for the expectations of each country just like Samoa. Just like the goal of having sufficient food sources, or elimination of hunger. Although in our country, it is true that there are a lot of rumors about people selling goods on the roads.

But there is a belief that there is never a time when the people of Samoa are hungry. However, the presentation of this slogan is a reminder to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and our people the importance. In order to continue and maintain our efforts in doing what is best and suitable, so that our people can have sustainable food. Health is through a balance and healthy diet, nutrition food supply.

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That is one part of the goal that the Ministry of Agriculture values. This is also the basis for the activities of the Ministry, including the provisions of where our Government's funds are being spent on and the good implementation of developments.

Thirdly, trying to promote the export of our products to foreign countries. This is one difficult challenge that exists, because each country has its own provisions. It is not that we can just send the lemons to New Zealand by placing it in a container and then it is exported. In 2005, we attempted to export our lemons overseas, but only the Tahitian limes were accepted until now. As for all other types of lemon found in our country, we are still working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Primary Industries in New Zealand. To be able to import these lemons because they are quite large, especially for these things. It is bigger and better in our country, but it will also solve those difficulties. In many projects of the Ministry, they are trying to continue to maintain the quality of the Tahitian lime, because there are times maybe 1, 2, 3, 4 years of failure. Now the Ministry is looking at the cause, but that is one of the crops that may be encouraged in the future. If our markets are open.

The Ministry also carried out 10 visitations to the remote areas of the country. This work was conducted together with the Chief Executive Officers of Organizations and Ministries. We inspected and observed, to see the state of the implementation of the agriculture. It is not just close to the roads, but like many of our big forests and remote areas, in majority of our country. We had also visited and observed, that is where our idea was based when we returned. In the case of the taro shoots (tiapula). Many of the villages in Falealili such as Lefaga, Safata and many of the villages in Upolu as well as villages near Salelologa. It is rich in many new taro tops (tiapula) and new taro varieties that were there. Now it has arrived like Salani, Fusi No.2, and now they are blessed with prolific taros. It is the same for Tanumalala and others. But for most of the groups in Savaii that we visited, they were limited to the *polo voli*, and the red taro which was called No.1.

This was thought-provoking for the Ministry, to find a way so that our country is fully immersed in tiapula, so that there is plenty available for our foreign markets.

Therefore, I am thankful to the Ministry of Finance for approving our request, and now it is being implemented. Mr Speaker, truthfully, at this time, some of the farmers would call me in displeasure. My phone rang this other day, but the person on the other side said, there are too many taros, what am I going to do about it? I replied, give thanks to God, secondly, be grateful that you have food, and then I put the phone down.

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It was the same the next day, another person called and complained, as they did not know what to do with the abundance of taro. But the truth is, Mr Speaker, there are many problems that are happening in this period of our life. Like the virus, that affected the vessel that ships our products abroad. There was a ship from New Zealand and some of the passengers had Covid-19, it stopped in Fiji. And it heavily affected our taro crates for New Zealand, at the beginning of February until last week, as the ship had just arrived recently.

Those types of issues, I think will continue to happen, but my response. For those who have plenty of taros, if you look at our people, they had to buy 5 taros for \$20, but now they are happy. Thank God for you, this is something the taro farmers tend to forget. Majority of the country is praying thanksgiving for they are able to buy from the markets, as it is no longer \$20 for 5 taros, but it has been lowered to \$10 for 5 taros. Similar to what I said to other people. Look, let them have today, but tomorrow will be yours.

There are a few problems that affect many of our taros, but the best thing in my mind, it is the same for my Ministry, even though we are criticized for the large number of taros. The truth is this is the only country that complains about having too much food.

When we look at the beginning of the Covid-19, a lot of people were hungry, and they looked for food desperately, but for us... Hence why, I want to convey gratitude to the farmers, thank you very much for your work and your labour. Thank you for the plethora of food supplies for Samoa and its people. There will be a time when our taro boxes will return to its regular price of \$77, but for now it has been lowered to \$45, \$48. But it will not end here, that is why I encourage you to not give up.

Mr Speaker, during these inspections we looked at the many needs. It is true that there was a period in our lives whereby we waited for the farmers to come to us. But most of the time and our efforts, we, we should travel to the rural areas to look at the requests. It does not mean that we will give them everything when we travel. No, only the things that can be done, and if there are other recommendations, it will be left to their own discretion. Because some of them, they are able to carry it out themselves, but they need good guidance from the Ministry to implement it.

Mr Speaker, I will begin my statement by addressing the current situation of our SAFPROM program, since the SACEP program conducted in the past is finished, and many good things have been done. And there were also a lot of important lessons taught by the Ministry. Now the SAFPROM is underway for further improvement of the good things already in place.

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But we were able to learn from these programs, which has changed the terms of the conditions, on the utilization and allocation of the funds provided under these projects from the World Bank and the IFAD, which totals to US\$23 million. This is the work that is being implemented. That is one part of that work, or a small portion of the funds, set aside for the construction of the Agriculture and Fisheries Office in the town area of Salelologa. Because the office building, we have now is too compact. And the intention of the Ministry is to make it more spacious, so that it can be used by those who manufacture goods and those who prepare the goods for the island of Salafai, under the leasing system between Ministries, or under the SLC, because they are the owners of the land and such conditions. But it is set aside until the time for the commencement of the classification of the initial work, and after confirming the plans that are needed and programmed by the Ministry.

We have now started distributing the SAFPROM funds to our island of Savaii. It is administrated by the people that ship the goods to Savaii, as there is quite a lot of equipment needed for agriculture and fisheries. A request was also made to our Shipping companies for assistance. And the Hon Minister has responded that we will work together to ensure that this program is not delayed. And to achieve the milestones that have been set by our Ministry and our Committee, as well as the World Bank. To be achieved through good practices, safety practices, and practices that can provide good for the country. Mr Speaker, under the SACEP program, we made a proposal, this was during the administration at that time. There was a program to increase the number of cattle, or the cow.

As part of that program, that cow or bull was taken to a plantation and leased to the owners, especially those with large plantations. The bull will then interact with their other cows through breeding, in order to obtain new and good blood to continue the good quality of our cattle. However, the process is good, the result is also good, but the only issue is that we have plans to buy these calves. Some of the animals are given to small scale farmers, but not all of them. However, what happened is that the price of the cow is quite expensive. And then the Ministry thought, change of plans, let's look for another method. And now there is a new plan laid out by the Ministry. In some of the villages where each person owns 3, 4 or 5 cows, they will build a collective fence under the authority of the village council. And then one bull will be given to be released in the fence to breed with the cows, because it is necessary to have one bull and 30 cows. I believe that there is no one in this House similar to the bull. That is how this program works, which means that if there are 60 female cows, then the Ministry will provide 2 bulls. But the Ministry will carry out visitations and to they will feed the animals.

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The only requirement, to be inspected by the Ministry, is the proper implementation of the project. Because if it is not done properly, the bull will then be returned to the Ministry.

Under these ongoing programs, one of our Government lands in Asau, which is called Masamasa, has been redeveloped. Before that campus was established, we supplied the cows and cattle for the island of Salafai. But now, we have started herding our own cattle, in that part of the island which has been reserved for Savaii, to be used for whatever plans the Ministry have. Just like the work carried out in Togitogiga, and Lemafa and Vaea at this time. There is an idea that under our stimulus package that was made recently, it is not limited to the *tiapula*, but it also includes the lamb, or the European cattle, as well as the chickens which are all included under our program. Not only are we included together with China, SCATEP, but it is also a program conducted under the SACEP with which we received pigs and chicken flocks.

Then I want to make a statement about the poultry development project. In the past 5 years, we have seen the establishment of chicken farms by 2 companies. Ah Liki at Tanumapua Farms and Frankies. In those days, we would order our eggs every 2 months from abroad, when it first arrives in Samoa, after 3 months and then we can use them. And after a while it no longer tastes good as before.

But now, if the hen lays an egg yesterday, it will be on the breakfast table the next day, or the second or third day. This means, not only are we no longer ordering our eggs from abroad, but now we can produce it locally, leave our foreign reserves, since we now have some relief in the development of our poultry. Thank you also to these companies, as the Government will also offer some assistance in the efforts of their developments. Since we are still on the topic of the poultry, we have already started the construction plans for a poultry butcher factory for Frankie in Mulifanua in our programs. This is an attempt to ensure that we do not depend on foreign countries for chicken meat. This is also the approach used when it comes time to act and perform. It is expected that the company will acquire the chicken, raise and breed them, and then they are given to the farmers, to take care of them and feed them. When the time comes to slaughter them, they are then returned to the company to be slaughtered, and to be sold to earn money.

That is a process that is expected to help in reducing the amount of time and efforts we use to obtain chicken from overseas. In support of this objective, there is now a program to produce the chicken feed in our country. Under phase 5 of our SCATEP project, this is a project in cooperation with the Government of China. It is under one of the sections for the construction of a factory for the production of chicken feed. This is how it will be sold by the Ministry or a company that acts as an agent, which is even better than the farmers.



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The studies that were conducted in the efforts of this purpose, as of this time, the chicken feed is now 60% cheaper than the chicken feed that is imported from overseas at the moment. Meaning that this assistance is enough relief, but at the same time, it will conserve our funds that are being reserved outside of Samoa, since it will be produced locally within our country.

Additionally, in support of this program for the production of chicken feed. Since the requirement is fish bones, and a lot of bones are needed. At this time, we already have a building used for the filleting of fish, and also for the preparation of the fish for the foreign markets, which is owned by one of the companies, the Apia Tutis Fishing located on the port. But because of the Covid-19, their engineers were unable to come to finish preparing this building for the plans. Secondly, last month on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The opening of the Cold Storage facility of one of the companies, which is a joint venture between Whuanan Fishing Company and the Swire Company, and the Company owned by one of the sons of Samoa, the Tofa Tusa Victor Vaai called the Tui Pacific. This Whuanan Company has a history of hauling their fishes from the Pacific, whereby it is brought into our wharf, and then it is put in containers and shipped overseas. This is what we call transshipment in English. That is about the only service we carry out, but even so, it is a lot of money.

In 2019, the efforts of this company made great progress. We only have to buy food for the sailors and the interchanging of sailors and such conditions, but our country received \$14 million in revenue. The fish that was given at that time was not a Samoan export, as it came from the country where it was fished. As for all the ships of this company, there are over 117 fishing boats. But because of the Covid-19, the number of ships arriving has decrease, due to the safety protocols of our country, against the spread of the disease. Our Committee did a good thing, and it has manifested as well. Even though we wanted money, but we were cautious for our safety. This is why we prioritized our safety, rather than our interest in the money that comes from these trades. Therefore, the current situation is that this company's fish will be processed here, and then it is sent abroad, and it is also counted as exports by our country, even though majority of it. And all their fishing boats are catching the fish from the Cook Islands, Niue, Kiribati, and other Pacific Islands. It will even reach the high seas, if we start to open our ports for sailors, and all our products will be delivered to be exported. For example, during the transshipment period for this shipping company, 160 containers were sent out by Samoa at the same time. If you consider that 160 and how big the freight was, a lot of labour was used in loading the fishes.

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This means that this will be added as another part of the process for this company, which will be implemented in our country, which will be good and provides jobs for our people. Therefore, as a representative of our Cabinet and the Government, we want to convey gratitude for the efforts of these companies. Not only to Frankie's company but also Ah Liki, the Tui Pacific Company, the Apia Tutis Fishing company and many other companies. And also the companies in Samoa like the Apia Fish Packers. Although they had a minor role to play, but that is still their contribution to our economy. That is the purpose of the fish and its bones, whereby the bones will be taken inland to where they are used to produce food for the chickens. At this time, when we buy fish bone from Tutuila, it is 90 cents per pounds, which is quite expensive. But if it is produced locally, I heard it is 20 cents or 10 cents per kilo.

These are all good things, because of the efforts of the Ministry of Fisheries Division, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, together with the support of our laboratory. The SROS has played a major part in all these things. On Tuesday of this week a part of our research laboratory was opened, and there is also another sector within it. It does not only store samples for viruses like the Covid-19, the African swine fever and similar diseases. But there is also a section to check the fishes, to ensure it is safe for export to foreign countries and foreign markets. As I have stated in the past. Each country has its own laws, its own conditions, so it is not possible. Even for us, we cannot just place them in a container and then send it to America, Russian, China or the European Union, it is not possible. But the creation and establishment of the building for this sector of the SROS, to conduct research in order to make it possible for a research facility to make submissions that have been certified by another world organization, with such conditions. It gives confidence in the safety and quality and the security of our food products that are exported.

Mr Speaker, we have a lot of work to do in these areas, especially for the fisheries division. It also includes other areas such as reserves, which have already been carried out in the rural areas. This is one of thing... it reminds me of the member for Faleseela and Lefaga with the reserve of their village, with which he would constantly bring up, and now it has been completed. That is one of the roles played by our Ministry, working in cooperation with the Environment Sector. There is also a group the STA, Samoa Tourism Authority. Because if these reserves are managed well, the oysters and other things which can create excitement. Like what happened in Savaia in Lefaga, people will be excited to sightsee when the borders are reopened for foreign travels, because they enjoy looking at it.

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Furthermore, all our ramps on the island of Upolu have been built, and the villages that requested it. Like the constituency of the Hon Mulipola, the ramps have already been built, and our Ministry is also working on financing it, but the work is done in cooperation with the Ministry of Ports. There are beacons which are most used by the fishing boats. That kind of cooperation is good and beautiful, even from the point of view of our villages, observing the collaboration work of the Ministries of the Government, which will also be reflected here. Although that is not the case, it should showcase the good governance of the Ministries of our Government which is managed by our Cabinet and the Parliament.

I would just like to point out that during the times of Covid; there was a belief that there would be a shortage of food, as well as a problem with our exports or crops to be exported. But due to the bravery of the administration, I am happy to announce it as such.

In 2020, the amount of taro we exported from January to December is \$10,003,828, for the frozen taros its \$761,476, for the copra mill its \$1,200,024, the coconut oil is \$2,890,092, the nonu juice is \$18,861,930, for the coconuts its \$2,316,125,53, the coco is soft, and the coco used to produce coco which is produced by Wilex and other groups like the Savaii Koko is \$998,656, for our frozen breadfruits, I did not think that it would gross this much money, which is \$111,000, other items such as the sasalapa, yams, frozen bananas is \$198,464, the kava is \$228,000 which is being exported to America. The fish, which is being exported by one company, is \$23,278,963, as for the eggs, this is another good thing that we have now, not only are we eating fresh eggs, but we are now exporting our eggs abroad, under the Farmer Joe company, and a total of 382,292 eggs were exported in the period of 2020. This is something wonderful, as it was thought that we would be suffering more. Since we had a lot of trouble in terms of fish, due to the shortage of fishing boats, but despite this, we are still witnessing a moderate amount of income earned. But considering that these are large ships, that is not the only way for them to earn money. Their contribution to our export is different, but their local expense for that company itself is \$18,484,000 per year. For the Fisheries it is \$11 million in 2020.

Mr Speaker, this means that the effort of the Government to construct a wharf in Vaiusu and Asau is not being carried out in secrecy or concealed. Since we are the ones to oversee this plan until the end, which is why I am stating the situation as it is now. Another good advantage of this scheme. Oil is needed. Our current oil storage cannot fill up these ships from Whuanan at this time. Because we are giving priority to our needs and the needs of Samoa, but also the generating of our electricity.

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Therefore, we are unable to fill up the fishing boats of Whuanan. Since a small fishing boat needs 60,000 litres per boat for the time that it docks here to drop off the fish, and for when it exports it overseas. All except for the Whuanan Company that is still loading their ships here, because there is no other port for them to go, only our port. Since all of their boats were also licensed here.

The plans that I have seen, it was recently or last year, I saw the document that approved the construction of one of the oil tanks. I feel that this is the attempts of our Government, in the hopes of increasing our ability to store our oil.

Since there are many other things that are currently being negotiated, there are 400 ships in the Pacific, which are managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and all of these things are dependent on the efforts for the construction of the port, in Vaiusu and the restoration of our port in Asau, if it is appropriate with the many projects being planned. But as we have heard from the statement that was made by the Minister of Works yesterday and last night, the plans for Asau are in the pipelines.

Because the truth is, Mr Speaker, there were others who visited before, since it was already discussed. The reason for addressing this matter is because there were some people who lied to my constituency, saying that nothing will be done. It will not be done; your port in Asau will not be rebuilt. It was lucky that only two or three nobles of our village went. It was made official in the speech of the Hon Prime Minister at the beginning, and it was also mentioned yesterday by the Minister in charge of this Ministry. Our port will be constructed, we need jobs, and we also need to develop that side of our island. In case you might think.... because this is what has happened, strangers are going around deceiving and defaming the representative of the constituency. The people of the land, yes, I am from Asau, I was born in Asau, I attended school in Asau, and I grew up and took care of my village of Asau. A man of the land, and yet they are defaming me and saying that everything I have said are lies. Well, keep it up, since that is the usual attitude of the village native. There are times when the man hardly opens his mouth, or no matter how bad his hands are but in times of trouble, such is the way of life. But I think that such things, which is what I am trying to say, these are all good things being done by the Government. Now I have given you the confirmation, these things will be conducted immediately. As these are all the efforts of the Government for us to move forward, boosting the economy so that our people can live comfortably.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, Point of Order.

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**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Our Ministry was not mentioned in the speech of the member. I do not intend to order the Chair, let it...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Since it was mentioned by the member, we just want some clarification because you indicated that we are lying and deceiving. It should be corrected because we did not say these words, please. Give us a chance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beseech the Hon Minister, as the Chair would like to say something to the member. I implore the member for Gagaifomauga No.3, the Chair believes that the dignity of the honorable member cannot be ignored, the speeches are being made in general, and on that notion, I implore the member, I will not allow an opportunity. Since your name was not mentioned, as well as the constituency in all aspects. The Minister is talking about his own community. Therefore I apologize to the member, but your interruption will not be permitted.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** I beg you Mr Speaker; I am the Leader of the Political Party and our roadshow was done publicly. This is a serious accusation saying that we proclaimed that the building of the port in Asau will not happen. I beg you; this is what I wanted to address. With the utmost respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, I implore the member, there is no other meaning in the statement made as the Minister was addressing his own community, for he is a man of the land. As for the intervention, unless there are circumstances that the Chair considers being too harsh, and then I will permit it. But I implore the member; it will... thank you.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Well, I am over it, Mr Speaker that is all; we have nothing more to say. Asau, the restoration of your port will be carried out if we stop the construction of the port in Vaiusu. That is my Point of Order.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** House your desires in the House of God. I beseech the honourable member for Gagaifomauga No.3, suppress your shrewdness. I call on the Hon Minister of Agriculture to continue your speech.

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**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I did not mention any names, I do not know anything. Did I mention Papalii as the name of someone or no? Well, the Hon Speaker can bear witness, I did not mention any names... also did not mention a Political Party either. Well, that means they are guilty because we do not know if it was them, as for me I did not mention anyone.

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

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I entreat the member as I call on the Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** In our Standing Orders, only if there are 8 members in a Political Party and then it will be recognized in this House. The reason for the member to stand and intervene is completely wrong. The only Political Party that has been fully recognized is the HRPP. The member that had interrupted recently has lied to this House and to the country countless times.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** This is exactly why the Chair did not want the speeches to be generalized, because the Chair is very clear of all these situations. Clearly, the honorable members are standing independently as representatives of each constituency; it is not yet time for the situation as stated by the member. And so I believe that this is enough, since we should continue....

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Yes Mr Speaker, this is the reason why I am upstanding, how can we address these accusations if you do not give us the opportunity? How can we clearly convey our purpose Nafotoa, if you do not give us a chance? I am in awe...

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Our Standing Orders are already in place.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of the Government.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** I have already made my decision, issues that are discussed outside the House are not to be used in the House. Therefore, if the member is upstanding and saying that he is the Leader of the Opposition. There is no such thing in this House. There is only one Political Party recognized in the Standing Orders which is only 8, such is reason it is only the HRPP unless they have 8 members. But such a Party has not been recognized.

The member has violated the Assembly.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, we will not go back with our statement; I implore the member, as your interruption is no longer needed. I ask the Hon Minister to continue your speech.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you Mr Speaker and I also want to apologise to you because there are times when we cannot control ourselves. I commend your patience, I am also being patient, but I commend you for your tolerance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Chair has enough patience, continue.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** But now we move on to the other sectors, since everything regarding the chicken is finished, as we have already conveyed our gratitude to the companies who are striving for the development of our chicken. But we are also grateful for this project, thank you to the World Bank, thank you the Hon Minister of Finance and our Ministry of Finance as they are the ones who carry out the service to initiate the process of negotiating these funds, to ensure that these funds are received by the Ministries like the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the SROS. Thank you very much for your efforts and thanks to our program like the Samoa China Agriculture Technical Assistance Project.

With the plethora of the vegetables we have now, these are the products of this project which plays a significant role, for the good quality and security of our aspirations such as fruits, vegetables... these are our efforts in line with the goal that was given in the beginning, to be healthy through healthy foods and a balanced diet. During the time of our South Pacific Games, 90% of our fruits and vegetables used were all produced within our country. In the previous games, many of our food for the Games were ordered from abroad.

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So the situation regarding our producers, the fruits and vegetables producers, it is very interesting. And when I visited to take a look, it was incredible. Next time, if I feel like cultivating a coco farm, it would be better to cultivate these vegetables instead, because it only takes 18 days, and then I could just sit beside the road with my cabbages and sell them for \$2 or \$2.50 or \$1.50 it will still be sought after.

Well, that is one of the complaints we received that the vegetables are cheap. Well, this is how life works, the rules of the market, the price is controlled by the supplier and demand. Demand and supply. If there is a lot of supply our market will decrease, that is how...but there are other times when it increases, and sometimes it fluctuates as such. So there is nothing for our country to worry about in situations like this. But thank you very much to our agriculture section, which is another part of our Sector, to the farmers of the vegetable garden, our oyster farm, our fruit trees, thank you for your contribution.

I would like to briefly go back and talk about the cow, upon the arrival of the Covid and when we started to close our borders, the Ministry carried out an assessment, to research what would happen if we closed everything and we are no longer able to acquire livestock meat from abroad. Either it is chicken or whatever.

In the research that was done, it is expected that the country can depend on the meat from livestock before it runs out. This means, it has only been almost 12 months since we started. But it does not mean that we are having problems with our reserve, as we still have enough food resources from overseas. It is the same with the lamb, as the number of lambs has increased under the Stimulus that was done recently, which is why it is being given at a cheaper price, because the Government is paying for a portion of the price of the lamb, cows, fish and pigs, but the farmer are paying for the other portion, in order to make it easier for the improvement of the developments, and to increase the number of such developments for each person, as well as for those who are attempting to implement it, since now they have some portion of funds to start the development, and this will be carried out in cooperation with the Ministry and a list has already been submitted, and the Ministry of Finance as well as the Cabinet has given the permission, so that it is distributed to the people involved in this scheme.

This is the agreed upon reason, to increase the growth of these developments for agriculture through livestock, which is also similar to the situation of fishing that has already been addressed. The other situation that our fisheries sector is in, it has been.... the Ministry is looking at building a research station, and land has already been considered, but all that is left is an approval and the...



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**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is something that needs clarification...

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** It is something I want to talk about, since the Minister is talking about SROS as it was also stated in my speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, okay then, you may speak...

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** But I would like to ask, since we are talking about cattle, where is our vehicle that was brought for the slaughtering of our cattle? Moreover, what I mentioned are the people who are returning from abroad, bringing with them skills in butchering meat from cattle, since we have plenty of cattle here, so it would be good if they carried out some training, specific for these cattle because they already have a slaughterhouse, when the call comes, it has been set up, which is quick as they are well aware, that we already have people carrying out the trainings.

But the thing I want to understand, Mr Speaker, this vehicle used for slaughtering cattle, because for my mother's funeral, a cow was slaughtered, whereby the men just went and butchered the cow and brought it back. With all due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question raised is very detailed, and I call on the Hon Minister for a response.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Well, it seems that the Hon Member is one step ahead of the Minister as we have.... after this paragraph and then I will talk about the cattle. Yes, however, I will respond to the question, the...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Hon Minister, the decision is yours to make, or wait until we come to it, given that it might be brought up again later.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Since it is currently on this matter, therefore, I will first respond to the question raised but this presentation will be set aside perhaps it will answer some questions and to further clarify other questions.

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The condition of our truck is not good, and I feel that the situation you mentioned stating what happened to your cattle, but they were in Savaii. Since this one truck carries out the work in Savaii as well as here in Upolu. Therefore, the work that is being carried out by this truck is vigorous.

There is a program for your understanding since you asked I will tell you, documents were read out stating that our truck needed to be serviced. Whether the service has started, but it is not yet time to do so, however, it is good. If this is how it will be, that servicing is done first before it is due, then this is a good thing, it is good for the Ministry to safeguard the assets of Government.

As for our slaughterhouse, under the SAFPROM program, the design of the building has been completed, the system for water tanks, used for storing water, which comes from inside the slaughterhouse, as well as bringing bigger rooms, brought in to accomplish this establishment. Which is under the SAFPROM program, it is completed...there is also the thought that we should look into it again based on safety for villages. Some engineers and some of those who are working on it, stated that people living in the area are safe...those who are residing in that part of the country have agreed on the establishment of the slaughterhouse there.

That is the hope that we have, but since we setup bonds and built our refrigerators, we have made designs and I am certain it will be tendered next month in April, then we will complete this work, but we have already built the house, together with the road and the excavated land, now we only need to finish this project Mr Speaker because this is what we expected to talk about on this matter.

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

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon me Hon Minister, as I call upon the Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Perhaps the Minister can give us a clarification on the number of livestock, specifically our sheep. The spirit Mr Speaker is, with the decision made by Cabinet on sheep and development, the aim is to encourage this development to be added in assistance to the food needs of our country, especially our people who like eating lamb meat.

I recall it is was 1999 when we first established contact with the Government of Fiji by the then Minister of Agriculture, since there was a growth in sheep farming that is specifically for warmer countries.

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The important part I want to emphasize is the request by the Minister of Cabinet then was not accepted by Banimarama, but when the Minister was changed to Afioga Tuisugaletaua who was also the Chief Executive of the Ministry before, now he was Minister, and the Minister in Fiji was a friend, whom he used to meet during meetings of Chief Executives. This is what made it easier for us to get this opportunity, when Cabinet allowed Tuisuga to go to Fiji for discussion. This resulted in our first order of sheep that was brought into the country.

The reason why I have mentioned this important matter, is that I have noted a lot of sheep farms for families in Apia town since it is very easy to raise sheep. Also the sheep are very good. But is it possible...if you can give us a confirmation, on the status of our sheep farms.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I call upon the Hon Minister to respond.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you Honorable for the interruption. Well at the moment we have over 2,500 sheep in stock. There is also a lot of assistance given under the stimulus which it was given. Another sheep farmer, brought 15 sheep to the Ministry, which will be delivered by the Ministry to people to assist in our livestock in Lemafa and Togitogiga. We are going to do the same in Asau. There is also belief that we have already tasted this lamb meat, which is far better than the lamb from overseas.

But this is what we need to minimize the effects of our food supply, and to increase our stock. If we have a lot considering that it is easy to take care of this animal, there is no need to build a fence, the only thing is if you have sheep you should not have dogs. If you have sheep make sure you do not have any dogs, the dogs will eat the sheep. But that is how easy it is to take care of this animal no matter how rough the village terrain is it thrives.

This is what we are trying to implement under the stimulus package 1 and 2, I thank the Minister of Finance and our Ministry, in responding to this purpose. Let us do this since some people have already bought sheep, and have sheep farms, thus we want to distribute it to others...a reason why we have been given funding by the Ministry of Finance, to give there.

There have been...I consulted with the Ministry and told them that there is a delay to the multiplication. But look at other methods for this project, whether there is another way...we have setup a branch in Asau in Masamasa, what I have witnessed with the sheep, I have seen twins, other times triplets, when one sheep gives birth. This means this kind of pace, is very quick...

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This is what the Ministry is trying to distribute, to distribute quickly, so that they later share as well, but try and refrain from killing unless the animal has to be put down, and used because if it is left longer it will be useless, then we can do that.

Mr Speaker as queried by the Hon Prime Minister, we think that is also the belief of the Ministry, that the multiplication is a little bit late. But when I first arrived here there were 700 sheep and now there are 2,500, I believe this is a good job, for us in our efforts put in this program especially those who are experienced in this area. Well, in the case of sheep, I do not know what causes the sheep to give birth late. But the interesting thing is that it is fast, it takes about 9 months like humans.

Well Mr Speaker our...

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo (Falealili East):** Mr Speaker...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the member, did you mention in your remarks the matter you are interrupting on?

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** Yes I did...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies Hon Minister as I call upon the member of Falealili.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** This is the matter since the Minister is moving away from the subject of livestock for cattle with respect to the House.

The question on this matter...there was this program that was brought in maybe 10 years ago. Is this program no longer used where special bullets were used in some animals to reproduce considering the scarcity of our animals.

There was a special program where tissues were brought in, which was inserted into females without coupling, with the male. These were the methods used, where our livestock had increased using these bullets from overseas. Is the Hon Minister thinking of considering this method again which is quicker, to acquire these bullets again for our farmers, with respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I call upon the Hon Minister.

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**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Well that method is called artificial insemination, this is all under the SAFPROM program. But I will have to confirm this again because there was a time in our meeting we had planned on discussing this matter. But there are difficulties although it is suitable at this time since the professionals who are familiar with the procedure are unable to travel anymore. But SAFPROM had the intention of bringing the egg, this egg can be inseminated into the cow, to impregnate the cow to be able to give birth to a calf.

Mr Speaker that is the status of the matter as queried, but...

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** I thank you as it is now clear, the only thing is someone has to travel in from overseas, but there is someone that used to go around with Dan Wakefield. This is the person that brought in the program and implemented it, who is in the constituency of Anoamaa. The Hon Afioga Fonotoe understands it well, whom lives inland and overlooks the farms in that area, with respect if any assistance is needed.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Well these are all good things, because these people of your Congregation are outstanding. These are intelligent people because they do things for the Church in Utah, people who have big cattle farms, but tell the brother to come and visit the Ministry and carry out consultations.

If not, then I will come again this week after the election, I will be there, ask him to come and talk with me respectable member.

Nevertheless, you were not here but we talked about cattle the reason why I have responded. Mr Speaker, it is the intention of our fisheries division to establish their research center in Toloa to expand their existing office and our station, not only for nurturing of our giant clams and other shellfish, but also look at whether there is a way to increase lobsters, and *alogo* fish incase it might disappear as well as *tifitifi*, and eventhough we hate the *avaava*, but this fish is beneficial to our marine environment. This is the situation that our Ministry is hoping for, but the land to do it has already been secured.

Mr Speaker, now I come to our laboratory in Nafanua. First, the reason why the study of Agriculture was brought under our laboratory in Nafanua, because of the idea that there are many scientists, doctors, professors who have higher degrees like Doctors and Masters. In this division because to me when I talk with the professors there, there are times when it feels like I have been sitting on a train, I end up at my destination, yet I do not where I jumped on. When we discuss, these people are quite intelligent.

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This is why, why not take our research to our children up there? To put it together, as there is knowledge sharing. Now we have implemented this, they are very quick with the work, there is a banana, but I will speak on that later since the representative of banana is preparing. I will speak on this at a later time.

But this initiative is very useful which is why it was established, it was unintended, we have witnessed now, how quick the process is since there are machines. They have more equipments than the division that was in Nu'u. We are also trying to deliver machines to Nu'u. But why not bring people together to work in one location where there are machines. Because in the past, Moses went up the mountain. This time, the mountain goes to Moses. Yes, this is what resulted to this idea carried out, and the progress of this is going well. This is a brief report, because I heard this other time some said that this was an action that should not have been taken.

When I went to SROS, I made a remark on the time of the death of J.F Kennedy, where his brother Robert Kennedy said, “some men see things as they are and ask why, I dream things that never were and say why not?”

The work carried out in the Ministry of Research, is researching cancer, it is being done. We have plants and the Ministry is working together, the Management and Board, and the Chairman, to bring in our traditional healers, to share their ideas. However my only request for these old men, is to show compassion, considering the special skills possessed by these people to find a way to protect it, submit a paper to Cabinet, to try to protect the ideas of these people. But it is a good thing that there are plants that have been found in our country that has given us the treatment for cancer. But there is still a lot of work to be done.

Not only that, but the sun is another source of energy, Solar Power.

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

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the Minister as I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** The only thing I want to ask, can you tell us 2 types of leaves?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, this is important, you may speak Hon Minister...

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**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Mr Speaker, first is the soursop, yes, the leaf of the soursop tree can be used to make tea, you dry it or you can use the green leaves for tea, also the juice of the soursop. As well as *monavi*. As for *monavi*, if you want to know because the Chairperson and Chief Executive have transferred everything to the Hon Tuitama on how to use it, because you have to be cautious, this plant is dangerous, all the cells in your body grows. There is no cell in the body that does not...you can almost see the flow of blood in your cells.

If you look at Hon Sala Pinati, I do not know if this is the remedy he drinks that strengthens his body. However, it is like that, this is why we must prioritise...But that is one plant that is good for the treatment of illnesses, this plant called *monavi*, it is found in our country, and easy to grow.

Not only that, the easy remedy of saffron leaf. That is one plant that scares me.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the Minister as I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, before we move away... is it a vi leaf? Is it the leaf of the vi tree? This is the question.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** The name of the plant is *monavi*. It is not Simona the close friend of Afioga Afamasaga, but *monavi*. That is the name of the plant. If you look at the tree it looks like a tamarind also the leaves, but it is softer, the stem or the trunk is not hard. But it grows quickly say three weeks and the height will be like this. But it is really useful. It is not useful to Afioga Tafua, since he is too old it is like that...it will not work...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will give the opportunity to the Minister of Tourism.

**Afioga Hon Sala Fata Pinati (Minister of Tourism):** Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I have noted that I have been mentioned hence I did not do anything. The question where I was mentioned is, the *monavi* that was brought by Mose in the past, but the *monavi* is now found in Asau. This means Sheba brought it here to Asau, then it was distributed to us in Lealatele, because back then Samoans travel a lot. When they come to sell tobacco, they would sleep in our village.

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This is where the *monavi* was found. I have not tasted the *monavi*, but the question I want to understand. What are the characteristics of the *monavi*, and what is the use, since I was mentioned, but it is not the *monavi*. It is my mischief that made it happen. Now you have asked me, but why not give us the exact symptoms of *monavi*. With all due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you. Pardon the Hon Minister, as I give the opportunity to the Afioga Tuiatua Faanofonofu since you mentioned his name. You may proceed Afioga Tafua.

**Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua:** Thank you. You are the Speaker. Thank you. You are quite suited to the position. No, I stand with respect to support my brother Sala. I do not need any *vi* or whatever it is. Now I have just understood why FAST always go to Savaii in Asau, because they need the *monavi* or is it *manogi vi*. But keep planting it. Thank you, Hon Minister.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, it is your duty to give clarification, the Cabinet, I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.

**Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I also thank the Minister of Agriculture; it is new to hear some of these initiatives. The Hon Tuitama often tells us about this project on trying to grow this plant. Mr Speaker, but I stand in regards to our records, since my name was mentioned, and this is the second time I have been included in such things. To point to this side, and the next day I am also included. It has been mentioned the Hon Minister, and it seems I am the middleman on the matter of *monavi*. But I am the same with the Tuiatua Faanofonofu since we have relations in the past. We do not need such things, the blood goes where it normally goes, there is no need for medicine or *monavi*, and perhaps it might be useful for the senior member who is retiring. But please can my name be removed from our records, in case someone might come one day and say, that man lived on that plant. But no, I do not use it. With respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well, perhaps it was clear, it is not the nervous system but the blood circulation, but it is a different nervous system that you two masters. But there is also words of the gospel, blessed is the accused. Hon Minister, I believe you are a man of the gospel. Therefore let us forget these comments but move with our work.

I call upon the Hon Minister for Women, Community and Social Development.



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**Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development):** Mr Speaker, I stand because it seems everyone is guessing this plant. Since it was not explained well by the Hon Minister, this plant was known to me by one of the doctors. The benefit of this plant is that it dilutes the blood vessels and helps to speed up the flow of blood. This is the version of the doctor I gave him because the Hon Minister finds it difficult to explain...since it is not useful for him, it is useful for the heart. Remember, for example, the respectable member was involved in his operation in New Zealand, which is said to have been caused by narrowing of the heart arteries. The heart itself has its own blood supply, which is called the coronary tree or coronary arteries which supplies the heart. If one of these arteries are blocked, this is where we get heart attack or sudden death for some when one of the arteries is blocked of the coronary tree or coronary artery of the heart.

The uses of the plant mentioned by the Minister, it dilates the arteries of the heart, but not only to the heart, but also dilates the other arteries of your body. Well that is the use of it, the medical use is for the blood to flow properly, especially the arteries that are being blocked. So that is why I asked the Hon Minister for a plant so I can grow it. The plant was given, and it was alright, but once it was planted it died. The plant is like this and still has no leaves, I am waiting on a time for it to grow. But there are many plants that have grown well, it is with the Hon Minister.

Well, that Mr Speaker is a clarification on this matter.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The clarification given by the Hon Minister is now clear...

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** Mr Speaker it is true. I want to thank the Hon Minister for promoting these leaves. It has a lot of benefits. If I note the Minister, he seems to be unbalanced. Should he not drink this *monavi* to dilate his blood vessels? Seuseu please give the Minister the *monavi* to drink so that his blood arteries are dilated. With due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is an understanding that the clarification of this matter is clear. There is an opinion of the Chair, I appease respectable members of the Parliament that we should move away from this subject of leaves, *monavi* is very useful, and now the country has heard that it is important for us.

I now call upon the Hon Minister to continue his speech.

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**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you. The explanation given by Hon Lautafi is quite clear since he is a doctor. This is what we...I am sorry, Hon Tuitama, pardon me, I keep on making a mistake for Hon Lautafi. This is what is happening today. The Hon Tuitama, since he is a doctor, he understands such situation. This is also why I shared it for feedback from him, but in other words a brief summary of the clarification given by the Hon Minister, the substitute is Viagra.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the Minister as I call upon the Leader of Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, you may have noticed that about 3 years ago there was a visit from some doctors from South America who wanted to setup a hospital in Samoa, which I also spoke about. Because there are 2 types of medical treatment to treat most patients. There is treatment where we have doctors, who inject, cut, and remove part of the body that is sick. But there is also another type of doctor, who has been studying for 5 years, who uses herbs, leaves, and there is a good story I saw in a movie, of a mother in America. A mother who was diagnosed with cancer, then she was prepared to be treated with chemo, but this mother was afraid to undergo surgery, then she went to this other doctor, to be treated with leaves.

The outstanding thing was, the doctor who owns this hospital, he is a top American Surgeon in both fields, not only in surgery procedures, but also in treating people using medicinal herbs. This is where this mother went to and requested his opinion. Remember the person she had gone to is the top American Surgeon, and the top American Doctor in the type of treatment with herbal remedies. Then he gave a decision, it can be treated with food and herbal remedies, and it is also cheaper and easier. This woman went under treatment for 6 months, but only with food, different food and leaves, because these foods strengthen the body's immune system. For 6 months, she consumed with other cancer patients only fruits and vegetables. After that 6-month period she was diagnosed again but there was no more cancer. I thought of bringing in this company, but you have informed me that the financial situation is not appropriate, and the same thoughts are behind the move of our SROS to do all the research for all treatments found in Samoa because of the belief I and the Cabinet Ministers, there are cancers that cannot be cured by usual treatment, but can be cured using these Samoan medicines. The same things that cured us before the Europeans came.

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Mr Speaker, this is the entire background of the information given, which our SROS is also moving towards, and a lot of work has already been done with the research that we have also accomplished, because Samoa has different plants. It does not mean that all the plants that grow in different countries are the same, we do not know if our country has other plants that can cure diseases of the body which is difficult to find modern treatments, which is another medical skill.

Mr Speaker, this is the importance of the matter that I asked about, because the work of SROS is very important as the Cabinet has ordered that they conduct research, come a time in future the research carried out will be a success. This means we are in a situation where we may find another kind of relief for our sick people.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I thank the Leader of the House for the address. Well, this is the reason why the Chair gives opportunity to Hon Ministers, since you are the Cabinet, you do have a collective responsibility to answer and clarify together the queries voiced by members of Parliament.

Pardon me Hon Minister of Agriculture, since we have arrived at our exact time to conclude our work for this morning. Therefore, I respectfully announce, that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside until its resumption at 6:00pm. Thank you.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 1:00pm and resumed at 6:11pm.*

*Debates continued with the Government's Responses on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2020/2021.*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I announce the resumption of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Well as the usual saying goes, Samoa is a country undecided. Even though day and evening are close, there is reproach and blame as well as words that hinder oneself. However, it is with a spirit of gratitude that we are meeting in good terms.

I acknowledge and welcome this evening the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Associate Ministers and the dignity of respectable members of Parliament, I commend all for your presence and also your patience.

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I also want to greet and welcome the Chief Executive Officers of Government Ministries as well as Private Organizations. Thank you for your patience, our work is done together. I commend you all for your perseverance.

Well, to Samoa listening in and your support, it is not forgotten, thank you for leading us today, especially in not forgetting your Parliament, as we carry out our Proceedings in your prayers. Nevertheless, I pray that you give us support and blessings as your Parliament commences its duties this evening.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was set aside this afternoon, as the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries was giving his response, I call upon the Hon Minister, you may continue with your address.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** I believe you have already given word of gratitude this time of the day, not only to the House, but to the respects of the country especially our Heavenly Father who rules everything. But I will now speak directly on the matter as it is the purpose of this evening. Before our recess the presentation of this Ministry had arrived at our Scientific Research Organization of Samoa at Nafanua. As all are aware, this Ministry requested our Research Center, in many products that could be tested and implemented and found, if there were any companies that can carry out the production. However, there are some small products that was released, and at the moment it is doing well, like the oil obtained from the *fetau*, oil obtained from the mosooi and other oil-based products derived from coconut. As for the majority of some of the research, well they were not interested in producing it.

For example, the whiskey, avocado, and avocado oil, and the flour called gluten free flour obtained from breadfruit. This resulted with the Research Organization requesting Government, on what they think of giving the opportunity to a company to produce it but be managed by the Research Organization and Management, or an extension of the work that is being done at Nafanua. It was accepted and funding of \$2,500,000 was given to carry out this work after the research by our Research Organization and Board, the Chairman and Management Committee, together with some recommendations given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on what to do.

Pictures have been drawn during one of our trips where we travelled to Germany at a meeting held in Berlin, we also had the opportunity to visit one of the companies that have been making machines for over 300 years, Distillers to produce whiskey.

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Now the program has been done and the layout of what is needed to build this house has been done. Now that the foundation of the building has gone up, we only need... maybe within 3 weeks, it depends if it does not rain heavily, then the top part of the building will be installed. This work is being set up in our land at Nafanua. There is expectation that this company or the commercial arm of SROS will be named Nafanua Pure Products Limited – NPP.

It has already been officially opened by the Hon Prime Minister and our people and it has been implemented nearly completed, perhaps by the month of May, all machine parts have been installed. In addition to the whiskey, but also flour made from breadfruit, there is also another study, not only using breadfruit but banana. You can get this flour called gluten free flour. This flour is also different because of its health benefits, the companies overseas need it and there are negotiations done with our Ministry to get it.

The status of this project, we will soon begin. We have been able to carry out the research done by our Samoan children in SROS, it is something that is highly needed. The important thing is that our people witness that the hard work of our children who went abroad to study, come back and do the work and understand that they found what should be done, now it must be implemented, but we will also see the results of the work. It is true that the work is born from the presence of the design and the product that has been prepared, but it is not possible to see the product that is finished and ready to be sold. This is the spirit behind the idea of setting up this building.

The goal of our Ministry, if this project continues and in time there might be people who want to buy this company, well, there is an opportunity but there are also conditions that must be adhered as it is the usual process of releasing these Government properties, there are policies that must be followed. When that time comes, that is how it will be done. But there is an effectiveness of this initiative it will not only provide a product that can be value added to our products exported, but not like taro at the moment which is bountiful. Because of Covid, this is the reason why there is a delay in implementing this project. Because there are many things needed to be brought in from overseas which is why our company is not able to speed up preparations and implementation of this initiative. Now we have it, our products will be exported overseas, earning employment for our people, also acquiring funds that is useful in funding Government projects in the development of Samoa and its people today and tomorrow. This is a good aspect that I want to express my gratitude to our children who are working there. There are a lot of other things carried out, even with Covid. There are machines at our research lab in case there is a need for help or there are many people affected, but now we have a place to help our country.

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Not only that, as known to our country, there was a time not long ago when it was reported that our world was affected by the disease of African Swine Fever found in pigs. This is the same machine that can be used to examine our pigs to see if any are infected. In addition, products made with pork from overseas, can be examined to ensure safety for the country's consumption. The implementation of this work is properly done.

Many other areas of our project at SROS as I mentioned and was interrupted earlier by solar power. The solar power as it is, requires a battery, a battery that can store or prevent the electricity that can be distributed later. It is also like the effort of our Electric Power Corporation, which now uses batteries from overseas. The problem with these batteries is that they are toxic, after the usage is finished, they should be returned to where it came from, because the effects are dangerous. But the Ministry is working, on making a design of a battery, a battery that protects health, which does not use the same materials used by other batteries found in other parts of the world that are toxic. As for this battery, it can be disposed of when the use is depleted. This is collective work done by the Organization and staff and children of our country. Well this is something heartwarming. I do not know, but as the Minister of the Ministry, I am very happy. Since it is nearly done.

This type of wisdom, which we thought only could be brought in by Europeans from overseas can be done. However, Mr Speaker, I can see that this will result in a positive way. There is one more matter since one of the members mentioned bananas. The banana namely the Israeli banana...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the Minister as I give the opportunity to the Leader of Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, before the Hon Minister moves away from our Research Lab, it is best to further clarify the reason why this Lab was established. All countries whose economy depends on agricultural products are at risk, especially the price structure of products controlled by foreign markets.

The second part that greatly affects a country, is the enforcement of these Laws to ban the importation of goods due to diseases, and we understand this very much, because the banana was flourishing in Samoa, but then the disease came, we were affected by it, our bananas was affected. As for the time the banana grew without the plight disease, the stage it was in was outstanding, there was a lot, not only were the banana bunches big, but when it bears fruit, you rarely see any brown spots.

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That was the situation our bananas were in from the 1950s until 1960s. This is the culmination of being able to ship 1 million boxes of banana to New Zealand. This is also the reason why our coconuts were affected, because of the rhinoceros beetle. The rhinoceros beetle, there was no such beetle in Samoa back then, but it came to Samoa through products that was imported from overseas, but it was not quarantined well. All countries have very strong laws to stop the import of products in the primary stage, primary products or primary produce, primary exports, in the first phase.

This is the reason why we set this up, because all countries try and find permanent solutions, this is to avoid it, setting up research laboratory, so the scientists can change primary produce to secondary products. This means, the taro will no longer be exported, but now we will export whiskey, made from taro. This is why the plan implemented by Government in 2006 is important, the plan to establish our research lab. Now we have products like flour, flour made from breadfruit, cooking oil made from avocado, and whiskey made from taro. The Minister has already spoken about the way of raising the standard of our whiskey, like the country of Jamaica. Jamaica is famous for its rum, Jamaican rum.

This is the initiative the Government is trying to develop in order to create our own company as there is a reluctance in our existing companies to produce whiskey in a standard that it can be sold overseas at a high production volume. This is the matter Mr Speaker, we have heard, that this whiskey can be made from taro. Whether it is 10 taro it is useful. This means we have set a great future for our farmers, they do not need to worry about exporting taro, because now we are able to produce whiskey from taro. Now we can also use our other trees like coconut, cocoa, to produce distilled spirits. But now our scientists have picked taro because they believe it is best.

Mr Speaker, this is the reason why we set up the laboratory for the use of our country and to produce different types of products at the secondary level and be able to avoid strong laws that ban goods from countries like us from being exported. The same goes for our fruits. We have long wanted to export our fruits, but it is banned because fruit flies are in it, like mangoes. This is why it is very hard to export these overseas. But now these plans have been implemented for Samoa to produce its own products, that is first priority, which resulted to the decision made in 2006. We are slowly starting to manufacture our products from the produce that can be found in Samoa.

This is further explanation Mr Speaker because there is a foundation behind the creation and establishment of SROS in Samoa, for the development of products going into the future.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well thank you Hon Leader of Government, this opens other future plans of Government for the benefit of our country.

I call upon the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue his response.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Thank you. Well, that is the situation regarding our research lab on a good cause. If I think about it, it is the same as establishing a University. Now, we have seen the result of that initiative as well as our research lab. The spirit and prayer to God is to continue to give our Government and our people the strength and knowledge to achieve such goals, it is not easy. But thanks to the Government for the help, for implementing great plans our children will depend on as well as those who have yet to be born, also for those implementing it, and children who have just been born. Well, that is the state of this project, and the implementation of our laboratory is also good, the policies of the Government go in line with its plans.

I cannot forget to thank the Hon Minister of Finance and our Government for the effort in implementing this, because \$2,500,000 is not a small amount. Now I said to the Auditor, to thoroughly look at the things given in our report on the implementation of the use of this money, it is clean. Nothing is wrong. I am not saying that there are issues. No, this is just a reminder to the young people of our country to be vigilant.

Mr Speaker, the situation with the banana, since it was questioned and reminded again and again by the member who raised this issue. There is only one banana plantation that is well managed, the Tanumapua plantation by Afioga Taimalie Charlie Ah Liki. 40 acres are planted with Israeli banana. 50 thousand kilos or 50 tanks per month can be obtained from this plantation, sold green and ripe. Why is it possible to be done? Well \$800,000 a year is spent in the effort to be able to properly maintain bananas according to the rules and regulations given at the start of this development. That is also the reason why I think it is difficult for some of our farmers because it is not cheap. This banana farm is well managed. And that was the notion that we and the Ministry had when we consulted with those who came by wanting this banana. There was also a time when the media criticized me, but that is the reason, now they understand why I said it is not cheap. As I earlier stated this banana plantation is going well, and it is ongoing. The banana the Ministry is planning to emphasize is the Samoan banana, and the Cavendish banana, which was found in Samoa in the past, we are working on it, there will come a time maybe October, November this year, then we will release it for our people to grow together with conditions on how it should be grown.



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But the Israel banana is put aside, for those who can grow and nurture it. The Ministry has a lot of ambitions on this industry for smooth development. But that is also the reason for revisiting this because markets like New Zealand, only Samoa and countries of the Pacific eat taro, but the whole market in New Zealand and Australia and other countries where there are Europeans, everyone eats bananas especially ripe banana. This is the reason why we need to revive our bananas, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Research Lab cannot stop the work that is being done to save our banana industry.

Mr Speaker, one of the members of the House voiced an interesting suggestion, very good advice. The recommendation was, be active in advising, but be aware, there are times when you advise but end up getting harmed by the advice. Yes. But remember, it is the Cabinet and Chief Executive Officers of Ministries present where this advice is voiced. I would say that this advice is one of the best advice, top advice I have ever heard from anybody, very interesting. Be active in advising. Because these are policies of Government which is why I am responding, as a member of the Cabinet. Yes. Be vigorous in advising. There are also other times that frequent counseling hurts you. It is gentle but very useful advice. Now, my advice to the brother, the member of... I will not mention the name. Give your advice to your group. Because the word from the Bible, do not try and remove the speck from the other person's eye, because there is a plank in your own eye. Yes, this is my advice. The reason why I have stated to take that advise.

Remember I have just been transferred to the Ministry to become a Minister, on August 31, 2017. I am talking about Government policies and provisions. When I arrived, I was sworn in. I mentioned it the first day of my interview. What are you going to do, I said to him, I will first go and ask, how to do this job as a Minister. I asked, then records were given, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry gave me the manual. Then I read the manual all night. Even though I did not find everything I had to do. But I had an idea, and an understanding, because I have never worked in the Public Sector before. I was in the Private Sector all my life. In my third week, someone called me, and said it was a foreigner, I do not know if it was foreigner or from which country. Stated he wanted to meet me, I then said, why do you want to meet. I want to meet, I need a letter, to help with the construction of 30 million fishing boats. Because the agreement had already been signed. I was over the moon, I was surprised, this was something good.

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Then I told him to wait for my call. I called the Chief Executive Officer Afioga Tilafono David Hunter. Come, we will be making 30 million fishing boats. It was not long before the CEO stood in front of me. I told him turn around. He said, is there something wrong Hon Minister. No, I just wanted to know if you had wings. I just called you now, and now you are here already.

Then he said, Honorable, this is the same issue that you called. Then the Chief Executive Officer explained everything. He said, this is the MOU that was signed between the Government and this company. But look, Hon Minister, it was signed by Princessa, on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017. As for me, I arrived on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017. Then I asked him, what does this mean? It is said that the MOU that was signed when the former Minister left was suspicious because it was the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, but I did not know anything, unfortunately I do not know the day. Second, the advice given to the Ministry, do not do it. The Government of Samoa policies was not complied with. I could not find the FK, I said, but the FK states that the document should be given to you, then given to Cabinet to endorse and be given back again. But the CEO said, Hon Minister nothing was done. Also it was not done by the lawyer of the Ministry, or the lawyer from the office of the Attorney General, but it was a lawyer from outside.

Now do you all now see what is happening here. This man should be blamed, what did he say. Is this what you want to do when you come in, you want to lead and do whatever you want. This company is called Juvenile Assets, they partnered with another Samoan company that was also been investigated, called *Malosi o le Nuu*. The *Malosi o le Nuu*, their lawyer is the one that signed it, I will not mention their names. This person is the other shareholder, this is the person we saw at the end of the trial, brought in, that made the decision, that the front men of this person signed the agreement.

Mr Speaker, the reason I mention this, because there was a recommendation, it was done behind, but it ended up before Cabinet. So I have to respond to these things. The other thing, I was surprised the other day, an email came, through the Ministry mail [minister@maf.gov.ws](mailto:minister@maf.gov.ws), I have to open the email that is the property of Government. There is no reason why I should not touch it, especially when I am the Minister of Agriculture. It stated, carbon credit, it is needed in the agreement 60,000 acres AU\$350 million with 2% commission, AU\$7 million. Look at what is happening, I feel sorry for Samoa, if this is how it will be. Let me borrow your own words, listen Samoa, Samoa are you listening in to all this. You also went to my constituency and promised 6300 acres named the Cornwall estate. I note this because the policies discussed here are land.

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I just want to say something on the Land and Titles Commission that I chaired. This is one basis, the reason why we made our recommendation, as the members of Committee are present. This is one reason that was in my heart, kept in my heart.

The 6300 acres that was sold in 1866. It was sold by a man named Aokuso, to a European man named Frank Cornwall. This is from Asau all the way to Falelima. Do you know the pain of our village about this, but you come and say, we will return your lands. Do you know the reason why, this is one reason why the Land and Titles Court status was elevated. This is the arrangement that I brought, our Committee knows, this is the structure of the court. Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, Chief Justice, District Court, Family court and other courts, the line is crossed, and under it is the Land and Titles Court.

This is the reason why we were adamant to make this recommendation, it is in our report. Mr Speaker, you do not know the pain of our community, but you keep making a fuss with your promises that cannot be done. Are you going to return the lands of Vaitele, are you going to return the 18,000 acres pf Falealili? Are you going to return the lands of other villages that have been taken by the Government? Are you going to return the lands of Apia and other villages? Do not voice persuasive words, do not, because it is not funny since people are in pain over such statement, but it cannot be done. It cannot be done, do not deceive the country.

I have with me the history of the purchase of that land. Because I cry when I look at it. I traveled to New Zealand in 1981, I went to look in the Turnbull library, and I saw the system. I went to Germany to look at it again in their archives. Until the time when the Berlin Agreement was signed between America, Britain and Germany. A total of 1,630,000 acres of Samoa have been sold. As for the total land of Samoa that God gave, it is 683,000. The Europeans bought it more than 3 times. That is, in the oath I took, and the oath of Committee, such a thing will not happen again in Samoa. But one way to do it is to strengthen the Land and Titles Courts. Give it the power, so they can make good decisions to protect the lands of Samoa.

Mr Speaker this is painful, some people of my village said, Lopao I feel sorry for you, the snake is being attacked while it is still looking, someone you knew. Then I said, you do not really understand the snake. The snake, this is why we are called *gata ula*. It is between 7 to 10 meters in the morning, it sits on the curve of the tree trunk. When you see it is red, then it turns darker, when its blood is hot it turns black. You have to be careful when it is black. That is why my village, be patient, what I told you at the start of this Parliamentary term, pray to God. It is the same advice the Leader of Government gave to me, pray to God, let us confide in God. Mr Speaker, I want to say, Samoa be the judge.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, as I call upon the Hon Minister of Communications, Information and Technology, on what he wishes to speak on.

**Afioga Hon Afamasaga Lepuiai Rico Tupai (Minister of Communications, Information and Technology):** Mr Speaker I just want to ask the Hon Minister, because the House does not understand, because there are times, he speaks in Samoan but ends up speaking in English. The term mentioned Predecessor. We do not understand, because the Minister keeps pointing his hand to this side, as if it seems he is pointing towards Tofa Olo. Or is this the English name for Tofa Olo or what is this word. Therefore, I want to ask the Minister, it seems the 3 matters mentioned in his speech is moving towards the word Predecessor, what is this word. I would like to ask the Hon Minister, what exactly is the meaning of this word. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will give the Hon Minister the opportunity to translate this word into Samoan, and proceed with your wonderful speech. The Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** You are the other person when you look at your wife, I do not know about the beauty of another Predecessor in this world, that is the same as your wife. Yes, name her...

Mr Speaker, I will now speak to my constituency.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well thank you, I commend your profound insights Hon...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, may I have a chance please.

**Tofa LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Your Hon, there was no part...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies to the Hon Minister but I may ask the member for Gagaifomauga No.3. Is there something you need to say that has caused you to stand up.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Yes, please Mr Speaker, I did not want to interrupt the beautiful oration. I wanted to let him finish. But the two issues addressed by the Minister, were issues that involved me, as I was sitting in the chair of the Minister for Agriculture at that time.

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Apologies your Hon, give me a chance, because the people are listening, and asking, let Samoa be the judge. So give me an opportunity to clarify these 2 issues, then the water will be crystal clear. That is my request. Your Hon, there was no other Minister in the Agriculture Office before me. So I resigned and went to answer my court case. Now that these 2 issues have been given, specifically stated that it is right, so these are the things that you will come here to do when you come win the election. Your honour that is what I am asking for, give me a chance to explain this, this is bringing forth corruption. It is so wrong all the way to Sydney.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I think, because your name was never mentioned, according to our Standing Order. The address by the Hon Minister, was a general speech, and it did not mention the reverences of other members within this Parliament. And for that reason it is quite difficult to grant you an opportunity, because your name was never stated. Therefore, apologies to the member, your request for an opportunity is not allowed, leave the opportunity to the Minister to conclude his speech. Your Hon Minister of Agriculture, you may stand to continue your speech.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Nafaitoa, my standing is not a violation of the Assembly, apologies. If this is your will that I do not have a chance, then let it be done. But I will clarify this matter another time, through another way to gain an opportunity.

But you have drawn the line and allowed the privilege of the Minister to say things about me. But it does not matter, enough of this, take charge, take charge, Nafaitoa I will rule my heart, but take this opportunity to clarify these issues as these accusations are extremely serious.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Your honorable member for Gagaifomau No.3, thank you for your deep understanding. Your honour, you have controlled your own will according to the weakness of the Chair.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Your honour the Predecessor is the person who was there before him, so that means it was me. Which was questioned by Afamasaga. That is the meaning of the word I mentioned. And now he said that the Predecessor is different, please state the words clearly.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Minister is explaining the actual meaning of his speech. It cannot be interpreted by other members. Please, we are still upholding respect given the protocols of the House. Therefore, be supportive.

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As you have said, you have opportunities, so that is it. Hon Minister you have arrived at your constituency, and your canoe is about to be on track. Apologies to the member for Falealili allow me to firstly address the issue which has caused your upstanding.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** There is something I want to clarify about the remarks by the Minister. Since the people of the country are listening, I also know that we sometimes hear the blowing of the wind abroad through other means. For that reason, I am worried, but in the Parliament, it is interesting. When we listen to what the Minister is talking about, this is no small matter. It would be nice if it is explained for the sake of the country about the role of the Predecessor, so that Samoa can judge. Because it is not limited here, but to allow us to find other means of communication, before it comes to us, the affairs of the country should be discussed in here, so that all matters are transparent. It is my suggestion but thank you... that is what I was trying to clarify. For the sake of those who needs understanding in these areas.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Please Minister, give an opportunity to the Chair. To provide an explanation to this matter.  
The member for Salega.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Because my name was stated, I am surprised for the mentioning of my name, as we talked about the Predecessor. I know you do understand it too your honour. There was an Office before, before the Minister so Laauliolemalietoa was right about what he said, he was the Minister, followed by the Minister we have now. I am trying to explain the issue. But we did not have a say, because as I heard, the Minister or Minister of Agriculture has come to this matter, but the Minister's address was interesting. The Prime Minister also clearly noted, we cannot take outside the affairs of the House, however, this is still happening, talks about the campaigns of the Political Party of FAST. Please your honour, give an order to stop these things. With due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I have granted the opportunity to the respected member who has just finished sharing, because his name was mentioned. That was the reason for giving the chance. Thank you for the speech, but it seems like you are speaking of a different matter. But it would be good if I explain the issue that the member for Falealili had spoken about.

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Our Standing Order 183 – If there are any accusations in the state of making your remarks, it should be conveyed through a motion and be ready to present the evidence. That is the Standing Order. The state of speaking generally, but when it comes to the point where evidence should be presented to prove an accusation against a member of this House, it is a must to move the motion, and ready to present the evidence for this House. So that the Chair, will be able to command the provision of proof for these things. This is what I would like to convey to the honor of our Parliament this evening. There is our Standing Order, once we get to the intense of it then that means the approval must be requested for a motion, and doubled it, and then place it on the Table-of-Assembly.

The intention is that I must clarify these things, as the member for Falealili tried to do. However, it is believed that the Chair has time for this. So as mentioned in your speech, and it has also raised by other respected members, there will be a time. But now that you have said that you will get to your constituency, this is the reason why the Chair has said, that you speak of your constituency, just like you said. This is my response.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** No it is not that I am trying to force your opinion your honour, I only needed clarification for one thing, this part, but because this English term is mentioned, such was the point of clarification. The Minister also mentioned that he needed an explanation of these matters. That is my suggestion, you have gone further your honour, but I needed to clarify something, which is why I tried to bring up a suggestion, it is nice, straighten the hot iron, it will burn faster. But if we leave it for another time, then different tools will be used to straighten it. With due respect.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies to the member for Falealili, it looks like you are attacking the Chair. But that is not how the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly works. Therefore, whatever decision that has been given by the Chair, please...When the Speaker speaks, be seated.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** Thank you, I will sit down.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I also spoke this morning; I do not want to repeat myself, the continuous bothersome to the Chair whenever he makes a decision. This is very rude. But I do not want a word from the Chair to reach there again. Please member, I have made the statement, allow the Minister's speech upon his constituency.

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I have seen that the Hon Minister is standing again. But I have already made the decision, please your honour.

**Afioga Hon Afamasaga Lepuia Rico Tupai:** Please your honour, this is the matter I wanted to understand, now it seems like the interpretation of the word is found from elsewhere. Before the Hon Minister address, it. I stand with the utmost respect, because of what you have stated, about the Standing Order of our House regrading cases like these. But since the respected Minister has spoken, and I have now received that the word is being interpreted. Now the Minister is speaking to the Minister who was before him. And many lists of these things you stated, but now you address, the formality of things like these your honour. Mr Speaker, I move the motion, to bring before the Parliament....

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies to the respected member, I have already made my decision regarding this matter. Please Hon Minister. Be considerate of the Chair.

Like I said, please dignity of Parliament, as noticed in the run of the wind and public expressions, clarified and explained by the Hon Minister, but it is still laid out...that is why I am not concerned of other certain matters, because evidence is needed, when it comes to its extremity. Yet the Minister has spoken, like that, he has stepped aside, and he is speaking towards his constituency. Therefore, your Hon Minister, you may orate.

**Tofa Hon LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA:** Mr Speaker, we have to listen to your honour, no one is biased towards your honor, whatever you command, that is what we do. But this member is compliant, with anything. However, your decision is important, thank you.

To my constituency of Vaisigano No. 1, Vaisala in Asau. *Ou te manatu o lea ua tufale tulima le lupe sa talisoa i le atu folasa o tupu. Ina ua filifili foe muli o le tautai, sa tootaumua ua mafua ai ona faatau silimea le siliga, ina ua utusagisagi le lupe lele malie, aua o lea ua faaifo i le malae o le totoa.* My village of Vaisala, and its honorifics salutations

To my village of Auala, and its honorifics salutations.

My beloved village of Asau. You were the one who chose me to enter this House. On the day of our covenant ceremony when I won the election, I said, I will dive, I will crawl into your stomach, I will climb, and I will eat the dirt to serve the sanctity and sacredness of the constituency, especially its' honorifics salutations.

In addition to this my constituency, the solemn support of every head of honorifics in any Church altars within my constituency.



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Blessed are the wives, caretakers and women, as well as the strength of the village even our children, thank you. Here is your authority.

I would like to specifically thank the Esteemed Reverend in our Matagaluega of Falelauniu to our Matagaluega Caretaker and the victorious rested father Aisoli, Faaaliga and his lady, as well as the reverence of the Synod of Salafai West's voice the Respected Reverend Reupena Asiata and his faletua Malae and children. Thank you very much. Thank you for your prayers my beloved constituency and the servants of God. If my crown does not fit or you will not be satisfied... I am sorry to say that that is the best that your member can do.

My family, well done. To my mother Lafitaga, families here and overseas who continues to support me as well as members of my village abroad, your support is heart-warming. Some of the projects that our Government was dealing within the roads of Vaisala have already been implemented as well as making the road to Auala and the complete re-fix of the water pipe. Thank you to the Minister of Works for the work that has already been done. In addition, the road to Utuloa as mentioned will be done soon. But what about the pipe that fell in price? Thank you very much to your Honor and the Ministry for the 30% reduction in the price of the pipe because it came from the pipe. Thank you very much for your consideration and love for your constituency. But some of the works as they are, our constituency has heard, it is no secret that the Government has announced, the Government will carry out this work in our sea, our port and also our airport. Do not worry, there is still no one who has the lease, so there are negotiations going on and there are also some technical problems with the ownership of the land. That is the reason. But your perception and opinion shall not be worried Families and Salafai, let us join hands to support the Government's efforts in Masamasa because that is what happened when our village withdraws from what is being done. This Government, your land has not been ruled, HRPP has not taken it, no one has taken it since Samoa became independent. Thank you to New Zealand for coming and purchased the land and officially gave it to Samoa for this time, let us rejoice this bird that has entered, pray to God that He will bring the answer to everything.

Your Hon Toleafoa Faafisi, well, even though I know that you are listening to our Meeting, we miss you, enjoy your break from work with members of the Parliament. The same goes to your Hon Tuitama, all the best. To your honorable Faasootauloa as you called that you are getting sick, drink the monavi to get stronger. God bless your endeavors. The same goes for your honorable Mulipola Laki, do not worry, the sun will rise again.

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To my Ministry, the honorable Tilafono David Hunter, take it easy, because your families and constituencies are listening of what you were doing. Thank you for your service, as well as the Executive, the honors of the Ministry as well as the Boards of Directors of the SROS, well done.

To the Board of Directors, be active in doing your excellent work, try to do more good things for Samoa.

To the farmers' association, fishermen's' association, the sector that transports our products and our crops abroad, as well as livestock farmers, the manufacturers, thank you very much for your contribution to Samoa. God bless your Ministry and your duties. The Advisory Committees, well, there will be a time when we meet next month, we will shake hands and hug each other, and you will bless me and I will bless you as well. Thank you very much for everything, thank you to this House, I also acknowledge the Management. Now, my speech is done, when dismissing the nest, may the divinities of this House and the Management of our Government sail with blazing heavens.

To the people of Samoa who are listening, bless you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Parliament showed appreciation by clapping their hands after the responding speech of the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well done with your speech Hon, well said your Hon Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, as well as the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS).

The Chair is of the opinion that the year has gotten older in regards to the wonderful oration by the Hon Minister, it is also a wind that calms the hearing of the House. *O lea ua tu lafoga le manu na saili mafua ma ua e foa foi le papa nai pululauie e pei o le fetalaiga nai le Alataua.* Your constituency has heard especially Samoa. Therefore, I offer great appreciation. Truthfully the winds have risen even in the hold of the ship as the saying goes to Pualele's ship due to your remarks this evening. I commend you for your preparation. Now that your constituency has heard that you have reached every corner, much appreciated. Thank you for preparing, thank you for your patience, and I commend for spreading out the rug while the House of Samoa was listening. The time will come and that everything you have pointed out in your speech will be clear.

Hence, may God bless you. You have also extended your appreciation and blessings to the Ministries you have worked together with in these 5 years period, now you have seen that the people of the country are satisfied because of your service. May God bless this evening. Thank you for everything.

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We have now arrived at the turn off, I would like to call upon the Hon Minister of Health for your remarks.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS (Minister of Health):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. Mr Speaker, *o le a mati'e pea ia i tiasa o tupu paia ma mamalu sausaugata o le aso aua o lele ua sooula le fala i ou sa ma ou faigata. E viligia ai matagi le moe i le faamoemoe ae lili'a i matautu le solo a le tamaitai, aua e ui lava ina matua i le oo le tetele o pesega i le Papaseea e pei o upu i Faleata, ae lili'a lava tino i maugafolau o laau tauluulu ma talaulau.*

I have joined together in praise and thanksgiving because heaven has heard the prayer offered by your Hon the Speaker begging for blessings from the Lord upon this Assembly especially our beloved country who is supporting us. Mr Speaker, it is tough as the people of Samoa are listening and it is honorary salutations.

I would like to firstly greet and offer my salutations to His Excellency the Head of State, your Hon the Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and your Good Lady. I would also like to extend welcome to the Member of the Council of Deputies, the Hon Le Mamea Tuiletufuga Ropati Mualia and your Good Lady.

I also greet the support of *Aiga o Tupu, Aiga o Nofo, Aiga o Papa, Aiga na Tafaiifa. O le paia lava lea aua Aiga ma latou Tama, o Tama foi ma Aiga, Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.*

I also welcome the support of our brothers in the East Island who are listening, and its honorifics salutations.

Special greetings to Mr Speaker, the support of Church Leaders at any altars and the dedicated workers of the Gospel who are working day and night for the welfare of Samoa. I commend your support, your hard work, your commitment, we are grateful for your prayers that the works of the Parliament have been successful, while the tasks are beginning to conclude that were planned and implemented for this Term XVI of the Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, despite the insight of this House in concluding the orders of the Parliament for this Term, but if it was not in accordance with the will of God, the oar itself will slip into the boat. But praise be unto God, now we are meeting in front of the village and not behind it. *Ua tatou fesilafia i vaelupemaua ae le o vaelupesaa i le pule faasoifua a lo tatou Matai Sili i le Lagi i lo outou soifua ma so matou ola.*

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I furthermore greet the honorable Speaker. Should I also address the Hon Leader of the House, your Hon Prime Minister your Sususga Tuilaepa Lufesolai Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi. I also greet our Cabinet Family as well as Associate Ministers.

I would also like to greet the Chief Justice as well as the President of Lands and Titles Court, female and male Judges as well as the Ministry of Justice.

Turning to that Side of the House, I greet and offer salutations to your Hon Chairpersons of the Parliamentary Committees as well as the esteemed members who were elected and officially appointed by each constituency of the nation to be their voice in the Assembly of Samoa. I commend you members.

We also welcome the participation of the Chief Executive Officers of various Ministries and Private Organizations of our Government.

Greetings to the Clerk of the House as well as the hardworking staff. Thank you for serving the Parliament at all times when the Legislature of our country is assembled. I also formally greet the support of the supreme sacredness of Samoa who are living abroad.

I welcome every family, beloved children, friends and acquaintances who are praying and supporting us. Mr Speaker, even though one of the pillars of the House has broken that has caused the vacant on seat of David in the constituency of Falease'ela and Lefaga, the respected Vaafusuaga Ken Poutoa. Now it is neither your will not ours, but God's independent authority in your life and our life. May the spirit of God comfort and condole his lady Vaelaa and daughter, the two families as well as the supreme honors of the constituency, especially this House, because of His holy calling. Let us pray together that he will find a permanent place in eternal life.

To my beloved constituency of Gagaifomauga No.1, there will come a time when I address you because it is difficult to your servant the authority given, the respect, your prayers and support, but wish me luck. I will use this opportunity to express our gratitude as you have requested for our Government this Parliamentary term as we have been blessed with many blessings.

Hon Leader, I know that you do not want any praise or honors, but I appease you, as I voice the gratitude of my listening constituency, they who chose me to sit in the seat of our constituency.

Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and Government, I feel grateful and moved to God because of His sincere love for Samoa because He has shown and brought forth through the leadership of Your Honor the Leader of our Government good thoughts, courage, especially his gift of yours and our life.

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We have been able to make many good decisions even though difficult for the common good of our beloved country, in times of prosperity and times of difficulties such as the Covid-19 we are facing which has affected the whole world with its spite and cruelty. As heard in some of the statements by members, we are creating, and planning our ideas based on it for tomorrow.

The Hon Leader of the House the Hon Prime Minister, I do not need to praise, it is the gratitude of my constituency. I commend you for your bravery, your courage, thank you for your patriotism, I commend you for leading Samoa, despite the many challenges and baseless accusations against the Hon Leader and Government. Hon Leader, my constituency also conveys its gratitude and moving spirit, because of your authority and your respect that you took into account and selected this weak and humble member of Gagaifomauga No.1 as one of the Ministers of Cabinet under the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development. It has been 3 years and 4 months since you revised your decision, to choose the member of Gagaifomauga No.1 to take on the helm for the Ministry of Health until this day. Hon Leader, thank you for your approval, thank you for honoring the constituency of Gagaifomauga No.1.

Mr Speaker, the sun is nearly setting as many of our major developments are nearing completion, which was implemented by the Government under the Human Rights Protection Party HRPP, together with the strong support and the hardwork of the employees of Government, the younger generation of Samoa in implementing and accomplishing our plans and work, after it is passed by the Hon Leader and Cabinet

Mr Speaker, there is a time when we reflect and look back on the wonderful process of this XVI session of the Parliament and read the many works that have been done for our country, we have to say, God, thank you for your love, thank you for your kindness to Samoa, we return the praise and honor to you Lord. Thank you for the great things that God has done through our Hon Leader and the Government, especially the staff working in various Ministries and Private Organizations in response to the needs of our country in every aspect of life.

My constituency also expresses their gratitude to your Excellency and the Government for the warmth of your partnership with our partners and distant countries, not only to various banks such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and others, especially many of our partners who are loving and kind to us, whom we have received a lot of funds that have assisted with our work and developments requested and needed by each district for the general welfare of our country. These partnerships are based on the guidelines of good management, understanding, clear and transparent and based on policies that are well implemented.

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This is an indication, Mr Speaker in the eyes of our constituency, a Government that is strong and far-sighted, has deep wisdom, far-reaching and wide-ranging vision, and makes decisions in good times and in difficult times applicable with our country

Hon Leader and Government, Samoa has been blessed with many good works, major developments and various grants and many gifts given to all sectors. What is the situation that we are observing, your Honor, regarding the observation and response of our country? We feel much moved because we can see the joy of some of our people in the communities not only in Upolu but also Savaii expressing their gratitude and happy spirit. What are the words conveyed? Hon Leader and Government, thank you for your compassion, thank you for accepting our requests, praise God for your service. We thank God because we are not looking for our praises and honors, but we are fulfilling the service to serve our beloved country of Samoa.

As we have witnessed in Savaii at the end of last week, this is the same praise, gratitude, the cost of living has increased if we compare it to the past years with the state of destitute faced by our country. The praise as you witness, Hon Tuilaepa, is evident through the work implemented not with the promises made. Praise God. But I am also saddened, as it was announced, some of our people from the constituency called and asked, Faimalo we have a lot of money, as it was stated that we will be given a million if they come into Parliament. Each constituency will be given a million. Those who have called have heard. These are false and misleading promises. The question is where will this million come from? There is no part of the Appropriation deliberated now that allocates funds to be given out. The Chairperson has clarified the Parliament's finances. I believe it is stated in the 3 pages in your hand, the list of things from which money was received, those who showed us compassion. These are clean loans requested by the Government, to fulfill and help the development that the country is crying about.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the Hon Minister as I give the opportunity to the Prime Minister

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** The papers that I am holding, this is the Main Estimate our Budget, which ends this year in June 2021. All members of the House together with members who are opposing Government were given a copy. This is in bold letters on the front page.

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Come a time the Minister of Finance will speak, but it is seen within (i) we are gradually getting income, also states expenses, as well as increase of expenses than the normal revenue. This surplus is \$127 million more than our own income, which is called the deficit, or as mentioned by former member Asiata in Parliament as tefisiti. So what does deficit mean? It is overspending, as for the part I want to mention. Because of the statement made that there is still a lot of money, when we go in, we will distribute. Do we distribute a deficit? Mr Speaker, the information noted, there is \$127 million in 2020 to 2021, there is more money spent than money earned. But how is it that we are spending this much in regards to this figure.

Mr Speaker it is the love of these Organizations to Samoa, because the use and implementation of our developments are well managed. Therefore I want to make known to those who are making silly public promises, that we have overspent \$127 million, then the income earned. There is nothing extra, it is clear, so where will we get what will be distributed. Mr Speaker, it is clear that the Government is not hiding anything. This is all stated in here, I am just justifying since the Hon Minister have touched upon it. But I believe this will be further explained by the Minister of Finance, as this is a good time to intervene. In order for the country to hear, of these acts of fraud conveyed here. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well thank you, the Hon Leader of Government has clearly clarified, this is your duty and obligation.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, can I get an opportunity. Is it possible to get an opportunity?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** In relation to what...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** It is related to the clarification given on deception mentioned again.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I stood to further clarify the matter presented by the Hon Minister speaking.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker the country is listening, please we own these words. I apologize Hon Prime Minister; these are our own policies.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is noted by the House. Does this mean there were such statements made, because there is no mention of any names?

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** It is not a secret, Mr Speaker, that is our manifesto, and we are going to announce it. This is what the Leader of Government is talking about, please, leave our announcements to us.

When we come, we will not tell you where we get our funds, to carry out these plans. But we are not saying... we are not following your policies. This is the biggest thing mentioned, the Government has lost \$100+ million since your leadership.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the member speaking as I give the opportunity to the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I will go back to the oath that was taken here. If you lied while taking your oath on the Bible. Then how can anyone believe you, you only speak lies, and your actions are all lies. Mr Speaker that is the matter that I should make right.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease members who wish to stand...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** We should not allow such words to be enunciated. Yes, there will come a time, Hon Tuilaepa there will come a time when you witness what you are worried about...there will be a time...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon Laauli, as the Chair conveys a statement. Please sit down. It is best that I voice this reminder to the respects of the House especially the member, Gagaifomauga No.3, to obey the request of the Chair. It is the duty of the Chair to direct the Proceedings of the Assembly, this is the duty of the Chair. Therefore this matter is concluded here.

But since we have arrived at our recess time, I announce, that Proceedings of the House will be set aside for its usual recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for usual recess at 7:50 pm and resumed at 8:35 pm.*



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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I announce the resumption of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. There is belief that the respects of Parliament have found renewed strength, with the dinner served this evening.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was set aside for recess, as the Hon Minister of Health was speaking. I call upon the Minister.

I call upon the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Thank you for the opportunity. I was trying to find an opportunity before we went into recess. I stand with respect, to speak on 2 matters. First, a matter whereby I move a point of order, and a point of clarification. Mr Speaker, I was Minister of Finance from the years 2006-2011. These are also matters raised, which was mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister. The issue of deficit, which was questioned by Afioga Asiata. Stating that the Government has gone bankrupt. This is once again mentioned by the Leader of the Faatuatuta I le Atua Ua Tasi, Afioga Laauli. Stating that the Government is bankrupt.

For clarification, these matters on Appropriation, estimates, budgets, cannot identify bankruptcy and profits. The only funds that are evident in the budget are, deficits and surplus. Only us who are accountants and auditors can understand this information stated in the budget. The statement by the Leader of the Faatuatua i le Atua ua Tasi, is completely wrong. The Government is not bankrupt, it is reflected here, and deficit are funds Government acquires to make up for it, to be able to carry out the work, especially major developments. So we hope for grants. But this is to make right the statement, as the country is listening. Now we are hearing this big announcement but there is no confirmation Government is bankrupt. The Government is not bankrupt, it is loss, there is a difference between loss and deficit.

Mr Speaker this is a point of order, and a point of clarification on the matter regarding deficit and loss. The member Afioga Laauli mentioned bankrupt, meaning loss. In budget estimates, we cannot identify money...unless actuals are brought. Only then will the profit and loss can be known. And this is the state of our estimates. It does not indicate a loss of money. It is only deficit, but Government has to look for funds to revive and continue developments planned by Government in the budget each year.

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This is the matter Mr Speaker because there is a lot of misleading information. I do not know how they can come and lead Government, but these documents, should be understood well, as it is where the wealth of the country is distributed. If they do not understand it, how can they come and use millions, but they do not know where to get these millions. I just want to assist with Laauli's statement, because it is wrong.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, I commend the Hon Minister of Works for the statement.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, can I get an opportunity since my name has been mentioned a hundred times.

**DPEUTY SPEAKER:** Apologies Laauli but I will first give the opportunity to the member of Alataua, then you will be given a chance.

**Afioga Aliimalemanu Alofa Tuuau:** Mr Speaker thank you for the opportunity, considering my position as Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee. We are discussing the Appropriation Bill. I thank the Hon Minister of Works. This is exactly the matter I wanted to discuss and reason for taking the floor. This is why I request, to the member of Gagaifomaua No.3 to explain where the \$100 million of the Governments loss comes from, because it is not pleasant to us in the Finance Committee, hearing such statements. But the Budget was thoroughly clarified in the speech of the Hon Minister Afioga Papalii. Estimates or plans are different from Financial Statements or actuals. That is, this is only given after the Audit Office does the auditing.

I have with me the records of the Parliamentary Term 2015/2016. The deficit was \$11 million with a net profit after auditing of \$28.9 million. In 2016/2017, the deficit noted was \$84 million in the Budget. As for the records after auditing, the profit was \$63.8 million. In 2017/2018 the deficit was estimated at \$2.1 million. But it turns out that the profit earned after audit was \$30.9 million. In 2018/2019 there was \$12.8 million deficit in the Budget. After the auditing of accounts there was an estimate of \$47.6 million profit, this is to clarify the matter, but I want to understand where this \$100 million debt is from with due respect.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The opportunity granted to the Chairperson of the Finance Committee is very important as you were tasked with the huge work, your review was very thorough on all matters. Thank you for the clarification, but I will now allow the Hon Laauli, the member for Gagaofimauga No.3, as you had stood up.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Very well thanks, I had followed the presentation of the Government Leader, as I was being accused, saying that what money will we come to give out, when there is bankrupt I the budget. That is what I stood up to make clear. Despite the mix up, whether deficit or loss or bankrupt, a bankrupt is a bankrupt.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I did not use the term bankrupt. A point of order, I did not use bankrupt, I used the word deficit. This is what happens when someone who lacks insight of money matters speaks. This is far from the topic; it was said by the Chairperson. There is a difference, estimates are different from actuals, do you understand. I did not use the word bankrupt, except for a person who does not understand financial matters, then the word bankrupt is used. Perhaps you are used to the term bankrupt.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Leader of the Government's statement is now clear.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Thank you. That is the attempt I was making, because I was following.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Allow the first chance to the member of Gagaifomauga No 3 to speak. Allow first the chance to Laauli.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Deficit, what is called a deficit? Another word for deficit is bankrupt. Yes, despite your tricks, there is a deficit and there is not enough money to run the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Correction. The term I used, was expenditure was more than revenue, estimates. Do you get it? Which means estimates. There is the difference with estimates, which is money planned as we move forward.

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Whilst you are talking about 12 months' time. So until you come to December then you can talk about actuals. So therefore, money that was actually received and actual money that was spent. So the difference between the 2, it is translated in Samoan as faasiliga, revenue is more than expenditure. That is the term I use, as there is the difference. The terms have meanings, and that is why, do not use the wrong terms, it is further making you wrong.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Just this bit to end my explanation, because I observe that members are now wanting to speak.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the Hon Minister as I allow...because I do know the different between the 2 terms.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Do say it please. Allow the Honorable Speaker to give a chance. What you are concerned about like this, how are we going to fund these works. We do not follow the insolvency at this time. We are not following those; we will reform the financial institution of Samoa so as to regain money to implement these works. That is the correct clarification. There is the query now on...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I allow the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, everything is on estimates, in accordance to your programs. So when you come here and talk about disbursement, no Government will offer you money. No Organization will bring any money, as that is what any Government will find disgusting. Mr Speaker, with that situation, no one will believe anything you say. Why? Because your lies are all well known, through the oath you made. Where else did you...nobody believes in you anymore...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** That is your own opinion...

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Because you have sworn on the Bible and have lied on it offensively.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** There comes a time for that to be corrected.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the member to sit down until the statement by the Government is complete then you can be allowed a chance.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Just this small matter, please Nafaitoa. There is \$116 deficit in the current Budget, the Main Estimates. What we are trying to say, please we have different policies, we will come and set new policies, we will never again talk about deficit and bankrupt. We will fund everything based on new money. And another thing, there is no money disbursement. The million is allocated for the country, not a distribution.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I allow the chance...pardon me Laauli. I get your will. Allow the Government to respond, just as I said, if you rise up seven times, the Government will rise eight times. The final response comes from the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, what I am saying is no understanding person talks just like the words of the Bible. It is better that I talk to the beast than talking to people like this. Because it is hard to talk to him, for us who understand financial matters because you do not know it. Businesses have gone bankrupt and some are put up for sale, so how then can you come here and talk about it..I have already explained it.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, do not say it carelessly. Tuilaepa, you have never operated any business ever since you existed. You have no experience to do a business.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Until I am finished... Laauli

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** The business that I am working for, belongs to the Government. So, do you get it, which is why there is growth in businesses around the country, and so as your business with Peseta, where you took the \$3million. My business is one for developing the Nation...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** That is contempt of court. That is absolutely contempt of court. You are speaking of these things when the court has already given its judgment on it. Hon Prime Minister, stop it, that is enough insult. That is no different with murder.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Laauli, I appease I have already made my ruling. You shall speak through me before I give my approval. I have thought the Government would complete its speech before the chance is granted. However it seems that the member is speaking freely based on its own freewill. That is the duty of the Chair to straighten out the proceedings of the Assembly. Dignity must be maintained. Like I said earlier, the esteemed Parliament, continuous disorder in the House, there are existing orders. As such, I plead, do beg tolerance, do respect a word from me and bear in mind integrity upon this Meeting of Samoa.

I call upon the Leader of the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** I beg tolerance, the Cabinet is responding in our Meeting for the sake of clarification, as raised by the members. So the Cabinet can never move on if the members keep raising queries...because the Cabinet is talking about records. As for people trying to maneuver and twist the words made from within this House, it is very difficult for us to avoid. The reason is due to the many defamatory statements made outside of Parliament. Such is reason is it hard for us to bear patience. Regardless the Cabinet is responding, the Cabinet will be given the chance to respond and clarify all matters.

Such is reason for our upstanding. It is difficult for us to discuss these matters because we understand them, whereas for them who lack insight of the budget and attempting to avoid us. The country is also tuning in. To give an example, we have clarified many times the \$11million that was raised in our previous Meeting. It is in here. But what is happening? They are delivering that the millions are lost. When it is being corrected in here. Mr Speaker, such is reason why we upstand, because of the many false statements made outside this Parliament. These acts are starting to be thought provoking but do allow us to play our part.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Perhaps there is suggestion to end the discussion of this matter. Such is the final ruling on this matter.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Pardon me Nafaitoa, I have recognized with my spirit, the only thing please. To have a balance with chances as there are too many rude words made against the Government Leader. It has gone beyond that side, when the ruling has already been given. Such is our upstanding, we cannot just allow these words to go.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease the speaking member, the Chair has already said it, bring it up here before I can give approval. Not saying it freely when I am trying my role up here. But I have ended that matter. The Government has the last say. I call upon the Hon Minister. Allow the first chance to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Mr Speaker, thank you. The matter I was raising, with regards to what Laauli was saying about. Deficit is the same as bankrupt. This is far different, for you information leader of your group. Deficit is different from bankrupt, the Prime Minister has already clarified it, in assistance to the Chairperson. Deficit when we have actuals, then we will have loss and profit. These are estimates which we are discussing, if money collected is not enough, then overspending results in deficit. But there is also a term called surplus.

That is the difference, because you are misleading here, but I do know you are well aware. You have been here for many years, to have seen the Budget every year, when it seems that you do not understand.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Your honour, you have ordered to end this matter. Should you wish to open the floor again for comments, Papalii fight for justice, remember your word. You were always murmuring before you became a Minister.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Very well thanks... in justice... Let God be the judge, it is true that I murmured at the time we had this argument, but right now, I believe. I believe in the Government 101% but since you, we are here together...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The chance granted upon the Minister, because this is their role, pardon the Hon Minister I advise with respect, do not allow this matter to replace your profound insight.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** I appease the member, the only matter I wish to correct, whilst the iron is hot. The allegations about deficit and bankrupt are similar not they are far different as the East and West. Because you lack knowledge of auditing terms, you have longed understood.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Chair has given its ruling, and such is the response, that is the end of this matter, which you have spoken about.

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**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, it is saddening this evening. I plead your honour, do bear in mind the dignity of this House. I have been here 15 years long and I have seen anything like this. You have often spoke of policies which will begin. Well you have seen what is happening here. Do keep in mind our Meeting...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the member of Faleata, do leave that matter to Pili. We have received your advise, for that thank you.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Allow me to make a small comment on this matter. It is true we have your word, we did come together with Laauli in Parliament, Fime was here long before us. There is a deficit remaining after the actuals.

So my view on this matter, I am very disappointed, if this expertise exists, where were the reforms? Where were they? Did they make any recommendations to the Government? Ever since I came here there was the term deficit. Ever since I came in, not once was there any bankrupt.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon your will, Lealailepule...

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Your honour, here I am trying when Leala is getting your approval to speak. Pardon me Nafaitoa, you are approving him to speak, you just came in yesterday my borther, you have longed returned...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Laauli I have already apologized to the respected member. Do sit down.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** You too have longed been grumbling.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Now look at this matter.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You have disobeyed far too much. Laauli you have been in this House far too long. You were the Speaker, this is not pleasing, however I am still giving you chances based on respect. The Government has already responded, and everything else have been clarified. The Hon Minister of Health has also allowed you this opportunity.



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**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Thank you honorable Speaker, thank you also to all the interjections, perhaps it is useful for the sake of Samoa, and those judging us, the truth, and dishonesty of these arguments.

I trust it is also useful for the sake of our listening constituency, you have...perhaps this is due to the additional explanation by the Leader in accordance to the question and call he had received. I never had the chance to go to Savaii after this visit to our district, I would only receive their calls, to ask if this is true but I refuse to make any statements, as I do not want to mislead this House. Until we face them then I will gain understanding.

But thank you very much perhaps it is no guessing matter Mr Speaker, this is exactly why we are still courageous. Leadership and encouragement from the Leader of the HRPP majority of this House, the HRPP, leave it to God. And such is also my, since there is a long gap for me to give my speech, God omnipresent and so whatever untrue and misleading allegations, unfounded claims made, God is all knowing.

Mr Speaker it is said that if Jesus is present we are all in the light of the Bible, our Saviour from his suffering during his death on the Cross for the salvation of each person, and the entire world, he had shouted to His Father and said, “Lord, forgive them for they have not known what they have done.” That is a small advise from me and my taken chance. Nevertheless, thank you to the Government Leader, the Government, *tatou te le o apoina le pola motu i tua* as works are ongoing for the support and sake of the country.

Mr Speaker, until my acknowledgement upon our constituency is complete according to their order, then I can make my submission to the service of our Ministry who is in support. The honorable State Leader, I will not mention again the various enhanced infrastructural works such as roads, bridges, concrete water supply, electricity, access roads, airports and other upgraded services.

For the sake of the listening Samoa especially the appreciation of our constituency to the Government. Our constituency of Gagaifomauga No.1 is now satisfied with your respects and various works implemented for the sake of our district, during this 5 year period that is about to come to an end. Thank you to the Government and its long term plans, through the Hon Minister and the Ministry, most of the works are now witnessed for the different districts here in Upolu and Savaii.

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I further wish to thank constituency as said by the Hon Minister of Women, Afioga Tuitama now that our district development plan has completed. All is now included under our District Development Plan, the views of our constituency are now coordinated on what is highly required for the development of our district. As I had acknowledged first, good partnership and the belief of getting good assistance from the Japanese funds has undertaken our Secondary school building within our district. Most particularly, our gratitude to the Hon Minister of Education, the Chief Head and staff. For the construction of the playing field that is almost complete the few ongoing beautification works for the development of our youth in sports area as this is one main area where we could earn more revenues, the various sports contracts signed by our youth if this development is going good. I trust also if the Hon Minister remembers, majority of the kids from Safotu and Manase have made the Manu Samoa famous just recently when they were playing for us.

Our constituency would also like to acknowledge the Hon Minister of Works, including the Chief and the staff. There is the development and entire improvement of the road opposite the pool in Safee all the way to Paia. Furthermore, thank you very much, there is almost the completion of a few fixed areas, for our road in Safotu towards the eye of the valley in Matavanu where the lava is situated, with recent news received that the launching will take place next month, and for that we convey our gratitude.

Thank you too to Ministry of Agriculture for the various assistance received, also to the Chief Head and staff of the Ministry. We have already implemented our project on the faisua, thank you also to the agriculture for the new poles installed. Not only the houses for the improvement of fisheries within our constituency, but we are also seeking support for our families from the sea.

Notwithstanding, majority of taro shoots, that are supporting the farming developments, the chain saws to assist the rinocherous beetle, and the various tools that is assisting the livestock. There is the chicken farming in the country, pigs farming and many other developments for the survival of the country. No one is hungry if compared to what we are seeing on TV and other overseas media platforms especially major economic countries like America, the long queues, where an old lady or an old man is standing in order to get food and water bottle.

These are Government's long term plans implemented by the Leaders and the Hon Minister and the staff for our people during difficult times including these times of the Covid that is affecting the entire world.

I also extend great acknowledgement for the seasonal workers program, which is of great help, that is benefitting...

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

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg forbearance to the Hon Minister as I allow the Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Very well, the member may rest, some are getting tired of sitting long but it would be good to try and stand up more often.

Mr Speaker, this matter is very important, the comparison of us and other countries. And those who were seriously affected by the Covid, it reflects a huge difference honorable Speaker of the life that is lived by people living overseas, the white people and our locals, as overseas they live in rental homes. And majority of these homes, perhaps there are 2 or 3 units built on a quarter acre land plot. So therefore, the only place you can live in is your house. There is not enough space to grow a garden. So that is the difference between us and countries overseas especially our children working overseas, if there is no job then there is no way to earn money in order to survive.

What then shall we do? Then they will queue up in lines to receive assistance from the Government and Corporations, prepare for the distribution of water supply. We are also observing white people queuing up in one line to fetch water buckets. So what is happening with us? There is enough land space to develop. And this is a huge message conveyed to us, on times like this, so whenever there are calamities like this, then we can say, thank you God, for this country and its fertile lands. Raindrop to wet the lands that is rich in minerals and is making the food grow well.

So we now have abundant food supply, but as for countries with more money, well we have seen the suffering they are going through. So just a thought for us to ponder, as majority of us, the reason why we are poor with the situation of money, is because we must plan our expenses wisely, plan accordingly.

Mr Speaker, that is just a small notice, but since we have seen it on TV, then it will shock us with the reasons? But behind those videos, there is a lot of differences going on, the culture of our country, and the many blessings we are receiving from the Most High in heaven for us to say, blessed are we for we are living in a country chosen by God for us to live peacefully in.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I call upon the Hon Minister of Health.

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**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** I wish to express great gratitude to the Hon Minister Lautafi, the Chief Head and staff of this seasonal program. Our district has benefitted entirely from this seasonal program scheme with nearly 100 men who have been blessed with their families. Such is our appreciation to the Minister in coordinating this program and the huge work implemented.

We have received a call from the village development Committee. Only 37 people had left last month, and I think it is this week or next week whereby, the other 17 people will also leave, and Faimalo then said, why are these kids leaving when we are nearing the general elections? My response to that was, the general election will finish on the 9th of April, do not stop the kids from going. The benefits for our constituency, the revenue earnings raised for families who are attempting to go and here they are calling us in Apia to give money for village contribution and donations. Family revenue earnings have increased in assistance to the many obligations such as supporting the families, serving the Church through the various money donations made and project developments. Serve the project developments within the village and district.

Our constituency, there have been countless new homes built and majority of our households did not have good homes to live. Repairment of a few homes into almost new homes. And many are stunned to see many new vehicles within our constituency. Although we had also borrowed vehicles to take someone to the hospital and so forth...

So our immense appreciation goes out to this program, this is one area observed by us from Savaii, about 5 or 6 people would come from Apia, and only one person receives its pay from this seasonal workers program, and such is our great gratitude for this program and its benefit.

Our constituency would also like to congratulate the Government through the honorable Speaker, for making ease everything else and lightening the burden on those that have the symptoms in body and are contracted with sickness. We now have a doctor, and we do not need to go to Tuasivi or Apia lest it is a must to do so. The Hon Minister of Finance has also made aware, and there is also the receipt of money from the World Bank and so it will not be long now before this program is rolled out in order to build new homes for all doctors that are stationed in district health services.

It is similar to and for what...there is also appreciation extended for the many financial assistance received, but what I am disappointed about, is the many complaints made by various member from Savaii last week. We have also received reports made on the internet and video clips on all, saying that the doors of the hospital have been ruined, poor bed conditions and no beds, no medical treatment supplies no doctors.

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I beg tolerance to the members of Savaii, the Cabinet is witnessing what had happened during the measles outbreak, which the Cabinet had visited and followed up the health works for improvement lest there is great suffering upon the country. Where a lot of things have been repaired/renewed, there is a storage room at the hospital where beds are stored. These bedding were all stored properly inside the storage room lest they get dusty. Such is the disappointment as these things are not easy to receive, because every night and day, the health workers would always provide healthcare service for the country. So such is the clarification.

I beg tolerance to the honorable Chairperson of the Finance Committee, especially my constituency where I received another call, the health clinic in Safotu was recently opened and is still new. But I guess that is where most of the complaints came from. And therefore I beg forbearance to the member from Savaii, it is just as you complained about me.

Mr Speaker, we have passed so many Acts during this Parliament. But gratitude to the Leader of the Government, when the Hon Minister of Justice and the Ministry Chief came on board, the testimony was removed from the cover and was included in the Constitution which was affirmation and recognition that God is the Foundation of Samoa. Well done, this is the God whom Samoa rely on at times of calamity.

Nonetheless honorable Speaker, thank you Hon Minister and the Ministry for the Acts that the people were in conflict about especially the Act on communal rights. Which is similar to the Authority of Village Council than the situation where there was only the right of individuals, especially false claims mentioned in the Act about land sales of Samoa by the HRPP. The lands of the country are taken by China, which are very disappointing to hear, nevertheless our constituency is very thankful. They are relieved to the fact that none of this is happening from our Parliamentary Proceedings.

Because they too had received us, and there was a challenge done by your Hon Prime Minister. For anyone to come and show exactly the lines and word in the Act to confirm it. I am not aware if the Prime Minister, if anyone had come here or not. But it is now confirmed, the Law has been passed.

Thank you very much too, Hon Minister of Commuications and Information Technology, Offices and Ministries that were there during the time Safotu had received poor signal especially going up the mountains which has improved the services of the Government. The broadcastings are now clear on radio even though there was an unclear signal on cellphone.

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Good signals are now received on all televisions especially the availability of various advance technology around Samoa including overseas countries, we are now able to chat and see our families overseas and receive the many information and different news from abroad which we can watch and be informed about. I therefore would like to thank everyone you had contacted us in order for us to improve these areas so that we are able to receive information and news from New Zealand and Australia.

Thank you very much now that Parliamentary Proceedings is now broadcasted live for their awareness and understanding of all the misleading and unfounded allegations made against this Government being publicised by the minority which is starting to cause disorder to the Samoan diaspora living abroad. As you have witnessed on the internet, especially....

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Mr Speaker...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pardon the Hon Minister, as I..

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** I beg tolerance...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the standing member whether there is anything, do go ahead...

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai:** Very well, the statement by the Speaker has already been given, most of the...I have tried hard to receive the Hon Minister, to speak directly of his responsibilities in relation to our Health, and the status about it, whether it is good.

But why speak of broadcastings which seems to reject us, this is why there is quarrelsome. *E le aoaia e le matapia le manaia*, because if such is the case, then whenever we speak and make statements, it could lead us into disorder.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the member, I receive well your will, the Hon Minister is receiving us, in accordance to the advise. I call upon the Hon Minister of Health, you may continue.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Thank you Mr Speaker, as I said in the start let me finish this matter about my constituency, and its demands and acknowledgement. The preparation of the Ministry is quite thick, perhaps I will speak of the entire day tomorrow, I am holding these thick papers...

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

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the Hon Minister as I allow the Government Leader.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** That is enough about your constituency but do speak of the Ministry.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Very well, so that is it, as it is difficult given the listening constituency as people would also contact us in Savaii and ask about the happenings here? It is fine, I am simple and obey orders, but those are the feelings. Another matter is...I do not go on facebook only or unless my children would come and show me this and that. My children would show it to me, because I refuse to do facebook as it will make me angry, it will give me a head ache, and it will lead me not to do the right thing.

I would like to extend great appreciation to the support of this constituency upon the Budget we are considering. Thank you also for the complete preparation and thorough review of the Revenues and Expenditures that was transparent and accountable. Just a few small matters I wish to voice regarding the requests of our constituency before I come to our Ministry.

We are not desperate...

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, do not worry about those matters. What we do is submitted before the Cabinet, but do direct your remarks to the Ministry.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Very well, all good. The will of the Leader of the House shall be done.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well done to the Hon Minister, we will now direct our talk on the Ministry and its implementing works.

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**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Mr Speaker, before the presentation, I wish to remind you, there were only 2 members that had directed their statements upon this Ministry. As for the majority, they had extended acknowledgements with regards to the big change especially for the protection of Samoa from the Covid19.

Mr Speaker with due respect, unless you order to me give a response then I shall do as that. But we will start the presentation of our Ministry.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Do get on with the Ministry's presentation.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** The aim honorable Speaker and Parliament as set out in the Strategy for the Development of Samoa, 2016/2017 to 2019/2020, which says, accelerating sustainable development and broadening opportunities for all. This is where the general purpose of the Health had developed for a Healthy Samoa, because we can never grow and sustain development and create employment if health is a problem in all three. Healthy body, mind and soul. The soul trusts that health is a crucial and priority of the Government every year, given the aim of raising healthy living for our people.

Before I get to projects and programs implemented by the Health for the past 5 year period. I firstly wish to extend appreciation and congratulations to my fellow Minister who had initiated in this Term the leading, monitoring and managing of services and programs implemented by the Health, the Hon Tuitama Leao Dr. Talalelei Tuitama who is the current Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. Well done to your patience and persistence for the welfare of our country.

So Mr Speaker and the dignity of Parliament, I will direct my talk on a submission related to works and program implemented on Health. There are 4 Principal Acts that are guiding the works and duties of the Health. The Ministry of Health Act 2006.

2 is the National Health Service Act, that is now repealed since its merging with the Ministry based on the Ministry of Health Act 2006 amendments that was passed in 2019.

3. National Kidney Foundation of Samoa Act 2005. And 4, Health Ordinance 1959.

There is another Act that guides the works and services for the existing public health. Firstly, Food Act 2015 to monitor food safety suitable for human consumption of the country.

2. Tobacco Control Act 2008 to reduce tobacco consumption.

3. Mental Health Act 2017 is to guide practical services for mental health.



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4. International Health Regulations 2005 for managing health services on ports and international airport so as to monitoring areas that could guide the health of the country.

5. The Act to protect and cease the entering and spread of the virus, sole protection from stray animals and diseases 2005. And 6, the Health Ordinance 1959.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of Parliament, there is also an Act to regulate the execution of services for various professions at the Ministry of Health such as the Allied Health Professionals Act 2014, it is an Act of registration and reduction and special skills for all health-related services 2007 to guide, register and lay out measures on all special skills for health-related services. The Doctors Act 2007 is to direct the works of all doctors.

Nursing and Midwifery Act 2007 was to guide the works of nurses and midwives. The Dental Practitioners Act was to guide the works for dental services. The Pharmacy Act 2007 and medical supplies for treatment is to guide pharmaceutical services for treatment.

Mr Speaker, all these Acts have guided the development and preparation of policies, procedures and long-term goals in order to manage the health works and programs implemented in the 5-year period.

So these are some of the policies, measures and long-term plans that was developed, laid out and implemented in this Parliament. Policy 1, policies for vaccinations in Samoa 2021-2025. This policy is to guide the management and push the implementation of vaccinations for children and new vaccination including the Covid-19 dose.

2. Policies for managing patients referred overseas for treatment. – National overseas medical treatment scheme policy and plan of action 2019 for managing patients sent overseas for medical treatment as they could not be treated here in Samoa.

Policies on managing the complaints and criticisms made by patients and those using the health service 2015 to guide the works for reviewing and dealing with the health investigation in relation to issues and complaints made by the general public.

Policies to minimize smoking 2019/2014, in order to guide the works and implementing programs to reduce tobacco consumption. Policies of health services within the schools 2018, to guide the execution of health services for children and to follow up a clean environment. Policies for HIV aids that are monitoring the services implemented for minimizing people from contracting HIV aids. Policies for the health of children 2018-2023, to guide the managing of health delivery services for children.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the speaking Hon Minister, as I allow the member for Lotofaga.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa (Lotofaga):** Thank you. Point of order. We have explicitly received the statement by the Hon Minister. We have also received the progress of policies of the Ministry. I observe the reading out of policies and their definitions. I therefore do not know if the Hon Minister can clarify the outcome and conditions of these policies and whether these policies are just being read out when there are existing policies in place. Please your honour.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you that... do go ahead Hon Minister of Health.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** As heard by your honorable Speaker the Laws as to why policies were implemented and long-term plans. Works cannot continue if...the Heads of Government Ministries are noting that these policies have already been laid out and if anyone needs a copy of these policies and plan of action, they can obtain it from the Ministry. Such is the response, because we can never implement without Regulations and policies and plans to implement Laws. To continue...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the Lady Minister, the Sao Faapito is again taking the floor. I will allow here. Do go ahead.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Thank you. There is no intention of interrupting the statement of the Lady Minister. As said in the start, it seems that this statement is only on policies but there is no general statement. So if this is only read out, then I suggest that this is the right time to raise questions on these policies being read out. So this is the chance to gain awareness and broaden the topics as I too was one of the members that had raised the issue related to health in my speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Perhaps it is...I thank the respected member. Hon Minister the statement is now clear. Submitting a statement to make clear the issues at such a time the policies are discussed as already read out and have been completed, so as to improve other areas of the health service.

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**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Policies and long term plans have been laid out and ongoing works are undertaken. A time will come for me to come to other issues that have already been approved and attempts by the Ministry to implement.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well your question has been answered. Pardon the member now that the statement has been given on...a response will be given on your concern at a later time I beg tolerance to the member...

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Thank you, but just for the records of the speaking member. I wish to clarify the policies with regards to immunization. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well I allow the honorable Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the query of the lady manager is very important. She had recently left the Cabinet, yet I have never heard her questioning these matters. Nevertheless these are also thought-provoking queries perhaps we will come to it, as all works are based on policies. This recent lady member questioning this is well aware of it too, she has longed sat in here however she has never said anything about it. But the joy for me, she has just posed the question after her recent departure. But I will come to these matters during the time of statements for the sake of this very member who has been a part of Cabinet for these many years and has received submissions from the Ministry of Health.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you for your statement, it is now clarified with the recommendation. I allow the Hon Minister of Communications.

**Afioga Hon Afamasaga Lepuiiai Rico Tupai:** With respect no, pardon the Lady Minister but in relation to our policies and whether you have spoken on it during the member's statement. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you. Since the clarification of the Hon Minister has been submitted, that is alright. Go ahead Hon Minister.

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**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** So as I said, if I was to come and submit all these policies, it will take 6 months for me to read out these policies and such. I further believe there is still raising concerns and the query on vaccination. I also observe the continuous raising matter on measles. As stated by the honorable Leader in addition to that day, the current vaccination today, not only with the measles which 96% have already been vaccinated, but other ongoing vaccinations of about 10 are continuing in all health service clinics.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I appease as I permit the Government Leader.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, so that is 96%. That is exactly what the member wants, the outcome and total number of deaths which is 83. That is what they want, the result and people who were vaccinated. The matter is very simple, but we will get there when the policies are read out as these policies are very important so that these processes are in compliance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you. Well done to your clarification Government Leader but do proceed with your statement Hon Minister of Health.

**Tofa Hon FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS:** Thank you. You now have the clarification. Vaccination is currently carried out within all district clinics in Savaii and Upolu. The Government has also remedied the problem from the measles outbreak through measles vaccination. Such is the solution by the Government for this outbreak not to recur, with regards to what we discussed on the Law of Love, for any child to be accepted into any school starting from Preschool to higher learning education until/unless all vaccinations are done. So the policy for vaccination has been clarified. Including the various other....

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the speaking member as I allow the Sao Faapito.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Mr Speaker, if... Thank you. The speech on the first sign of the measles outbreak in the country and the importance of having health expertise services in recognition of these signals.

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I wish not to mention again the statement of the Hon Prime Minister. But since my statement, the Commission's Report has already publicized the deaths of these two infants. Since it has been publicized widely and this report states that there was a recommendation from the Commission to carry out a mass vaccination for the protection of the country given the low number of vaccinated people. This Report contains the recommendations from both the Commission and the Deputy Director of the Ministry to conduct this mass vaccination in the country.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, point of order.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg lenience to the speaking member as I allow the...for the House Leader to clarify.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Whether it is please, let me finish. There are 2 recommendations in the Commission's Report of this huge Ministry of Health and the need for mass vaccination to take place. Which was implemented in March 2019.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the speaking member; you will have your chance. Is there a point of order.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** There was the mass vaccination after the death of 83 infants.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg lenience to Afioga Sao Faapito which I had said twice, do sit down. I allow the Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Point of order, the question she posed was to approve when she has already known about it. This is just overwhelming, when she was inside this Cabinet and was aware of the Commission, we all agreed to establish to make their decision. This Commission took quite a while in their investigation. And so you see, she pretends to ask when she already knows, especially when she was a part of this Cabinet. Why then is she like this all of a sudden? She has asked for the results, when that is the outcome, you have just talked about.

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So you are saying that this is difficult to implement, because the mothers are scared which is why I was saying, a barren mother does not understand this, because it is only the mind, but she does not feel the difficulty of a mother going through immunization that could end a life, but the investigation of the Commission is not yet over. Do understand, that during the investigation the court case was suspended. And you did take part in this Cabinet. Why did you not ask me? You were only gossiping around when you should have asked me during the times, we made together these decisions and asked me why there were deaths, and why this virus came around.

Mr Speaker, this is why I gave a response, a mother or father can never understand the reason why immunizations are enforced on children, when the prolonged decision by the Commission has not yet been done. Why? The Commission was stopped because of the court case was proceeding. Have you forgotten that? You will never remember it because you kept playing with your cellphone when we were discussing Cabinet matters.

Mr Speaker, that is what I said, you talk of dead things. Why beat up the horse when it is dead? That is the normal saying given to tiny dogs.

Mr Speaker, that is the assistance upon this fabricated query. When she has again answered it herself.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Well done. I beg tolerance to the member as I say something.

I believe countless clarifications and explanations have been said even though members are still speaking about this matter. This report you are referring to has already been made public. Therefore, it has been laid out before you.

The Hon Lady Minister of Health has spoken, that the recommendations are now in progress. I therefore do not know what else you are after. That said, I beg tolerance to the member, there is belief that the aim of the report and its recommendations implemented by the Ministry is well understood. It is still continuing. But it does come with issues as stated by the Leader of the House. The service by the Ministry of Health is also not easy so as to fulfill the purpose of this report. There are existing issues. There are attempts so as to achieve the purpose. So such is the essence... although countless clarifications have already been made by the Government on this matter.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Mr Speaker, it seems the interjection is continuing on the main address of the Minister. The focus of the query, if the mass vaccination could not be done during the time the recommendation was given in April 2019, because mothers were not enforced to take their children to get vaccinated.

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Why then was the 2-day national vaccination achieved as implemented by the Government and public servants? Why was the vaccination achieved now when it could have been done in April? That was the immense work recommended by the Committee. Because if it was done during that time, there would not have been any deaths...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well, your thought is well taken. It is best the member is aware, as such this is the role of the Government. The Hon Minister has spoken, and the Leader of the Government has also submitted assistance, when it comes to policies like these. This is our role, and you were also a part of this Cabinet, which is our collective effort. Henceforth, it is good for the Government Leader to bring clarifications on all matters for the sake of our understanding. Well I do not know but that is my belief.

I call upon the Leader of the Government.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Thank you it seems that the matter is being clarified when I am speaking as one Minister to another Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, such is my disappointment. In the Cabinet...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance Afioga i le Sao Faapito, I ask that you take your seat. As I allow the Leader of the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, what I am shocked about, she has been in Cabinet for so long, she sits on my right however she never says anything. Every time she was in Cabinet, she never said anything, but I was the Government Leader, I was curious to hear from my Ministers, on whether they had any comments, bring forth their recommendations. There was nothing, no comments. The Cabinet Ministers are witnesses to this; she never had a voice about the entire program. Whether there was complaint, and why was immunization not done? There was never a voice. And suddenly she is now clever after leaving the Cabinet. What sort of Minister is this?

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Mr Speaker, Government has laid out plans, including roll out vaccinations around the country. Because as soon as the national vaccination was done, the Hon Minister of Women had said it. During this ongoing program you were here and there were 2,500 people who refused to take vaccination, regardless, there was the enforcement of this vaccination later on.

Mr Speaker, the old man or mother who is barren will never understand it.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Mr Speaker, do you grant me the chance to correct the Prime Minister?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will allow you afterwards.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** She does not have children, and therefore she does not feel the danger, the impact of the life of a child sent for immunization. Such is the reason since the incident that occurred in Savaii. I have also talked with other mothers who have approached me, we refuse to take our children for vaccination, we will go to New Zealand to get vaccinated there. Paid their airfares and went to New Zealand for it, they do not trust this immunization, including statements by others that this immunization is dangerous.

Mr Speaker, it seems the matter has longed been clear. However what I am shocked about, you have been here for quite some time, nevertheless you have suddenly talked outside. What sort of Minister are you?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I call upon the respectable member of Lotofaga to a point of order.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Thank you. To the Prime Minister?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** According to your statement.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** Thank you. The statement which he thought would not pose any questions, regardless, the Prime Minister has forgotten about our Cabinet. I did ask the Minister of this Ministry, what happened? His reply as also voiced by the Ministry Chief, there is nothing to worry about. How many months has it been when this is the same response given. Do not worry. This is the response that was submitted to Cabinet. What other talks does the Prime Minister want?



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**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I now get your view and correction. I believe this matter is now clarified. Go ahead honorable Leader of the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I will wait until the member finishes then I can take the floor.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Very well I allow the member for Faasaleleaga No.1 West.

**Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow (Faasaleleaga No.1 West):** Mr Speaker, thank you for the chance. As the Chairperson of the Committee that had reviewed the tabling Report on Measles including our recommendations before the House. Our submitted recommendation is very good, because I feel at this time that we should move forward. It is hopeless for us to pick on past events. Have consideration of what policies mentioned by the Lady Minister, for us to pursue according to our report. Compliance, and follow up so that this will not happen again.

The important message, let us move forward, it is pointless to point fingers, let us focus on the future. Have a look at our report where all our recommendations are spelt out in it and should be used to guide the Ministry moving forward. Thank you for the chance.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the member for Lotofaga whilst I take the floor. I have granted the chance with the essence that it was something important you wanted to say in accordance with the statement of the Minister. Nevertheless it seems that this is your own will which is attempting to redirect the aim of the Government when the report is now complete. It is now clear; you should be aware of all the recommendations presented in the report as you have discussed.

The ruling of the Chair, the Government response is now clear, and you are well aware of my intention. I beg forbearance to the member; I have allowed you the chance with the understanding that you will bring good thoughts upon our purpose. The Chairperson has now stated, it is not about wonderful. It is about moving forward for the sake of the country with regards to security so that issues may not arise again. As we cannot look back. As such, let us cut off this subject matter. And allow the Hon Minister to speak.

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

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**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** I recognize the Chair's ruling. The only thing with the speech of the Chairperson that was tasked with this report. You are crying over the wrong dead. The report you are referring to, belongs to NEOC, the report I am talking about, is the one by the Commission who had investigated the death of two babies.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Read that report which is very explicit, whilst the Government has already responded in accordance with the purpose of this report. Thank you.

**Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana-Gidlow:** Mr Speaker, whether it is the report of NEOC or the report of FIOC, it is the measles report.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I have made a ruling. I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** I have accepted your recommendation, and the Chairperson has also said it, and these are the kinds of recommendations that are useful for the future. But what I do know is following up as these are the nature of Cabinet, they pose questions to this Minister and the response is given. Such is the reply. But when there is a raising thought inside the Cabinet, then we shall have a discussion, and thoroughly find the result. I did not receive such assistance, from this female member, who is now raising again these matters. But the reason for raising it is due to a bad heart.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I guess the Leader of the Government has spoken, delightfully are we in this same spirit, the Sitting of the country. Now that we have come to this evening, such are the feelings. May our thoughts dwell in the house of the Lord. The Government has elaborated our Standing Orders. The decision on the matter of the Government. As such, thank you to the member, for understanding all matters and obeying the orders of the House.

Since we have arrived at 10 which is our exact adjourning time. Therefore, before we adjourn tonight, I call upon the member for Faleata No.1 to say a prayer to end our Sitting this evening.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 10:04pm until Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 9:00am.*