

**THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.*

Prayer.

**GREETING BY MR SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have now resumed. It is with all due respect that we offer our gratitude to our Lord for enabling this gathering within Parliament this new morning.

I believe we have come to the final day of our Sittings for this Parliamentary Term. There will be a time and we will close with words but for now I greet you all and acknowledge your presence and your patience. The Lords grace has been sufficient for us throughout as we witness the presence here on our last day.

Therefore the dignified Parliament of Samoa, let us work together as Samoa supports and encourages us. Samoa, without your support, there will be no positive outcomes. To the clergy, we ask for your prayers on our work. I call on the Hon Prime Minister to move a motion.

**MOTION BY HON PRIME MINISTER TO APPROVE SELECT  
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES  
PRINTED IN THE ORDER PAPER**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Hon Prime Minister):** Mr Speaker, I greet everyone this new morning. Let us all give thanks to our Lord for His neverending grace that has enabled us to be His servants.

Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve all Select Committee Reports and Government Responses printed in the Order Paper except for P.P.2015/2016 No.91, Report of the Business, Standing Order, House and Electoral Matters Committee on the Review of Standing Orders 2016 to be considered on this Sitting Day.*

The significance of this motion is that these Reports have already been considered in the Committees and discussed with the responsible Ministry who are our representatives and I assume that we have already read the Committee Reports as well as the founding Reports considered by the Committees.

Mr Speaker, that is the basis of the motion this morning.

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### Adjournment

Before the end of our Sitting, I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3, this is your last prayer before Parliament dissolution. Let God's power be upon this Parliament throughout its remaining days.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 9:20pm until 9:00am, Thursday 28 January 2016.*

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016  
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*Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Enterprise, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.*

*Motion approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Prime Minister has made his remarks. The Standing Orders will be considered to provide for matters such as Sitting hours and the business of the House. It is the belief of the Chair that it be reviewed annually because there is innumerable business referred to the Committees and there must be a simpler way so that the business of the House can be acknowledged and that they are in line with the Standing Orders when considering the Committees Recommendations before Parliament.

I am grateful to the Chairpersons of the Committees that considered the Reports that have now been officially passed this morning.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2015/2016  
– debate resumed on second reading – Day 3**

**MR SPEAKER:** Our business adjourned yesterday while the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure had the floor responding to the remarks by some of the Members.

We have now come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

I call on Afioga Magele Mauiliu Magele, the floor is open to you.

**Afioga Hon MAGELE MAUILIU (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture):** Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, I greet you all this fine morning. Our praises have been offered to the Heavens for blessing upon our Parliament as well as the support from our nation.

I will not address the dignity of our country for they shall remain eternal. I will comment on some of the queries and remarks by the Members.

There was a query regarding the teachers salaries and whether all the teachers are included in this initiative. The answer is yes, all the government school teachers are included in the salary realignment. It is not an increase but rather an alignment of the teachers salaries because the low salaries was noted when in comparison to other public servants.

There are many teachers, thus the implementation of this initiative in stages throughout a 3 year period. We have been able to implement within two financial years and the only year left is the 2017 year.

Regarding the Falelima primary school, the beginning of this project will begin soon. There are plans for new College in Alataua West for Tufutafoe and Falealupo, Faleata and relocation of the Mataevave College to its new location. Applications have been made to our foreign partners for funding of these projects.

For the field at Mulifanua, it has been recorded for the Financial Year 2016/2017 which means the field should be excavated in September this year. Those are all that were raised.

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To my constituency of Salelologa, I am humbled and grateful for the support and honor bestowed on me during the past five years. A great achievement for us in this Term is the honor upon Salelologa to have a position relevant to the residents of our community. Let us go with happiness to the polls for the new Parliament.

I thank the Servants of our Lord in the various denominations throughout our Constituency. I felt the sanctity of your prayers, thank you. A special expression of gratitude to the clergy for your continuous support and assistance in the education sector within our Constituency spearheading and setting an example with various programs within our pre-schools, primary schools and college such as reading programs, culture days, homework centres and other programs. Even with our University of the South Pacific, you have sent our youth their to be educated.

The University of South Pacific has seen an increase in interested students from Savaii enquiring at the Savaii branch on how to enrol and what programs are suited for them. This was the reason for the graduation being held at Savaii. These initiatives stem from a clean heart. Blessed are the meek in heart for they will know the Lord.

I am grateful to our Constituency for hosting the USP graduation in December last year. To my Constituency, thank you for the support and Salelavalu; Susu o Sua le Maopu o le Nafanua, susu Suaalii o le Fofoga o le Aiga Sa Sua, Afio o Tusani ma Sa Tusani, Afio o le tou Maopu, alaalatai Suafoa ma Lega, Leitualasa ma Saveama, ma le mamalu ia Silafaiga. Thank you Safua; afio o Gafa o Soanai ma Patane, Susu le Usoalii a le Malietoa o Tuilaepa, Susu le Tuisafua, afio Aiga, Alalatai lau Fetalaiga i le Tapaufanua Tevaga faapea upu i le Faleono. Thank you Lalomalava; Susu o le Tamaitai, Afio Taito ma le Usoalii ma le Falefa o Atiulagi, alaalatai le Faletolu. I cannot forget Vaisaulu; afio o Tuioti o le alo o Tuiaana Tamaalelagi, Afio le Muliagatele ma le Toainafu, Alaalatai Tia, Mauga, Fuga ma Salemuliaga. I also acknowledge Iva; afio o Salevalasi, Afio o Tofilau ma le Matua, Afio Tagaloa ma Alo o Tagaloa, Alaalatai lau Fetalaiga Leauanae, Alaalatai Sasulu ma le Nofo a Ituaiga, Alaalatai Safune ma Taulauniu ma le Faleupolu o Tofiga. Thank you for this honor allowing me to be your representative in the House. It was not an easy task but it was done with thoroughly and with caution. I was also afraid at times because it was not easy sitting in this seat. The benchmark that was set was very high with the first criteria being worthiness. I did not understand what that meant because everytime we have our Meetings I think back and realize that there were many others more worthy than me. The second criteria you gave me was to honor (faaeaea) the village and constituency. What is the meaning of this?

The third criteria you gave was action. What is the meaning of this? I did not understand this until the Hon Prime Minister bestowed the honor of a Ministerial portfolio on me and I was afraid.

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My dear constituency and village, I went on with the work not understanding but with the Lord on my side, I hope that it is sufficient for you. If you have made your critique and Salevalasi has not passed, I can only apologize. Like the words of the fisherman ‘the fisherman is smart but the catch cannot always fill the boat’ E potō lava le tautai ae le atoa i’a i le liu o lona vaa.. The bible also says “a persons wisdom is not the Lords wisdom” “O le potō o le tagata, o le vaea lea i le Atua.”

God bless your elections Gatoloai. If you are successful, I will bow to you. To conclude I thank the Chair and blessings upon the Members of Parliament and Samoa. Soifua.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West):** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the honourable Member.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Honourable Professor Laaulialemalietoa, I am mighty pleased at your attire this morning. Is there any other Speaker that can compare to you? However I stand because of the great speech by the Hon Minister who has had many successful outcomes during this Term. Also the Associate Minister has the same outstanding record and I request to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government that this partnership continue should they return. They should be seated together in Parliament. That is the request, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** In the words of Vavae Toma from Vaivase, ‘There are no riches, but the only reasons we have riches is because of tautafaasee’. Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I believe that the House has heard your speech in Parliament.

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga (Faasaleleaga No. 4):** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Honourable Member.

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga:** I cannot let the statement go unnoticed therefore I am acknowledging that the Minister is not only from Savaii but from Faasaleleaga.

**MR SPEAKER:** I understand the gist of your remarks Afioga Peseta. I apologize but there will be a time for that as we still have other Bills to consider. We are all empathetic towards the Hon Ministers speech this morning.

I apologize but the Governments Response is in progress incase I give the opportunity Afioga Peseta and then everyone would want to express their gratitude to the Hon Minister. Ia lea ua ou maua lou finagalo Peseta. So I apologize there will be a time and the opportunity will be given.

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga:** I will be sympathetic to the Chair.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I believe that we have all heard the speech by the Hon Minister and the country has witnessed the output during this Parliamentary Term. We express gratitude to the Hon Minister for the work carried out especially as their were challenges. The vision of our Parliament and Government is an educated country is a successful country. The objectives were set out from the former Ministers and they have been implemented during your term, I congratulate you.

Tofa Lealailepule also spoke this morning. Today is the graduation of the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and some of the staff under the University of Tasmania. Professor Richard Herr is here and he is also the facilitator of this program with more than 20 participants from the Office of the Clerk. These initiatives are in place to educate Parliament on Parliamentary law and procedures. We will not be left behind in the progress of Parliaments within the Pacific or the United Nations.

This is our expression of gratitude. In case there is curiosity about my attire, I also graduated but I did not want to boast about it but I can only thank the Lord that we have had a successful outcome. Your speech Hon Magele will be an examplar of exercised discretion and wisdom. The House has heard about your relationship with your sister, Gatoloai and this is also an example as was said yesterday, the Elections are European and will end but the relationship between families, villages, communities and electorates continue until the we return to the land. I acknowledge your recognition of Gatoloai and I believe she reciprocates these feelings. Whoever is successful, that is the will of the Lord.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, this is your opportunity to take the floor for your speech.

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII (Minister of Natural Resource and Environment):** I first and foremost greet the dignity of Samoa in all its honorific salutations. I will not address your salutations as they remain forever the same. I will now carry out the task I have been appointed.

I thank the Chair for your patience and wisdom in conducting our Proceedings. The basis of my gratitude is that this is the only Term where no Member was chased out of the House despite there being many that should have been. This is why gratitude is due for your patience and your skilled oratory which has been pleasant not only to the ear but to the eye. May your burder be light.

I also express gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and his leadership of the Government. To the Cabinet Ministers, I am grateful for the implemented projects during the five years. There are times when we raise our voices but it ends with peace and harmony.

I thank the Leader of Opposition and that side, it is my belief that the success or a fall of the country is dependant on a good Opposition. Mr Speaker, no Member commented on the Supplementary Appropriation for this Ministry. I waited but most of the speeches were apologies. I will not comment further but instead address my Constituency.

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**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, there is one matter that I raised in my speech.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Honourable Member.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** I acknowledge the Hon Minister for the work. The only thing I mentioned in respect of the DMO which is under the Ministry's portfolio concerns the emergency response. Perhaps there can be one number like 999. Was this considered by the Ministry or a Division because this is under your portfolio. If not, perhaps the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. I mentioned it because you are involved in this and it should be prioritized as it is important. Again, thank you Hon Minister for the work in the past year.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister...

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAIULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, this matter is not under my Ministry, perhaps it is another sector...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatiafola Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, we can easily tell a worthwhile recommendation and I have noted it down.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Minister to continue your speech.

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAIULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** I will now address my Constituency of Gagaemauga No.3; Paia o Aiga Sa Peseta le Nofo matua ia Suisala, afio Lemaveve, afio Lilo, afio le Maopu ia Leota, le alaatai o le Usoalii, mamalu mai le Faleiva ma upu ia te oe le Matautu, e malu ai Malo aua o oe lava le o Muaautasi o Puleono i Salafai.

Paia o Faletoalepai e afio ai Maiava, susu ai Matai'a, le alaatai o le Aitu Tagata ia Mauigoa, faapea le lavelave ia Satoalepai.

I cannot forget the Servants of the Lord in all the various denominations within the Constituency praying day and night for the success of all our electorates in Samoa for the future. I greet you all in the belief that you all had a merry Christmas and happy new year. It is not unbeknownst to the Constituency that we are nearing the end of our Term of five years that I have represented as your voice in the House. I would like to use this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers. I know that we have achieved success because of your support.

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To the candidates in our Constituency and your committees. I ask for harmony and peace with our game. A fish of the deep is known by how it flutters and flits and that is a fact. Also, we should not focus on the catch and forget about the net where we can get caught.

Mr dear Constituency, Laupua does not instruct Tamafaiga because you have the wisdom and knowledge. Remember that the success of our children, villages, constituency and Samoa is in your hands when we go to Elections.

I wish to also acknowledge at this hour the Sector I worked with. I thank my Associate Ministers and the many times we worked together not only when we attended meetings but also for the advice shared. Many times I was not able to attend some events but you both undertook the tasks.

I thank all the CEOs of the Ministries within our Sector. To the CEO of MNRE, Suluimalo Amataga Penaia and Management as well as the entire Ministry, well done for the great work. The same goes to the CEO of the Scientific Research Organization of Samoa, Afioga Tilafono David Hunter and the Ministry.

I also recognise the CEO of STEC, Afioga Patea Crawley Setefano and the Management. There are many times when I challenged you all and it was not for other reasons but that your talents and work ethic are developed for the success of Samoa in the future.

Mr Speaker, that concludes the speech of my Constituency, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I congratulate the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment Tofa Hon Faamoetaulua Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii for the speech. I believe the House has heard it and are satisfied with the service of the Ministry which we relied on especially with climate change and unforeseen natural disasters.

Well done for your work and your patience. You have expressed gratitude to the Ministry and that is the same sentiment of this Parliament. We all feel grateful for those who served as the hands and feet of the Ministry and Hon Minister for the success of Samoa. Thank you as we wish blessings upon your running in the Elections.

We now come to the Hon Minister of Health. I call on Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama.

**Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA (Minister of Health):** It is a blessing that we are here once again in the presence of the dignified House, Hon Prime Minister, esteemed Ministers and the Cabinet.

Leader of Opposition, Deputy Speaker, Associate Ministers and that side of the House. Your honorifics remain forever the same and will not be changed by my remarks for Samoa has been chosen. We are all aware that this is the last Sitting for this Term. The sun will soon set on this Term but we still witness the patience in carrying out our duties. We have had a successful run and we have enjoyed this success despite the many challenges. All the glory and praise we give to our Lord for this.



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Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Deputy Speaker, Leader of Opposition and Members of the Opposition, well done for your steadfastness and patience. I express gratitude also to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office and their service to the House during these past 5 years. To the Heads of all the Government Ministries and Corporations, thank you for your patience and service to our country.

I address the media persons, your work in informing on facts and events that hapopen in this house are very important for the understanding of our country.

I express gratitude to the Susuga Sogialofa for your ongoing work especially in these conditions with the air condition in the House and yet you are shirtless the entire time whether it is day or night.

A special word of appreciation to my Associate Minister, Maualaivao Pat Ah Him and the Ministry of Health that we worked with. The work cannot be taken on alone and is not possible without your support and your collaborative efforts despite the many challenges faced by the Minister. May the good Lord continue to bless you all as you serve our Government and nation. I am grateful that you chose Faleasiu to be one of the villages to participate in the World Health Day program. The Womens Committee in Faleasiu are now working on this project.

A special to the Hon Minister and the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the road at Moamoa. The plans for the road are laid out however I request additional funds for the road to be extended a further 300 meters to reach the intersection connecting all the Faleasiu access roads. Perhaps this year we will have the funds to extend this work.

Thank you also for the road at Lealaalii which was requested on behalf of the church near that road. Despite it being a difficult task, it was approved and I express great gratitude for this.

I also express appreciation for the Sapulu road. I visited this road many times and the deterioration of the road is evident from heavy rainfall and it has become dangerous for the travelling public all the way to Aleisa. Yesterday we heard that it is in the list of projects to be implemented this year. I am grateful for the borehole at Sapulu-Uta. There was difficulty in reaching the water source which was about 200 meters underground but it was successful even with the challenge of the machine breaking down a couple of times.

Yesterday, we heard that the pump has arrived and work will begin in laying the pipes for water supply. I am grateful to the Hon Minister for heeding our request. We are appreciative of the streetlights installed along the Sapulu road because there have been accidents along this road when it is dark. The request has been approved and I am grateful to the Hon Minister and the Ministry.

I wish to thank the Hon Minister and Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture for the field. I know our constituency is one of those impacted because there are many tall, strong and fast able bodied youth that cannot show their talent and serve Samoa through sports because there is no field. A field is planned and if it is the will of the Hon Minister, perhaps we can use some unused polies lying around in Apia for our goal posts then the facilities will be complete. Thank you.

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Second, we are extremely grateful for the new school established for Moamoia and Tauoo. This school is a lifesaver. It was opened on Monday and the roll is now close to 300 students. Many students have saved time from travelling on the roads and being susceptible to traffic accidents and dangers that continuously follow us. Mothers' times are also saved from sitting at schools waiting for their children's lunch time. Now their time can be more productive within their families and villages now that the school is closer to them. Thank you Hon Minister and the Ministry. This is an important initiative for the future generations.

I wish to thank the Chairperson and the Committee for the preparations during the Independence celebrations last year. Thank you for accepting the invitation to showcase your talents through dancing.

It has been a long time since we have had such an opportunity to showcase our many talents. The opportunity was given to this village to serve by entertaining the dignitary and guests that were present at our Independence celebrations last year.

A special expression of gratitude goes to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for their support of our development because the Ministry needed the approval of the Cabinet. Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the honor bestowed on me to be part of the Cabinet. It was a great privilege to the Constituency of Aana Alofi No. 1 especially Faleasiu.

I will now address the matters raised by the Members in their general remarks on the Supplementary Appropriation. First matter is prostate cancer. Thank you for raising this issue. For the information of the House, only one case of prostate cancer was referred to New Zealand last year. The cost of the treatment is between NZD\$18,000.00 to NZD\$24,000.00. From June 2013 to June 2014, 4 cases were referred for treatment at the cost of \$98,000. From 2012 to 2013, there was only one case of prostate cancer. This amounts to only 6 cases in the space of 3 years. The total cost is \$200,000. Compared to if a specialist was employed for example last year there was a doctor that worked here the whole year in the Surgery. The salary was \$150,000 to \$200,000 to be the resident specialist and to add the cost of the machinery, the total would be more. So it is cheaper to send the patient overseas than to bring a specialist.

The Ministry is trying its best now that there is a new hospital and we are not hiding in the shadow of the coconut. Every effort is being made to bring in machinery. The Ministry is not being idle when seeking alternatives to sending patients overseas because Samoa is the only Pacific country that is sending patients to New Zealand when the treatment is not locally available. Also, the patients being sent overseas are not specific to one class whether they work or not, an illness is an illness. Whoever needs treatment is sent if they are treatable.

Many other illnesses are diagnosed by the doctor as untreatable whether they go overseas or not but there are some who are sceptical thinking that if they go overseas they will get better and they are sent. Others go to New Zealand for treatment and return in coffins.

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Referral to New Zealand is not done because it is what you want and the fare paid and you go. These are not our hospitals. The medical history of the patient is first sent to New Zealand and a specialist is consulted whether the illness is treatable and then a response is returned.

There was a time when a patient was treated here and the diagnosis was that there was no need for treatment but the report from New Zealand showed that this patient could have another 5 years to live. The cost was \$500,000 and the Cabinet approved this diagnosis if there was a chance for the patients life to be prolonged by 5 years. The child was taken to New Zealand and when checked, the doctor said that there can be no treatment. Despite this, the treatment was still done because there is always criticism that the Government is unsympathetic and if only the patient was taken then they would be well. It is good that I explain these thing because the Government has no intention of restricting patients.

That is the state of the matter expressed on the delay of transferral of patients. Even if the doctor here says the patient should be transferred overseas but the doctors over there say wait and they need x-ray records and blood work we will do that because we have no authority over their hospitals but we must meet their requirements so that we can gain approval.

At the moment there is an Intensive Care Unit. For almost 6 years, there was a doctor from Middlemore Hospital, Prof. Galler, who worked with us and he is assisting in the establishment of this Unit. Before, all intensive care patients were put together, but now, if there is an intensive care patient needing surgery, there will be a ICU in the surgery ward. If there is an intensive care paediatric patient, there will be ICU in that ward. Currently all the wards have their own Intensive Care Units whether it be surgery, paediatrics or gynae, they will be referred accordingly. There is also a system in place termed the Early Warning System or Early Warning Score. The score monitors high blood pressure, the heart rate and breathing rate and temperature. Then the score system determines if you are eligible to be in the unit. If the score is 0 or slightly above then there is a slight chance of being admitted. If the score is between 0 and 5 the doctor will advise the transfer of the patient to the appropriate ward for treatment.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Minister, I beg tolerance as there is an interjection from the Member for Vaisigano No. 1.

**Afioga Tufuga Gafualeata Faitua (Vaisigano No. 1):** Mr Speaker, I mentioned this in my speech. It was not a question rather a recommendation. I touched on the patients that are referred to the General Hospital but there is no specialist, what is done for their treatment? With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** In the interest of time Hon Minister I give the opportunity to the Member for Faasaleleaga No.2.

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**Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No. 2):** Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification of the matter that I raised regarding prostate cancer. I am grateful to hear that the Ministry and Government have every intention of seeking assistance for this illness.

I have noted that the equipping of the hospital at Motootua is underway and it is looking quite exceptional. I also noted that it is being equipped with modern technology. However the point we tried to make for the future is education. It is clear from the statement made by the Hon Minister that it is expensive but there must be efforts to recruit our very own. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your point is noted. I call on the Hon Minister.

**Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA:** In regards to the mentioned matter, the Ministry is tirelessly working to send our medical staff for additional education in their specialist areas. Currently, at the moment, there are 5 pharmacists training in Fiji and 1 in New Zealand. For surgeons, there are 2 in Fiji and 2 in the Solomons and there is one gynaecologist in Britain. There is 1 paediatrician in Auckland, New Zealand, 1 optometrist in Fiji and 1 physicist in Fiji while 1 other is studying online with a University in Scotland. The Ministry is not resting in finding capacity building trainings for them. As for the doctors from overseas, it is simpler and cheaper to employ them because they are offering their services.

This is why we are trying to equip our theatres and the hospital so that those who offer their services are able to work because we are unable to compensate them for a lengthy time.

Also Mr Speaker, some of the specialists travel with their team such as nurses and anaesthesiologists because most of the work is about team work. The Ministry is trying to make sure that it is not only the doctor but also the nurses so that they work together especially for surgical teams.

Mr Speaker, I think I will conclude with the matter on the request for doctors in the rural areas. The hospital at Motootua is beginning to crowd at the moment and our efforts to address this was through the passing of the Health Promotion Bill and the Health Prevention...

**Afioga Tufuga Gafaleata Faitua:** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Hon Minister, I give the opportunity to Afioga Tufuga. Is there another matter?

**Afioga Tufuga Gafaleata Faitua:** I hear from the Hon Ministers statement that he is about to conclude his speech but he has not responded to my query. You mentioned the specialists teams but my question was about the illnesses without specialists, what then is done for these cases, with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Apologies to the Hon Minister, I will give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, it is better that I assist on the matter. The same thing happened to my wife and my grandson. Our doctors have the discretion when diagnosing patients knowing when they need to be referred overseas or whether they can be treated in Samoa. The decision they give is final. The doctors know, it is their responsibility to know. But they are not Gods, and we cannot say that they have neglected their work. The doctors know their responsibility and the kinds of illnesses they can treat and those they cannot, and that is when they seek assistance from overseas. The Hon Minister has responded that our doctors are being educated overseas. Most of them are general practitioners and they need to be sent again to be specialists. There is a program underway which was also the reason why we travelled to India to negotiate opportunities for our doctors to train in specialist areas there. If you go to New Zealand, there are many Indian.

That is the current status of the Ministries efforts, as the saying goes, Rome was not built in a day. The first phase has been completed and the second and third phase is to equip the hospital with modern equipment. There are machines that have upgraded since five years ago and we are progressing with all these programs. We can not let one issue dampen our efforts.

I have told this story before. There was a pastor, about 17 or 18 years ago that came to request that his brother, also a pastor, be transferred overseas for treatment. I asked what for? And he said that the cancer had taken a turn for the worst. The team of doctors decided that there would be no point in going overseas. The only thing left to do is to wait and pray and the man cried and said that we were very unsympathetic.

The same pastor went to the New Zealand High Commission Office but was also rejected after the report from the team of doctors. He finally came to me and asked if I could call them and I did. I called and the New Zealand High Commissioner responded, ‘I apologize Tuilaepa, the New Zealand policy is when the illness has taken a turn for the worst, there is no possibility of travel. New Zealand hospitals first priority is our own patients and there are many that complain that they have been waiting while the beds are being given to the Samoan patients.’ I relayed this to the pastor and he stood up and shook my hand. I asked him why he shook my hand if he was happy. He replied, that he had tried every attempt to make his brother believe him but to no avail and all he wanted to do was to try every road and if there was a way to at least give his brother another 1 percent of strength, he would try but he was grateful that now he could use me as an excuse that everything had been done. then he asked for a cup of coffee. So we sat there and drank coffee and had a laugh. I said, “I thought that a pastor was fearless” and he said, “This is the way we are, we encourage families for those who are about to die and we are like that also when it comes to our time, we become fearful. We are not angels, we are also human.”

It is only when the end is near that we believe. It was that same night that the brother passed. Less than a year later, the pastor that came to me passed away from the same illness.

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In April last year, there was an emergency referred to me for assistance. There was a Samoan student studying in Fiji that fainted and was comatose but the treatment needed was not available in Fiji. It was shocking that Fiji did not have the medication. I instructed that medication be taken by a person that was travelling to Fiji to be administered to the Samoan student. The following day was the meeting on Tuesday and the hospital report came through. It was a New Zealand scholarship but despite that the Government decided to send the student to New Zealand for treatment under our Government scheme which would cost about \$50,000. However the recommendation from New Zealand was received, which is the initial process when seeking clearance. They were sent the report first to see if there was a necessity in sending the patient over as per their policies and if there were enough beds.

The Cabinet meeting was beginning and I was about to bring up the matter when the report from the hospital was received and it was confirmed by a specialist in New Zealand that the treatment in Fiji is the same that is offered in New Zealand. This means that whatever diagnosis is made in Fiji, there is no reason to send the patient to New Zealand because it will be the same thing. So treatment continued and the student was breathing with the assistance of a ventilator for six weeks however he did not come out of his comatose. That was the end of this student.

Mr Speaker, we all have wants but the doctor is qualified in making the decision and the Hon Minister has spoken clearly on the programs underway in upskilling our doctors in specialist areas. One specialist we do not have here is a dermatologist. There are many itch related illnesses in Samoa. Other itches are resistant to creams and there are about 4 kinds of itch specialists that you can see in New Zealand for itches because they are all different.

Other diseases are itches and skin diseases. Perhaps you have seen that there are some that have become fairer from head to toe changing their skin colour and it is also itchy. There was one man that came to me with a skin ailment and I asked if he went to the hospital and he said that he was afraid to and the only solution was to send him to New Zealand to determine the disease.

There are many itch related diseases that cannot be treated locally because we do not have the creams. This is one example of the diseases that we have but cannot be treated because we do not have a specialist. These diseases are prevalent in countries with hot weather. There are thousands upon thousands of germs that live on our bodies and there are different medications to kill them.

Mr Speaker, that is the assistance to the clear explanation made by the Hon Minister. We want to hear the answers we want, but the response by the Government is the final response.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the clear explanation to the matter as queried by the Member and the assistance to the Hon Minister. Lealailepule...

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** The Hon Prime Minister mentioned treatment for itchiness. I want to assist on that matter. There are only two options, sand soap and sand paper. Thank you.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Those are very inappropriate treatments. I give the final opportunity to Afioga Tufuga.

**Afioga Tufuga Gafualeata Faitua:** Mr Speaker, I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the explanation. I reiterate my question; what if there is no specialist available, how then does the doctor decide to admit the patient when there is no specialist?

**MR SPEAKER:** Your point is noted.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I have just responded. If the doctor deems it necessary to have a specialist, then they are sent to New Zealand. It is simple and I am astounded by your incomprehension of my response.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the honourable Member. I understand where you are coming from. The Government has responded and I believe that the matter is clear. The Hon Minister also responded. The work is complex because there is not only one problem nor is there only one kind of illness. I believe the matter to be understood. I call on the Hon Minister of Health to continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA:** I believe that this is enough medical talk this morning and I will not speak on constituency matters.

Mr Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to address my Constituency of Aana Alofi No. 1. To the dignity of our constituency, Faleasiu and Fasitootua, you elected Afioga Leaupepe and myself to sit in the two seats of our electorate for this Term now coming to an end. I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation for recognizing this humble servant. Afioga Leaupepe has also spoken and offered his gratitude and now it is my turn to express my gratitude especially to Fasitootua because this will be the last Term for these two seats. The constituency will be divided into two electorates and there will be a separate seat for Fasitootua and Faleasiu. I will not forget this honor; “E manatua pea Pule ae le manatua Faalao, e manatua foi Afia i lona vao.” I cannot forget your compassion in electing me to represent as one of the representatives for our Constituency.

Afioga Leaupepe and I have ties to the land in both Fasitootua and Faleasiu. Le paia e o Leaupepe ma Aiono, Sua ma Toleafoa ma le Taauso, le Toafitu ma le Tuua, lau Fetalaiga Tauauvea, I am truly grateful for this honor bestowed upon me to represent our Constituency. I wish you all the best as we near our General Elections where we will elect a representative for Fasitootua. Choose wisely someone who has the capacity to represent our village for the next Parliamentary Term.

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*Le paia e i Aiga, Aiga Satuala, Aiga o Mavaega ma le Aiga Taulagi, Tamacaitu ma le Maugafa, le paia maualuga ia te oe le Faletolu ma le Fuaifale*, this is the honorific salutation of Faleasiu. I am overwhelmed and truly blessed to have this opportunity to show my appreciation because the despite the shortcomings, the Lord knows that I am truly humbled by your discretion and decision that I sit in this seat. Thank you for this 5 years now coming to an end. What you have witnessed during this time, I hope it was to your satisfaction as this was all I could do. You have all heard of our achieved projects as a result of our Governments compassion. What we have received, to God be the glory and we should accept and be grateful for what we get because not all of Samoa could be blessed because of limited funds as we only prioritize our needs from time to time. I believe that most of our needs have been satisfied.

Let us prepare for our upcoming elections. We are all aware that there are other candidates vying for the seat. There are many qualified to sit in the seat of our Constituency but the election is dependant on the whisperings of the Holy Ghost. May the grace of the Most High be with you all as we go to the voting booths that we may choose with integrity and with the future wellbeing of our village in mind.

I pray that we practice discipline as we head into this competition and that we may continue to be in good terms. The position changes from time to time but we remain as one body from the same flesh and bones, one family. We should not worry but take it easy and continue in harmony. Whoever you elect to be your voice in Parliament will be chosen of God. We should all affirm and accept with gratitude whoever is elected of the Holy Spirit.

I wish to also use this opportunity to express gratitude to the Servants of the Lord praying, Susuga Toeaina Faatonu and the various congregations in our Constituency, Susuga Ierome of the Catholic parish, Veta Sua and Faletua, Susuga Maluafiti and Faletua, Tavita Noga and Faletua, thank you all for your support. I also wish to convey my condolences to Susuga Tavita for the loss of one of his children in the recent tragedy. May the Lord comfort you and your family at this time.

Susuga Taulealo and Faletua, Susuga Sulu and Faletua, Suiselani and Faletua, Tupai and Faletua, and Susuga Alofa Faumuina and Faletua, also Aukusitino and Susuga Fuilaumea Tavita, I wish the blessings of the Lord upon your work and that He may fill you with wisdom to save the souls of many that they may return to Him. God bless our village and the clergy and may His humble grace also be upon this your humble servant. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Minister of Health, Afioga Tuitama. We all are grateful to the Lord for using you during this Parliamentary Term. It is not a small portfolio you were responsible for. The Government also prioritizes health and this is one Ministry that emphasises the health of our nation. This is why our Parliament also prioritizes health promotion because there should be health in all policies. All the work that you did, those are your achievements and Samoa is aware of them.



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This House is also grateful for everytime you address the House because you always make a comprehensive explanation. There are some Members that ask questions all the time but your explanations are of great assistance to the Chair. Thank you Afioga Tuitama. You have addressed the country and asked for harmony and whoever is chosen, is chosen of God. Thank you for that.

Afioga Le Mamea, I believe we have come to the time for your response on behalf of your Ministry. I will give the opportunity when we return from our normal recess. I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for its usual morning recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for usual recess at 10.45am and resumed at 11.25am.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have resumed. I truly believe that the dignity of Parliament has received additional strength from the meal provided. What we have received may our gratitude be returned to our God for his provisions that nourish us as we continue with our work. We will now continue with the orders of the day.

Before we went to recess as the the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Afioga Hon Le Mamea, was about to address the House. I call on the Hon Minister to stand and make your speech.

**Afioga Hon LE MAMEA LEMALU SU'A LEATUAVAO TUILETUFUGA ROPATI MUALIA (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries):** Thank you for the opportunity. Praise be to our Lord and thanks be to Him who is the God of Samoa, the God on who Samoa is founded. The King of Kings, the God of the world and the creator of all things, full of love and grace. May He forever be praised for all eternity.

Thank you for this opportunity Mr Speaker, you who conducts our Meetings. I greet also the Hon Prime Minister and the esteemed Cabinet.

I also extend my greetings to the Leader of Opposition and the Deputy Leader as well as the Associate Ministers, and all the Members of the House. I also acknowledge the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office.

I also wish to recognize the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo and the Member of the Council of Deputies and his Masiofo, the Chief Justice and his Masiofo as well as the Judiciary and the servants of the Lord in all the various denominations.

Greetings also to the dignity of Samoa and its traditional setup; Tama ma o latou Aiga, Aiga foi ma latou Tama, Ituau ma Alataua, faapea foi le paia i le Vaa o Fonoti, ae tainane foi le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, aemaise le Aiga i le Tai.

Acknowledgement is also expressed for our brethren in the East; *Paia lava lea ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Ituau ma Alataua, Saole ma Saleaamua faapea le Launiu Saelua, tainane le Tama a le Manuatele, le Tootoo o le Faleula.*

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First I wish to address my Ministry; the CEO Afioga Fonoiva Sealiitu, Assistant CEOs; Leota Pelesasa, Lupe Manu Fonoti, Afioga Misa Konelio, Afioga Vaaaoa Joy, Afioga Tusolomanaia Faletoi, Susuga Lene Fau and the dignity of the Ministry. I am humbled and grateful to the Lord for this past 5 years in which we worked side by side. Thank you for your support. I know there were many challenges during this time but we worked within our plans and guidelines. Despite the challenges, I believe that we achieved our target proposed in the beginning of this term as we come to the end. Not only have our exports improved, so has the productivity of crops and fisheries and substitutes for some exports for instance the eggs. We have achieved our target and we no longer export eggs. Thank you. Nothing could be achieved without the cooperation of all the various divisions.

I pray that God will bless you all and the Ministry in its entirety and that our plans are achieved for the benefit of our country. In the past two years, we won international awards because we achieved some of the goals set out. These two awards also built up the reputation of our country on an international level. I also thank the Associate Ministers that supported our efforts; Afioga Lautafi before you were appointed to your new role, Susuga Lenatai, thank you. I am truly grateful for your support and cooperation in all our projects.

A special conveyance of gratitude to the businesses that are in partnership with the Ministry. Thank you to the Women in Business, to the President and the Managing Director and everyone working under this umbrella of organic farming. I make special mention of Afioga Taimalie Charlie Westerlund. Last week I visited the various developments and the scale of the venture is exceptional. I only pray that it continues to prosper with God's grace. We cannot be dependant on the Government. We should cooperate with the businesses and give them incentives and assistance to develop our Ministry because you are the centerpost of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture.

In the Fisheries sector there are also efforts to increase our fishery exports. There has been a considerable change and the Ministry is looking at new initiatives.

I will now address my Constituency in all its honorific salutations; *Paia i Aiga Satuala ma Aiga Taulagi, ia ae tainane foi le mamalu tele ia Tuisavailuu ma le Faleaana. Le paia ia te oulua Lemalu ma Le Mamea ma le lua Fale na Toese, o Ouluva o Alo o le Tuiaana, paia i Usoalii, faapea foi Gafa, ma le mamalu ia Saleleaalii.*

My dearest village, thank you for your support and prayers throughout these many years that you elected me to serve in our village and Constituency and be your voice within this institution. There were times when I was near giving up but you encouraged me and prayed for me so I convey my heartfelt gratitude.

My village of Gagaifolevao, Susuga Sua, Afioga Tuaoepe and Afioga Faumuina and the dignity of Gagaifolevao. I thank you for your support during the many past years. There were times when we had our differences but that is the way life is, thank you for your encouragement.

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To the village of Savaia; *lau Afioga Fui ma Lemalama, lau Afioga Tusani, le paia i le Atialiifaiga ma le mamalu i le Faiga*, thank you. I was proud of your efforts in our village in regards to agriculture and conservation as we observed on TV which has popularized our village of Savaia overseas. You spearheaded these efforts to export taro, thank you. For conservation, I am always proud when I see it being broadcast on TV as the number one in Samoa and the Pacific in the breeding of clams and other marine life. Congratulations and thank you. May the Lord bless you all and your efforts.

I now address the village of Tafagamanu in all your honorific salutations; *Paia i lau Afioga Tuala faapea foi lau Afioga Leaupepe ae tainane foi Tusani ma Leatialii, ma le mamalu tele ia Sa I'auta*, thank you all for your support. Thank you for your assistance. Le tulatoa o Lemalu ma Le Mamea lau Fetalaiga ia Tuisavailuu, le paia i le Uso ma le Ailaoa faapea lau Afioga Tuala faapea Tuisavailuu ma le lua nofo a ituaiga, I also acknowledge your honorifics and I am grateful for your support.

I also acknowledge the orators for being the caretakers of our constituency Fetalaiga Masinalupe, Fetalaiga Muaiava Finau and Fetalaiga Finau, well done and thank you. Fetalaiga Fiauivaa, thank you for your support and encouragement.

I now address my village of Faleaseela in all your honorific salutations; *Afioga Leatuavao Fenumuti o le Matua o Satuala faapea foi lau Afioga Vaafusuaga, le paia i le Aiga Taulagi, tainane tagata o le Vavau, Pola e Fa o le Faleaana, Usoalii ma Gafa faapea lau Afioga Samaila*. There are times when I see disappointment at my constant involvement with Matautu but do not worry, you should be aware of my respect for our relationship. I am still making the normal contributions to our village and Ecclesias. The hard work of our forefathers cannot be forgotten and I pray that the Lord will bless you all.

Lest I forget, I acknowledge faletua and tausi of each village not forgetting the young untitled men who are the strength of our villages. Some of you were not born when I first sat in this seat and some of you were but little children but now you all have grown and taken on titles of your own and your parents tarrying cannot be forgotten. This is in their honor. Our journey is close to end and I pray for our future and that we will elect a candidate that can be our voice in the nations decision making forum.

I recognize the Lords workers, Afioga Poka Maua and your Faletua, Susuga Esaroma Fatilua and your Faletua, Afioga Tuitoga Leota and your Faletua, Reverends and Pastors and Clergy of the Catholic denomination within our Constituency. Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. I pray the Lord continue to bless you all with the wisdom to continue preaching His word within our Constituency. May you continue in Strength and God bless all your families.

I recall my first successful General Election in March 1979 when I had no grey hair but now, not only do I have grey hair, my eye sight is also failing but I am certain that I am still mentally able.

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I express much gratitude to our Constituency. When I stood to represent our Constituency, not one road was tar sealed, from the main road from Leulumoega to Falealili even inland in the access roads and there was also no access to electricity. Sadly, we would see the water being carried in buckets to the schools. This was when HRPP just came into power and it was this time that I decided that there needed to be change. I mingled with the forerunners of the HRPP which included Tofa Tuiloma Pule Lameko. I wanted to be involved with the decisions and now we see that the roads have been tar sealed from Matautu to Matafaa. In those days, you had to travel by boat to get to Matafaa because there were no roads. Now what do we see? The roads are all tarred and there is one tourist site that is located there, there are mangrove reserves and many tourists have visited these places. All the lights are working, there is no family that lights their homes with kerosene lamps, there is water supply and there are schools. Our Constituency is one of the blessed Constituencies with clean running water. Even with education, all the schools are up to par. Last week, a new school was built in Savaia and another is being started in Faleaseela. All the work has been done but it is not my work, it is the work of the HRPP in their attempt to develop our nation which also benefits the Constituencies.

I wish to thank the current Administration and the Hon Prime Minister as well as past Prime Ministers, Tofilau, Vaai and many of the initial leaders of this Party. I also express gratitude to the Ministers. God bless all your endeavours but it is not for us to boast but all the Glory be to God.

I take this time to also apologize to our Constituency for any misgivings or any offence you may have witnessed in the past and I ask for your forgiveness. May God bless you all.

Mr Speaker, there were also others that sat in the Chair when I entered the House and many of them have passed on. I commend you Mr Speaker for your service to Samoas Parliament and the same acknowledgment is expressed for those your the previous Speakers. I worked along your father Mr Speaker and now you have taken the Chair. I am proud to see you this morning with your garments like a Professor. Gods blessings be upon you and thank you for your work in conducting our Proceedings in the past 5 years with the Deputy Speaker.

I express gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister for appointing me and I did not think that you would appoint me because I was the former leader of Opposition. It is my appointment that has proven to me that you are a man of God. I was under the impression that you would not acknowledge me after years working together but now I am certain that you are a man of God. God bless you. After the last General Elections we spoke and discussed that we would rest after that but I see that you will still be running in the upcoming Elections. You still have the strength and I firmly believe that there is no one that matches you.

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I apologize to the Leader of Opposition, Afioga Hon Palusalua, our current Prime Minister will remain and maybe you can try again another time because I know that our friend near you is elderly and he should also resign but he has a strong heart and he comes from the place in Samoa where the strong hearted hail.

I express gratitude and commend the Ministers for the work implemented within the 5 years we worked together. I also acknowledge the Deputy Prime Minister and the veteran Ministers, Afioga Fiamē, Tofa Tuiloma, the Member for Leulumoega and others I have not mentioned. God bless you all as we all head in to our Elections. I believe this will be the final time you will hear my voice within the political arena of Samoa.

First Hon Prime Minister, our Constitution states that Samoa is founded on Christian principals and Samoan culture and tradition. It is necessary that we put God first. A Christian believes entirely in Jesus Christ. This is why I reiterate the words of the Prophet, “Do not forget your the Lord your God, Israel is Gods chosen people.” I believe that within the entire Pacific, Samoa is the chosen people. Many incidents have occurred within our Government while developing our atione. There was tension and conflict within other Island nations, but Samoa was in harmony, why? Because we are the chosen people and we do not forget our Lord.

Hon Prime Minister, we went to Rome and visited the place where the Apostle Paul was killed. Aside from Jesus Christ, this apostle was the one that developed the church of God, the church of Jesus Christ. The Apostle, during his time teaching, called upon the Lord “Lord, remove this thorn from my flesh” and the Lord replied “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.” This is why we have strength, because in our weakness, we are strong. We must pray for the grace of God to strengthen us so that we can achieve greatness.

Hon Prime Minister and the leaders of our Nation, do not be weary. Challenges are never ending but we should depend on the grace of our Lord for He will always help us.

I conclude with the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a saint that served as the ventor of the Pope. He was a man of the poor and he prayed a prayer; “Lord make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O divine master grant that I maynot so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” I pray that this prayer instills the grace of God within us. God bless the support of our country in its various sectors as well as the Servants of the Lord that pray tirelessly for blessings day and night. May the Lord bless the upcoming General Elections of our country, thank you.

*The Legislative Assembly applauded the Resignation Speech of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.*

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**MR SPEAKER:** We have all heard the resignation speech of the Hon Minister. Le Mamea, the applause of this Parliament is in acknowledgement of the speech within this House. Your service to this House is known and you have retired with honors. We recognize your speech and the Lord be forever praised and all glory to Him. Your words are sufficient to caution the journey of this Parliament especially as we draw near to our Elections. Your words echo through this House.

Your service has strengthened the net used in our fishing expedition. There is no other time than now for the governance of our Nation to gather all the recommendations we can. Your good works will follow you throughout your life and we commend you for your services. God is your guiding force as He guided Paul through Damascus. I envy your Constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela for they have again been bestowed another honor. That is Samoa's recognition for your service to our country and Parliament especially your Party. Hon Le Mamea, there are no other words that we can say to express our sincere gratitude. We give praise to God for your years of service. Your final words will be kept for those that will return to the House. We wish the best for your good lady, children and extended family. God bless your future endeavours after your Ministerial portfolio.

We have now come to the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development.

I call on the Hon Minister for your speech.

**Tofa Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI FALEMEOE LEIATAUA (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development):** I wish to thank the Leader of the House, Mr Speaker as you conduct the Proceedings of Parliament. Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Leader of Opposition and all the Members of Parliament present here today, I greet you all. Samoa listening in in all your honorics, leaders of the various denominations across the nation, I commend you all for your support and I need not address you all as the traditional setup of all these institutions cannot be changed nor can an iota of it be removed.

Samoa, as your Parliament prepares to carry out its responsibilities today and to conclude the five year term, we ask for your prayers of support for us, your chosen electives to serve Samoa.

I cannot forget the support of Tutuila and Manua, the Governor General and the Office, the President, Speaker of the two houses and your Government. An iota cannot be removed or added to your traditional setup which is cause for pride.

Thank you for the opportunity. I believe that the speech by the Hon Prime Minister last night in response to the queries from the Members on the Supplementary Appropriation is sufficient. Also, your speeches reflected your support for the Budget.

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I stand with respect as I cannot forget Afia in the bush as I must extend acknowledgemnt to the Hon Prime Minister for this honourable appointment and trust betowed upon me. Every day of my life I will always remember this high esteem. I envy the womb from which you came. Blessed is the womb that birthed you for it was by divine authority that you have received this calling as the Bible testifies.

The intention is not to stir the waves or turn the storm but I believe that your calling to the helm of the nation is blessed by our former leaders thus the success in your leadership. Many of Samoas partners reiterate the same view that you are a leader that is lenient and tolerant. You deny no one and everyone is equal in your eyes. I believe these views to be accurate. May the Lord bless you Hon Prime Minister and your good lady as well as your children.

May the Lord also look kindly upon the Cabinet. No one is perfect and in our weakness we depend on our Lord for guidance in our decision making during this five year Term. I commend my fellow Ministers for your collaboration during this time and may your endeavours for the future be fruitful. I recognize also the Leader of Opposition. Despite sitting on opposing sides, I cannot ignore you for we are family through Toleafoa Ielo. God bless you Leader of Opposition and the Members of that Side.

To the esteemed Head of the Ministry as well as the Ombudsman, I wish to extend my gratitude to you both. The Ombudsman deals with seeking out justice in investigations against the Police led by Susuga Maiava who despite his age, is still able and possesses the knowledge not only to be the Ombudsman but also to handle the additional responsibility of being the institution for Human Rights in Samoa. I commend you for your service and may the Lord bless the Ministry and may the seed that you have planted in the institution be fruitful as we serve the public seeking assistance.

I wish to acknowledge the CEO of the Ministry as well as the Management. Thank you for your services and support during our time together. You deal with the dignity of Samoa from the village council to the womens committees and faletua and tausi when implementing programs for the benefit of our country and its future generations, both the disabled and able bodied alike. I pray for the Lords blessings upon the Ministry and the employees. I also acknowledge the previous CEO who was at the helm of the Ministry when I first took over the portfolio in 2011.

Those are just a few words of encouragement for the future as you continue in your service. Honesty is the best policy as I have shared many times during our end of year events. May you continue in honesty and integrity as Jesus preached "whoever is faithful with very little will be faithful with large ones". Do not heed the criticisms from outside, do your work for the Government and all of Samoa for our success. There are many conventions that were signed on behalf of our nation such as the the Convention on the Elimination of Violence against Women. It is an essential convention since the time of Tofilau and till now it is still very much a priority. Also there is the Convention on the rights of a child which underpins our commitment to prioritize our children.

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There is also the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which was signed in 2014 and it recognizes persons with disabilities. The Government is now working towards making an inclusive environment for the disabled making their commuting easier to be able to access places like the general public. The Convention for Human Rights is another exceptional document and I thank the Hon Prime Minister for supporting this initiative and for giving it the importance it deserves which is our contribution to supportin Afioiga Maiava who is the Chair for this Commission.

All these conventions are essential. With that, the dignity of the House, we thank the Grace of God for the foresight of Government aimed at the success of Samoa through its partners with overseas institutions. The institution of women is emphasized in regards to the beautification of villages and maintenance of families and the living environments. This is especially prioritized when we host international conferences and the beautification speaks volumes of the coordination of the women in the villages as well the effective authority of the village council which in turn lifts the reputation of our nation. We can never ignore the service of the women because a good mother has more value than a pearl. If the women is also God fearing, this is further evidence of a valuable mother who is recognized by God.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Hon Minister. There is an interjection by the Member for Faleata West. What is your issue Lealailepule?

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** No. It is alright.

**Tofa Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI FALEMOE LEIATAUA:** Thank you Faleata, the Lord will never forsake you.

I wish to express gratitude to the Committees under the Ministry from Upolu and Savaii. There are the Advisory Committees for women as well as the Committee working with disabled persons. I commend you all. I acknowledge also Women In Business with their President in one of the Committees. The Government programs pertaining to women are exceptional.

I recognize also the village mayors across our nation for your services and contribution. Do not worry, the priority is being given to the women representatives but there is still a difference in your roles. I commend all the village mayors and representatives to Government as well as the women representatives in the committees, thank you and well done. May the Lord bless your continuous services for the benefit of our nation.

Dignity of the House, I have responded generally to the queries because if I were to be specific, it would take long. I thank all the Members that mentioned the work of the Ministry within your respective villages as well as the country as a whole. All your matters raised and recommendations are evident of the service of the Ministry.



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Mr Speaker, I address my Constituency listening in support. It is not a very large electorate with only the villages of Nofaalii and Leulumoega but it is the centre of Aana where the Tuiaana resides. I greet the entire Constituency in all your honorific salutations. I commend you all for your continuous services. I acknowledge our village of Nofaalii and our contribution to the SIDS Conference with our boat that shone bright in the lagoon and the same during the Commonwealth Youth Games. This is indication of the talent of the Nofaalii villagers. Even after Joseph Parkers boxing match, you were also in support and his gratitude was expressed.

Nofaalii, thank you for your never ending support and may your endeavours be forever fruitful because of your prayers. In the past 5 to 10 years, we would meet but now with the amendment of the legislation, I am dismayed that if it were to continue it would be a breach. The dignity of Faleaana, thank you. May the Lord bless your continuous support. Whoever from your family that wishes to put forward your candidacy, I have no qualms as you all know, I was born smiling and to this day I still am. It is because I have clean heart.

To all the esteemed families, my final words are to reiterate the words of Afamasaga who stood in 1963 and said “My villages of Fasitootai and Aana Alofi No. 3, there are trees that are scarred but they are still standing” and that is the sentiment I put forward but the choice is yours.

To Leulumoega, Tofa Matuanatogi, Fetalaiga Alipia, the respect and honor is yours. I greet our village in all your honorific salutations which are being used far and wide but we know our true lineage.

Faleula, to the esteemed families, I greet you all in all your honorifics and your traditional setup. May the Lord look kindly on your support and your service to the village. To the young generation I recommend that you keep that commandments and honor your father and mother and your days will be prolonged on the land and your education will be blessed. May your generation be the bearers of great future leaders of Samoa. Also, may you also bear great rugby legends and boxing greats but do not conflict with one another. As the Saviour taught, may you have humility and love one another and the Lord will bless our Constituency.

I pray for the blessings of the Father on this House as well as Samoa and the mothers praying for our success. God bless also our citizens residing overseas. May success be upon this House and we continue in strength, soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend the Hon Minister Tofa Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatuaalesa for your speech. I believe that we our nation is one already divided and the honorifics of Fonoti and the lineage are also set.

I commend you today as your Constituency listens in support. You are one Member I assumed would not have to go through Elections. While I was Deputy to your Speakership, I witnessed your persistence and pride in Leulumoega. Samoa has been divided into its respective traditional set up and cannot be changed.

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I acknowledge with humility your service to this Parliament especially in your Ministerial role as head of the Ministry responsible for women and the cool breeze is felt all over. It is fitting that as we come to Elections we implement the change for women and it is a victory for your Term. I can only wish you the best and recommend that you not be stressed over the election of the Tuiaana. When the extended family speaks, that is the final decision with respect to their relationship with Leulumoega. There are 5 families that you serve and they are in harmony.

Afioga Tuisugaletaua, it is not time for the speech of your Ministry. I call upon the Hon Minister to take the floor.

**Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU (Minister of Communications and Information Technology):** First and foremost, I extend gratitude to the Chair for this opportunity. The day star has come out of its resting to start a new day as the stars takes its resting place with the night as the moon ends its time in the sky, so is this 15<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Term nearing the end of its time.

It is with respect that I greet Parliament today and its esteemed Members; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of Opposition and the dignity of that Side, Associate Ministers and all the Members of Parliament.

To begin my speech, I will address the Appropriation with a brief explanatory statement. The work of this Administration is no small feat, there are many projects with long lasting benefits for our country. The National Broadband Highway is operational with a final phase left to implement. The Regulators Office is responsible for monitoring the electricity costs and the Office is headed by its first ever Samoan citizen. A Member mentioned the 999 telephone line. In 1999, when we had the old Post Office, this was when we changed this number to the ones we are currently using; 994 for Fire Emergency, 995 for the Police, 996 for the Hospital and 997 was only recently added for the Disaster Management Office. There was a reason for the change. It was because all the emergencies used one 999 number answered by one operator and then would be forwarded to the appropriate service. There would be a delay in the response and that was why the direct numbers were used. So if you dial 994 you are directly contacting the Fire Services and there is no delay. That is the clarification in regards to this matter.

Currently, the Regulators Office responsible for the numbering system is not reviewing whether it is appropriate to reuse the 999 number. Perhaps the issue is there is no public awareness of the current emergency numbers thus the delay in calling the relevant emergency service. The responsible Ministry should be promoting its number as a solution.

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Regarding the Post Office, they continue to make a profit contributing dividends to the Government despite there being a decrease in the number of mail being sent. As for the 2AP Broadcasting Service, we are all aware that the new building was constructed during this Term to replace the old building. The costs of phones has dropped and the quality of the reception improved since the initial introduction.

I will now comment on the new projects. The Tuisamoa Cable project is currently in progress. It should be utilized by our people mid-year next year. It is the cable running from Australia and New Zealand to Hawaii and America. The cable is our connection also to Fiji. The intention is that it will run from Savaii to Wallis and Futuna and other Fijian islands closer to us.

The Member for Falelatai and Samatau expressed their gratitude for the improved communications. As he stated, this is the core of future developments. Any development relies on internet to communicate and connect with overseas countries and that is why we are eager to develop it well. Now it is progressing smoothly. Next week the letters of tender will be reviewed and the work will commence.

The Member for Vaa o Fonoti requested assistance from EPC for a post. There is a new Bluesky post at Uafato and the letter has been presented to the Minister responsible for assistance under the CSO.

A humble word to my Constituency. My villages of Laulii, Letogo, Vaileletai and Vaileleuta, Fagalii and my entire Constituency of Vaimauga East. I first commend and express gratitude to the leaders of the various denominations within the electorate where the constituents worship the name of the Lord. They are the preachers of the Word of our Lord and I recognize your continuous prayers and support for the success of this Parliament and its humble Members. Thank you for your efforts and spiritual work. We are concluding this XV Parliamentary Term and we have achieved success because of your prayers. May the Lord bless your work.

I wish to specifically acknowledge the Servant of the Lord in my village of Fagalii who is serving his final year and then he will retire honourable. Thank you Susuga Iupeli Ieremia for your support and spiritual guidance which has not only lifted the Ecclesias but also our small congregation. Well done for your work.

I also extend acknowledgement to the honorific salutations of the villages within my Constituency and our traditional setup from Laulii, Letogo, Vaitlele and Fagalii. Thank you all for your support given to me as your representative. Thank you for your trust in me to serve our electorate and Samoa.

Works are still progressing within our constituency. Last week the road at Letogo was completed and I thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for responding to our need. There are also other works such as the seawall for Laulii, drains and the river crossing to Laulii and Letogo which are progressing at a steady pace.

For Vailele, there has been a great impact from the sea and the same goes for other subvillages of Fagalii. As for our school building, donor countries we approached have responded and soon the assistance will be received.

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To conclude our vote of gratitude we acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister for the leadership in this five years and for your continuous trust in this Constituency for three Terms that we have been honoured. We are grateful that you place your trust in our humble ability to assist in the development of Samoa. Thank you Tuilaepa for your faith and confidence in us.

I wish to also acknowledge the Associate Ministers I worked with, Afioga Faimalotoa Kika Ah Kau. Thank you for your assistance. Also Afioga Seiuli Ueligitone, although our time was brief, your contribution is noteworthy in our work and service.

Thank you to the CEO and the Ministry we worked closely with and the staff that I cannot name at this moment. I commend those who implemented the work of the Government with regards to communications. Afioga Lealiiie Mautaanoa Tuaimalo Asamu Ah Sam, thank you for your service, you are a veteran in the body of CEOs.

I also commend the General Manager of the Samoa Post Office, Susuga Tupe Ualolo Lam Yuen, the Regulator Unutoa Fonoti who is the first Samoan to be appointed to this post. I thank you for your work. I also acknowledge the Board of the Post Office, thank you Afioga Faavaolenuu Tagata and your Committee.

Thank you Mr Speaker for your patience in conducting our Proceedings. Despite our numbers, you are skilled at maintaining order from the Chair. We have witnessed the fruits of your labours and we can say with confidence that during your Speakership, there has been a great progress in our orders. We express our gratitude and we wish your return to continue in the Chair and we also wish the same for the Deputy Speaker. We commend and give you both our blessings of gratitude.

Finally, I recognize my fellow Ministers and our collaborative effort in our work during this Term. May the Lord look kindly on your election so that you may continue in the faith that has been given you. Our humble recommendation is that you make your choices with God because with him all things are possible and all things are clear with regards to the needs of our individual constituencies and villages as well as Samoa as a whole. Also, we wish peach upon our Elections and that there is no conflict that may cause disfunction and as always, may God be our guiding voice.

Blessings be upon this Parliamnet and the support of Samoa listening in. Farewell.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Hon Minister, Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau for imparting your wisdom which is the basis of the belief of the Constituency in you as a senior Cabinet Minister. We do not need to address your works as they speak for themselves. The House has heard you address every part of the dignity of the Government from the Hon Prime Minister to the Minsiters as well as the Chair.

You have also spoken as a Aoa Fesoasoani and we thank the Lord for what we have achieved. The prayer to the Constituency is that you make your choice with the Lord. We wish you the best in the race and your service to the electorate.

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I extend recognition to Samoa and its traditional setup represented within this House this morning. I need not mention the honorifics no iota can be removed or added to its salutations.

I also make special mention of the leaders of the various denominations within Samoa preaching the Word for the spiritual growth of Samoa and its people. I acknowledge also my Constituency.

Mr Speaker, there were not many who mentioned the bodies under my portfolio. The only matter which was prevalent in most of the speeches was the destruction of the small businesses.

I wish to thank the Government for supporting this Ministry and responding quickly to the devastation of these businesses and giving them relief.

The temporary building for the market was completed yesterday where we witnessed the elation of the business owners after they were left with despair and uncertainty after the destruction. The Hon Prime Minister spoke that it would only be seven days when they could return to sell their products and this was the first assistance.

I commend the work of the Samoa Land Corporation. This entity was under much scrutiny in the past but they have never retreated in their persistence and now it is one public body that the Government can rely on for dividends. I recognize the Chairperson and the CEO as well as the employees for your patriotism. May the Lord continue to guide and bless you all in your service to Samoa.

The honourable Member for Faleata West sought a response in regards to this matter which is why I make mention of it. For the information of the House, the report from the Fire Emergency Services has been received and there are lots of lessons to be learned from this. This is a learning experience for Ministries and the private sector alike to carry out safety programs to reduce such risks from happening especially with fire and electricity. Perhaps this was an accident which has detrimental impacts but in a way it is beneficial as a learning experience for the future.

Mr Speaker, this was the only matter that was queried and the Hon Prime Minister has mentioned the assistance to those affected. There are other plans in progress. The Cabinet reviews the cases where necessary and what appropriate action to take.

Mr Speaker, during this final Sitting, many spoke in general on the five years of the Term but I have only just got on the bus but after any journey, as we come to the end, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven. At this hour, the Member for Satupaitea on behalf of the Constituency, expresses the utmost appreciation to Samoa for the support, from His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo to the very least.

Thank you for your encouragement, support and prayers. I acknowledge the silent prayers of our elderly father and mothers for this Parliament. Thank you!

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To the Servants of our Lord, thank you for your offerings to our Lord for the success and blessings of Samoa in all its various denominations. This Parliament has no gold or money to repay your kindness but we can only pray that you are continually blessed with divine inspiration to guide the people of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I acknowledge your patience in conducting the Sittings of this Parliament. Many times I think to myself that I would not want to take on the task you have so wisely executed for I do not possess such patience. Many times you could have taken the Standing Orders and invoked provisions to punish a disobedient Member but you did not. You are blessed with the wisdom and foresight to maintain order in this House. I commend you for your endurance.

Hon Prime Minister, well done! I make special mention of your honor because of the distinguished position you have bestowed upon Satupaitea to be a Minister. This is a great privilege and I am grateful for your recognition. If the Member for Satupaitea has served well, all glory be to God. If during the 20 months there has been a fault in the service, I beg leniency for it is what I could do with my ability and capacity the Lord has given me. The true intention is to serve to the best of my abilities.

I thank my fellow Cabinet Ministers for your support. There are times when we have differing opinions but it is with the grace of our Lord that we are able to smooth over our disagreements.

I make special mention of the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the access road constructed in one of our sub villages which leads to the water source. Thank you.

Thank you Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for our sports field which is almost complete. I believe it will not take all of \$30,000. Perhaps this week there will be a final decision but I am nonetheless grateful for the work in Pitonuu.

Hon Minister of Health, one of the dreams of our Constituency is close to being realized. Thank you for your support for this project.

To the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, perhaps soon a seawall will be completed for the village of Vaega. There is also an access road proposed for Satufia which I believe will soon be constructed.

Mr Speaker, I acknowledge the CEO of the Ministry of Public Enterprises and the entire Ministry. I also acknowledge the Heads of the various entities under my portfolio. Thank you for your support and your work ethic. It is probably a new experience for you all to observe how I work but you responded in kind with persistence and integrity. Whoever will take over in the new Term, remember that there is only one objective and that is the success of Samoa.

To the Office of the Clerk, you are one institution that is regarded as the unsung heroes of our Term. You are not seen but your task is burdensome. I commend the Clerk and the Office, thank you for your service. I also recognize the Sergeant at Arms and your companion. Despite the coldness of the House, you are steadfast in your service.

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Mr Speaker, I now will address the dignity of my dear Constituency of Satupaitea; *Susu o le Aiga Sa Asiata, susu lo outou Aiga Samoeleoi, lo oulua vaavaalua Tavui ma Gasu, afio Alo o Lilomaiava o Faanana ma Tuimaseve, afio le Tapaau le Aiga Sa Valomua ma le Suafa o le Fauatea, alaalatai oe le Alataua, Tapaau lefano ma le nofo a Pule ma le Matuafia.*

I acknowledge the faletua and tausi, saoa and aunafaapa, the untitled men who are the strength of the Constituency and the entire electorate. I recognize the elderly mothers and fathers supporting in silence while your children serve. Thank you Satupaitea.

In the previous five years, I was chosen to this calling our electorate. It was a proud moment of my life until now, I still cannot fathom the reason as to why I am being blessed. My plea was for our Constituency to continue in support while I continue in service and after four and a half years your support has sufficed and is beyond satisfactory and overflowing. The question is whether you are satisfied with the service. If you convinced of the service provided, praise be to our Lord. If not, it was not a service done half heartedly or with malice but it was the best I could do with my abilities and strength given me by our Father.

This calling you have bestowed upon me I have only tried to serve in good repute and now we have witnessed the Hand of the Lord in the works within our Constituency. They are your works. After the five years of my service, I returned to our Constituency and returned the calling for your discretion and you responded unanimously that I continue for another five years.

Satupaitea, it is heart with humility and pride that you have once again lifted me high. Who am I that you would honor in such a way? All I can say is that this is your honor. All the strength, knowledge, skill and experience I have, I will give to serve our dear Constituency. This is the only offering I can give to repay this privilege. Your consensus in electing me is an indication of the oneness of our Constituency and this is a mark of our reconciliation. We shall leave the rest to God. If it is His will, I am ready and willing to serve again for another five years.

I commend the prayers and support of the religious leaders in our villages beginning from Pitonuu-uta, Susuga Faga and faletua, Pitonuu-tai, Susuga Taulafo and faletua. In Vaega, Pio Schuster and faletua, Iosua and faletua in Satufia, the Pentecostal church to Siaki and faletua, the Assembly of God, Susuga Pisa and faletua as well as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Afioga Tavui and faletua.

I express gratitude to all my family in Satupaitea. Many times I was criticised but you stood firm in support and patience and waited for Gods response to us. Now we have ended this Term and the confidence of the Constituency still remains. The seed we have sown in Satupaitea is thriving and we can only hope for a satisfactory fruit.

Mr Speaker, that concludes the speech of Satupaitea. During our four and half years together, I ask for your forgiveness of any transgression and may it be cast unto the uninhabited island. A man is susceptible to err but a man of God forgives.

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God bless you Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House as we all go into our Elections. May the Lord look kindly on us all. Should we not return, God has other plans for us.

Before I conclude, I wish to address our Party. There is a saying that our words can easily be forgotten but our actions will live on in the generations to come. God bless us all and Samoa listening in. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises; Afioga Lautafi for the exceptional speech. It is a historical moment for us to have established this new Ministry premised on the need for restructuring for the future. We believe that your appointment as Minister of the new entity is not one done in ignorance and the Hon Prime Minister has confidence in your ability. You have addressed your electorate of Satupaitea. Satupaitea, you have come together in your choice for the Elections and we do not question your decision Afioga Lautafi, rely on the Lord for He knows all.

We now come to a veteran Member of the House; Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko. I call on the Hon Minister of Revenue for your clarifying speech on the Budget.

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO (Minister of Revenue):** Mr Speaker and the Honourable Members of the House. With respect I greet the honorifics of Samoa; His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and the Member of the Council of Deputies. I also greet Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers including the Members present this morning.

Before I comment on the Appropriation, on behalf of Falealili I wish to thank the Hon Prime Minister and those who worked on the preparation of the Appropriation which reflects our current economic state. The main aspect I wish to put forward is that the Budget is clear in its forward estimates and this is to be appreciated.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister for the privilege bestowed upon me to be a Minister in his Cabinet. I suppose it was not an easy decision especially with the many able bodied in the Party. Again another honor has been placed on me to be a Member of the Council of Deputies. Thank you for the honor and such a distinguished calling.

Mr Speaker, I am responsible for the Revenue portfolio and the objective of the Ministry of Revenue is to spearhead the efforts to seek revenue to assist with our Budget from time to time. I wish to convey my congratulations to the CEO of the Ministry for the hard work during the past five years. The intention as that we continue in this path as the nation believes in the growth of this Ministry. I have witnessed many developments implemented and the objective is that we attain our estimated revenue.

As for the needed work in Falealili, I do not need to lay them out but there are many infrastructures that need to be repaired. There are two main ones Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. First, there is the water for the village of Sapunaoa.



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The second need is the roads in the entire Falealili as well as access roads that are crucial to the economy especially in the agricultural sector. This is one electorate that supplies the taro for export but the issue is transportation. Those are the two main areas that need your consideration Hon Minister.

Mr Speaker and honourable Members, there are other areas that need improvement in Falealili but they can be addressed later. As I have mentioned before, I am elated at the economic state of our country and our operating budget. It is a great achievement compared to other small island nations in the Pacific. An expression of gratitude should be recorded for all the entities contributing dividends to the Government.

One institution I wish to acknowledge is the alii and faipule in each village. It has been rumoured that there are those that are trying to diminish the authority of the alii and faipule in the villages. This Member advises against this. If we are to falter in this aspect our economic welfare can be affected. This institution should be strengthened and the faletua and tausi alike. This is the only way that we are able to execute any develop.

Mr Speaker and Members, as I said, there are many other areas that need work in my Constituency however I will leave them for future plans.

Before I conclude, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Parliament for the honor and privilege bestowed upon me after years of serving in the House. I pray that the Lord bless the future development of our nation. May the spirit of the Lord guide you Hon Prime Minister and all the leaders of our nation.

Soifua and God bless.

*The Legislative Assembly applauded the Resignation Speech of the Member for Falealili Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko. We have the highest expectation that your service to this Parliament all these years will not go unnoticed and distinction given where it is due. The cool breeze is felt all over and your service as Minister noteworthy. We praise God for this new calling for you.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea spoke this morning and you have concluded your speech. We will leave it at that and bear in mind that it is our traditions that we hold steadfast to.

We now come to the Hon Minister of Justice and Court Administration.

**Afioga Hon FIAME NAOMI MATAAFA (Minister of Justice and Court Administration):** I rise with all due respect to greet the House of Samoa; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers and the Human Rights Protection Party. I likewise greet the Leader of Opposition and the Tautua Party.

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Sitting in this final Meeting of this Parliament, it is pleasant listening to the speeches on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill. There has been acknowledgment and recognition of the political, religious and cultural institutions as well as gratitude expressed for the work of the public servants who are the hands and feet in service to the country.

Mr Speaker, I concur with these same sentiments. I also wish to acknowledge the Chair for we are in attendance in the House of the nation and we are elected Members. Therefore it is only fitting that we commend you Mr Speaker for conducting our Proceedings with the assistance of the Deputy Speaker not forgetting the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office. Thank you.

There are still remaining Orders of the House and included are Bills specific to the Justice sector. There is no supplementary appropriation to the entities under my portfolio thus my comments will not be lengthy.

I will however speak generally and make a reminder to the House as we are near the end of the Term and we will dissolve tomorrow. The message of the Ministry as well as the Electoral Office for us as we go into our Elections is to live by the Law for we are under the rule of Law.

Mr Speaker, many are of the impression that our system of elections and the rights we have are from outside. Personally, wherever it is from, if it is just it is necessary and this is the system chosen by our forefathers before us. We have assimilated this rule of Law and there are basic human rights instilled within our Constitution and it is from law that we drive this Administration.

It was a pleasure to listen to the speech by the Member for Lefaga ma Faleaseela, Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati citing the end of his service as a veteran Member. I took away a message from the speech regarding well planned policies when administered well according to the law, it benefits everyone. The law is the main policy to which all plans are executed to benefit everyone. The rule of law is not a new concept to us. Before we were independent, we had laws as spoken about by Tofa Hon Tuiloma. It was the law of the alii and faipule and their authority over the villages and communities.

With Religion we had the 10 Commandments to regulate our lives. What is the law? They are rules to protect everyone and the work we do in the public service and how each sector is to implement their tasks. If we cannot follow these laws and policies, what then is the purpose of our work?

Mr Speaker and Members of Parliament, since I was appointed to this portfolio, there have been many legislations prepared to improve the service of the Judiciary and the Office. Why? So that we can all have equal access to justice and every Samoan citizen can have legal rights. This is the purpose of the law tabled from time to time. We have to consider the necessity each time.

That is the reminder as we prepare for another Term after the Elections in March.

I conclude my statement Mr Speaker by addressing the entities under my portfolio; the Minister of Justice, I commend the Chief Justice, the President of the Lands and Title Court and the Members of the Judiciary.

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I also extend my acknowledgment to the former CEO Tofa Masinalupe Tusipa, the Management as well as the entire Ministry. Thank you for your service. I wish to make special mention of Tofa Masinalupe who has resigned from the post after serving as head of the Ministry. He started his service in 1975 and it has been 40 years since he has served in this same Ministry. During his 40 years, he served 14 years as Chief Executive Officer to the Ministry and it is an achievement that should be recognized.

Appreciation is extended also to the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, to the Assistant Commissioner; Faimalomatumua Matthew Lemisio as well as the Office, I commend you for your service. The Office was faced with a challenge with the change in leadership. Despite this, the work was well executed and the Bills pertaining to our Elections were prepared, tabled and passed.

That is the acknowledgment of the two Offices I worked with. I cannot conclude my speech without addressing the Members who made their resignations known for this Term.

To the Member for Anoamaa East and the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 3, it is seldom we have official resignations made within the House. Many do not return at the Elections but to have made such a decision now, I commend you both; Tofa Alo and Tofa Tuileutu. Thank you for the many years we have worked together. There is distinction when an elder person takes on the Seat as a representative. Thank you for your service and work and may the Lord bless you both in your future endeavours.

I also acknowledge the resignations of my fellow Ministers; Afioga Le Mamea Ropati and Tofa Tuiloma Lameko. Not only are you both seasoned Members in this Term but also in the history of this Political Party. Afioga Le Mamea, I concur with your statement that when you began in this Party, you both were handsome. I envy your experience serving in this calling. This Parliament has now recognized you both by appointing you both to the Council of Deputies post and may the Lord look kindly on your new calling.

Mr Speaker, I will now address my Constituency. There is no disregard of the Constituency but I feel that the words of Lotofaga should be left to be made on its soil. We are also mindful of this Sitting. Our final words I make on behalf of Lotofaga to wish all the best for this Parliament at the end of this Term and as we draw near to the Elections. We pray that our Elections are peaceful and guided by law. As some Members stated, the Elections will end, but we will still be here. Despite the opposite sides we sit on, we all have one objective and that is the benefit of Samoa and its people.

To my fellow Members and those preparing their candidacy, go with God and may your efforts be fruitful. We hope that our electorates will choose one of us to sit in the House of Samoa.

That concludes our remarks. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend the Hon Minister for her speech. You are also a veteran Member of the House respected by the Members with the confidence of the Hon Prime Minister. You have called for blessings upon the House and so we also wish the same. God be with you.

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016  
– debate resumed on second reading**

We have now come to the Deputy Prime Minister; Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Lauofo.

**Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor):** Thank you Mr Speaker. All the Members of the House are gathered here today in the House of Samoa. I wish to greet the dignity present today as well as Samoa from east to west in all its honorific salutations. I recognize also the political and religious institutions.

I will address the Supplementary Appropriation Mr Speaker. There is no budget for this Ministry mentioned and I did not hear any Member mention this Ministry. I wish to thank the Board of Directors I worked closely with during this 5 years. Thank you for your service. May the Lord refill what has been made empty.

I wish to thank the Samoa Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Producers Association and the private sector working in partnership with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labor. I commend you for your work and contribution to the Government and country.

Mr Speaker, I wish to also acknowledge all the CEOs and employees I worked with in this 5 years. Thank you for your honest work ethic and I believe your sweat has not been for nought.

If there was a time when there was anger, the intention was to improve the service to the country. I am grateful to the public servants who serve the nation. May God bless you abundantly.

I acknowledge my Associate Minister Tofa Sooalo Mene. Thank you for the good advice lightening our load and for representing us in international conferences.

I also acknowledge the Associate Ministers for your assistance in the various matters where your support was needed. God bless you.

To my fellow Cabinet Ministers I have had the pleasure of working with in these five years, thank you for your collaboration in the developments within my electorate from access roads, seawalls and water supply. I also acknowledge the plastic tank projects that have been implemented. Recognition is given to the Hon Prime Minister for his leadership.

To this Side of the House, I commend the Leader of Opposition and your Side. You did not falter in the execution of your duties. The strong leadership of the Opposition contributes to the development of our nation. May the Lord look kindly on you all.

On behalf of my Constituency, I wish to acknowledge and commend the Ministers Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko and Afioga Le Mamea Ropati in your new roles as Council of Deputies. We believe that you are both fit for the position. God bless you in your new role and your service to the country.

I also recognize the Members who presented their resignation speeches in the House; Afioga Alo and Tuileutu. I thank you all for the years of service and support in our work.

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Mr Speaker, as are the words of our country, do not be obsessed with what is forthcoming but focus on the realities as of now. This Parliamentary Term is different from other Terms. There have been many substantial changes not only within the Office of the Legislative Assembly but also the location of our Sittings. Two old Parliament buildings at Tiafau were demolished and a new reinforced and modern House is being built. I commend the Office and the Speakership for your resilience.

I wish to now address my Constituency Mr Speaker. Anoamaa West, we have come to the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Term. I thank you for the privilege bestowed on my during this 5 years to continue as your representative. The good works that we have accomplished, we give praise to our Lord. For our mistakes and offences we ask our Lord and Saviour for forgiveness.

My Constituency of Anoamaa West, before I conclude, I believe I should recognize the dignity of my Constituency in all its honorific salutations. I acknowledge all the villages in my electorate and I thank you all for your support.

Let us prepare for the Elections and from there the will of God will be revealed. Whoever will be elected will be the representative for the next five years. Actions speaks louder than words and an elected Member works for the entire electorate and not just one village or denomination but for all.

I commend and acknowledge the Servants of the Lord for your silent work within our Constituency and for praying for our success and the success of Samoa. Thank you for your prayers. May the Lord bless our Constituency, Samoa and this Government. All the best for the Elections.

**MR SPEAKER:** I acknowledge the speech by the Deputy Prime Minister. I believe that the House has heard clear the remarks this evening. We will leave everything to divine glory. I wish everyone the best in the Elections.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister to conclude the response of the Government.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, I began our response last night and the response has continued through the Cabinet and it has come to me again and it is almost 5 o'clock.

I stated last night that any matter that was not responded to, I would address. *However after the detailed responses from each respective Minister, there is nothing left for me to comment on.* I advise that we continue with our Budget.

*Motion moved on 15 December 2015 moved and approved and the Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016 was second read.*

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**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2015/2016  
- consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** The Legislative Assembly will now proceed to consider in detail the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

During the consideration in detail of the Bill, a Member may refer to the P.P 2015/2016 No.88, First Budget Estimates and Expenditure for Financial Year ending 30 June 2016.

Pursuant to Standing Order 134, consideration in detail commences with the Schedules.

**FIRST SCHEDULE  
ADDITION IN APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>
	<b>AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES:</b>	<b>\$350,000.</b>

*Approved.*

	<b>COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.</b>
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*Approved.*

	<b>EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE:</b>	<b>\$2,012,903.</b>
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*Approved.*

	<b>FINANCE:</b>	<b>\$278,544.</b>
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*Approved.*

	<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE:</b>	<b>\$227,473.</b>
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*Approved.*

	<b>JUSTICE AND COURT ADMINISTRATION:</b>	<b>\$45,900.</b>
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*Approved.*

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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016  
– consideration in detail**

**NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENT: \$29,400.**

*Approved.*

**POLICE: \$63,805.**

*Approved.*

**REVENUE: \$137,849.**

*Approved.*

**WOMEN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: \$1,213,906.**

*Approved.*

**ATTORNEY GENERAL: \$64,753.**

*Approved.*

**WORKS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE: \$1,000,000.**

*Approved.*

**OMBUDSMAN: \$34,636.**

*Approved.*

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES: \$1,500,000.**

*Approved.*

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LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY: \$1,000,000.

*Approved.*

TOTAL ADDITIONAL OVERALL EXPENDITURES 2015/2016:  
\$9,059,169.

*Approved.*

SECOND SCHEDULE  
REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS

MINISTRY	DESCRIPTION	REDUCTION
REVENUE:		\$(77,205).

*Approved.*

TOTAL REDUCTIONS OVERALL EXPENDITURES 2014/2015:  
\$(77,205).

*Approved.*

*Schedule approved as part of the Bill.*

**CLAUSE 2:** Grant and Appropriation of \$9,059,169 out of the Treasury Fund.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3:** Reduction of amounts earlier appropriated and reallocation to other outputs and sub-outputs.

*Approved.*



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**Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016  
– third reading**

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short Title and commencement.**

**TITLE: Supplementary Appropriation Act (No.1) 2015/2016.**

*Approved.*

*Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No 1) 2015/2016 progressed without Amendments.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO.1) 2015/2016  
– third reading**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2015/2016 be read a third time.*

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

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

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we have come to the recess hour this evening. I thank and commend the dignity of the House. We shall proceed to have our meal and recess then we shall return to continue with until we conclude tonight.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 4:50pm and resumed at 5:37 pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have now resumed. Before we went to our recess we completed the deliberation of the Supplementary Budget. I believe there are other Bills to consider as per our Orders of the Day.

**YAZAKI SAMOA ENTERPRISE BILL 2015 – first reading**

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015 be read a first time.*

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**Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015 – second reading**

*Seconded by the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Public Enterprise and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a first time.*

**YAZAKI SAMOA ENTERPRISE BILL 2015 – second reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have with me a Certificate of Urgency signed by His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, therefore the Legislative Assembly will proceed to the second reading of the Bill.

I call on the Hon Minister of Revenue.

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015 be read a second time and I wish to comment on it.*

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

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker, this Bill provides for certain taxation assistance to Yazaki which will expire on 9 November 2018. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister has spoken on this important Bill. There is no question of the contribution of this company in Samoa. These changes are evident of the continuous support the Government offers the Company that not only provides employment opportunity but foreign exchange as well. As per our procedures the floor is open.

I call on the Member for Faasaleleaga No 2.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIWAOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I also express gratitude for the refreshments provided for the House.

I wish to thank the Hon Minister for this Bill. In my view, perhaps these changes are for future progress especially considering the importance of this venture in our country. This Member commends the exemption of taxes and I support this change. For large scale ventures such as this, we need incentives to attract them to our shores and create employment. I support the creation of employment for our people to assist also with our economic growth.

The request however is for Savaii and perhaps it is appropriate to have a similar venture on the island. I believe these businesses have contributed greatly to our national economy but I plead for an opportunity like this for Savaii as there are many who need employment.

That is the humble request of this Constituency Hon Minister and the Executive. We ask for a branch in Savaii with respect.

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**Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015 – second reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. The opportunity is given to Tofa Tusa and then Tofa Lealailepule.

I call on the Member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola.

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Falealili):** I give my thanks to the Hon Minister for this incentive for Yazaki.

This Company employs many of our citizens and they have contributed greatly to our national economy. The only matter I wish to understand with regards to this exemption is Clause 6 because it should be 5 years instead it is 3 years. These types of developments are essential and they should be prioritized to ensure longevity because they offer assistance to families. The request is that it be extended to five years with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. The matter raised by the Member is important and the matter is with the Ministry for consideration.

I call on Tofa Lealailepule, Member for Faleata West.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Thank you also Hon Minister for the Bill which I support. The only concern is that we will miss the opportunity to collect revenue. There will be a difference in the taxes collected here and elsewhere and there should be a balance. In the beginning, benefits began with employment and as of now there are 850 employees working in Yazaki expending \$500,000 a month or \$6million a year for the employees salaries. Also, if you consider the exports, it racks over \$50million but value wise, perhaps it is only \$10million generated by the Company annually.

That is the only recommendation Hon Minister. Consider an increase instead of a decrease incase we offer this incentive and there are impacts but hopefully the number of employees will increase. I support the view of Tofa Tusa querying the date given of November 8, 2018. There is uncertainty so perhaps maybe 10 years is appropriate which will give the Company confidence and the initiative to remain for another 30 years instead of just 3 years. With respect, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend the speeches made. I call on the Hon Minister to comment on the remarks.

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker, I will respond to the Member for Faleata West and the Member for Falealili. Yazaki employs many citizens and these changes are to ensure that Yazaki is not affected in any way. With respect.

*Motion approved and the Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015 was second read.*

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**YAZAKI SAMOA ENTERPRISE BILL 2015**  
**– consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have with me a Certificate of Urgency therefore the Legislative Assembly will proceed with the consideration in detail of the Bill. Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration commences on Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Act binds Government.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Object.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5: Income tax exemption.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 6: Value added goods and services acquired exempt from tax.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7: Restriction on disposal of goods acquired exempt from tax.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8: Records and inspections.**

*Approved.*

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**YAZAKI SAMOA ENTERPRISE BILL 2015**  
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**CLAUSE 9: Accounts and reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 10: Expiry of Act.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 11: Income Tax Act 2012 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 12: Value Added Goods and Services Tax Act 2015 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 13: Transitional.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement**

**TITLE: Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Correction to Clause 1 and Title. I call on the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker, I move a Correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

*To remove the figure “2015” and replace with “2016” therefore the Title reads:*

**“Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Act 2016.””**

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**Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2016 – third reading**

*Correction Approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved as Corrected.*

*The Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2016 progressed with Corrections.*

**YAZAKI SAMOA ENTERPRISE BILL 2016 – third reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have with me a Certificate of Urgency on this Bill signed by His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, therefore the Legislative Assembly will proceed to read the Bill a third time.

**Tofa Hon TUILOMA LAMEKO:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

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

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

**LANDS, SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL  
(NO.2) 2015 – first reading**

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2015 be read for the first time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minister of Communication and Information Technology.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was first read.*

**LANDS, SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL  
(NO.2) 2015 – second reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have with me a Certificate of Urgency signed by His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo. I call on the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.

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**Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015**  
– second reading

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015 be read a second time and I wish to comment on it.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister of Communication and Information Technology.*

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, this Bill seeks to amend the Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989. This amendment seeks to encourage tourism developments in our country. It gives power to the Board which are not currently provided for in legislation to grant lease of land. The Amendment also allows for investment in tourism development. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification. I believe the objective of the Bill is clear. I give the opportunity to the Member for Faleata East followed by the Member for Faleata West.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I apologize to this Parliament. I understand we are trying to rush our Sittings but I have some comments pertaining to this important Bill.

Mr Speaker, this Bill amends the Lands, Surveys and Environment Act and there are five Clauses. I feel I should comment on it because it is very important. First, regarding the power to the Board to grant leases on land that makes at least \$10million in capital investment. This lease is specific to a tourist development. The question is why is it specific to these developments? Why not open the opportunity up to other commercial ventures.

Second, the term of lease is changes to up to 99 years which is almost 100 years in the future. Mr Speaker, these lands are our prime lands and if they are leased for 99 years, there will be no competition.

Third, under the Amendment, there is a possibility for the sale of land that is leased. It is stated in here. I am very concerned about this provision.

Fourth, there is a provision which allows the use of public reserve land or national park land. Some of these reserved lands contain our water sources [which is a preferable location for hotels and sites. This Parliament is aware of](#) this. Now the authority is given to the CEO and Board to allow the sale of these lands. I asked that these provisions be revised and reviewed because there are drastic impacts to our country.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister is listening and will respond later. I call on the Member for Faleata West.

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**Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015**  
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**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you for the opportunity. I commend the Hon Minister for this Bill. I believe it is not a new Bill and it has been requested for a long time by tourist development operators utilizing unit estates which is different from the current system. The units will be stocked for a month and leased for a period and my only concern is that the Bill is specific to Government lands only. It is provided for in the Bill that 10 acres can be leased from the Ministry but we must remember that there are also other Ministries that manage other Government lands such as STEC, Samoa Land Corporation and the Airport Authority. All these entities are leasing their lands for various development and many have operated on Government land. There were also requests to establish this type of venture on these lands however it was not realized because the returns on the investment could not be met within the term of the lease. These developments need an investment of more than \$10million. My question is whether it is possible for these Government bodies to have their own legislation providing for the lease of land with a limitation on the term of lease. This Bill allows the Ministry authority over Samoa Land Corporation lands. Can other Ministries then use this Bill to do the same?

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo):** I support this Bill Mr Speaker. There is only one query for the Hon Minister regarding the 99 years lease. Perhaps it would be appropriate to have a review at the half of the term of the lease. Mr Speaker, we have many unemployed youth. If this dream is to be realized, I believe it would create employment. In my Constituency, there are many unemployed. If, for instance 10 acres of Government land is leased at Aleipata for a hotel and other tourist developments, not only will there be employment opportunities there will be great infrastructure for tourists to visit and stay.

The only query Hon Minister is if at the half of the 99 year term of lease, there can be a review with respect.

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

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** I am grateful Mr Speaker for the opportunity. The object of the Bill is supported. There is great possibility for this Bill especially for these developments. My only concern is the term of 99 years which is too long. Perhaps a term lease of 20 years which can be renewed would be more relevant. It may be Government lands but I believe that there is only a small percentage left. Many lands are now under various Corporations such as the Samoa Lands Corporation. There is the opportunity to refer the leases to the Board for renewal but that is the only concern.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Aana Alofi No 3.



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 – second reading

**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER (Aana Alofi No. 3):** Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I commend the Hon Minister for his patience to listen to our views. I recommend that the legislation is reviewed in the near future as others have also advised regarding the lengthy term of lease. The aim is to protect our lands in its natural state.

Also, is it possible to have a period to consider and assess the renewal of the lease. The investors want a term of 90 plus years but we have witnessed Mr Speaker that there has never been a Company that has remained for 50 years or even 80 years. Within the period of 90 years there would be four or five different Companies buying the lease from each other. If a Company sells to another, there should be an evaluation carried out by the Management. They can sell at a higher value but it would not be in the initial lease. We should consider the investment.

Finally, regarding the \$10million, it is not clear here whether it is specific to only foreign investors. If it is Samoan entrepreneurs, perhaps the investment should be decreased a little because many cannot invest \$5million or even \$3million if applied. Unlike foreign investors, it is easy for them to invest \$10million. Perhaps a special clause can be inserted for our citizens for an investment of \$3million or \$4million within a period of 10 years and perhaps then they can afford \$10million capital investment. That is a minor assistance Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the honourable Member.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVALISEETA (Falealupo):** Thank you Mr Speaker, I will be brief. This Bill seems to be made in neglect. There is no competition for the 99 year lease. If five investors apply for 10 acres and six investors apply for 50 acres for the 99 years what about the others? The next generation will have nothing to live on. It is a negligent legislation. We should have proper provisions for competition. If five or ten investors come with all that capital, 99 years would be lost and it is a lot of years.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi:** The Member that had the floor is correct, there is competition. If we did not do this, we would not get anything. There will be competition. *This is what Fiji is doing and what do we see now? There are so many hotels* and employment opportunities in Fiji with an average of 500,000 tourists. The Executive is trying to find avenues to create employment. There is no hotel in Samoa that employs 1,000 and this is what the Government is trying to do, seek employment opportunities. Currently, the capital needed for such a development is \$100-\$400 million. No one investor can afford this and that is the problem with the project at Lefaga and investors are being sought to buy the units. The promoter was exhausted trying to find investors. The bank was also approached because of the intention to invest in a large scale hotel.

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Also, airlines cannot enroute here if there are no hotels because one 747 can take more than 300 passengers. Where would they all stay? The hotels I am referring to are the 5 star hotels. There are only two hotels here that are rated at that level; Aggies and the Lamana hotel. We have been trying for 40+ years. We passed a Bill in 1970 to attract a hotel mogul named Hagley proposing a hotel that would cost \$300million. What happened? Sand was dredged to reclaim the mangrove coast and then it bankrupted which is now at the benefit of the Lamana Group. The only concern with this islet is a potential tsunami so the foundation was reinforced with steel bars so that it cannot be swept away. We visited with an engineer and studied the structure of the island. The investment for this project is not less than \$100 million and it will be opened soon as a 5 star hotel.

We are aspiring to have 5 star hotels because only then, we will attract airlines. This is why we are reinventing our airport and the passenger lounge to equal New Zealand where the airplane can be connected to the walkway on the second floor. This Bill is consistent with other proposed projects. We need three or four 5 star hotels but it cannot be realized. Why? The promoters need to find capital, calculate the capacity and the returns for the investment and then the units can be established. These are however difficult to find. If we offer 19 or 22 years, if the administration were to change and their lease is not renewed, the investor would be at a loss. They are also cautious with their investment. This is the only way. You have been to Fiji and you have seen the hotels. This is what they are doing. We are talking about competition as mentioned by one veteran Member of this House. If we were to renew after every 20 years, it would be years before we would even see such infrastructure. This is why this is an essential Bill. It is to make it easy to attract such an investment. There is only one objective and that is the benefit of Samoa and to create employment for our citizens. There are many returned graduates without jobs. The Government is not being idle in this regard, employment opportunities are being sought. We were to be cautious, what then will our children get? Their only option would be to go overseas and the Chinese come here to seek success. There is great potential here if we exercise discretion in the use of our funds.

Mr Speaker, that is my assistance to the response of the Hon Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Hon Minister, do you have any additional comments?

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, as I stated, the gist of the Bill is to encourage foreign investors to invest in our country. It is an incentive for foreign investors. They will never invest if we do not offer such terms.

As for the term of the lease, it is reviewed every 5 years with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

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– consideration in detail**

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, I believe that these lands are under the Value Board. As I said, many Government lands are under other public enterprises. I asked if they can use the provisions under this Bill because they are responsible for many Government lands and they also have many developments.

With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Thank you for the question. Government lands are all Trust Estates no matter where they are, they are all under the legislation, with respect.

*Motion approved and the Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2015 was read a second time.*

**LANDS, SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL  
– consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have in my possession a Certificate of Urgency for this Bill. Pursuant to Standing Orders, the Legislative Assembly will proceed to consider the Bill in detail.

**CLAUSE 2: Section 31 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Section 37 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Clause 54 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5: Consequential amendment.**

*Approved.*

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**Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015  
– consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1:** Short title and commencement.

**TITLE:** Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Act (No.2) 2015.

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Correction to Clause 1 and Title. I call on the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, I move a Correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

*To omit “(No.2) and the figure 2015” and substitute thereby the figure “2016” thus the Title of the Act reads:*

**Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Act 2016.””**

*Correction approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved as Corrected.*

*The Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill 2016 progressed with Corrections.*

**LANDS, SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT  
BILL 2016 – third reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have in possession a Certificate of Urgency on the Bill therefore the Legislative Assembly will proceed to read the Bill a third time.

**Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Health, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.*

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

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**BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

**– consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Orders 106, the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Committee Report before the Bill is available for Consideration in Detail.

I call on the honourable Chairperson of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee.

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Chairperson, Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee):** Mr Speaker I stand to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly take note of the Committee Report recommending that the Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 progress together with Corrections.*

*Seconded by Minister of Public Enterprise.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Legislative Assembly has approved the Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee on the Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015.

The Legislative Assembly will now proceed with the consideration in detail of the Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015..

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail begins at Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a correction to Clause 2 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Chairperson of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee.

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a Correction to the Samoan version only of Clause 2 as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

- i) *Ia soloia le upu “meafaigaluega” o lo o aliae mai i le tuanai ai o upu “o lo o i ai ni” a o lumanai le upu “talafeagai” ma suia i le upu “masini.”*
- ii) *Ia soloia upu “o lo o” aliae mai i le tuanai ai o le upu “po o” a o lumanai ai upu “faaooina atu.”*
- iii) *Ia soloia upu “alavalava tioata o peau ea” o lo o aliae ma ii le tuanai ai o upu “uaea malosi,” a o lumanai ai upu “mo le malamalama” ma suia i le upu “uaea” ma faitauina ai le faamatalaina o le fuaitau e faapea:*

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“auaunaga tau faasalalauga” o lona uiga o se auaunaga lea o lo o faaooina atu ai polokalame tau televise po o polokalame tau leitio i se tagata o lo o i ai ni masini talafeagai e mauaina ai lea auaunaga, tusa lava po o faaooina atu e faaaogaina ai fusi o alaleo o peau ea o le leitio, uaea malos, uaea mo le malamalama, satellite po o so o se isi lava faiga o le tuufaatasiga o ia auala ua taua, ae peitai, e le aofia ai mea nei.””

*Correction Approved.*

*Clause 2 approved as corrected.*

**CLAUSE 3: Objectives of this Act.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Correction. I call on the honorable Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a Correction to the Samoan version only of Clause 3(b) i as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

*Ia soloia upu “eseesega faaleaganuu” i le tuanai ai o upu “ma faataua” a o lumanai le upu “ma,” ma suia i upu “vaega eseese o le aganuu” ma faitauina ai le (p) e faapea:*

(p) **ia uunaia ma faataua vaega eseese o le aganuu; ma””**

*Correction approved.*

*Clause 3 approved as corrected.*

**CLAUSE 4: Insertion of new provision.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5: Appointment of Regulator.**

*Approved.*

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**Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 6: Office of the Broadcasting Regulator.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7: Part III on Broadcasting Tribunal.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8: Appeal of orders of the Regulator to the Broadcasting Tribunal.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 9: Broadcasting policies.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 10: Functions and duties of the Regulator regarding competition.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 11: Repeal of sections.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 12: Determination of abuse of dominance and anti-competitive practices.**

**CLAUSE 13: Remedies for abuse of dominance and anti-competitive practices.**

*Approved.*

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**Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 14: Transfers of control of service providers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 15: Appeal against surcharge.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 16: Consequential amendments.**

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** Which clause Lealailepule?

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Clause 16 Mr Speaker. I emphasize my concern in omitting ‘universal access’ from the legislation. lau Afioga.

I believe that many countries have this kind of legislation and it is to protect the Government when services are outsourced requiring the contractors to complete the obligations or tasks and only then will there be a certainty that everyone has access to any broadcast this is equality. Mr Speaker, it should still remain within the Bill. If it is removed from a providers contract, only a few will benefit and those in the rural areas will go without. I ask the Committee if they considered this consequence.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the honourable Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Thank you. This Bill has been in the House for a very long time and now it is being considered. I do not understand your query. The only amendment in the Bill is to remove the Broadcasting Tribunal and replace it with the Tribunal under the Telecommunications Act.

The other Amendment is to consolidate the responsibilities of the Regulator. If there is any other part of your query unanswered, I call on the Committee Members...

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Deputy Chairperson.

**Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE (Salega):** To assist the matter mentioned by Tofa Lealailepule, the Office submitted that the provider with the FM license relies on revenue from payment of commercials unlike 2AP that is Government owned. As a business, it is not possible. The recommendation was from the Regulator and the Committee considered and approved it.



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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*Clause 16 Approved.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1:** Short title and commencement.

**TITLE:** Broadcasting Amendment Act 2015.

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Correction to Clause 1 and Title as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

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

**“CORRECTION:**

*Omit the figure “2015” and replace with “2016” therefore the title will read:*

**Broadcasting Amendment Act 2016.”**

*Correction approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved with Correction.*

*Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2016 progressed with Correction.*

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BILL 2015  
- consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Orders 106, the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Committee Report before the Bill is available for Consideration in Detail.

I call on the honourable Chairperson of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee.

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly take note of the Committee Report recommending that the Fisheries Management Bill 2015 progress together with Corrections.*

*Seconded by the Member for Vaisigano Nu.1.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Legislative Assembly has approved the Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee on the Fisheries Management Bill 2015.

The Legislative Assembly will progress to consider the Bill in detail.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail commences on Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Application.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Approaches and principles of conservation and management measures.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5: Chief Executive Officer.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 6: Guidelines by Chief Executive Officer.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7: Functions of Fisheries Division.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8: Delegation.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 9: Appointment of authorised officers in Samoa or other countries.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 10: Tofiga ma tiute tauave o tagata e mataituina.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 11: Operators', etc., duties on observers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 12: Functions and powers of authorised officers and observers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 13: General powers of authorised officers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 14: Assistance to authorised officers and observers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 15: Identification cards for authorised officers and observers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 16: Confidential information.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 17: Treaties, agreements and arrangements.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 18: International conservation and management measures in international agreements.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 19: Village fisheries management areas.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 20: Designated fishery.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 21: Fisheries management plans.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 22: Disadvantaged village community.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 23: Samoan fishing vessels in fishery waters.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 24: Samoan fishing vessels outside the fishery waters.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 25:** Use of vessels of other Flag State by Samoans on the high seas.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 26:** Foreign fishing vessels in fishery waters.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 27:** Marine scientific research.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 28:** Issue of licenses.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 29:** Refusal of licences.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 30:** Conditions for licenses.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 31:** Period of licences.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 32:** Compliance with other laws by foreign vessels.

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 33: Register of vessels and exchange of information.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 34: Suspension and cancellation of licences.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 35: Judicial review of decisions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 36: Fishery allocation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 37: Fishery rights.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 38: Exploratory or test fishing.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 39: Aquaculture operations outside village fisheries management areas.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 40: Aquaculture farming management.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 41: Aquaculture operations within village fisheries management areas.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 42: Fishing with explosives or poisons.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 43: Driftnet fishing activities.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 44: Transshipment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 45: Port measures regulations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 46: Processing, trading and marketing of fish and fish products.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 47: Regulations for processing, etc., of fish and fish products.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 48: Mobile Transceiver Units.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 49: Information or data under MTUs.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 50: Vessel monitoring system information.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 51: Entry and search.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 52: Arrest.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 53: Directions to masters.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 54: Reasonable force and copies of documents.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 55: Seizure.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 56: Measures by regional fisheries management organisation.**

*Approved.*



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**CLAUSE 57: Release of seized property.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 58: Disposal of seized property.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 59: Charges and liabilities.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 60: Removal of parts from a seized craft.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 61: Forfeiture of property on conviction.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 62: Application of bond or security.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 63: Removal of seized property.**

*Approved*

**CLAUSE 64: Disposal of forfeited property.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 65:** Liability for loss, damage or deterioration of property in custody.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 66:** Removal of craft or property in custody.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 67:** Certificate evidence.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 68:** Certificate as to location of vessel.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 69:** Validity and procedures for certificates.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 70:** General presumption.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 71:** Presumption on photographs.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 72:** Presumptions as to authority.

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 73: Liability for non-payment of penalties.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 74: Liability for loss, damage or costs incurred.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 75: Strict liability and defence.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 76: Liability of directors and managers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 77: Liability of principal for actions of agent in relation to records and returns.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 78: Liability of companies and persons for actions of officers and employees.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 79: Liability of master.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 80: General offences and penalties.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 81: Offence of tampering evidence.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 82: Serious violation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 83: Limitation for prosecution.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 84: Forfeiture and suspension of fishing rights, licences or authorisation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 85: Prohibition orders.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 86: Making of fisheries bylaws.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 87: Monitoring bylaws.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 88: Breach of bylaws.**

*Approved.*

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**Fisheries Management Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**CLAUSE 89: Suspension and revocation of bylaws.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 90: Activities contrary .**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 91: Protection from personal liability.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 92: Regulations and approved forms.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 93: Acts repealed.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 94: Savings and transitional provisions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.**

**TITLE: Fisheries Management Bill 2015.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Correction on Clause 1 and Title as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper. I call on the honourable Chairperson.

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**Sentencing Bill 2015 – consideration in detail**

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a Correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

*To omit the number 2015 and substitute thereby the number “2016” thus the name of the Bill to read:*

**Fisheries Management Act 2016.”**

*Correction Approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved as Corrected.*

*The Fisheries Management Bill 2016 progressed with a Correction.*

**SENTENCING BILL 2015 – consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Committee Report before the Bill is available for Consideration in Detail.

I call on the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee):** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly take note of the Committee Report recommending that the Sentencing Bill 2015 progress with Amendments and Corrections.*

*Seconded by the Deputy Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Legislative Assembly has approved the Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Sentencing Bill 2015.

The Legislative Assembly will progress with the Consideration in Detail of the Sentencing Bill 2015.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, consideration in detail commences with Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 3:** Act binds the State and application.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4:** Penal enactments not to have retrospective effect to disadvantage defendant.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5:** Purposes of sentencing or otherwise dealing with defendants.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 6:** Principles of sentencing or otherwise dealing with defendants.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7:** Aggravating and mitigating factors.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8:** Cases involving violence against, or neglect of, persons under 18 years.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 9:** Court may take into account offer, agreement, response, or measure to make amends.

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 10: Hierarchy of sentences and orders.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 11: Discharge or order to come up for sentence if called on.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 12: Reparation, fines and financial capacity of defendant.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 13: Community-based sentence.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 14: Permitted combination of sentences.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 15: Guidance on use of combinations of sentences.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 16: No sentence may be cumulative on indeterminate sentence of imprisonment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 17: Proof of facts.**

*Approved.*



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**CLAUSE 18: Power of adjournment for inquiries as to suitable punishment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 19: Pre-sentence reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 20: Additional requirement for inquiries as to suitable punishment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 21: Defendant may request court to hear person on personal, family, community, and cultural backgrounds of defendant.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 22: Disclosure of reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 23: Access to reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 24: Sentence of reparation.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 25: Court may order reparation report.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 26: Reparation reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 27: Taking into account financial capacity of defendant.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 28: Conditions of sentence of reparation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 29: Copy of conditions of reparation to be given to person who suffered harm, loss, or damage.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 30: Payment of sums to person who suffered harm, loss, or damage.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 31: Declaration as to financial capacity.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 32: Offence of providing false or misleading information.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 33: Community-based sentences.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 33 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an amendment to Clause 33 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*Insert a new Clause “(3)” as follows:*

**“(3) In this Division, “an officer” means a person (whether or not a person officer) appointed by the Commissioner pursuant to the Prison and Corrections Act 2013.””**

*Amendment Approved.*

*Clause 33 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 34: Sentence of community detention.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment, I call on the Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker I move an amendment to Clause 34(2) as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*To omit reference to “12 months” and substitute by “two (2) years” to read as (2) follows:*

**(2) The Court suggests that it is appropriate that the sentence of imprisonment should be less than 2 years.””**

*Amendment Approved.*

*Clause 34 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 35: Guidance on use of sentence of community detention.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 36: Concurrent and cumulative sentences of community detention.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 37: Conditions of community detention during sentence term.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 37 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker I move an amendment to Clause 37 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*To omit the words “probation officer” and substitute thereby the words “an officer” wherever it appears””.*

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 37 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 38: Offence to breach conditions of community detention.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 39: Offence to refuse entry to community detention curfew address.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 39 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an amendment to Clause 39 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*To omit the words “probation officer” and substitute thereby the words “an officer” wherever it appears””.*

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*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 39 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 40: Variation or cancellation of sentence of community detention.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 40 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an amendment to Clause 40 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*To omit the words “probation officer” to substitute thereby the words “an officer” wherever it appears””.*

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 40 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 41: Alternative curfew address pending determination of application under section 40.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 41 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an amendment to Clause 41 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

*To omit the words “probation officer’ and substitute thereby the words “an officer” wherever it appears””.*

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 41 approved as amended.*

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**CLAUSE 42: When sentence ends on non-release day.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 43: Offences relating to breach of conditions of supervision.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 44: Offences relating to breach of conditions of supervision.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 45: Jurisdiction and procedure.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 46: Order must be drawn up and copy given to defendant, etc.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 47: Commencement of community-based sentences.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 48: Commencement of cumulative sentences of community work.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 49: Commencement of cumulative sentences of community detention.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 50** Effect of subsequent sentence of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 51:** Period of suspension not counted towards sentence.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 52:** Resumption of community-based sentence if sentence of imprisonment quashed.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 53:** Length of sentence of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 54:** Cumulative and concurrent sentences of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 55:** Guidance on use of cumulative and concurrent sentences of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 56:** Court to consider totality of offending.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 57:** Warrant of commitment fro sentence of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 58:** References to period of imprisonment for purposes of section 59.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 59:** Imposition of conditions on release of defendant sentenced to imprisonment for short term.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 60:** Variation of release conditions.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 61:** Review of conditions if conditions incompatible.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 62:** Offence to breach conditions.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 63:** Court may defer start date of sentence of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 64:** Start date of sentence of imprisonment.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 65:** Imposition of minimum period of imprisonment for murder.

*Approved.*



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**CLAUSE 66: Imposition of minimum period of imprisonment of 17 years or more.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 67: Appeal against imposition of minimum period of imprisonment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 68: Imposition of minimum period of imprisonment in relation to determinate sentence of imprisonment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 69: Discharge without conviction.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 70: Guidance for discharge without conviction.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 71: Conviction and discharge.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 72: Guidance on conviction and discharge.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 73: Order to come up for sentence if called on.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 74:** Calling defendant to come up for sentence.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 75:** Sentence not invalidated by mistake in age of defendant.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 76:** Enforcement of payment of amounts under sentence of reparation, reparation orders, etc.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 77:** Manner in which amounts of reparation must be applied in cases involving same offence.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 78:** Manner in which amounts of reparation must be applied in cases involving different offences.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 79:** No State liability for error, etc., in applying payments of amounts of reparation.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 80:** Definition.

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 81: Consent to treatment, etc., not affected.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 82: Re-vesting and restitution of property.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 83: Regulations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 84: Community-based sentence for offence committed before commencement date.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 85: Section 68 not to apply to defendant convicted of offence committed before commencement date.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 86: Defendant convicted of murder committed before commencement date.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 87: Suspended sentences of imprisonment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 88: Defendants liable to come up for sentence if called on.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 89: Person under 18 years of age imprisoned.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 90: Prisons Parole Board Act 1977 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 91: Community Justice Act 2008 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Amendment to Clause 91 as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an amendment to Clause 91 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

- i) **CLAUSE 13 Community Justice Act 2008 – Repeal the word “one (1) year and substitute with the word “second (2) year.**
- ii) **CLAUSE 17(1)(a) Community Justice Act 2008 – Repeal “72 hours” and substitute with “48 hours”.**
- iii) **CLAUSE 17(1)(d) Community Justice Act 2008 – Repeal “72 hours” and substitute with “48 hours”.**

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 91 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.**

**TITLE: Sentencing Act 2015.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Correction to Clause 1 and Title as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call on the Committee Chairperson.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, I move an correction to Clause 1 and Title as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

*To omit the number “2015” and substitute thereby the number “2016” thus the name of the Bill to read:*

**“Sentencing Act 2016”**”.

*Correction approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved as Corrected.*

*The Sentencing Bill 2016 progressed together with amendments and corrections.*

**COMPETITION AND CONSUMER BILL 2015  
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**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Committee Report on the Bill before it is available for Consideration in Detail.

I call on the Chairperson of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee.

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly take note of the Committee Report recommending that the Competition and Consumer Bill 2015 progress with a Correction.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprise and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Legislative Assembly has approved the Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee on the Competition and Consumer Bill 2015.

The Legislative Assembly will now proceed to the Consideration in Detail of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 102, Consideration in Detail commences on Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 3: Objects.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Act binds State.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 5: Application of this Act.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 6: Establishment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7: Functions and powers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8: Commission is independent.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 9: Guidelines.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 10: Members.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 11: Term of office, resignation and removal.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 12: Remuneration, etc., of members.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 13: Disclosure of interests.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 14: Immunity.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 15: Meetings.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 16: Decisions without meetings.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 17: Office of the Commission.**

*Approved*

**CLAUSE 18: Civil liability.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 19: Secrecy.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 20: Delegation by Commission.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 21: Annual reports.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 22: Relationship with Regulators.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 23: Memorandum of understanding.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 24: Commission may exchange information with overseas agencies.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 25: Commission may assist overseas agencies by conducting investigations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 26: Cooperation arrangements.**

*Approved.*



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**CLAUSE 27: Information provided by consent.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 28: Ministers to consider effects on competition.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 29: Provision of report.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 30: Anti-competitive agreements, concerted practices and decisions of associations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 31: Bid-rigging.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 32: . Price fixing, market sharing and collective boycotts.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 33: Abuse of market power.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 34: Acquisitions that substantially lessen competition.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 35: Exemptions to avoid conflicts with international obligations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 36: Employment exemptions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 37: . Partnerships exemptions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 38: Vertical agreement exemptions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 39: Exemption for standards, etc.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 40: Exemption for protection of goodwill, etc..**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 41: Exemption for collaborative activity.**

**Approved.**

**CLAUSE 42: Exemption for proposed authorisations and clearances.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 43: Clearances of conduct and acquisitions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 44: Applications.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 45: Dealing with applications.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 46: Time limits.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 47: Revocation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 48: Expiry of clearances.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 49: Authorisations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 50: Applications.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 51: Dealing with applications.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 52: Time limits.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 53: Amendment and revocation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 54: Expiry of authorisations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 55: Misleading or deceptive conduct generally.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 56: Misleading or deceptive conduct in relation to employment.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 57: Limited application of sections 55 and 56 to news media.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 58: Offering gifts and prizes.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 59: Bait advertising.**

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Mr Speaker, regarding Clause 59 – Bait advertising, there is no set period especially in my Constituency, there are many people from different places being baited. Is this provided under this Bill honourable Chairperson?

**MR SPEAKER:** The Electoral Act is poles apart from this Bill. Do not worry about the campaign billboards in your Constituency.

*Clause 59 approved.*

**CLAUSE 60: Referral selling.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 61: Forged, etc., trade marks.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 62: Demanding or accepting payment without intending to supply as ordered.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 63: Misleading representations about certain businesses.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 64: Harassment and coercion.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 65: Pyramid selling and similar schemes.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 66: When goods and services supplied.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 67: Division does not limit other laws.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 68: Application.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 69: Title to goods.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 70: Goods to be of acceptable quality.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 71: Goods to be fit for particular purpose.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 72: Goods to comply with description.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 73: Goods to comply with sample.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 74:** Consumer’s remedies for goods that do not comply with guarantee.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 75:** Rejection of goods.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 76:** Services to be supplied with care and skill.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 77:** Services to be fit for particular purpose.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 78:** Ia faamaea lelei auaunaga i taimi talafeagai lelei.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 79:** Consumer’s remedies for services that do not comply with consumer guarantee.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 80:** Cancelling agreement for services.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 81:** Effects of cancellation.

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 82: Ancillary power of the Court to grant relief.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 83: Agreements for work and materials.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 84: Traders to display prices.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 85: Traders to issue receipt.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 86: Traders to have notice boards.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 87: Consumer information standards.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 88: Product safety standards for goods.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 89: Product safety notices.**

*Approved.*



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**CLAUSE 90: Compulsory product recalls.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 91: Services safety standards.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 92: Minister may require price inquiry report.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 93: Commission to report to Minister.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 94: Price control orders.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 95: Price control orders to be displayed.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 96: Traders to maintain records.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 97: Complaints.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 98: Power to carry out investigations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 99: Time limit for investigating acquisitions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 100: Appointment of investigators.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 101: Investigations – powers to require production of documents and things.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 102: Investigations – powers to question persons.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 103: Investigations – power to administer oaths.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 104: Confidentiality orders.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 105: False or misleading statements.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 106: Self-incrimination.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 107: Warnings.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 108: Searches.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 109: Obstructing search.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 110: Use of computers etc. in searches.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 111: Powers to copy and take possession of documents and things.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 112: Issue of warrants.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 113: Period of warrants.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 114: Execution of warrants.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 115: Compensation for contraventions of competition or consumer laws.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 116: Commission may claim compensation in representative proceedings.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 117: Warning notices.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 118: Enforceable undertakings.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 119: Cease and desist notices.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 120: Injunctions.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 121: Injunctions for contraventions of acquisitions rule.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 122: Injunctions for contraventions of standards.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 123: Injunctions for contraventions of price control orders.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 124: Pecuniary penalties.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 125: Amounts of pecuniary penalties.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 126: Orders to pay cost.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 127: No indemnity for pecuniary penalties, etc.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 128: Immunity agreements.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 129: Management banning orders.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 130:** States of mind, etc., of bodies corporate.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 131:** Persons knowingly concerned in contravention.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 132:** Commission, etc., may prosecute.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 133:** Judicial review of authorisation decisions.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 134:** Legal professional privilege.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 135:** Commission may participate in proceedings.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 136:** Court may give advisory opinions.

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 137:** Incorrectly keeping records, etc..

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 138: Destroying, falsifying, etc., documents.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 139: Evidence.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 140: Registers.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 141: Regulations and forms.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 142: Repeals and amendments.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 143: Transitional and saving provisions.**

*Approved.*

**SCHEDULE:**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.**

**TITLE: Competition and Consumer Bill 2015.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Committee Correction to Clause 1 and Title as printed in the Supplementary Order Paper.

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**Teachers Bill 2016 - third reading**

I call on the Chairperson of the Committee.

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

**“CORRECTION:**

*To omit the figure “2015” and substitute thereby the figure “2016” thus the Title will read:*

**Competition and Consumer Act 2016””.**

*Correction approved.*

*Clause 1 and Title approved as corrected.*

*The Competition and Consumer Bill 2016 progressed together with a Correction.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The response of Ayes and Nays have become weak and most fittingly as the Clerk has advised me that the soup is ready. I believe it is appropriate to have a little break and then we will progress with our Orders.

I ask the House for your patience. We will have out meal for strength and then we will continue.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was suspended at 7:40 pm and resumed at 8:20 pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend everyone for your patience this evening. I believe we are at the conclusion of our Orders for today as set out in the Order Paper. Thank you for your tolerance. We have all gained renewed strength to respond with YES or NO.

**TEACHERS BILL 2016  
- third reading**

**Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move, *That the Teachers Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Natural Resource and Environment and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*



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**District Courts Bill 2016 - third reading**

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**DISTRICT COURTS BILL 2016 – third reading**

**Afioga Hon FIAME NAOMI MATAAFA (Minister of Justice and Courts Administration):** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the District Courts Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

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

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE BILL 2016 – third reading**

**Afioga Hon FIAME NAOMI MATAAFA:** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Criminal Procedure Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprise and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 2016 – third reading**

**Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Minister of Public Enterprise and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BILL 2016  
– third reading**

**Afioga Hon LE MAMEA LEMALU SU'A LEATUAVAO TUILETUFUGA ROPATI MUALIA:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Fisheries Management Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

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**Sentencing Bill 2016 - third reading**

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

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**SENTENCING BILL 2016 – third reading**

**Afioga Hon FIAME NAOMI MATAAFA:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Sentencing Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprise and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**COMPETITION AND CONSUMER BILL 2016 – third reading**

**Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the Competition and Consumer Bill 2016 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Health and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**CONSIDERATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**P.P.2015/2016 NO.91, REPORT OF THE BUSINESS, STANDING ORDER, HOUSE AND ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE STANDING ORDERS 2016 - CONSIDERATION**

**MR SPEAKER:** Before the opportunity is given to the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, this is the final Order for our Sitting this evening. This Report on the Standing Order Review is pursuant to our procedures at the end of each Parliamentary Term. The Committee reviews the Standing Orders to ensure it is appropriate to the times and this has been the procedure for the past 50 years.

It was not a simple task and advice was sought from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, lawyers and the Attorney General to ensure the Report was thorough and complete.

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This is all I wanted to explain for the information of the House. I call on the Deputy Chairperson of the Business, Standing Order, House and Electoral Matters Committee.

**Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Deputy Chairperson of the Business, Standing Order, House and Electoral Matters Committee):** Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly take note of the Committee Report containing its Findings and Amendments.*

*Seconded by one Member of the Individual Voters, Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang, and one Member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow.*

### **1. RECOMMENDATION**

The Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee ('the Business Committee')<sup>1</sup> constituted under provisions of Standing Order 169 – recommends that the Assembly takes note of its Report.

### **2. MANDATE**

Pursuant to SO 169(2)(vii), it is the Committee's responsibility to conduct a review of Standing Orders towards the end of each Parliament, and such report is to be approved by the Assembly before the dissolution of Parliament.

### **3. PROCEDURE**

The Committee met on several occasions to consider the recommendations by the Clerk and his Office (OCLA) and the outcomes of the Members sessions, and to determine the amendments proposed in this report.

Preliminary discussions as to possible revisions of the Standing Orders began earlier in 2015. Professor Richard Herr OAM PhD,<sup>2</sup> provided an assessment on the Standing Orders of the Parliament of Samoa in a document titled 'Standing Orders Assessment:

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<sup>2</sup> Academic Coordinator of the Parliamentary Law Practice and Procedure, Law Faculty, University of Tasmania and author of the Legislative Needs Assessment (LNA) 2011 for the Legislative Assembly of Samoa.

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A commentary from a Review of Best Practice<sup>3</sup> on 17 May 2015. Professor Herr's assessment included references to relevant Commonwealth Parliamentary Tablemarks for effective functioning of Assemblies with a focus on the inclusion of a Members Code of Conduct.

In the same month, David Bagnall<sup>3</sup> senior parliamentary officer from the Parliament of New Zealand further provide analysis to aide with the Standing Orders review. In the 'Review of Standing Orders 2015 – Critical Analysis' Bagnall provided several proposals for the revision of the Standing Orders based on Recommended Tablemarks for Democratic Legislatures 2006 which provides key indicators and recommendations for parliaments to increase their effectiveness and relevance.

The OCLA undertook several in-depth reviews of the Standing Orders which began with discussions on problems which have arisen due to the current orders. Other discussions focused on procedural comparisons with the Standing Orders of New Zealand and Australia and reviews of the proposals put forward by Professor Herr and Bagnall. The end product of these reviews was the first amendment document presented by the Clerk to Members during the Pre-Sitting Briefing on 16 June 2015.

Subsequently, two Member sessions were held on 28 and 29 July which provided an opportunity for Members to query and discuss the recommendations put forth by the Secretariat.

This final report and the proposals is the outcome of the above consultations between Members of Parliament, parliamentary experts and the Secretariat, and has the full support of the Business Committee in its entirety.

#### **4. FINDINGS**

The Committee reviewed the Standing Orders 2010 and recommends the following revisions:

### **STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENTS**

#### **1. STANDING ORDER 2**

Amend SO.2 by deleting "the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland", and substitute by inserting "and other Westminster Parliaments".

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<sup>3</sup> David Bagnall was kindly seconded from the New Zealand Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to assist with the review.

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**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

2. In Cases Not Provided For Speaker To Decide

In all cases not provided for in these Standing Orders the Speaker shall decide guided by the rules and usages and relevant practice of the House of Representatives of New Zealand and other Westminster Parliaments in force so far as the same can be applied to the proceedings of this Legislative Assembly.

**2. STANDING ORDER 3**

Amend SO.3 to simplify terminology and definition; standardise the use of ‘O Le Ao o le Malo’ rather than ‘Head of State’. Without removing terminology that may be specific and unique to Parliaments, there is an overall need to simplify the language throughout the Standing Orders. There must be consistency in format, the cross referencing updated, remove anomalies and unnecessary numbering; in sum, to make the Standing Orders reader friendly, without changing the substance of the provisions in any way.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

3. Interpretation

To add into S.O 3 the following in their correct alphabetical order:

“Leader of the House” means the Leader of the party in government identified in SO.20(2)(c);

“O Le Ao o le Malo” means the Head of State holding office pursuant to the terms of Part III of the Constitution;

“Parliamentary Committee” means a Committee appointed under Part XXXIV;

“Parliamentary Commission” refers to the Commission established in S.O 169;

“Parliamentary Papers” include Annual Reports, Corporate Plans, Statement of Corporate Objectives, Statement of Intent, and so on;

“Legislative Assembly” may also be referred to as the ‘House ‘or the ‘Assembly’;

**3. STANDING ORDERS 4 to 11**

Amend SO.4 to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution Amendment Act (No.2) 2015 for the nomination and endorsement of the Speaker; to combine the First Meeting (SO.4) and State Opening

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(SO.5) and for O Le Ao o le Malo to administer the Oath of Allegiance in one parliamentary ceremony in the Chamber; and provide for a procedure for the Legislative Assembly to endorse the nomination of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

**REVISED STANDING ORDERS:**

**4. State Opening of New Parliament:**

On the first day of the meeting of a new Parliament, the Clerk shall:

- (a) say the prayers;
- (b) read the Proclamation; and
- (c) inform the House that O Le Ao o le Malo wishes for the Assembly to endorse the Speaker and Deputy Speaker pursuant to Articles 49 and 50 of the Constitution.

**5. Endorsement of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker:**

- (1) For the purpose of endorsement of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Clerk shall act as Chairperson.
- (2) The Clerk shall read out the Notice from the party or parties that have won the majority of seats in the Legislative Assembly stating:
  - (a) the name of the party or parties and parliamentary membership;
  - (b) the identity of the proposed Speaker and Deputy Speaker; and
  - (c) the identity of the Leader and Deputy Leader.
- (3) Once the name of a member is read out, the member shall stand to affirm, and the Deputy Clerk shall count and once confirmed, the Clerk shall ask the persons affirmed to be seated.
- (4) The Clerk accordingly informs the House that the persons named in the Notice have been duly appointed as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, and no debate is allowed throughout.
- (5) The Prime Minister moves for the suspension of proceedings to attend to O Le Ao o le Malo and the Clerk accordingly suspends the proceedings.

**6. Swearing-in of Speaker**

- (1) The Clerk shall:
  - (a) call out the name of the Speaker Elect to stand; and
  - (b) request 2 Members who signed the nomination letter of the Speaker to escort the Speaker to the Clerks Table to make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance.
- (2) Once the Speaker has subscribed the Oath of Allegiance the Sergeant at Arms shall lay the mace on the Table to signify claim to Parliamentary privileges and free access to O Le Ao o le Malo.

**7. Swearing-in of Members**

- (1) All members shall be upstanding while the Code of Parliamentary Ethics is read out
- (2) The Clerk shall read out the names of the Members in alphabetical order and in a group at a time, and such group shall proceed to the Clerk's Table to make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance.

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8. Swearing-in of Prime Minister and Cabinet

(1) The Prime Minister shall make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance at the Clerk's Table and then proceed to read out the Members of Cabinet and their portfolios.

(2) The Cabinet members shall each make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance at the Clerk's Table.

9. Speech from the O Le Ao o le Malo

O Le Ao o le Malo shall read out the O Le Ao o le Malo Speech, after which the Speaker shall lay a copy of the Speech on the Table.

10. Strangers at State Opening

No stranger is permitted in the Chamber floor during the State opening.

**4. STANDING ORDER 31**

Amend SO.31 to define 'sitting' to clarify a Member's sitting entitlements, and to revise sitting periods.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

31. Sittings

(1) Each House sitting shall count as 4 hours of continuous proceedings for remuneration purposes.

(2) Continuous sittings on the same date shall be counted as a separate sitting.

(3) A Member shall not be considered for sitting allowance if the Member fails to occupy his seat for at least half of the period the Assembly sits.

(4) Subject to the provisions of Standing Order 29 the House shall sit from Tuesday to Friday of every sitting week depending on the businesses before the House.

**5. STANDING ORDER 32**

Amend SO.32 to highlight the 60 minutes available at the beginning of a sitting to raise and discuss important "public urgency" matters.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

32. Adjournment for Urgent Public Business

(2) A Member proposing to move such Motion shall:

(a) submit a Notice of the subject matter and a brief written statement of the subject matter proposed to be discussed to the Speaker at least one hour before the commencement of the sitting of the Assembly; and

(b) the names of the Members who wish to speak on the matter.

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(3) If the Speaker is of the opinion that the matter proposed to be discussed is one contemplated by this Standing Order, the Speaker shall read the written statement to the Assembly and shall ask members who approve of the proposed discussion to rise in their places.

(4) The rules for speeches are as follows:

(a) the mover of the motion and the Minister first speaking may speak for ten minutes;

(b) priority is given to the first 5 Members whose names were given in (2)(b); and

(c) the debate shall be strictly relevant to the particular matter raised; and

(d) any other members may speak for five minutes;

(e) the Government shall have right of response if so required;

(f) subject to a direction from the Speaker, the total discussion time for a matter of public urgency must not exceed 60 minutes.

**6. STANDING ORDER 35**

Amend SO.35 to ensure timely receipt by Members of a ‘sitting’ agenda and parliamentary papers.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

35. Order Paper, Bills and Parliamentary Papers to be prepared and circulated

(1) A draft Order Paper shall be uploaded on the Parliament website 7 days before a sitting showing:

(a) the business to be placed before the Assembly;

(b) the order in which the business in (a) is to be taken; and

(c) Bills and Papers to be tabled and progressed.

(2) All urgent matters must be received by the Clerk at least 3 working days prior to the sitting day on which they are to be tabled and progressed.

(3) The Final Order Paper, if there are any subsequent changes shall be uploaded, as early as possible before the Assembly meets.

(4) The Clerk upon receipt must upload on the Parliament website English copies of Bills approved by Cabinet for tabling, and Committee Reports and Government Responses.

(5) Translated copies of Bills and Committee Reports should be circulated to Members as early as possible before the Assembly or the Committee of the Whole House meet.



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**7. STANDING ORDER 41**

Amend SO.41 to cut paper cost in anticipation of an e-Parliament to allow for electronic circulation of parliamentary papers.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

41. Official Report

(2) The Report shall be published on the Parliament website or in such form as the Speaker may direct, and a copy shall be sent to each member, in electronic form or otherwise, as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each Meeting.

(3) A copy of the record of each member's speech shall be sent to the member in electronic form or otherwise for correction before it is published; and if the Member does not return the copy to the Clerk within four (4) days from the date of despatch, the speech may be published without correction.

(5) The Official Report of each Session of the Legislative Assembly shall be distributed in electronic form or otherwise, to all Members of Parliament in the Samoan language and, if requested, in the English language, not less than one month before the commencement of the next ensuing session.

**8. STANDING ORDERS 44 AND 45**

Amend SO.44 for Bills to insert Notice from the Leader of the House to introduce new Bills instead of Message from O Le Ao o le Malo. Delete part of SO.44(1) to clarify requirement of SO.61(1) that "Questions for oral answers shall be taken on each day after Presentation of Papers". S.O 44(1)(i) renamed "Ministerial Statement"; S.O 44(1)(j) renamed "Urgent Public Matters". S.O 44(1) to reserve the last hour of the sitting day for Members to raise and discuss important constituency matters. Amend SO.45 to reflect arrangement of business with the House no longer sitting on Monday, and replace Thursday by 'third day'; and specify Private Members business to mean 'Private Members Bills'.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

44. Order of Business:

(1) The business of each sitting shall be set out in the Order Paper and **whenever possible, shall be transacted in the following order –**

- (a) Formal entry of the Speaker;
- (b) Prayer;
- (c) Swearing in of new members;
- (d) Notice from the Leader of the House
- (e) Other announcements by the Speaker;
- (f) Obituary speeches;
- (g) Presentation of Parliamentary Papers and Reports;

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- (h) Questions for Answers;
- (i) Ministerial statements;
- (j) Urgent public matters;
- (k) Motions by Ministers and Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committees;
- (l) Petitions;
- (m) Motion on Urgent Bills;
- (n) Reading of Government Bills;
- (o) Consideration of Parliamentary Committee Reports on Bills;
- (p) (Motions) Public Business and Orders of the Day;
- (q) Motions for the adjournment of the Assembly,

Provided that the last hours of a sitting day is reserved for the discussion of important constituency matters, whereby:

- (a) a Member must seek approval from the Speaker prior to the sitting; and
- (b) the Member may speak for 10 minutes; and
- (c) two Members may speak for 5 minutes each in support; and
- (d) the Government has a right of response without debate.

(2) For the purposes of (1)(m):

- (a) an Urgent Government Bill may be moved by the Leader of the House; and
- (b) any other Urgent Bill may be moved by the Member proposing the Bill; and
- (c) any debate on the 'urgency' of a Bill in (a) or (b) is limited to 30 minutes.

**45. Arrangement of Business**

(1) During a sitting week, Government may arrange its business in such order as it thinks fit and shall have precedence over Private Members business except the third sitting day of a sitting week.

(2) Private Members business particularly refers to Private Members Bills.

**9. STANDING ORDERS 50 AND 51**

Amend SO.50 & SO.51 to reflect the proposed Committee arrangement; and to provide for the revival of the Committee of the Whole House to consider Committee Reports on Annual Reports and Government Responses.

**REVISED STANDING ORDERS:**

50. Reports from Officers of Parliament

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Any annual report or other report to the Legislative Assembly from the Ombudsman or the Auditor General or the Office of the Legislative Assembly shall stand referred to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Officers of Parliament Committee for consideration.

51. Presentation of Parliamentary Committee Reports on Bills, petitions and question of privilege

(1) Each Parliamentary Committee to which an Annual Report is referred shall report to the Assembly within 2 months from the date on which the paper was referred under Standing Order 48.

(2) Each Parliamentary Committee to which a bill, petition or question of privilege was referred shall report to the Assembly within 3 months from the date of referral.

116. Assembly Resolves Itself Into a Committee

(1) There shall be a Committee of the Whole House to consider Committee Reports on Annual Reports and Government Responses to those Committee Reports, which shall sit in April to June, or other time of the year, as referred by the Assembly.

(2) All annual reports for a financial year must be tabled in December after every financial year inclusive of the required supplementary documents.

(3) Each Parliamentary Committee to which an Annual Report was referred to consider shall report back to the Assembly within 2 months from the date on which the Annual Report was referred.

(4) Once a Committee Report on an Annual Report is tabled the Clerk shall refer it for Government to respond within 2 months from the date of referral.

(5) The Committee of the Whole House shall consider the Committee Report on an Annual Report and the Government Response.

(6) The Committee of the Whole House shall report back to the Assembly on outcomes of consideration of Committee Reports on Annual Reports and relative Government Responses.

**10. STANDING ORDER 53**

*Amend SO.53 to reflect Committee privilege to present any amendments on any Bill they considered for the Assembly to decide, and provide opportunity for the Committee and Minister responsible to agree before the Committee Report is discussed in the House.*

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

53. Consideration of Committee Reports:

(3) Committee to determine their considerations and amendments of bills.

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- (4) Committee to advise the Minister responsible for Committee amendments to a bill 3 weeks before tabling of Report.
- (5) If the Minister wishes to raise an issue on Committee amendments, the Minister may consult the Committee within 7 days of receipt.
- (6) If both parties insist on their positions, the matter shall be settled in the House when the Committee Report is tabled and the Bill is considered in detail.

**11. STANDING ORDER 54**

Amend SO.54 to provide for timely progression of Committee Reports on Annual Reports and Government Responses by the Committee of the Whole House (as per discussion with the Auditor General) to avoid being abandoned when session or term is over.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

54. Government Responses to Parliamentary Committee Reports on Annual Reports

- (1) The Government shall, not more than 60 days after the Clerk has referred a Committee Report, respond to all Committee reports.
- (2) Government responses should directly address Committee recommendations and affirm the Governments position on any issues raised.
- (3) Upon receipt of Government Responses the Clerk shall as soon as possible circulate the responses to all Members, and schedule a Committee of the Whole House sitting within 14 days.
- (4) If a Member has any matter he wants to raise from the Government Response, the Member must advise the Clerk in writing of the matter, 7 days from the Committee of the Whole House sitting.  
The Clerk shall refer the matter to the relevant Minister 5 days from the Committee of the Whole House sitting, and the Minister may respond verbally in the Committee of the Whole House.
- (5) If there are no matters arising from the Members following the Minister's response, the Minister responsible shall acknowledge the Committee report and move a motion for the Committee of the Whole House to endorse the Government Response.
- (6) Where a Member who advised the Clerk in (4) wishes to seek clarification of any part of a Minister's response, the Speaker may give the opportunity to that Member to ask 1 oral question, and direct the Minister to respond accordingly.
- (7) Each oral question and response is limited to 10 minutes.
- (8) If the Member in (6) is not satisfied with the Minister's response, the Member may raise any relative issues using Question Time and the Minister's response shall be final.

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**12. STANDING ORDER 55**

Amend SO.55 to ensure timely progression of Bills by restricting Committee consideration to 3 months.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

55. Consideration of Committee Reports on Bills

(1) Each Committee to which a bill has been referred to for consideration shall consider the bill and report back to the Assembly within 3 months.

(2) An extension upon motion may be granted by the Assembly, whereupon the Committee must report its findings at the very next sitting.

**13. STANDING ORDER 61**

Revise to simplify the arrangement and clarify in a simple procedure that Members and staff can follow.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

61. Manner of Asking and Answering Questions

(1) This Order applies to both urgent and non-urgent questions.

(2) If a Member requires a written answer to his or her question, that Member must provide a written question to the relevant Minister with a copy filed with the Clerk, within 48 hours before sitting.

(3) The Minister may:

(a) provide a written response to the Clerk within 24 hours before sitting, and this is noted by the Clerk in the Order Paper; or

(b) in the absence of a written response, provide an oral response in the House.

(4) In the case of (3)(a) the Member with the question may without notice, ask 1 oral question, and at the discretion of the Speaker, ask 1 supplementary question, and the Minister's oral response concludes the matter without further debate. The oral question and the supplementary question must be relevant to the Minister's response in (3).

(5) The Speaker may rule on the merits of the response, and may *direct the Minister to provide a reasonable answer within a reasonable time* if the Minister is unable to provide an answer in the same sitting.

(6) A total of 60 minutes may be allocated at a sitting for questions.

**14. STANDING ORDER 62**

To insert "and position" in SO.62(1). This allows for Ministerial Statements to be made at any time by Ministers on behalf of the Government relating to the decision and position of the Government on any matter.

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The opportunity is also available for a Member to use Question Time to, for example, seek clarification from a Minister or request the Speaker for an opportunity to table an urgent constituency matter at the end of a sitting on the same day; as opposed to the unhelpful current arrangement which requires a Member to table an urgent constituency matter on one day and discuss it on another.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

62. Ministerial Statements

(1) Statements may be made at any time by Ministers relating to the decision and position of the Government on any matter.

(2), (3)...

(4) Should a Member require clarification regarding the Ministerial Statement, the Member may ask during Question Time.

(5) If there is an issue affecting the constituency requiring an urgent response the Member may request the Speaker for an opportunity in urgent constituency matters at the end of the same sitting day.

**15. STANDING ORDER 81**

To insert SO.81(b) to clarify procedure for ‘interruptions’. A clear differentiation between “faaulavea”, “faasaoga” and “faamalamalama” in the Samoan text is also necessary.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

81. Interruptions

(1) When a Member interrupts a Member speaking, the Member speaking shall resume his or her seat.

(2) A Member interrupting must request permission from the Speaker and state the nature of the interruption, i.e. on a point of order, point of clarification or to seek clarification.

(3) Subsequent interjections should be made to the Member speaking and not to Members interjecting, for the Member speaking to respond if requested by the Speaker.

(4) The Speaker will have the discretion to permit or deny Member interjections based on the merits and relevance of the interjection.

**16. STANDING ORDER 95**

Amend to provide for the Leader of the House to introduce government bills (SO.95) instead of message from O Le Ao o le Malo in SO.75. There should also be opportunity for O Le Ao o le Malo to ‘de-assent’ Bills assented with major technical errors or significant typography inconsistencies contrary to the genuine Bill that passed the Assembly. This is with regards to inadvertent errors despite SO.110.

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**REVISED STANDING ORDERS:**

95. Initiation of Government Bills.

A government Bill may be presented to the Assembly by the Prime Minister as Leader of the House.

99. Introduction and First Reading of Bills:

(2) Whenever the Clerk receives a request from Cabinet for a Bill to be progressed urgently, the Clerk may include the said Bill in the Order Paper without prior publication or distribution to members; and the Leader of the House is to move for urgent progression of such Bill, and any debate on the urgency of the Bill is limited to 30 minutes.

112. Bills Assented to Become Acts of Parliament

(4) Subject to (5), O Le Ao o le Malo may deassent a bill recently assented which on the advice of the Clerk, lacks the accurateness of that passed by the House. The Clerk must immediately dispose of a deassented Bill, and process the true Bill passed by the House for assent.

(5) A deassent in (4) must comply with the following:

(a) it must occur within one month from the assent;

(b) the Clerk must prepare and sign a Certificate of Amendments to signify the inaccurate portion requiring the deassent of the Bill, similar to the Certificate of Amendments in SO 110; and

(c) the Clerk must sign an undertaking that the inaccuracy was inadvertent, and that there was no political, economic or otherwise, influence involved in the advice to deassent.

**17. STANDING ORDER 143**

Revise SO.143 to provide that Parliamentary Committees are to be appointed by a Parliamentary Commission constituted under SO.169.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

143. Appointment of Parliamentary Commission and Parliamentary Committees:

The Parliamentary Commission constituted in SO 169 may recommend the appointment of Parliamentary Committees and the members to serve on the Committees.

**18. STANDING ORDER 148**

Include in SO.148 Committee visitations outside Parliamentary precincts or Samoa.

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**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

148. Place of Meeting and Visits

(2) A Parliamentary Committee may:

- (a) meet outside the precincts of the Legislative Assembly; or
- (b) undertake a Parliamentary Committee visit, if the Speaker has endorsed the place of the meeting or the funding for the visit.

**19. STANDING ORDER 156:**

Amend this Order to state that the assistor should not have a vested interest in the subject matter under consideration. Also include a “Declaration of Conflict of Interest Form” to this Order.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

156. Assistance

(1) A Parliamentary Committee may seek the assistance of persons as advisers to the Committee and may invite any person to be present at any meeting of the Committee to assist in its consideration of any matter.

(2) A person invited under (1) must not have a vested interest in the subject matter under consideration and is required to sign a “Declaration of No Conflict of Interest Form” to this effect.

**20. STANDING ORDER 158:**

Amend to substitute all references to “Secret Committee” with “Special Committee”. These are usually ad hoc Committees; they are to be established via an Assembly motion, and the same motion to stipulate this Committee’s functions.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

158. Evidence Before Special Committees

(1) Special Committees and their functions shall be determined by the Assembly by motion.

(2) No strangers, or members not being Members of the Committee, shall be admitted at any time to a Special Committee, except such witnesses and other persons necessary to the proceedings of such Committee.

(3) The evidence taken before any Special Committee or any other document presented to such Committee shall not be published or divulged by any member of the Committee or by any other persons before the Committee has presented its report to the Assembly.



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**21. STANDING ORDER 165**

Revise SO.165 to require that all Committee members are to sign its respective Committee Report as opposed to the Chairperson alone. In addition, 'O Le Ao o le Malo' in SO. 165(5) is to be substituted with "Prime Minister"; this is in relation to a request for the Prime Minister rather than the 'O Le Ao o le Malo' to take action on a Committee Report.

**REVISED STANDING ORDER:**

165. Committee Shall Report From Time to Time

(1) A Parliamentary Committee, upon consideration of a Bill shall report back to the Assembly within 3 months from date of referral, unless further time be moved for and granted. The Report shall describe the Committees proceedings and consideration of evidence, and highlight any proposed amendments

(2) A Parliamentary Committee upon consideration of Parliamentary Papers shall report back to the Assembly within 2 months from date of referral, unless further time be moved for and granted.

The Report shall describe the Committees proceedings and consideration of evidence and recommendations.(3) The Report of a Parliamentary Committee shall be signed by all Committee members; and presented by the Chairperson or some other Member of the Committee authorised

by the Chairperson or the Committee on their behalf.

(4) A Committee Report must be supported by the majority of its Members.

(5) Where a Member does not agree with part or all of the Report, the Chairperson may exercise discretion to allow for any or both of the following:

(a) permit a Member to submit a minority report to attach to the Committee Report, or

(b) permit that the Committee footnotes the Members opposing views in the Report.

(5) Where a Parliamentary Committee from their considerations wishes to pursue matters in the interest of Parliament, the Committee may move in the Assembly to that effect.

**22. STANDING ORDERS 169-178 (PART XXIV)**

Amend Part XXIV to accommodate the new Committees. The Committees are as follows:

- i. Finance and Expenditure Committee (maintained)
- ii. Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Offices of Parliament Committee (reshuffled)
- iii. Social Sector Committee;
- iv. Economic Sector Committee; and
- v. Infrastructure Sector Committee.

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The three Sector Committees (iii, iv, v) will be aligned with the Government Sectors. It is envisaged that Members for the new Parliament will be a Committee member in only 1 Parliamentary Committee. This will diminish the likelihood of Committee adjourning meetings because there is no quorum, as is the current arrangement where Members have 2 or 3 Committees with overlapping schedules. This delays reporting back duties of Committees to the Assembly.

**REVISED STANDING ORDERS:**

**PART XXXIV – PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

169. Parliamentary Commission

(1) There shall be a Parliamentary Commission consisting of:

- (a) The Speaker as Chairperson;
- (b) Deputy Speaker as Deputy Chairperson;
- (c) Leader of the House;
- (d) Minister for the Legislative Assembly Office;
- (e) Leaders of all recognised political parties; and
- (f) a senior Member or Members appointed by the Speaker to represent all political groups in the opposition.

(2) It is the responsibility of the Parliamentary Commission to:-

- (a) recommend to the Assembly the membership of Parliamentary Committees;
- (b) allocate membership of Parliamentary Committees according to numbers of members of political parties
- (c) approve nomination from party leaders of members for Committees at the commencement of each Parliament and whenever required;
- (d) determine rules for the coverage of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, and consider any disorder issue or complaint which may arise from coverage by television, newspaper or radio;
- (e) determine matters regarding the Parliamentary Pension Scheme;
- (f) determine parliamentary advocacy activities; and
- (g) recommend to the Assembly a Programme of sittings for each calendar year which:
  - (i) must be made and approved by the Assembly no later than the last sitting of the previous year; and
  - (ii) on being adopted by the Assembly the sitting programme operates subject to any decision by the Assembly to the contrary and the Speaker shall have discretionary authority on the flexibility of the programme subject to Article 52 of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa.

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170. Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition & Constitutional Offices

(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition & Constitutional Offices Committee which shall consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed upon motion soon after the commencement of each Parliament. At least four (4) shall

make the quorum. The Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to:-

(a) consider and report back to the Assembly on any annual report or other report to the Legislative Assembly from the Ombudsman or the Auditor General or the Office of the Legislative Assembly;

(b) consider from time to time and report to the Assembly on any proposal for the amendment of those Standing Orders which may be referred to it under the provisions of Standing Orders (Motion to Amend Standing Orders), and on all matters relating to these Orders which may

be referred to it by the Assembly;

(c) conduct a review of Standing Orders towards the end of each Parliament and such report to be approved by the Assembly before dissolution of Parliament;

(d) consider any bill, petition, report or other matter referred by the Assembly or pursuant to these Standing Orders;

(e) conduct a review of the Electoral Act once during the 18 month period preceding the expiry of Parliament and to report to the Assembly at least 12 months before the date of expiry of the Parliamentary Term;

(f) examine the administration and expenditure of the Electoral Commission Office; and

(g) allocate its work to other Parliamentary Committees if required.

171. Finance & Expenditure Committee

(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Finance & Expenditure Committee to consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed upon motion soon after the commencement of each Parliament. At least four (4) or more shall make the quorum. The Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

(a) Consider any bill, petition or other matter referred by the Assembly pursuant to these Standing Orders; and any Estimates or review of ministerial and departmental performance;

(b) To allocate to any Parliamentary Committee the examination of any Estimates and of any review of departmental performance;

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- (c) To examine the policy, administration and expenditure of ministries and government bodies related to government finance, insurance, superannuation, national provident fund, taxation, auditing of public accounts and Ministerial financial statements;
- (d) To have responsibility for the overall review of financial management in all government ministries and public bodies;
- (e) To examine and report on the public account.

172. Social Sector Committee

(1) There shall be a committee to be known as the Social Sector Committee to consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed upon motion soon after the commencement of each Parliament. At least four (4) or more shall make the quorum. The Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee:

- (a) To consider any bill, petition or other matter referred by the Assembly or pursuant to these Standing Orders;
- (b) To examine the policy, administration and expenditure of ministries, corporations, entities and agents within the Executive Social Sector.

173. Economic Sector Committee

(1) There shall be a committee to be known as the Economic Sector Committee to consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed upon motion soon after the commencement of each Parliament. At least four (4) or more shall make the quorum. The Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee:

- (a) To consider any bill, petition or other matter referred by the Assembly or pursuant to these Standing Orders;
- (b) To examine the policy, administration and expenditure of ministries and corporations, entities and agenda within the Executive Economic Sector.

174. Infrastructure Sector Committee

(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Infrastructure Sector Committee to consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed upon motion as soon as maybe after the commencement of each Parliament. At least four (4) or more shall make the quorum. The Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice Chairman.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee:

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- (a) To consider any bill, petition or other matter referred by the Assembly or pursuant to these Standing Orders; and
- (b) To examine the policy, administration and expenditure of ministries, corporations, entities and agents within the Executive Infrastructure Sector.

**5. RESOLUTION**

At the conclusion of its review, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly, to approve its report.

**MR SPEAKER:** Let us applaud the efforts of the Committee. I believe we have complete our work on a high note this evening. Before the opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister for his final remarks, the Chair has an announcement.

For all the Members who have Offices in the Maota o Tofilau Eti Alesana Building, I ask that you clear out your offices before the end of this Parliament. This is the final Parliamentary Session as per normal practise the Electoral Office has final preparations to do. Again, I beseech the Members who have offices at MTEA to heed this announcement as the Electoral Office will relocate to the building tomorrow or next week.

The Palemene Newspaper is also available to print your messages of best wishes to your constituencies for a small fee to help with the output of the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk. This is the announcement with respect.

Tofa Tusa...

**Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola:** Mr Speaker if I may.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will allow you the floor.

**Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola:** Mr Speaker, I stand with all due respect being also mindful of the late hour to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and Parliament for the honour bestowed on a Member of this Constituency. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I am full of respect because it is a privileged appointment however I ask that your remarks be brief.

I call on one of the Members for Falealili and I reiterate that you please keep it brief.

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA:** I appreciate the opportunity awarded this Constituency Mr Speaker. I stand on behalf of our Constituency to acknowledge the honour bestowed upon one of us by the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as Parliament. We express our wholehearted appreciation and humility for this privilege and the confidence in the Hon Minister of Revenue, Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko, a son of this Constituency.

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It is only fitting that we recognize this esteemed appointment because it is a first and therefore a historical moment not only for Samoa but for Falealili to have one of its own as a Member of the Council of Deputies. To the newly appointed Council of Deputy, Tofa Tuiloma, we wish you all the best and ask God to grant you with strength to continue your service within our Constituency.

We conclude our remarks Mr Speaker and wish all the best to this Parliament. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Afioga Hon Le Mamea Lemalu Su'a Leatuavao Tuiletufuga Ropati Mualia:** Mr Speaker, incase my Constituency is also listening in and a word of gratitude has not been made. What say you Mr Speaker, I did not touch on this in my speech earlier because I believe there would be a time to address it but I will be brief if you wish.

My Constituency is listening in. Falealili is fortunate to have two Members but I am the only representative and if the Chair allows it, I will speak on our behalf.

**MR SPEAKER:** You may have the floor Hon Minister.

**Afioga Hon LE MAMEA LEMALU SU'A LEATUAVAO TUILETUFUGA ROPATI MUALIA:** Mr Speaker and the esteemed Parliament, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and the Deputy Leader, Associate Ministers and all the Members of the House, the Office of the Clerk and those present in the Gallery, it is with the utmost respect that I stand before you all, a humble servant before God to express my sincere humility and heartfelt gratitude. My Constituency is listening in and they are now aware of this great calling and appointment upon them despite the position being for me, I am also Lefaga and Faleaseela.

Therefore Mr Speaker, the dignity of Parliament especially the Hon Prime Minister, to God be the glory. He continues to use myself and Tofa Tuiloma for the benefit of this Government through our advice. Our families and children, thank you for your support and prayers.

Lau Afioga Maiava and family and the family of Mavaega, a heartfelt expression of gratitude is offered for your continuous support. God bless our Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Prime Minister for your final speech to conclude our evening.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, I address the two speakers who just concluded their remarks by saying that your gratitude is offered unto our Lord for He owns the calling.

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**I. INTRODUCTION:**

Mr Speaker and the esteemed Members of the House, recognizing also the dignity of Samoa listening in – we are closing in on the end of our journey and the conclusion of five long years in this calling. Now, our ship is coming into the harbour to dock successfully after setting sail for five years to begin our journey.

I rise to make a statement on the tremendous work by the Chair and the honourable Members of Parliament for we are soon to say farewell as we return to those who elected us to be their representatives in this House to be the decision makers for our nation.

We have had a full circle journey in this Parliamentary life guided by the law of the Most High, our Living God – everything has a beginning, everything also has an end, a day to rise and everything will turn out well.

A reminder for us all, in Gods plan of creation – nothing lives forever except the Lord who is eternal, we are but flowers in His garden that He has grown with His everlasting Grace.

Within this 5 years, it seemed a simple journey as we come to the end, but it was not especially as we debated and conflited on the progress of Samoa and many a time our deliberations went back and forth as the old adage goes – *our words do not rub as smooth as oil when we deliberate the various opinions for the success of our nation.*

Despite this, it did not remove the cultural foundation of our relationship instilled with the Grace of our Lord and His commandments we live by – “Love the Lord with all your might” and “Love the neighbour and you love yourself”. “*Respectfulness*” is the centrepiece of our culture and tradition and the final command from our Saviour before He departed to the Heavens was to be *harmonious*. These are the guiding lights within our Constitution – what culture and traditions we have, we initially value our Christian beliefs.

Our gratitude to the Lord is great for He was at the helm and steer of Samoas journey during this 5 years. He was the shining light in the day and the *guiding torch in the night*. *Despite the 40 long years of the Israelites exile in the desert* and the challenges, the Lords protection, guidance and mercy was always upon them. Many times their faith was tested with temptation and struggle but the Lord with conviction did not leave them despite the hardships.

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This Government will never ever submit to the trends and culture of the neighboring nations because they contradict the will of the Lord our God for Samoa is founded on Christianity. Our collective duty as Members of this House is to oppose any belief or system that contradicts with our belief and faith in our God.

We have witnessed each dawning day the miracles of Grace by our Lord God in Samoa. Constantly, broadcast on television and the radio waves there are news of terrorist acts and military regimes governing the lives of citizens in the larger nations of the world which we thought could not be shaken, but we have witnessed the looming uncertainty over them.

My stance is firm that Samoa is a truly blessed nation. Even our neighbours are being subject to military regimes and their basic human rights being removed, their God given free agency is neglected. Despite the strain with the weather this Month, Samoas sails are still intact because of the Grace and Mercy of our Lord.

Recollecting on the journey of this 5 year Term, some of those we journeyed with have passed on as did others in the previous Parliamentary Terms. Praise be to God that we are still able to continue on the path we set out on because Samoa is founded on the God of Creation and we His children obey Him. As we draw closer to the upcoming national Elections we have made our speeches beginning yesterday until this morning, as for the result, we give it up to God and pray for the success of the new Parliamentary Term.

**II. IMPORTANT ISSUES:**

Mr Speaker and honourable Members of Parliament, this Term will soon end however there are important minor matters I wish to shed light on for the information of the House.

**⊙ Accusation – increase in poverty**

The fact of the matter is Mr Speaker and the House – we cannot avoid the consequences of our decisions and whatever decisions we make, we must be prepared to face the consequences. We must all understand that there is a connection between consequences and decisions and the consequence can be a reward of a good decision.

No matter what efforts the Government resorts to by building colleges in rural areas for students to be closer to their families and parents instead of travelling to Apia, we cannot remove a citizens freedom of choice to reside in Apia despite there not being any employment suitable to their educational level. Parents using their children to sell goods on the road side is a persuasive technique to attract buyers and we have witnessed the neglect of the children which was the purpose of the project in the rural area. But that is their freedom of choice from God.



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Even the younger generation who been bestowed with high chiefly titles are roaming around selling goods in town and disrupting tourists. This is what I meant by consequences being inseparable from decisions. Even the super power nations have people sleeping along the roadsides and pathways, under bridges and public places and the difference with Samoa is that those people do not have families. As for Samoa, everyone knows everyone, it is a small country and many people know their families and families know their relations roaming around but they refuse to take responsibility and reach out to their lost relatives.

I mention this because there are those that use these situations to determine the economic state and development of Samoa. But many of us here in the House remember the lifestyle we came from – it was only during White Sunday when we would eat chopsuey, on Sundays we would not know what the feast would be but during the week days we would only have cooked taro or bananas with lemongrass tea or coconut cream with oven baked breadfruit. At the stores there would only be tinned herrings. What is the case now, chopsuey is affordable and it is on the menu in many eateries daily. The box of chicken is \$30-\$35 and it is becoming tiring to eat and thinking of the different ways to cook it. In those days, we would be filled with envy when our families from Tutuila visited and told stories of eating fried chicken, coca cola and fanta for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We seem to have forgotten – we thank God for His abundance everyday and we want for nothing. This is true faith for His Word teaches that His thoughts are not our thoughts and He knows what is best for us. Let us not let our dissatisfaction and neverending want cloud the fact that His blessings over Samoa and our people are endless.

⊙ **Chinese**

The proof of our development and the current economic state of Samoa is in our eagerness to send our children overseas to seek success and employment because of the mentality that they will benefit overseas. However, if we analyze the trend of business people from India, China and other countries coming to Samoa and Samoa benefitting from their ventures, this is indication of the benefits and success to be had in Samoa. We are no different from a person living on fruitful land absolutely unaware because we seek green pastures overseas. Our weakness is impatience in saving cent by cent instead we want one large investment to reap millions in profit.

We used to look overseas where the milk and honey flows, ignorant of the fact that the milk and honey is sweeter right here in Samoa which overseas investors are aware of. Overseas, the milk and honey does not flow. When it is hot, only your sweat flows and when it is cold, only your nose runs.

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That is the reality of our people living overseas. Families here rely on them during family commitments and obligations when they are also struggling. This is not to belittle the contribution of our people living overseas, nor am I saying they should not send money because we rely on remittances for our revenue as do their families but there must be a change in the mentality of families that rely on their overseas relatives because money does not grow on trees in those countries. They wake in the early hours of the morning, others have two jobs and here we are roaming around with all this strength and energy looking for ways to pass time when there is so much land to be worked.

We should work our lands overgrown with weeds because they are neglected and we should stop relying on our overseas relatives because they are also trying to develop their families and they also have church commitments. I read recently in the newspaper a story complaining about our contracted players overseas not helping their families here. We should work the land which we have in abundance from God to develop our families, villages and churches and in turn our nation.

**© Decisions and their consequences**

Our people should understand these two concepts – the decisions we make and the consequences of those decisions. No matter how hard the Government tries to improve the access to education for our children so we can breed great leaders for the future, the Word of God rings true '*you reap what you sow*' - if education is free up to a certain level, if a parent does not encourage and support their child, there will be no success. Knowledge is not acquired for free, it requires sacrifice, patience, perseverance and determination. Regardless of the efforts of the Government to promote healthy living, if a parent continues to feed their children sweet and fatty foods, the result will be an obese future generation. It is a collective effort where the Government initiates and the village, churches, families, parents and children execute.

Dependency is the number one enemy of development, it limits a persons ability to utilize their God given talents, gifts and strength to make a positive contribution within their families, villages and churches. There were some who mocked a remark I made some time ago '*some are still eating from the breadfruit tree grown by their parents, but the youth have not yet grown a breadfruit for the future generation.*' There are reports of our canned taro leaves in coconut cream growing in popularity in New Zealand and Australia removing the need to take a oven baked feast. Who knows, maybe in the next Term we will be able to produce 6 or 10 pound cans of breadfruit or elephant taro in coconut cream. That is the reality of life, it progresses forward, it does not remain the same.

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There is an opinion circulating that there is a need to increase the pension to senior citizens. This practice was adopted from bigger countries such as New Zealand and Australia. There are however some Governments with thriving economies that oppose this practice such as Singapore because they believe this is the beginning of a life of dependency and it is the duty of the children to care for their elderly as the elderly did for them. How can a child repay a parent? These opinions presume that the Government should care for the senior citizens and their children and grandchildren? A caring leader is speaks the truth for Samoa to live by. But to make bribing and deceiving comments, it is sweet to hear but the words have no influence or meaning.

The fact is, the Government makes every effort to offer assistance through the development of the agricultural sector not only for consumption but also for export. However, even if the Government tars the access roads, if the people do not use them to work the land, the funds used to construct the roads are wasted.

The purpose of these remarks is to reiterate that Samoa is a blessed nation, it is blessed by God and our success is in our own hands for we are also a blessed people. It is our own neglect, laziness and dependency and the desire to not endure hardship that we disregard our lands and its potential to benefit our families, villages and country.

**III. ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

**⊙ Support of Samoa**

Mr Speaker and the House, I wish to use this opportune moment on behalf of the Executive, to extend our appreciation to Samoa for their support. I acknowledge the support of Samoa and its traditional setup; *Tama ma o latou Aiga faapea foi Aiga ma a latou Tama, le Usoga a Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. I also extend appreciation to the support of Tutuila and Manua and I acknowledge their honorific salutations; *Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Ituau ma Alataua, Saole ma Saleaumua ma le Launiusaelua, Faatui o le Motu, Tootoo o le Faleula ma Upu i le Manuatele*.

I recognize the support of His Highness,— O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, likewise the Council of Deputies and his Masiofo.

I acknowledge the support of the Chief Justice and the Judiciary and the three Arms of the State.

**⊙ Supporting Prayer**

Mr Speaker it is unsecreted that Government achievements is a success due to your collective prayers and support. That is the duty you continue to play for the benefit of Samoa and its people. Sincerest appreciation for your prayers and well done on your part.

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⊙ **Development Partners**

I extend sincere gratitude to the transparent and vital contribution of Samoa and its partners for our local developments. Such assistance has enabled the building of more job opportunities for our children and the various developments. The longterm strategic plan of Samoa and its developments for the next 3 Parliamentary term in 20-30 years or 15 years will hold a positive outcome, I have already publicized the advantages in a World Leaders Forum that took place in Paris France last month. A final resolution was made for global planning layout to mitigate the rise in global warming and iceberg melting in the north and the south poles which can result to high sea level rising causing a sink in small island atolls including Samoa.

Some developed countries have initiated their contribution to the total value of \$US100billion this year to 2020 to fund and develop the negative impact of climate change towards small island nations and the effects of natural disasters like cyclones, tsunami, earthquakes, floodings and drought. Further improvements include water, drainages, roads, electricity, solar energy, farming, education, health etc.

It is significant that leaders are highly alert in the next Parliamentary term in a strive to build a collective effort to push these developments through. This means that there will be funds available comes the next 15 years to fund all these events which is a good sign for us.

⊙ **Alii & Faipule**

I also wish to acknowledge the pulega a Alii ma Faipule in village communities for their good works in the village by which these State programmes rely heavily on for future improvement.

⊙ **Private Sector**

I also acknowledge the great contribution and services of Companies and the Private Sector that is highly recognized for Samoa's developments.

⊙ **Public Sector**

Mr Speaker, any Government would rely heavily on honest, reliable and educated people to do the job otherwise nothing can be done. To all the public servants of Public and Private Enterprises, well done on your services that the Cabinet and Government rely on.

I wish to thank the former Chief Executives you have completed their contracts, congratulations on your services. That is the norm of life, there is a beginning and an end to anything. Similar to us here in Parliament, one day some of us will go back to collecting bottles. The decision is for the country to make depending on the Spirit of God where all callings comes from.

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**☉ Mr Speaker and Members of Parliament**

Mr Speaker, I wish to note a word of thanks to the Speaker and staff for the difficult role of managing our sittings. We have a greater number as opposed to your individuality nevertheless all duties have been well achieved

Despite our bothersome many a times, well done on your patience. I plead that you forgive Palusalue for being disobedient to you countless times.

**☉ Leader of the Opposition and the Opposition**

I also heed the collaborating efforts of the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and esteemed members of the House on that side for the good works we have achieved the last 5 years. Although we have opposing views but we all have one aim and vision – to benefit Samoa.

Statistically speaking, it is worthy to note that your immense contribution and assistance to our work was a success this last 5 years. Although I may be hard on you at times, but that is the spirit of our work, the strength of the Opposition side can help better the works of the Government. Hence I convey sincerest appreciation to you. Despite of the too much time spent with the media instead of discussing with us in this House, that is the norm of our work we can point fingers but at the end of the day we shake hands and laugh at each other just like tonight. And in the words of the member for Faleata, ‘Regardless of our differences but in the end everything will go back to normal again’.

**☉ Cabinet and Associate Ministers**

To this side of the House, Deputy Prime Minister and the Ministerial level, Cabinet and Associate Ministers or the notable members of the HRPP, since we are in the mood of giving thanks for the achievements we made the last 5 years. I do not wish to bring out the difficulties we paved along the road, rather those are the trials of life to build and strengthen our faith as God will never direct us to a path we cannot endure. Nonetheless the fruits in the end is sweet, satisfying and will be acknowledgeable.

**IV. SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

**☉ Tuiloma, Le Mamea, Alo, Tuileutu**

I speak in specific of the title Le Mamea, tofa Manuoletuasivi Tuiloma, tofa Alo and tofa Tuileutu on that side of the House. A word of acknowledgement has already been delivered to the Ministers and your good works and achievements done in the last several years for the welfare of Samoa.

Well done and may God bless you and your endeavours during your break.

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### Other Announcements by Mr Speaker

To Le Mamea and Afioa Tuiloma, your callings as Deputy Council of Deputies were not made lightly by this House as former Cabinet Ministers for quite some time and pioneers of this Political Party. You have experiences and I wish you all the best.

#### ⊙ **Ministries under the Prime Minister's Portfolio**

I wish to thank the Ministries and Enterprises under my supervision. I don't intend to name them as God is well aware of them too. Well done to the heads of Ministries and all employees for your good efforts.

#### ⊙ **Ministry serving the Legislative Assembly**

I also wish to note a word of gratitude to all the Ministries and Public Enterprises who are serving this Parliament especially during our Sittings. Great job and well done on your services.

#### **V. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSTITUENCY:**

Well, as a norm by this House, I wish to conclude by acknowledging my Constituency of Lepa:

Aufaga – paia aua Aiga, Tupuola ma Tago ma Usoalii, mamalu ia Salefao  
Lepa – paia aua Faaolotoi, Tauaa ma Usoalii faapea Alalamalae, i laua Tama Punefu, fetalai a Malielegaoi ma le mamalu i le Faleatua ma Salefao

Siupapa ma Saleapaga – paia aua Maopu Taulagi ma le Aloalii ma le mamalu ia Salefao

O la outou tatalo ma le tapuaiga maua ai pea le malosi e faaaauu tofi ma tiute o le valaauina. Faamanuia tele le Atua i la outou tapuaiga.

#### **VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I am aware that all submissions and comments are prepared to be presented nevertheless we let God decide when we will finish.

Have a blessed meeting and all the best to Samoa and your support.

Soifua

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

**MR SPEAKER:** Well we have heard the statement by the Hon Prime Minister, or Leader of the Government on his special statement this morning. Hence the normal procedure of this House which I don't have to remind we have the le usoga a Tumua ma Pule, o Tootoouli ma Tootooau ma fuesina loloa o Samoa.

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**Other Announcements by Mr Speaker**

I heed with patience and dignity that we must respond given the traditional understanding and out of great respect towards the traditional setup of Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, aemaise le Paia o Aiga e fia, o Aiga o Tupu, o Aiga o Nofo, o Aiga o Papa and your presence in this House. We shall move respects to the Leader of the Opposition to respond according to the statement by the Hon Prime Minister. I do not intend to teach Laupua Tamafaiga on days like this, but it is noteworthy that this is the role of the Opposition Leader, pay respect to respect as normal procedure, if that is so Tumua ma Pule, what do you say?

**Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua:** Mr Speaker I respectfully rise in accordance to the issued statement by the Hon Prime Minister who is also a relative of Malietoa and with that we ought to pay great respects.

This respect cannot be as Tootoo o Lalogafuafua aua Tama Punefu ia Fatialofa ma Auelua by he takes after. O le Tama foi o le Fale Tolugafua, aua le Suafa Lupesoliai ae o le Paia foi o le Aiga Safenuuivao aua Neioti. E le gata i lea, ae o le Laau na Fausia, aua le Susuga i le Aiono, aua o le feoi o Aiono Levave na mata muliulu ai Samoa ina ua faiga le va o Fonoti ma lona uso ma lona tuafafine, na mafua ai le taua o le Paegauo.

O lenei taeao na liugalua i le faafofoga a Samoa, ia ua loloto le tai. O upu taumavae foi, afai ua Tofa Aiga, o le a se mea a Tumua o le a fai ma Pule?

The respect you have rendered is now before the country.

In plea let us give all our support to the Leader of the Opposition and its traditional significance, o le faaululuga o le Aiga Malosi, o le Falefa o le Uluga Tanifa ma le Paia foi aua Taulauniu, ia ma le Mamalu aua Aitu Tagata, ia ma le Nofo a Tula ia Safata.

By this and to Tofa le Afioga Leader of the Opposition, your speech will speak on our behalf.

On behalf of everyone we extend our blessings to Palusalue and let me remind Jesus's words to the woman who poured a bottle of alabaster on his head and after she served him, Jesus said to her, go and sin no more, therefore may God bless you and our work. I beg indulgence Tuilietu, that is our word with respect.

**Tofa Tuileutu Alavaa Voi (Faasaleleaga No. 3):** Leulumoega e, we agree with you. You are truly Tumua that by agreement, Painuulasi is the name of the girl, she is a one in a million. Today is a unique day and we do not belittle your speech Tumua Leulumoega.

Respect by respect, the Father of the House has spoken. By normal procedure, we all agree with the what's being said. Let us heed and support Leulumoega and give the Leader of the Opposition the chance to respond.

The member for Faleata is whispering, let us be cautious as I stand by my explanation, we recognize the motion beforehand. I wish you all the best. Have a blessed day and night.

**MR SPEAKER:** Aleaga has now agreed with you Leulumoega as you are the chief orator of the country. We don't have to go through the traditional way of doing things as you are used to this.

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### Responsive Speech by the Leader of the Opposition

Thank you for recognizing us. By respect the plea of Laaulialemalietoa and its two lineage, Sa Atua ma Sa Malietoa ma lona Faletolu Tausi Tupu ma le Aiga o Mavaega, counts Samoa as a whole.

Thank you for the great recognition towards this side. I call Palusalua to respond to the statement of the Hon Prime Minister.

All the best. I call the Leader of the Opposition.

### RESPONSIVE SPEECH BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUA FAAPO II (Leader of the Opposition):** Your divisional significance cannot be changed with any word I say. Your dignity and respects all been laid out. I heed the paramount respect and honorifics of this House, as well as the great support of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, we have come to the end of this 5 year Parliamentary term. This is a day of forgiveness and thankfulness. We have arrived at the end our Parliamentary work given our calling the last 5 years. God's endless love and grace is spectacular. We have been through a lot nevertheless, I salute your perseverance and dedication, well done.

I also dedicate special thanks to Samoa in all its divisions and traditional setups.

I le afio o Lana Afioga Mamalu, i Le Ao o le Malo, Lau Afioga i le Tama-a-Aiga, Lau Afioga Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi & Masioko.

Afio lau Afioga i le Sui o le Fono a Sui Tofia, Lau Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II & Masioko.

Le paia i le Tafatolu o Faigamalo,

I le afio o lau Afioga i le Alii Palemia ma le Malo,

Lau Afioga i le Faamasino Sili ma le paia o le Faamasinoga,

Tainane lau Afioga i le Fofoga Fetala'i ma Sui Usufono o le Palemene o Samoa.

Le tapuaiga a Samoa i ona tulaga faalupelupeina. I le:

*Afio o Aiga ma Tama,*

*Le tama ma lona Aiga.*

*Alalatai Tumua ma Pule, Itua'u ma Alataua,*

*Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*

Ou te faapa'i atu foi i le tapuaiga a le Auigaluega paia a le Atua, I Taitai o Ekalesia Kerisiano uma i Samoa faapea le Aufaigaluega tofo'i o le Talalelei. O i latou o lo o tatalo ma faanōnō-manū, aua se manuia o Samoa.

E le faagaloina foi le tapuaiga a o tatou uso i Sasae, i le:-

*Afio o Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi,*

*Itua'u ma Alataua, Sa'ole ma Salea'aumua ma le Launiu-Saelua*

*Tainane le Afio o le Laau-na-Amotasi*

*Faatui o le Motu, Tootoo o le Faleula*

*Ma upu i le Manu'atele*



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O le atoaga lea o Samoa, mai Malaetele seia paia le si'u o le fanua i le Alataua i Sisifo. Faafetai tatalo, faamalo tapuai, ua manuia ai faiva o le Palemene. O lea ua a'e-malo le faatamasoaliiga a le Fono-Usu a Samoa, ona o la outou tapuaiga le-leoa. Tele taimi e siisii ai lafoga i totonu o lenei Maota, ae faafetai Samoa, sa e le tuulafoaiina lau Palemene. Ana le seanoa lau tatalo, e le manuia lo matou valaauina. Faafetai tatalo, faamalo tapuai.

I also extend great appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government. Thank you for your great commitment. As I said countless times in this House, Tuilaepa you have by far become one of the longest serving members in the decision-making of the country, Pacific and internationally. You have a brave heart and well done on your perseverance. You have a great deal for the Government and Parliament of Samoa, as well as the Cabinet. Thank you for all the good achievements during this Parliamentary term. In the normal saying of the country, although our economic status is limited, Samoa has witnessed the many successful projects and new infrastructural developments completed in the last 5 years. Thank you to your wise distribution. All the good undertakings have been fulfilled and have reached all parts of the country although we still have ongoing projects at the current to better Samoa. Well done thank you.

Mr Speaker, may I also take this opportunity to congratulate your good leadership. The role you play is not easy. Thank you for your patience and great respect as Chairperson of this Parliament House. Thank you for enforcing the Standing Orders provisions to guide the Proceedings of this Parliament. All else have been achieved because of you. Well done thank you.

I acknowledge the support of my constituency of Safata that is dear to my heart and cannot be forgotten given your great respect in this calling. This is the final day for this Parliamentary term thus we have succeeded all good works because of your great support. We could not do it without your prayers. Thank you for the patience and faith in us as we take on our duties and responsibilities. We appreciate all that you have done.

Mr Speaker as I said, this is a time to forgive and give thanks.

Samoa and the dignified House, I heed your forgiveness if I have offended anyone in anyway. I have fulfilled my roles and duties as a Parliamentarian given normal Parliamentary procedures and orders, however I believe I have have disrespected some of you. A spilled glass of water cannot be refilled. In prayer, I ask God to spare you forgiveness. Let us strive for the best of Samoa and Glory unto God given our Callings.

As we prepare for the upcoming General Elections 2016, let us rely on God. He will decide for our Leaders to resume the works for Samoa in the next Parliament. And let us pray for continuous peace upon Samoa.

I wish everyone the best in the upcoming General Elections next month. May God's peace be upon you. We pray for good health and strength for who so ever will be chosen by God to take over the new Parliament.

In conclusion, I heed my fellow Minister who will be running alongside me in the next Elections. This is the main district that the country is looking forward to its results after this Elections. In truth, the upcoming elections will not be so difficult given the true love of the constituents upon its candidates.

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### Adjournment

By word of encouragement to my fellow candidate, may you find courage and do not forget the traditional setup of our constituency 'Strong Family'. Some have misinterpreted the true meaning of this to which it has misled you. Otherwise the correct interpretation is the strength to fulfill our services based on love and our words.

May God be with us and Samoa's journey throughout. May Samoa be blessed as well as the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Speaker, esteemed Members of Parliament XV and its endeavours. Blessings and Soifua.

### ADJOURNMENT

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe all Members have spoken today. I too wish to make a speech as Samoa is a country of great significance.

Your divisional respects have been laid out and glory be unto the Father.

The House have fulfilled all else through its comments and submissions for its decision-making. As such, let us exalt our Heavenly Father. The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have also accorded their statements. We have received abundant blessings by God's grace. Samoa lest we forget you, we are here as your representatives to fulfil our callings as decision-makers, and if we have failed you in any way, we beg for your forgiveness. Why is Samoa and its decision-making unique? Samoa is founded on God that regardless of all else this is the uplifting spirit this evening.

I heed all forgiveness if I have offended the House, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and distinguished members. I can never know my mistake. If we have done well, let praise be unto God. With all due respect, I duly trust that this statement is more sufficient in preparation for Samoa's upcoming elections.

To my beloved district of Gagaifomauga No.3 in all your honorifics, thank you.

I heed your statement rendered unto me at the beginning of our gathering and reason for my calling as your representative. You said, "Laauli, do not serve as a chief, bear in mind the whisper of the Holy Spirit and if the fish is caught, take it." Thank you for your, I recall my reply, may this life be of good use to serve you and may my remaining days be worthy to serve my constituency and the Parliament of Samoa.

I appreciate you and your well support. I will come next week to hand back this calling and you decide whilst I abide given your collective decision. I wish you well.

To His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, thank you for your prayers. Thank you also to the support of Afioga Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano and Masiofo. To the Judiciary, Afioga Patu, President and the Ministry of Justice, thank you for your service.

To all my relatives and families, thank you for your enduring love and support which has enabled me to fulfill all my duties as Speaker of the House in this Parliament.

28 JANUARY 2016

### Adjournment

I also extend sincerest thanks to the Hon Prime Minister and this Party for your support and faith upon me during my reign as your Speaker of the House. To Tofa Tolofuaivalelei, you embarked on this calling before me. I have prayed God for God's blessings upon me throughout this journey especially for Samoa and its benefit.

To the Leader of the Opposition, God knows too well about our fellowship. This is the House of great respect that no one dares divide it. I beg indulgence everyone. No one should dare divide the dignity of this House. This is the meaning of this picture behind me, the image of God, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are a nation founded on God, it is finished, in the departing words of Nafanua plant this tree and await a new Ao o le Malo from above. Those are the blessings passed down from our ancestors that Samoa now enjoys since the beginning.

May Samoa be blessed at this hour here and afar. Go with peace to your constituencies and May good spirit fill Samoa and its support most specifically God's servants this evening. Soifua ma ia manuia.

I will end our Sitting with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was suspended at 10:20am until Friday 29 January 2016 at 9.00am.*

*FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016*

*His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo took his Seat at 9:00 am.*

*(OFFICIAL CEREMONY FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE XV PARLIAMENT).*

**OFFICIATING MINISTER: Rev. Panapa Fata Too**  
**Minister for CCCS of Sasina.**

**VALAAU E TAPUAI AI:**

“Lo’u Agaga e, ia e faamanu atu i le Alii, o mea uma foi o i totonu ia te Au, ia faamanuina Lona Suafa Paia. Lo’u Agaga e ia e faamanu atu i le Alii, ‘aua foi ne’i galo se mea e tasi o Ana meaalofa. ‘Aua lava ne’i ia te i matou le Alii, aua lava ne’i ia te i matou, a ia tuuina atu le Viiga, ona o Lou alofa ma Lou faamaoni”.

Tatou Tatalo:

E le agaia e so matou faatauavaa ma o matou mata agasala le paia ma le Silisili Ese o lau Afio, o Le o lo o Faavae ai lo matou atunuu o Samoa, a ua matou omai ma le loto faafetai i lenei ituaso, aua o le faamoemoe ua taunuu, o le ala lea o le faaolioliina o i matou, aua ua faamalieina o matou loto i Lou alofa ma Lou faamaoni o i matou Taitai.

Afio maia oe Agaga Paia e, e te papatisoina le tapuaiga a lo matou atunuu, ina ia le faafuaveta o matou lagona, a ia logo i tino ma ia logo i loto le taua o lenei taeao, ina ia viia Lou Suafa e le aunoa.

Ona o Iesu Keriso le Ao o le Ekalesia, ua matou muai tatalo atu ai nei lava. Amene.

**VIIGA O LE ATUA SALAMO 100:**

1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
 Worship the Lord with gladness,  
 Come before him with joyful songs,  
 Know that the Lord is God.
2. It is he who made us, and we are his,  
 We are his people, the sheep of his pasture
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
 And his courts with praise,  
 Give thanks to him and praise his name,  
 For the Lord is good,  
 And his love endures forever.