

**TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019**

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly met at 9.00am pursuant to Parliamentary Sitting Program Schedule 2019/2020.*

Prayer.

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have now resumed. I take this opportunity to greet and welcome everyone in accordance to our business schedule for today. Let us rely on God for His strength in order to fulfill our tasks and duties.

In further, I wish to acknowledge the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations and everyone involved in Parliament Sitting this morning.

**MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE**

Pursuant to Standing Order 76 of Parliament consent is hereby given to the Legislative Assembly to consider the following Bills:

1. University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Amendment Bill 2019
2. Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2019

**GIVEN** this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**(Signed):** Hon TUILAEP A Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi  
**LEADER OF THE HOUSE**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

*Clerk read out the list of Papers pursuant to Standing Order 49 (2).*

1. S.R 2019/1, Ministry of Health Amendment Act 2019 – Notice of Commencement Date.
2. S.R 2019/2. Teachers Act 2016 – Notice of Commencement
3. P.P. 2018/2019 No.128, Ministry of Public Enterprises Annual Report 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018.

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### Presentation of Papers

4. P.P.2018/2019 No.129, Samoa Shipping Services Annual Report for the Financial Years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 & 2016/2017.
5. P.P.2018/2019 No.130, Polynesian Airlines Limited/Samoa Airways Annual Reports 30 June 2018.
6. P.P.2018/2019 No.131, Samoa Airport Authority Annual Report 2018.
7. P.P.2018/2019 No.132, Attorney General Office Annual Report 2015/2016.
8. P.P.2018/2019 No.133, Attorney General Office Annual Report 2016/2017.
9. P.P.2018/2019 No.134, Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Annual Report 2017/2018.
10. P.P.2018/2019 No.135, Samoa Land Corporation Annual Report 2017-2018.
11. P.P.2018/2019 No.136, SROS Annual Report 2017-2018.
12. P.P.2018/2019 No.137, Samoa Tourism Authority Annual Report 2016-2017.
13. P.P.2018/2019 No.138, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour Annual Report 30 June 2018.
14. P.P.2018/2019 No.139, Samoa Sports Facilities Authority Annual Report July 2017 – June 2018.
15. P.P.2018/2019 No.140, Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman 2016/2017.
16. P.P.2018/2019 No.141, Annual Report of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority 2017/2018.
17. P.P.2018/2019 No.142, Annual Report of the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation 2018.
18. P.P.2018/2019 No.143, Samoa Housing Corporation Annual Report 2018.
19. P.P.2018/2019 No.144, Office of the Regulator Annual Report 30 June 2018.
20. P.P.2018/2019 No.145, Central Bank of Samoa Annual Report July 2012-June 2017.
21. P.P.2018/2019 No.146, Central Bank of Samoa Annual Report July 2017-June 2018.
22. P.P.2018/2019 No.147, Samoa Tourism Authority Annual Report 2017-2018.
23. P.P.2018/2019 No.148, Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture Annual Report 2017/2018.
24. P.P.2018/2019 No.149, Samoa Sports Authority Annual Report July 2016-June 2017.
25. P.P.2018/2019 No.150, Ministry of Health Annual Report 2017/2018.

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**Presentation of Select Committee Reports**

26. P.P.2018/2019 No.151, Samoa Qualifications Authority Annual Report July 2017-June 2018.
27. P.P.2018/2019 No.163, Samoa Rugby Union Annual Report 2017.
28. P.P.2018/2019 No.164, Samoa Public Service Commission Annual Report 2017/2018.
29. P.P.2018/2019 No.165, Samoa Audit Office Report on Irregularities 2016/2017.
30. P.P.2018/2019 No.166, Samoa Audit Office Report on Irregularities 2017/2018.
31. P.P.2018/2019 No.167, Report of the Controller and Auditor General to the Legislative Assembly July 2015 – June 2016.
32. P.P.2018/2019 No.168, Report of the Controller and Auditor General to the Legislative Assembly July 2016-June 2017.

**PRESENTATION OF SELECT COMMITTEES REPORTS**

*Clerk read out the list of Select Committee Reports pursuant to Standing Order 52(5).*

1. P.P. 2018/2019 No.152, Report of the Social Sector Committee on the Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019.
2. P.P.2018/2019 No.153, Report of the Social Sector Committee on the Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019.
3. P.P.2018/2019 No.154, Report of the Economic Sector Committee on the Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019.
4. P.P.2018/2019 No.155, Report of the Standing Orders Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.109, Annual Report of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme 2017/2018.
5. P.P.2018/2019 No.156, Report of the Standing Orders Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.93, Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman 2015/2016.
6. P.P.2018/2019 No.157, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.101, Annual Report of the Development Bank of Samoa 2017/2018.
7. P.P.2018/2019 No.158, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.102, Annual Report of the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa 2017/2018.

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8. P.P.2018/2019 No.159, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.103, Annual Report of the SIFA 2017/2018.
9. P.P.2018/2019 No.160, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.108, Annual Report of the National Provident Fund 2017/2018.
10. P.P.2018/2019 No.161, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.119, Annual Report of the UTOS 2017/2018.
11. P.P.2018/2019 No.162, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.110, Senior Citizens Annual Report 2017/2018.
12. P.P.2018/2019 No.169, Report of the Social Sector Committee on S/R 2018/4- Conventional Arms Act 2017, Notice of Commencement.
13. P.P.2018/2019 No.170, Report of the Social Sector Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.51, Samoa Prisons Annual Report 2017.
14. P.P.2018/2019 No.171, Report of the Social Sector Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.91, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development Annual Report for 2016/2017.
15. P.P.2018/2019 No.172, Report of the Social Sector Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.105, Ministry of Health Annual Report 2016/2017.

### MOTION BY CHAIRMEN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Chairperson of the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee.

Respectfully I call the Hon Prime Minister, Leader of the House.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, before we proceed, I see this is a great opportunity for me to speak on the crisis in New Zealand.

**MR SPEAKER:** With respect I permit the Hon Prime Minister to speak on this crisis.



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**PRIME MINISTER SPEECH OF CONDOLENCE**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker and the esteemed House and Samoa tuning in. I trust it is appropriate for me to give a statement of condolence on behalf of the Samoan Parliament. As leaders of Samoa, I wish to submit our deepest and sorrowful sympathies to the leader of New Zealand and its people for the 50 casualties and the injured as a result of a massacre and mosque shootings.

This disaster has greatly impacted us and the Pacific Islands Forum including Samoa and other Pacific island nations. Together we are working closely in securing our own people, particularly in this country where majority of our people live. It is a crisis that had never crossed our minds would have ever happened as commonly taken place in the Asian, European and the Arab world both night and day. This is the intentional view of these kinds of people or terrorists through advance technology caused by hatred amongst people. Given freedom of speech people are allowed to express themselves freely using obscene language. This act of violence and wrongful exploitation of human rights mainly seeks to destroy the peaceful living of village communities.

As leaders, this is something to stay vigilant about because if you look deeply into these criminals and their records, they are people who lack quality relationships with their families. As such we should remain watchful and take great consideration and conduct consultations with our constituencies to avoid this sort of predicaments from existing in Samoa like in New Zealand and America and those who use guns to gun down children.

This is reason for my upstanding as this matter is further extended towards the authority of the alii and faipule who do not appear to understand the extent of these wrongdoings carried out by terrorists. Mr Speaker, this is reason for this statement given the latest terrorists/mosque attack in Aotearoa New Zealand where majority of our people reside, thankfully, no Samoan was affected in NZ and around the world. May God whom Samoa is founded upon be with us and may we live in peace and harmony. May blessings be upon us and our people.

Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well thanks. We have all heard the Hon Prime Minister's statement and all of Samoa and it's Spiritual Leaders whom we sympathize together with the Government of New Zealand during this troubling time. Our note of condolence has already been relayed to those who do not believe in God's mercy and will.

Intentionally as reiterated, may we all find peace and security from God for the strength we lack thus with His willpower, we can endure anything.

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**Motion by the Chairmen of Parliamentary Committees**

We plead for these terrorists before the Almighty God that they flee from us as New Zealand is now being affected yet we are not that far away from New Zealand. We rely solely on the authority of the alii and faipule to protect Samoa and its people.

This is the addition in accordance to the Prime Minister's statement, thank you.

**MOTION BY THE CHAIRMEN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Chairperson of the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee.

**Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua (Aleipata Itupa I Lalo):** Mr Speaker... Pardon me I wish to extend great thanks to you and the Hon Prime Minister for his sympathetic words to the Government of New Zealand. The only additional appeal to the Hon Prime Minister's statement is a minute of silence to pay respect to the victims of the Christchurch's shooting.

This is the spirit and advice with ultimate respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well, your thought is too late. The Ministerial Statement extended on behalf of the Parliament and the whole country meant more than just a moment of silence.

Hence we shall proceed with our business.

I recognize the Deputy Speaker.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI (Chairperson of the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee):** Mr Speaker, you have delivered our prayers in return for God's abiding Mercy upon us this fine morning. You have also greeted everyone and Samoa and with that, let us proceed with our works.

Mr Speaker, I rise with great respect to move, *That the Legislative Assembly permits the Committee of Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices to proceed with its review given that it has not been completed.*

With respect.

*Seconded by the member of Falealili East, Falealili West and the member of Lefaga and Faleaseela.*

*Motion approved.*

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**Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2019  
– first reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I recognize the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Sector Committee.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Speaker I move, *That the Legislative Assembly permits the Infrastructural Sector Committee to proceed with its review as it has not yet been completed.*

Respectfully.

*Secinded by the member of Falealili West.*

*Motion approved.*

**ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2019  
– first reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** Go on Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Minister of Work, Transport and Infrastructure):** Mr Speaker with respect I move, *That the Traffic Amendment Bill 2019 be now read a first time.*

*Secinded by the Minister of Finance.*

*Motion approved and the Traffic Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.*

**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC SCHOOL OF  
AGRICULTURE AMENDMENT BILL 2019 – first reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I allow the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

**Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture):** Greetings to good health this morning to the honorable Speaker and the esteemed House.

I rise with great respect to move, *That the University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Amendment Bill 2019 now be read a first time.*

With respect.

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**Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019  
– consideration in detail**

*Seconded by the Minister of Justice and Court Administration.*

*Motion approved and the University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Amendment Bill 2019 was read a first time.*

**ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019  
– consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Report of the Committee on the Bill to allow the consideration in detail.

With respect, I call the Chairperson of the Infrastructural Sector Committee.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (Chairperson of the Infrastructural Sector Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker, before I proceed I wish to extend great appreciation on behalf of this Constituency of Faasaleleaga No.1 West for entering the new Parliament House of Samoa. I convey the Speaker and the Hon Prime Minister for the completed project and our partnership with the Government of Australia.

Mr Speaker I move, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Report of the Committee so that the Accident Compensation Commission Amendment Bill 2019 progress with Amendments.*

*Seconded by the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo, member of Safata East and the member of Falealili West.*

*Motion approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The Legislative Assembly had approved the Report of the Committee on the Bill and will now progress with its consideration.

Pursuant to Standing Order the consideration will commence with Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Clause 33 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** The Committee has an amendment to clause 2 according to the Supplementary Order Paper.

I call the Chairperson of the Infrastructural Sector Committee.

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**Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019  
– consideration in detail**

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA  
GIDLOW:** Mr Speaker I move the amendment to Clause 2 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

To insert a new clause 1A after clause 1 as follows:

- “1A. Section 28 amended:  
Section 28 is amended as follows:**
- a) Numbering the current section as subsection (1); and**
  - b) Omit “PROVIDED THAT the total amount payable under this section shall not exceed \$150,000”; and**
  - c) Inserting a new subsection (1A) as follows:**

**“(1A) Subject to subsection (1) the amount to be paid or contributed by the Corporation is \$150,000 or less but if the amount required exceeds \$150,000, Cabinet approval must be sought.””**

With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the amendment.

*Clause 2 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short Title and commencement**

**TITLE: Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019.**

*Approved.*

*The Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019 progressed with Amendments.*

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**SAMOAN LANGUAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL  
2019 – consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order the Legislative Assembly should first approve the Report of the Committee to allow the consideration of the Bill.

With respect I call the Chairperson of the Social Sector Committee.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Mr Speaker I move, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Report of the Committee which recommends that the Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019 progressed without Amendments.*

*Seconded by the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo, member of the Vaimauga East, Member of Safata East and the member of Falealili West.*

*Report approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The Assembly has approved the Report of the Committee and will now proceed with the consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Orders the consideration will commence with Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Clause 8 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Clause 10 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Clause 12 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 1 & TITLE**

**CLAUSE 1: Short Title and Commencement**

**TITLE: Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019**

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**Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019  
– consideration in detail**

*Approved.*

*The Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019 progressed without Amendments.*

**TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMENDMENT BILL 2019  
– consideration in detail**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order the Legislative Assembly must first approve the Report of the Committee to allow the consideration of the Bill.

I call the Chairperson of the Economic Sector Committee.

**Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUA FESILI PIERRE LAUOFO:**  
Mr Speaker I move, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Report of the Committee which recommends that the Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019 progressed without Amendments.*

*Seconded by the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.*

*Report approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The Legislative Assembly has approved the Report of the Committee on the Bill and will now proceed with its consideration.

Pursuant to Standing Order the consideration will commence with Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Schedule 1 amended.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Saving.**

*Approved.*

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**Motion to Suspend Standing Order 101(1)**

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

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

**TITLE: Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019.**

*Approved.*

*The Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019 progressed without Amendments.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I ask for the motion to suspend Standing Order, I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 101(1)**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETEELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move, *That the Standing Order 101 (1) be set aside to allow the second reading of the Bills that were first read in the morning.*

*Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and the Minister of Health.*

*Motion approved and Standing Order 101 (1) was set aside.*

**ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

**– second reading**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker with respect I move, *That the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2019 now be read a second time and I wish to briefly elaborate it.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Health, Minister for Revenue and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Minister for his clarification of the Bill.



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**Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2019**  
– second reading

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker and the notable House, this Bill seeks to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance 1960 (principal Act to prohibit and criminalize activities such as operating a vehicle in a race or in an unnecessary exhibition of speed or acceleration or in a manner that causes the vehicle to undergo sustained loss of traction on a road (unauthorized street or drag racing), addition of new parts to the car to increase speed, and to give the authority to either LTA or police officers to take the car from its owner on the spot.

The bill further provides for the power of unauthorized officers to seize and impound a vehicle that has been involved with unauthorized street or drag racing.

Mr Speaker and the dignified Parliament, the main reason behind this amendment is for the safety of the public and under the Principal Act, it is to outlaw street or drag racing for the safety of travellers. The legislation also incorporates provisions for this amendment including penalties for those convicted of street or drag racing on the road.

This is the explanation with great respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you I call the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Thank you Hon Minister for clarifying this small Bill. I attended a workshop yesterday and I wish to express a view in regards to the many casualties resulting from accidents on the road due to car racing which is the main purpose for this Bill and that the Minister was not present yesterday

For article 38 C, I personally believe this legislation is not strong enough, why? Because I often watch these teenage car racing at Mulinuu further down from the Parliament precincts. As a norm these car racers would spill diesel on the road and end up pressing the hand brakes at 360 degrees for the car to spin around in a fast pace like the circle we have in this House producing gas emission whilst the car wheels are in the air. This is one significant part of this Bill stated in 38c 1& 2, a & b which states, ‘in a manner that causes the vehicle to undergo sustained loss of traction, the reason for not getting this sustainable traction is due to [not...because of the spilled diesel on the road.](#)

Furthermore, I also appealed for this measure to include the outlawing of vehicle accessories such as high density fancy lights or/and spotlights or air-horns to the car.

Lastly, car smoke and perhaps there is an Act to enforce this issue. Because many people have committed suicide and I wanted to tell a story regarding vehicle emission which is dangerous to the health as this gas stems from the car exhaust. If you inhale the emissions for 15 minutes, you will die instantly and that calls for concern.

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Hence it is appropriate to include a provision on this car smoke to this Act. Other vehicles like buses produce a lot of smoke causing blurriness lacking safety for the general public.

Pardon me but in accordance to the comments I gave yesterday during our workshop, because you got there late, after the notice was given out by the CEO of the Ministry but just a reminder for the sake of the public listening in, this could also be useful for them, we should have an alert system or a public address system and a Law to protect the public whilst resting at night because the diesel belt will intensify and therefore is prohibited under the law. It would be appropriate to add the prohibition of spilled oil or any other substance on the road to protect such events from happening.

The main concern is the safety of the public although we have a law for depositing littering and perhaps, law enforcement on people disposing rubbish on public road and disposing things like flicking cigarette butts or plastic foam cups thrown on the road which are non-disposal, so if a law was enacted, this would be very helpful.

This is it thank you Mr Speaker and may you find good health in managing our Meeting. Thank you to the respective Minister for this Bill. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the respectable member of Salega East.

**Tofa OLO FITI AFOA VAAI (Salega East):** I wish to greet the honorable Speaker this morning. I also greet the respectable members of Parliament, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and the dignified members of Parliament. This constituency supports this legislation...security is very important as mentioned by the Hon Minister. Thank you to the State for the long term vision on this.

The main thing that could be thought provoking for the Hon Minister is car accident using the vehicles of the general public and the necessary assistance granted whenever required during road accidents and therefore, I think there is no such law for these concerns according to my observation. Because there was an incident on this issue whereby during one morning, a family go into an accident on the road and could not managed to get any help, despite the many unsuccessful attempts by honking the horn, no one was able to come to their rescue. Such is the intention for a provision to this Act to enforce these concerns like using one's vehicle to assist the victims on the road, either way use the vehicles or scooters of the LTA to take these victims to the hospital.

Just a thought to help seek more views your honor, but thank you for the chance.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this legislation will be referred to the Committee for their review before it comes back to our Sitting. I believe that these thoughts will gratefully assist us in reviewing some of the amendments for this Bill. The comment by the Hon Minister is very interesting and thought-provoking. This legislation stems from a recent court case about the car racers and the death of a college student that resulted to them paying tribute to this victim's funeral procession by way of burning their race cars tires on the public roads. As a result it is vital to have this legislation in the House by the Hon Minister for approval. Car racing is nothing new, we have families with high economic welfare and most of the kids have cars of their own from ages 15, 13, 12. Majority of these young ones are full of arrogance including those aged 40 and above. These people are rich and have so much money by which they end up setting up these car racing groups. The latest death for one of the young men was caused by what the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo had talked about, car speeding causing car spinning in circles ending up in a car crash and death.

Such is the intention of this Bill to avoid any more troubles in the future. I also suggest a law to allow private car owners to take casualties to the hospital in times of emergencies. Often times when there is a car accident, the first people to come to rescue are the settlers living nearby and therefore, they are the first ones to rush these victims to the hospital. I have gone through rescuing victims twice. Being the first to the crime scene area; I have experienced rescuing victims to the hospital over a hit and run incident. And during the ride to the hospital, make sure you go slowly lest the injured person is affected further from driving. One of the main causes of death on the roads is due to the carelessness of children running around the road instead of the drivers. I have alerted myself to a hit and run matter whereby I had to take the injured to the hospital and during my pulling inside the police station, I see that the driver is already sitting there making his statement.

This Bill is vitally important as well as recommendations for further improvement.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done. I call the member of Anoamaa West.

**Tofa Hon LAUOFO FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO:** Mr Speaker the only thoughts and recommendations I wish to make is to consider the penalties of injuries and death caused by car racing and in accordance to the Committee's report for both offences, it is a fine of no more than 20 units and a prison term of 5 years minimum.

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These two things are different, death and injury. For racing causing death, a penalty of up to seven years imprisonment term is suggested. Authority should also be given to the police or LTA not only to take the car off the owner on the spot, but dismantle it. This is because most of these vehicles belonging to young adults have made additions to the car to increase its speed resulting in car going above the speed limit as specified on road signs and is illegal. Hence to the Committee, the LTA should be vigilant in checking these before issuing a license for the car.

Before I end, I wish to express sincere appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Speaker for the good works done to this new Meeting House. This is our first Sitting in this House this morning, may God be with everyone and those in the future.

May the Divine bless and be upon all members and Samoa.

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker I wish to touch on the matter mentioned by the recent speaker.

On Penalties, the member is rightfully correct. The normal term for the current penalties says, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or not exceeding a fine of \$100,000 meaning, imprisonment can only take one day. The same with fine penalty, not exceeding \$100,000 starting from 1 penalty unit. If the sentence is only \$5 tala then that is it. That is why jail is crowded as it appears to be that people continue to break the law knowing they can only pay a minimal fine of \$1 or \$10 or even serve 1 only day in jail. The Attorney General's office should reconsider these penalties which are not properly done.

The penalties in our traffic laws are a joke. It appears it is a hefty sentence, if its 7 years in jail and fine of up to \$50,000. And when the judge is sentencing an offender for 2 days, such is why we need to say 'not exceeding' or better yet, we can rephrase it to 'not below' 5 years which means 5,6,7,8 years in prison so that the offender is well aware of that amount of time.

Even with spotlights and fancy lights, the only people who are authorized to have lights are the police and no one else. Otherwise, all these should come under this legislation including the flashlights of an ambulance to take the injured to the hospital.

In comparison to overseas, those with money can buy lands for car race but do not use public roads as it can produce accidents.

Mr Speaker, this is the importance of this addressing matters raised this morning.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Very well and...

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Mr Speaker before the chance is given to others...

**MR SPEAKER:** Go on Hon Minister...

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** I wish to respond to some of the raising matters at hand. Some of these queries were given yesterday and some of these issues have been re-addressed this morning, the preparation of clarifications made yesterday were very good. Nonetheless, I will still respond to these issues.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Gagaifomauga No.3):** Mr Speaker, with all due respect...

**MR SPEAKER:** Will allow the Minister to finish, is there anything else as...

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** In the spirit of respect as observed, because the Hon Minister is now giving his response when I have a few issues to make, your honor, I am not giving any response yet, I am only giving a few replies here before they are being readdressed again as these concerns should be clarified, with the utmost respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Minister is assisting the Parliament by way of clarifying these concerns. If this is your intention for those of you who did not attend our seminar yesterday, then this will drag work and this is not going to work.

This is the main purpose of conducting our debriefing which is now a normal Parliamentary practice to bring insight and enlightenment to the members of Parliament about the works of the Government Ministries in order to lessen the time for our deliberations in Parliament. Despite I allow the Hon Minister to proceed before you make your submissions which I plead that you keep them short.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Thank you.

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Thank you Mr Speaker but that is also my intention and the repeating questions we have this morning.



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I extend great appreciation to the Leader of the Government and all the other speakers for your comments on this Bill.

In response to the aging Tafua and his concern about a speaker and gas emission from a bus that is affecting the environment, everything else is all covered under the LTA Regulations.

The only exception is this new amendment of spilt diesel on the road; well it is imprecise...especially with regards to kids using spilt diesel for racing cars so they could spin in circles. If only Tafua has a picture of this event and littering by traveling vehicles. All this change will be noted for the Committee's consideration.

To Levaopolo, the Hon Prime Minister has already responded to the use of private vehicles you raised which will incorporate into our Regulations. The ambulance or the Fire Services should be contacted with regards to concerns like and whenever we have emergencies, private vehicles should also take heed of the public and their safety.

Fonotoe, the concern with penalties was also raised yesterday, there is a difference between an offence resulting in death and an offence causing injury, the two should not share the same penalty, so yes you are correct, will improve on that amendment. Those are a few things that I have noted and clarified lest they are being raised again, respectfully.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member of Anoamaa East. Make it short please.

**Afioga ALAIASA MUAGUTUTIA MOEFAAUO MALAGAITUTOGIAI SEPULONA MOANANU (Anoamaa East):** Praise God for His divine authority to the Sitting of Samoa this morning. In spite of what we do behind, this is where our submissions are made in relation to this matter.

This Constituency supports this Bill. Although this concern has very little percentage of those affected it is taking us forever to deliberate it. I thank God for His protection upon us from this ungrateful acts. I trust that those engaged with this doing should put a stop to this as policies and penalties are now in place.

Personally the LTA should consider outlawing the slow drivers because some of them take their time talking on their cell phones whilst we have a queue of 40 vehicles lining up behind. In this regard, penalties should also be made for such drivers because by the time you want to take over, this person will get angry and end up wanting to race with you. This is foolish thinking to some of our people that should be outlawed because they are causing problems to other travellers in public roads. With respect, bless the Chairperson, Speaker and this morning.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, we also missed this good point by the member of Anoamaa East. Well done thank you.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polaitaivo Leuatea:** Mr Speaker...

**Susuga Hon LAAULI POLATAIVAO LEUATEA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. We exalt the Almighty Father for we have once again gathered in the fields of Tiafau this morning. Reflecting back to this 5 years of our journey, we have made other places as our meeting grounds nonetheless, we give God praise having us back to the chosen fields of Samoa.

Hon Minister we support the incidences and the breaching of traffic Laws due to vehicles travelling on the roads. Lest our thoughts is taken the wrong way forgetting the positive side to it. With respect, car racing is like a global sport. Like the words of the Hon Prime Minister, it is an event that can create overwhelming things. Some have commented on vehicle destructions or demolition of vehicles however our thoughts and intentions are different from those who initiated these views.

Just an advice, isn't it about time for these sports events to press through by creating laws to legalize them. Set up provisions for car racing, bike racing or even car shows. I have witnessed these events set up by these associations and so many people are showing interest by attending them to show support.

I ask the State and Cabinet to have a look into this new initiative that has entered the country. It is something similar to the international fishing games event and even a horse race. There will be a time for those living abroad to enter the country and take part in these events. Mr Speaker, you must put in place appropriate measures and conditions for these car racing events to go through. We have seen the establishment of these car racing associations and how interested the public is with this type of event. We have seen the Shoemaker and all the other famous sports figures worldwide. This is their sport however, some have taken advantage of them by putting deaths on the road, as such I am with you Hon Minister on this legislation. Give these car racers a chance to set up something for them in this field, it is such an event which is vital to create further contribution and push for our economy.

That is the support from this Constituency to adopt this doing for those who are interested and set up a car racing activity in the country and take into account safety and security for the people.

This is the advice with due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member of Faleata West. Be brief.

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**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West):** I extend great appreciation to the Speaker. Who would not want to give a short speech in this new house we are in.

I rise with pride and dignity for this work for who so willingly knew, we would reconvene in the lands of Tiafau or the grounds of Faautugatagi, such is the spirit of my upstanding and my speech will be quite lengthy on this Bill.

Thank you Hon Minister. Firstly, section 1.2 states, powers given to the police officers. In need of clarification Hon Minister, it appears that there is still a gap between the LTA and the Ministry of Police such that both Ministries hold the powers to execute this part of the Legislation. If this is the case, who exactly then do we see? If LTA impounds a vehicle, the person will have to go to LTA and if it is the Police, then the Police will also be seen. Can you clarify this part of the legislation?

Another concern is the racing area for this events, some of them is the roundabout in the town clock area because in the past, the double lane at Mulinuu was the main area for these racings. For your consideration, isn't it about time to set up or install speed cameras like the CCTV along the roads for these car racers to assist and minimize car racing in the country.

I advise that in the future, these speed cameras should be installed in these particular areas where these car racing are done. With due respect thank you honorable Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Go on Hon Minister, do you have anything to say on this...

**Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang:** Mr Speaker I see that these are the same speakers yesterday yet again we are having them again. I repeat the speakers of today should not query Parliament again tomorrow. We will grant the chance whether it be new queries or what.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** We have met yesterday yet he has....be brief.

**Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUELU TEO:** The reason for upstanding is because the Hon Minister has already responded to the raising concerns yesterday. There is no intention to object. The only thing is that there are a few things that you have overlooked in your list, you are now reading out equipment...



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**MR SPEAKER:** I only remind all that we have more opportunities at the Committee.

**Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUELU TEO:** Now that penalties, loud speakers, and spotlights and slow drivers are being mentioned by the Hon Minister, however, I do wish to note the labeling of our town area roads. Road switch has been undertaken for quite some time now yet the old marks are still there. Another thing is the loud horns causing heart attack that is not covered in your statement, otherwise the rest has been covered.

With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member of Vaisigano No.2.

**Afioga TAPULESATELE MAUTENI TAMASONE METULI II ESERA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. In regards to imported vehicles given the approval from LTAF for classic vehicles or vintage bus because if these vintage vehicles are allowed in the country, they should be looked into and see if they are permitted. Another concern mentioned yesterday is that I would always see the LTA officers on the road instead of the Police like in the past. If the law suggests that both the Police and LTA officers are given equal powers that would be good. These are just a few issues your honor.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the issue regarding the overlapping functions between LTA and the Police is now before the Cabinet for its review. What's happening now is that it is like a horse with two heads whereby one head is going the other way and the other one is heading in the opposite direction. We are looking at the policies in regards to this matter and it will take some time for the Cabinet to decide on it although a decision is required urgently. The only thing with our people is that if they want to race they can buy a land but it should not be done on public roads. It is the same with the fishermen, they too have a sport and lease for their meetings which does not require the involvement of the Government.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, do you have additions Hon Minister.

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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** No Mr Speaker, only a few things here. Perhaps this member has forgotten that all these matters were given a response to yesterday. I only wanted to say thank you to the member of Faleata West for saying this is a short legislation rather I would like to omit this saying lest it spreads further. But thank you for all your recommendations. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. All's well set. The Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2019 was now read a second time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order the Bill will now be referred to the Infrastructural Sector Committee for review and report back to the Legislative Assembly in a future Sitting.

Since we now come to our normal break, the Legislative Assembly will suspend its proceedings for usual recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly set aside for normal break at 10:51am and resumed at 11:33am.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed. I trust that new energy has been regained for all to continue our business this morning, the same with all the heads of Government Ministries and Corporations and everyone joining us.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC SCHOOL OF  
AGRICULTURE AMENDMENT BILL 2019 – second reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

**Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I move with respect, *That the University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Amendment Bill 2019 now be read a second time and I wish to briefly elaborate it.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice and Court Administration.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Minister for your clarification of this Bill.

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**Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO:** Mr Speaker, this Bill seeks to amend the University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Act 1977 for the Attorney General to make amendments in relation to the current curriculum of today.

From 1977, it is 2017 now, this is 2019, which means that this legislation has almost reached its pension age. In this regard, amendments are appropriate for this Bill.

The main purpose for this legislation and its Principal Act 2017 that has long been administrated by the Ministry of Agriculture is based on trainings at that time specifically for farmers. Such is the initiated talks between the Chief Executive Officer and the USP to include amendments to this Bill. The objects of the Bill are to further clarify the existence of this Bill as a legal entity in Samoa and to give effect to the University of the South Pacific Convention recognizing the University of the South Pacific in Samoa and other Member Countries of the University. The Principal Act does not clearly specify the introduction of the Bill and the definition of terms, significant sections in comparison to other Regulations in support of this Bill such as the Minister of Education; the University belongs to all the Pacific islands and the convention signed by Samoa on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 in the Marshall Island. This convention should be specified in the Principal Act which provides for consultations on issues involving Samoa and partners of the University of the South Pacific.

These are the significant parts and reason why the amendments to this Bill were introduced in recognition of the Principal Act agreements and provisions for agricultural trainings.

The Bill provides for Amendment to: Clause 2 and Clause 5 ‘amends the title of the principal Act by omitting “School of Agriculture 2019 and substitute hereby with the University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture 2019.

The University in Clause 8 and its Principle Act 1977, the USP is named after the South Pacific Agriculture Act 1977, school of the University of the South Pacific or the School of Agriculture Alafua Samoa.

Another amendment of the Legislation states the insertion of a new section for Part 4 which is, ‘leases and assets for the Land Board to release land lease to the University to be used for 60 years commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1977 based on the agreement between the University and the State.

Thirdly, inserting another new part called miscellaneous to clearly provide legal provisions to the University in order for them to make decisions and power that applies to this legislation in accordance to lands allocated to implement the works of the University.

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Another new amendment is the power of Le Ao o leMalo in relation to matters necessary or expedient to carrying out the purposes of the Principal Act.

Substitutes schedule of the Principal Act hence such amendments will therefore officiate the Principal Act 1977 to be called – University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture 2019.

This is the sole purpose for this Bill for the works of the University of the South Pacific moving forward. For everyone's interest, we have had various programs by the University of the South Pacific in Alafua that will enable our students to stay and pursue education here instead of going to Fiji. Those are a few amendments with all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well thanks. I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker personally I wish to acknowledge the Hon Minister and the Ministry. The main amendment here is the naming of this University as the University of the South Pacific period. At the start the school of agriculture was mainly at Avele College. And the School of Agriculture and its branch in relation to agricultural products was here. Following this, most of the countries have now set up their own school of agriculture in colleges through University branches. To my own interpretation and heeding the good works of the Minister and in the words of the comedian Petelo, 'it is half of it not whole'. Therefore, the University we had was not whole until we had this amendment. The core development for any country is land but children are finding it hard to take...we have various scholarships for this field of agriculture. Some of us here have forgotten that the most famous people in the country are those specialists in the field of agriculture with PhD. We currently have one heading the Scientific Research Organization of Samoa or SROS.

Some are taking it lightly because of the fact that they have to plant the taro shoot or coconut tree, yet it is a profession that can take you to the top level. Now that this school is now called the University of the South Pacific and who knows in the future, we may include BA and MA for other fields like Engineering and so forth now that our university is made whole. Personally, this significant amendment has now been implemented for our University whilst thoughts can grow, although the University has long existed in Samoa yet amendments have been made to its name.

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Your honor, this Amendment is very significant in substitution to the name of the University to reflect a complete University instead of a half University. Have a blessed Sitting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thanks. Well there you have it the clear clarification in addition to the Hon Minister's statement. I trust that everyone is well versed given the objects of this legislation.

**Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA (Vaimauga East):** Mr Speaker is there a chance.

**MR SPEAKER:** Sure, I call the member of Vaimauga East.

**Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA:** Thank you. First up, thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister for this new Meeting House we are in this morning. Well done to your efforts for the sake of serving this country.

Firstly, thank you Hon Minister and your Associate Minister and the Ministry for this amendment to our University for the sake of our children and this field of agriculture.

This is a good opportunity for some of our courses in Fiji, because we have Vanuatu where we have the headquarters for Law and Education. This will call for teachers to come and work for us by paying tax to help generate us more income. Because in the School of Agriculture at Alafua, you must have a PhD which is the same level as the CEOs all for the sake of raising revenue for our economy as well as creating more employment for our children.

Although we have online courses but thankfully, we now have this University to attract our children instead of going abroad to pursue further studies.

By request to the Hon Minister see if possible to incorporate fisheries into the agriculture course for this University apart from the Maritime trainings school. Although I see that there are 12 countries in total attending this Agriculture school, you Hon Minister is still the Head of this school. All Ministers for these 12 countries will be under your watch in such a way to attract more training schools like this generate us more income and create more employment for our people.

Another thing is setting up bonuses or benefits for those studying at Alafua. According to one of the statements this morning, when a child tells her parents that she will attend the School of Agriculture in Alafua, the parents will reply, why attend that school again when our family is already poor.

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Regardless, the intention is to gain a Science degree so that they will be able to find solutions to all the diseases and things like that in the Science field. He does not have to work the soils rather they can become agricultural specialists.

In terms of awards, I suggest for bonus award for the graduates at the USP in Alafua in order for more students to pursue this field of education. I further acknowledge this online course for those in Savaii with a request to further extend this field towards other villages like Salelologa, Falealupo and Sataua.

I also support more land space for the USP in Alafua to enable the bringing in of schools in Fiji or any other country to increase the number of students and teachers to attend our university and to further boost our economy. With respect, this constituency wholly supports everything we have discussed for this University.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you. I call the member of Alataua West.

**Afioga ALIIMALEMANU ALOFA TUUAU (Alataua West):** Greetings everyone. Thank you Hon Minister for elaborating this legislation because during dispersal yesterday we were not able to capture full insight of this Bill. However, we now understand its entire purpose and therefore, this Bill should have everyone's full support. Because less than 80 people are taking this course rather this insight has given so much interest to students in order to sustain the running of this education.

I wholly support everything else including the powers of the Senate in this Chart in addition to other vital tasks in order to sustain this Legislation. The support is therefore there to remove the School of Agriculture as the University of the South Pacific is enough to pursue studies. The only thing with the powers of the Senate is to encourage New Programs and changes to Program stated in Section 29 whether we have followed procedures in making this name change from schools like the School of Law and the School of Agriculture because if so, then there is no need for further comment. That is all as I see that the Senate has the power to change Programs as trust there is knowledge of the employees to look into these areas.

Lastly if our aim is to bring this to Samoa, my concern is whether this will contradict with the National University of Samoa and its curricular, what is the plan behind this? Because if students will take BA Accounting at the NUS and this same field is also available at USP, then how does this work...

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In the meantime, I guess more review and thoughts will be on this matter to avoid any discrepancies between the 2 in the future. Regardless, at least education is now extended to our University of the South Pacific and this Bill that has my full support, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thanks, I allow the Hon Minister.

**Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO:** Very well thank you for all your contributions and recommendations. In accordance with our Pre-Sitting yesterday, it is good to have 2 universities for the time being for competition sake given these programs. In the view of the Council of the University of the South Pacific the importance of the availability for these educational programs in a country is good because all countries now have National Universities which is a competition heeding quality education and services.

Thank you for your comments and feedback and perhaps we will have further consultations in the future to further improve this legislation thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*The University of the South Pacific School of Agriculture Amendment Bill 2019 was read a second time.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order this Bill will now be referred to the Social Sector Committee for review and report back to the Legislative Assembly in a future Sitting.

**MOTION TO SET ASIDE STANDING ORDER 108(4)**

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister for the Motion.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move, *That Standing Orders 108(4) be set aside to allow the third reading of the Bills that had its consideration this Sitting day.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Health and the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.*

*Approved.*



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**ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019  
– third reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises, Lautafi.

**Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor):** Thank you Mr Speaker before I proceed I wish to thank you Mr Speaker and the State for this wonderful work we have witnessed today which has taken us as the firsts to have met in this Chamber for this Parliamentary term. I only wish to say for the sake of Samoa, this House is beautiful inside out. If you have a look at the posts made out of long fibers (afa) essence to our Samoan fale and ACC's contribution to our Meeting House. I rise with respect, *That this Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019 now read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Health.*

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

**SAMOAN LANGUAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL  
2019 - third reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

**Afioga Hon LOAU SOLA KENETI SIO:** Mr Speaker I move, *That the Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019 now be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Justice and Court Administration.*

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

**TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMENDMENT BILL 2019  
– third reading**

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

**Afioga Hon TIALAVEA FEA LENIU TIONISIO HUNT:** Mr Speaker I move, *That the Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019 now read a third time.*



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**Motion for Adjournment**

*Seconded by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.*

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

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister for the Motion.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move with respect to move, *That the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned until Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 9.00am.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and the Minister of Health.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Our scheduled works for this Sitting is now over and the Motion has been moved and seconded to adjourn our Sitting until Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at 9.00am.

*Motion approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Before we adjourn I wish to thank everyone toiling for the sake of our people and State. I wish to announce that we will have our photo shooting in front of the Parliament House for this Parliamentary term praise be to the Almighty Father for guiding us here today. With respect before we adjourn, I will end our Sitting with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 12:12pm until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 at 9.00am.*

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