

TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2019

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed.

MESSAGE FROM LE AO O LE MALO

The Speaker announced the Message from Le Ao O Le Malo.

MESSAGE for:

The Speaker:

Pursuant to Article 59 of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa, Consent is hereby given to the Legislative Assembly to consider the following Bill:

1. Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019.

GIVEN UNDER my hand this day Wednesday 18 January 2019”.

(Signed): **Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II**
OLE AO O LE MALO.

NOTICE FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE

Pursuant to Standing Order 76 of Parliament, Notice is hereby submitted to the Legislative Assembly to consider the following Bills:

1. Land Titles Bill 2019
2. Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2019

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Other Announcements by Mr Speaker

3. Samoan Language Commission Amendment Bill 2019
4. Returning Offenders Bill 2019
5. Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2019

GIVEN UNDER my hand this day 21st January in the year 2019.

(Signed): **Hon TUILAEPA Dr Sailele Malielegaoi**
 LEADER OF THE HOUSE

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: With respect, I take this opportunity to greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, esteemed members of Parliament on this first Sitting of the year. Seek God in everything we do for the success of Samoa and its support.

I also take this chance to greet the Judiciary, Ministry of Justice, the various Government enterprises in their ongoing effort in serving the State and the public through their callings especially in these Sittings.

A word of greeting to the Third Parliamentary Program for the general public 2019, for the sake of this Parliament we are in the presence of the representatives from the community at large given Parliament's Awareness Program initiated by the Office of the Legislative Assembly. The main objective of this program is to promote Parliamentary works and duties as well as the roles and functions of Parliamentary Committee through the chosen Members. This is the initial time for the civil society to be invited to take part in this program on the purpose to make them aware of the democratic parliamentary processes about their say/voice through their representatives they voted in Parliament. Such is the reminder, your voice and contribution to Parliament is submitted on your behalf by your representatives to the legislative process deliberated by Parliament in its daily sittings. This will enable the public to obtain clarification about the Laws passed from within this Parliament that they voted in. Part of this engagement program is the live proceedings of Parliament being observed and witnessed by these participants whilst it in session. On behalf of this Parliament, I wish to welcome you all here this morning with greatest respect.

May Gods' enduring love be upon you all whilst you engaged with the rest of your works in accordance to today's program.

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OBITUARY SPEECH

MR SPEAKER: We have the passing of PAU SEFO TAUMATA PAU on the 19th January 2019 that everyone is aware of including the Le Ao o le Malo, Members of the Council of Deputies, Leader of the House and the notable Parliament Members and Samoa.

Afioga PAU SEFO TAUMATA PAU has vied as a candidate for the Seat of Faasaleleaga No.2 Constituency for many years. Since his appointment in the general elections, God has departed his works whilst taking over the Seat for the Constituency of Faasaleleaga No.2 for the Parliamentary Session XVI from 2016 to 2021.

He was a member of the Standing Order, Electoral, Petition and Constitutional Offices Committee for the current Parliamentary term.

PAU SEFO TAUMATA PAU is a former member of the HRPP or the Human Rights Protection Party. As a former member of this Parliament, the member's seat is positioned with some flowers to symbolize seat vacant due to his passing earlier this year during the first Parliament session.

On behalf of this Parliament, we offer our deepest condolences and sympathy to his spouse and children, relatives and families as well as the entire constituency for the passing of Afioga PAU SEFO TAUMATA PAU.

I heed the House, may we stand for one minute of silence in respect to our fellow member who is now gone.

The House were upstanding for one minute to show respect for the passing member.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Clerk read out the Papers pursuant to Standing Orders.

1. P.P. 2018/2019 No.102, Annual Report of the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa 2017/2018.
2. P.P.2018/2019 No.103, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA – 13th EDITION) 2018.
3. P.P.2018/2019 No.104, Annual Report of the Samoa Trust Estates Corporation 2016/2017.
4. P.P.2018/2019 No.105, Annual Report of the Ministry of Health Samoa 2016/2017.
5. P.P.2018/2019 No.106, Annual Report of the Office of the Electoral Commissioner 2017/2018.
6. P.P.2018/2019 No.107, Annual Report of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure 2017/2018.

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7. P.P.2018/2019 No.108, Annual Report of the Samoa National Provident Fund 2018.
8. P.P.2018/2019 No.109, Annual Report of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme 2018.
9. P.P.2018/2019 No.110, Annual Report of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund 2017/2018.
10. P.P.2018/2019 No.117, Annual Report of the MNRE 2017/2018.
11. P.P.2018/2019 No.118, Annual Report of the Ministry for Revenue 2017/2018.
12. P.P.2018/2019 No.119, Annual Report of the UTOS (Management Limited) 30 June 2018.

PRESENTATION OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk read out the Parliamentary Committee Reports pursuant to Standing Orders 51(1).

1. P.P. 2018/2019 No.111, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the P.P.2018/2019 No.94, First Supplementary Estimates 2018/2019.
2. P.P.2018/2019 No.112, Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Electoral Bill 2018.
3. P.P.2018/2019 No.113, Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Electoral Commission Bill 2018.
4. P.P.2018/2019 No.114, Report of the Standing Orders Committee on P.P.2018/2019 No.35, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report of Narcotics Review.
5. P.P.2018/2019 No.115, Standing Orders Committee Report on P.P.2018/2019 No.62, Annual Report of the Public Trust Office for FY 2016/2017.
6. P.P.2018/2019 No.116, Standing Orders Committee Report on P.P.2018/2019 No.63, Annual Report of the Ombudsman Office 2016/2017.

MOTION BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Deputy Chairperson or the Deputy Speaker.

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Motion by the Parliamentary Commission

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI (Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee): Since this is the first Parliamentary Sitting for the commencement of this Parliament 2019, I trust that I should greet the everyone despite of God's calling upon one of the members, regardless, that is God's will. Greetings to the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and the notable members of Parliament, well done to all the works from the previous year. May God bless.

I also greet all the Chairpersons of all the Parliamentary Committees and the heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, Private entities of the State, great job on your commitments, God has seen all your hard works, well done.

Greetings to the Civil Society or the Village Representatives and women in our presence, thank you for being with us this morning.

To the most paramount traditional honorifics of the country from Le Ao o le Malo, Members of the Council of Deputies and Samoa at large, may God be glorified for all that we have achieved.

I specially wish to greet my Constituency of Gagaemauga No.3, no doubt I have your total support, bear with me as I contribute a word on your behalf for the decision-making of this Government.

Mr Speaker with respect I move, *That the Legislative Assembly approves the Sitting Program Schedule 2019/2020 in accordance to the approval of the Parliamentary Commission.*

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>28</i>				

That is the notice with respect. Thank you.

Seconded by the member for Palauli le Falefa.

Motion was approved for the Parliamentary Sitting Program Schedule 2019/2020.

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PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

1. Humble Petition by the Alii & Faipule of Saleaula

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 57(2), the Member will provide a brief statement on the presented Petition. Speaking on the following specified matters:

1. Specified people for this petition
2. Total number of petitioners signed
3. Main issues involved
4. Read out the purpose for this Petition

With respect, I recognize the member of Alataua West.

Afioga ALIIMALEMANU ALOFA TUUAU (Alataua West): Mr Speaker, this is a very fine morning given God's testimonies, his Love is renewed every day. We have witnessed His miracles through His grace upon all the members of this House, although we have the passing of one of our dear members and for Samoa tuning in, and His everlasting Guidance upon Samoa and in response to the many troubles engaged by the many countries of the world.

I rise with respect Mr Speaker, I present the Petition of the Alii and Faipule of Saleaula which states their objection upon the Electoral Bill 2018, under the signatures of ten village chiefs. The objectives of the Petition are:

1. The Territorial Constituency of Gagaemauga No.2 be maintained as an electoral constituency in the Electoral Constituencies Bill 2018, and alternatively;
2. That the Electoral Constituency Bill 2018 be deferred for the 2026 National Election, and to monitor the electoral roll for the 2021 General Election which should confirm the number of voters as per the residence requirement, to determine electoral constituencies for 2026.

The following objectives for this petition is well understood and precisely given permitting critical opportunities for the members of the public to progress Petitions like this in accordance to Parliamentary Standing Orders.

Mr Speaker and the House, this is the Petition of the Alii and Faipule of Saleaula with due respect.

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 57(3) I move the motion, *That the following Petition be read out.*

Bless our Sitting.

Seconded by the member for Salega East and the member for Vaisigano No.2.

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Motion approved.

The Clerk read out the Petition.

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA

The Humble Petition of Alii and Faipule of the village of Saleaula:-

SHEWETH:

1. That the Electoral Constituencies Bill 2018 referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Standing Orders, Petition and Constitutional Offices Committee to consider; processes to divide the territorial constituency of Gagaemauga No.2 comprising of the villages of Saleaula and Salamumu.
2. That the village of Saleaula and Salamumu are one and the same traditionally, and maintained close relationships because of families and the cultural honorifics and arrangement of sub-villages of Vaituutuu, Salapulou, Faletolu and Leano despite Salamumu being located in Upolu and Saleaula in Savaii.
3. That the village of Saleaula and Salamumu is one of the 6 Pule of Salafai. The proposed splitting of Saleaula and Salamumu has far-reaching adverse consequences for the people and future generations of Saleaula and Salamumu, as opposed to maintaining the Gagaemauga No.2 Territorial Constituency as an Electoral Constituency.
4. That there are some Territorial Constituencies that have been maintained as Electoral Constituencies in the Electoral Constituency Bill 2018, that have far less number of voters that the Territorial Constituency of Gagaemauga No.2.
5. That the Electoral Bill 2018 also referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition & Constitutional Offices Committee to consider, proposes to make compulsory people voting in the constituency they reside in, except for a matai residing in another constituency.
6. That the current electoral roll does not indicate an accurate number of voters per Electoral Constituency according to the residence requirement. This can only be determined after the closing of registration for the 2021 General Election roll.

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7. That if the numbers of voters are the determining factor in confirming an Electoral Constituency, then the number of voters for each proposed Electoral Constituency in the Electoral Constituency Bill 2018, should be confirmed first, as per the Electoral Bill 2018 requirement for voters to vote in the Electoral Constituency they reside in.
8. Wherefore the Alii and Faipule of Saleaula pleads that:
 - 1) The Territorial Constituency of Gagaemauga No.2 be maintained as an electoral constituency in the Electoral Constituencies Bill 2018, and alternatively;
 - 2) That the Electoral Constituency Bill 2018 be deferred for the 2026 National Election, and to monitor the electoral roll for the 2021 General Election which should confirm the number of voters as per the residence requirement, to determine electoral constituencies for 2026.

ALII AND FAIPULE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALEAULA

Representatives of Faletolu Council

Levaopolo Esekia (Saleaula) Alofipo Peteli (Saleaula)

Representatives of Salapulou Council

Faasootauloa Malosi (Saleaula) Laufou Faamanu (Saleaula)

Representatives of Leano Council

Ua Mulivai (Saleaula) Matuavao Galuega (Saleaula)

Representatives of Vaituutuu Council

Aufai Tuaniu (Saleaula) Vaaaoao Asuelu (Saleaula)

Semau Iafeta (Saleaula) Fepuleai Attila M. Ropati (Vaitele)

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(4), I instruct that the Petition be tabled before the House hence the Petition will be referred to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition and Constitutional Offices Committee for review and report back to the Legislative Assembly.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2018/2019
– second reading debate**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order, debate will progress on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019.

This is the opportunity for Members to speak on the Budget. As a reminder, all statements must be directed to the financial areas and the economy of Samoa as well as financial procedures and policies. I also remind that we will not go into detail as such will prolong our time. You are only permitted to speak on the details during the consideration of the bill after deliberations on the second reading.

This is the chance for members to speak on the First Schedule of the Supplementary.

I call the member for Vaimauga East.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA (Vaimauga East): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. Greetings to the House from the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Chairpersons of the Parliamentary Committees, Female Members of Parliament who were called by God through the people of this country to assist in the economy and the welfare of Samoa. Greetings to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, well done on your services for this country, our journey has been safely guarded through the power of God. Lest we forget the support of Le Ao O le Malo Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano and your Good Lady, unforgettably the ordained clergymen of God for various church denominations around the country, your prayers and fastings have been highly admired for the wellbeing and blessings upon Samoa. Greetings also to my Constituency of Vaimauga East, well done to your prayers and support. I also greet the heads of all Government Ministries and Corporations as well as the Private Companies and Businesses tasked with serving this Government. Here with us are our guests who have come to witness our live proceedings in the House for as they rarely tune in to Parliament sessions on the radio. Your presence and support this morning is just magnificent.

I acknowledge the Hon Minister for this Budget Statement well done on the wise economic distribution that has the blessings of God. We do not have the resources such as oil and so forth to secure further income for our economy; rather we depend on the means made available to us from God. I also extend acknowledgements to the Ministry of Finance and the new Chief Executive who looks quite in his youth years which is good as these are the kind of people that we need in assistance to the country and the Hon Minister.

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As for the Supplementary Appropriation beforehand, I would interpret it as an engagement to Tapuania. Why is this? Because some are happy and some are sad, why sad? Because some have earned a few cents to their salaries however not everyone is sharing the same benefit otherwise, at least the low income level has been recognized. I wish to note the salaries for public servants as I too have been a public servant myself for some years. This salary increment is covered in this supplementary budget when we all know that this supplementary is for unforeseen circumstances or things that are limited to our strengths, therefore I am confused for it seems that this is an urgent move perhaps due to the new appointment of the Chief Executive Officer (of Finance) personally, this salary raise should have come from the Main Budget. Regardless, like I said, the main thing is that the prayers of the public have been answered. On this note, I request the consideration of the CEO level and their share of this benefit for the coming year. In saying this, we do not know the will of God upon them (current CEOs) whether some will not make it next year whilst some will end their contracts this year when statement has it that the salary raise for the CEO level and the Parliament Members level will be effective in 2020. These group levels has the support and assistance of the family, village and the constituency whether it be \$1 yet it is stated that this will be effective in the coming year and the funds is sufficiently available. Have a look into this and whether the CEO level and Members are inclusive.

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

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: It has taken over two weeks since you received this Statement for you to look at. This is one Member who has not had any idea what this Statement is all about. Perhaps if he would have full insight of this matter, he would not have spoken like this. We are not talking about 2020, we are discussing this year that has the commencement of this benefit. The State has not given this Notices once or twice, the Salary Tribunal has the arrangement of this salary scale.

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The Salary Tribunal was set up in 2001-2006, therefore the State is not entitled to make any changes in this process, the salary arrangement is done by the Tribunal Salaries who have the knowledge and understanding in sorting out these salaries for all public servants to be in line with the private sector and to ensure that it does not have any impact on the present selling price. As such, a strike was conducted against the State due to the incautious arrangement of salary arrangement neither thorough review of professionals in the past. I think we had this Report in November monitoring the salary arrangement in alignment with the private sector to be able to set a benchmark for the things we demand as higher demands could lead to further demands. Whether we earn billions in our salary however, that will never meet the demands. The main objective of the State is security to our economic status, lest the State makes an advance move to these salary raise and later on impact the private sector where the majority of employment is available for the children of Samoa. Mr Speaker, note the two weeks that has gone since we have this Report and the Statement of the Minister of Finance for members to go through to avoid further clarifications from our Side.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, clarifications to the raising concerns of the member has been well stated. I call the member for Vaimauga East.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker, this is the Hon Prime Minister's personal view whilst the speech of Vaimauga East...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, this is not my own personal view, these are based on the principles of the HRPP in which we make the effort to elaborate and explain.

MR SPEAKER: Mr Speaker, well those are the principles of the HRPP. You may resume.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: I will move on whereas for salary raise for the Members of Parliament in comparison to overseas countries the level of salary is high which is true as that is...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, that is a different statement.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Vaimauga East.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILIILI TUIVASA: I move on to the senior citizens pension and the benefit of free traveling between Upolu and Savaii because some senior citizens are unable to share this benefit due to sickness at home, hence see if possible to extend this benefit to the ill citizens at home by way of cash of say \$200tala, because it seems that the strong are enjoying the benefit whilst the sick are not... I think the Minister is trying to respond...

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I allow the Hon Minister of Finance.

Afioga Sili Epa Tuioti (Minister of Finance): Thank you for the raising matter. A current investigation is undertaken for a new pension arrangement for the senior citizens between the National Provident Fund, Samoa Shipping Corporation, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance. As noted by the member, not all pensioners get to travel between Salelologa and Mulifanua but that is one way to look at, raise the pension per month to pay for the ferry fares and medical supplies to provide equal opportunities for these pensioners. So perhaps when we have the Main Budget 2019/2020 discussion, we will have the findings to these investigations for this new pension arrangement. That is the notices, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Lend me your patience... I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this recommendation is vitally important. The member has earned one point for this. I have highlighted this point in red and the response by the Hon Minister on pension raise for the pensioner to use either medical supply or travelling on the ferry because based on suspects, families are also receiving panadols using these pensions. These are the kind of in depth comments that would have Cabinet's urgent approval because they are well taken.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I call the member for Palauli le Falefa.

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Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Palauli le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. It looks like the blame is on us who does the traveling. The current arrangement has \$400,000 for passengers ferry fare and \$1800 for medical treatment that is a total of \$2,300,000.

The allotted amount here is \$626,000 for the first six months before the raise this June. For the whole year, the raising amount will be \$1,200,000 per \$10. \$200 is good and repeal the other two. With respect.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Well you see...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker, just this small...taken from observation...

MR SPEAKER: Is that a point of order or point of clarification.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Point of order.

MR SPEAKER: You cannot correct the statement of another member, otherwise be brief.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: The statement of the member is well taken, not that the Prime Minister has given the scolds yet he now states positive comments, that is very important. I am confused, I see that he did not take it well at first yet again he agrees...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Point of order, I did not give any scold. I was advising, Olo I was advising.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, do you want to speak member for Falealili East?

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu (Falealili East): Mr Speaker, in compliance with our Standing Orders, the only persons to be given permission for corrections are the Prime Minister or the Minister. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: That is exactly correct. This is why I like the member of Falealili East because he has the keenness to read the Standing Orders.

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On that, I advise the member of Salega East to read the Standing Order thoroughly.

I call the member for Vaimauga East.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker, I appreciate the Hon Minister. Sili, your name has a meaning, you are called Sili because you can do greater things, you strive for the best and in return you will succeed because of your name. The only difference with your name is the person in second place to you, your name does not have ‘manaia’ (beautiful) like mine, Sulamanaia. If you have that too, then you are top too.

Mr Speaker, the salary scale for Principal levels is specified mainly for those under the Public Service Commission and the Treasury given that they are the overseers at this level. A principal is a principal. Given the hard work engaged by the Ministry for Revenue in collecting and distributing of revenue, I request the insertion of pay increase for the Principal levels of this Ministry to be in line with the Government salary. This is a good initiative by the Government but we must take the Private Sector into consideration. I do not intend to speak for the larger companies but individual business operators who cannot afford to pay their employees that do not share the same benefit for these salary increase. I also take this chance to voice deepest condolence to God’s calling upon one of our fellow members, Sefo Pau, who was with me during my son’s last time with us. May God be with Ana and the kids at this time of sorrow and do not worry, Sefo is now in everlasting life. In Jesus name Amen.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you member of Vaimauga East. This is the chance for another member. I see the member for Urban East is ready, all the best to the member.

Afioga FAUMUINA ASI PAULI WAYNE FONG (Urban East): Thank you Mr Speaker and thank God for this blessed morning, acknowledging the presence of the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy.

Prime Minister, Hon Ministers, Associate Ministers and members of that Side. The intention is submissions for improvement as well as recommendations for the enjoyment of everyone.

First of all Hon Minister of Education, I appreciate the set plans for the students education and the results of the previous years which was a success. A student that works hard will gain wisdom whilst those who do not, bear nothing.

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Given our Supplementary Budget, I request some financial assistance for the registration of new and existing students. I see that the supplementary has gone up for the education sector which is good however not all students bear the same benefit. This is because if I have four to five children attending the University, no doubt I will have financial struggles. Hon Minister of Works, the issue is the insufficient funds for your Ministry. Hopefully we will get the green light to better the roads for both the East and the West and the request to the Samoa Land Corporation. This is the main concern for the settlements in Siusega and Falelauniu which have grown in number, however the roads is the main concern. That is the submission for your consideration.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the pardon of the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Thank you for the opportunity. I do not intend to interrupt the interesting speech of the notable member. However I wish to respond whilst we are on this topic, the insufficient funds for road improvement comes under the main estimate as clearly stated in the budget whereas the increased appropriation is for salaries only. The roads fix by the SLC or Samoa Land Corporation are all under the Land Transport Authority or LTA, whereas I plead that for all submissions regarding road fix, I need your patience as there are various road development works engaged by the LTA particularly the roads for the upcoming Pacific Games in Tuanaimato which is the key priority at this stage. We will come to road maintenance for Vaitele and Falelauniu soon that is the plan, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member...

Afioga FAUMUINA ASI PAULI WAYNE FONG: Thank you Hon Minister, it is clear now whom to see for these improvements, very well I will be patient, this patience can last forever.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: In assistance to this very matter on road works, that is the objective, once you have given your submission on road improvement, the list is carried on even when we come to the year 2021, the program for road development continues.

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It is however disappointing to see that some members forget that the supplementary is for the purpose of additional funds alone, whereas our Main Proposals lies within the Main Estimate which is an ongoing process. There are some things that needs to be carried out such as in the American Government which is better known as one of the richest countries in the world, everything is budgeted covering the plans that are unachieved within a year. You may have heard that in America today, everything is put on hold until the budget is approved whilst for us, our plans are still pressed through regardless of this supplementary appropriations, the budget is still carried on from the Main Estimate.

MR SPEAKER: I accept the current speaker.

Afioga FAUMUINA ASI PAULI WAYNE FONG: Thank Hon Prime for your assistance, those are being followed up. The personal view was relayed for the benefit of the country. Hon Minister of Finance, the school building of Vailoa has burned down yet school is starting soon. I trust that the insurance is there given your distribution and by request if possible to build an urgent one as the children are currently schooling from home. The school committee is also requesting the same. Those are some of the submissions for now, thank you. Mr Speaker, may God bless your health so that you can fulfill your duties.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the raising matter by the member on the burned school building of Siumu is very important, but this is good move by the State such as insuring all school buildings in assistance to the Insurance Companies. However, one of the conditions of these Insurance Companies is that they can never release any funds only/unless the investigations are finished. Although it is shocking to discover that during the fire, people were still around and no one was able to contact the fire service station nearby. For cases like this, I advise that villages like this appoint a committee that is keen and capable of overseeing school buildings as well as those who are on duty because there are families that look after these properties. This is the sort of thing that also happened with our market so that people are able to dial the emergency number as soon as something is on fire. If the investigation confirms that the fire was instigated by someone from the Committee then no insurance is required, those are the conditions.

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Afioga FAUMUINA ASI PAULI WAYNE FONG: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for your correct assistance. For the sake of the Vailoa Committee and the School Committee, that is a requirement you must take. As for the road fix to the State, that is the request for assistance, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, the floor is now available for further speakers. I see the member for Lefaga and Faleaseela, I recognize the member.

Afioga TOLEAFOA KEN VAAFUSUAGA POUTOA (Lefaga & Faleaseela): Mr Speaker and the esteemed House, I wish not to speak upon the honorifics of this country as already it has been mentioned. I will speak directly on the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2018/2019 before Parliament. Hon Minister of Finance, well done on the smart distribution of this supplementary budget that has my total support, great job also for farsighted wisdom for the raising salaries for the public service starting from low level structures. In addition, great appreciation for the raising pensions for our senior citizens. Hon Minister of Justice, note the payment for interim order. I note that the salary increase will become effective soon however, the Ministry should consider the interim orders.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the good works starting from the roads of Saina towards the airport. I also acknowledge the enhanced works for our Faleolo Airport in specific the elevated passageway for passengers which extend from the airport terminal to the airplane. Hon Minister of Airways, I see that another new plane is soon to arrive, well done on that. I note the strong support of the public towards our Airline Company, however I wish to relay a few lacking services that requires a push for the better.

Hon Minister of Health, I see that the rural health clinic services will be improved through our Women's Committee or Komiti Tumama. Just to note the request of this Constituency, we do not have any health clinic service yet. I also take this chance to submit our sincere gratitude to the State for the successful medical operation undertaken upon one of the members of this constituency who was taken to India.

May God bless the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, honorable Speaker may you also find good health mostly in spirit. May God bless Samoa's paramount meeting, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you, great job on this speech that is thorough and brief. I call now the member of Gagai fomauga No.3.

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Afioga FAAULUSAU ROSA DUFFY STOWERS (Gagaifomauga No.3): Thank you Mr Speaker, greetings to everyone in the House, before I speak on the Supplementary Budget 2018/2019, I wish to express my sincerest condolences to Ana and the children given God's calling, and sincerest sympathy to Tafua whose mother has also passed away.

Even if the previous member was given the scold or advice by the Hon Prime Minister, I will recognize anything with gratitude. Personally, the stated estimates from the start of the year should complete the Main Budget. Whether we have addition to the second schedule, I trust that is...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr Sailele Malielegaoi: That is the intention for all Nations of the world, not to have any addition neither reduction. However that is impossible. Even bigger Nations filled with intelligent people find it hard to fulfill this doing? Why? One can never predict the happenings of tomorrow apart from God. Even with the advancing knowledge we have in this world into planning budgetary accounts for the next 12 months, it will never be correct. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. Therefore, only God can foretell the events that will occur in the next 12 months which is the truth.

Many Nations and outside experts bring in knowledge on advance theory or book learning however the world we live in is real and we can never forecast what will happen tomorrow. That is the theory by the majority of experts around the world who says by definition that an expert, "is somebody that knows little of everything until he reaches the stage where he knows absolutely nothing about everything". Mentally this is their theory which is impossible as the only source of events in the future is God alone.

MR SPEAKER: The Hon Prime Minister's assistance is well stated.

Afioga FAAULUSAU ROSA DUFFY STOWERS: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the interjection. Now I have received most of the scold than the earlier speaker before me. But...

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

MR SPEAKER: I will leave it to the Prime Minister...

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr Sailele Malielegaoui: Again I rise on these things which concerns the Standing Order. Our Standing Order acts as a guide, point of order and point of clarification, this is not a scold which is a term that does not exist in our Standing Order. No the point is, either it is a point of order or point of clarification. Therefore, this is no correction but clarification.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiliili Tuivasa: Mr Speaker something to clarify.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the pardon of the member, I beg forbearance members let me as we proceed to the Orders of the day. The member will resume his speech when we come back from our break.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly suspended at 10.48am and resumed at 11.30am.

Deliberations over the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019 resumed.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you that we have restored energy to resume our Proceedings today. I ask the member of Gagaifomauga No.3 to carry on with your speech.

Afioga FAAULUSAU ROSA DUFFY STOWERS: Thank you Mr Speaker, I trust we have been rejuvenated from our morning break.

I heed appreciation to the Hon Minister for Revenue for the contributing effort in regards to our revenue earnings. I also acknowledge the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises for the improved works reflected in our income earnings through the inclusive of dividends to make up our budget. I query the statutory payments in credit form. Nonetheless, great job for all the good works. I too give my full support on this Supplementary Budget 2018/2019. I also heed appreciation to the Ministry of Education for the grants allocated through the State to assist with this year's education plans including 30% portion of this fund for teachers' salary according to this manual. For your information the mission schools are also getting this assistance from the State.

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However, this grant should have a greater allocation for teachers' salary because for our church we have slightly over 50% of this allocation for teachers' salary and the rest goes to school fees and other amenities in the school.

However the current supplementary budget states the combination of this grant towards the funding of resources and in assistance to the teachers' pay. This new undertaking adds to the central offices for Mission Schools whereby these grants are directly made for distribution. With tight restrictions imposed on this manual for teachers salary, I suggest that the Ministry consider this respect in assistance to Principals and their collaborating efforts with the teachers in this profession because if 30% is equivalent to \$21,000 allocated for teachers salary, it would be complicated to distribute this amount but that is the suggestion for you to look at. Finally I request the inclusion of the fields of Aopo into your implementation list of 2020-2021, with respect, from us on the opposition side, those are our submissions and concerns for your consideration. I beg indulgence if we have made any mistakes, may it rest in your gentle hearts. With greatest respect. Bless the Sitting of Samoa.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member of Gagaifomauga No.3 who is one of the female members of this House. The floor is now available for any more speakers.

I see the cheerful member of Vaisigano No.2, you may proceed.

Afioga TAPULESATELE MAUTENI TAMASONE METULI II ESERA (Vaisigano Nu.2): Thank you Mr Speaker and the Legislative Assembly of Samoa. I also give God praise for bringing us into another new year.

In remembrance of our dear loved ones who have passed from parents, children and esteemed members of this House and deepest sympathy to the wife (of Sefo Pau) and the children for God's calling upon one of the dear fellow members of this House.

Mr Speaker, I greet the members of this House from the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet, Associate Ministers and this Side of the House.

I also greet the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Government heads of various Ministries and Corporations. I also greet Le Ao O le Malo and his Masiofo, members of the Council of Deputy and his Masiofo. I also greet the Servants of God, most especially my constituency of Vaisigano No.2.

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Mr Speaker, I point now to the Supplementary Budget 2018/2019 beforehand, there is belief that the Hon Minister and the Ministry's view on all works from the First Schedule of this Supplementary Budget and the intention of the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and the State is precisely clear. Personally I feel that great emphasis is set on public service salary raise for this supplementary budget. Hence I appreciate all those who were involved in this undertaking from the Ministry of Finance, Minister for Revenue and the State.

Mr Speaker before I conclude, I convey my sincere acknowledgement to the proper undertaking and preparation of this adequate budget statement in respect to all the state undertakings and developments most particularly for the benefit of the public including this constituency.

Mr Speaker, the borehole of Sataua will soon be ready for consumption yet thank you Hon Minister of Works. This good undertaking will be beneficial for those living close by including government officials working near it.

Mr Speaker, I further extend great thanks to the Hon Minister of Works for accepting our request to build good roads for Fagasa which began the end of last year up to this year. Furthermore the roads extending to the Mormon Church also needs upgrading as more settlers are joining this land space, although more road improvement requests were put forward for our district, we hope all will be taken into consideration.

Mr Speaker, I take this opportunity to express thanks to the Hon Minister of the Electric Power Corporation for the streetlights along the main road however we still need more light installations for the inner roads and areas near the church as well as the port used by the fishermen and perhaps a request for solar lights to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

Mr Speaker, I also thank the Hon Minister of Health for the merging process that is soon to be undertaken. I need your assistance for a doctor for the rural health clinic as the doctor only manages to visit once a week, however a sick patient arriving on Monday cannot wait to see that doctor on a Friday. I also extend great thanks to our nurses who have set higher standards in terms of qualifications compared to the past. Well done on all the good works for us.

MR SPEAKER: You have two more minutes.

Afioga TAPULESATELE MAUTENI TAMASONE METULI II ESERA: The proposed hospital for Savaii in Sataua totally has my agreement. Sataua is a very convenient location that is central within this part of Savaii in support of the Tuasivi hospital that is also central on this other side of this island. Great job for the students results this year.

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On this note, I support the Supplementary Budget 2018/2019 and well done to all the respective members from the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and the Executives for all the completed projects for the country. Have a blessed Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member of Vaisigano No.2. I recognize the member of Falealili.

Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUEL TEO (Falealili East): I trust that new energy has been restored for everyone. Great thanks to the Speaker for the prayer hence I will now speak directly on the Supplementary Budget 2018/2019. I wish everyone a happy new year. Before further a due, I offer my sincere condolence to Ana and the children for the passing member of this House and his wise decision and contribution to the works of the Standing Orders Committees which was of great significance. On to the tabling Supplementary Budget, I submit my whole support.

I see that majority of the appropriation is on salary increase mainly for the employees in the bottom level as they too are doing most of the work.

Secondly Hon Minister of Health, is there a committee that looks after quality control for the importation of goods. Because I have experienced this in one of the family matters I attended in regards to boxes of herring. One of the boxes I saw had a brand new label on the outside but inside, the herrings were expired. The major concern is the purchasing process for this particular herring box because the chiefs would take the box to the shop and sell it to get money and the process continues on until someone opens the box to find the problem inside it. It is also noticeable that there are existing expiry items displayed on the shelves for some shops like milk and so forth requiring health inspections for the sake of the public. That is one recommendation.

Thank you Hon Minister of Works for finding the road contractor to fix our roads even though I know that your main priority now is the upcoming Pacific Games, that said, I will not make any further requests other than road fix for this constituency. On to the Ministry of Environment and the land lease registrations and land ownerships rights whether possible to obtain further information on this matter specifically for church and business building.

Further recommendations for the Hon Minister of Health, regardless of all the good works achieved, your hands and portfolio centralizes life and death. In regards to our rural health clinics, last week I took one of the old ladies to Poutasi and found out that the doctor on duty at the time had to get the proper instructions such as the correct injection for treating the patient from the main hospital.

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Even medical processes like ambulance service to pick up the patient because it takes about three persons to see before the ambulance actually gets to the sick and by the time it arrives, the patient is already dead. This is reason why this person was transported in my vehicle through emergency. Is there any other way to treat emergency cases in the rural areas?

I pray God to restore more good health upon you Mr Speaker and the Leader of the country, Cabinet and everyone in the House, have a blessed Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you member of Falealili. The floor is now available for any further comments. I call the member of Falealili West as the member for Falealili East is done.

You may proceed.

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO (Falealili West): Mr Speaker and the significant Parliament, I see that my fellow member of Falealili East has already made his remarks, I shall not repeat your honorifics.

I firstly convey special thanks to the Hon Minister of Finance in accordance to the Supplementary Budget for this year in assistance to the works of this Government. In addition, to assist the three conferences which we are hosting as reiterated by the Hon Prime Minister. Mr Speaker I only wish to make a few submissions for the sake of this constituency.

For the sake of SROS, is it possible to find ways to revive the objective for our New Guinea yams as the seed is no longer available making it difficult to replant this crop?

On to the Fisheries Division, I seek your assistance towards the floating buoys that have been destroyed along the shoreline of Poutasi.

In regards to communication, I recently went on a trip to Turkey and the Digicel sim cards we are using can reach Turkey which is really good, however, the constituency of Falealili does not have access to this communication. Perhaps a new post could be installed in the sea for communication lines to reach our constituency.

To the Ministry of Finance, I heed the STEC in regards to cocoa and coconut and whether it is possible to share the drive for this development for our locals to build up on.

To the Ministry of Health, we request the need for female doctors who are under contracts basis for us in the rural area to avoid the traveling of people all the way to Apia and to reduce expenditure.

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On to the Environment, I guess the main theme for our previous conference that took place in Poland was climate change. I humbly request for more trees and plants to be planted within our constituency given the project by the State on planting million plants in the previous year. Our constituency situates more springs which therefore has the benefit of plant growth to produce water for our people.

Ministry of Works, I take this chance to express great appreciation for the tendering process for a new building construction for our Secondary School at Poutasi and Saleilua. Perhaps we will find time to proceed with this undertaking. Other priority areas that were suggested by the State is us being the host country which we pray for including all the works that your Ministry is currently going through for our access roads.

To the Water Authority, some of our settlers have relocated themselves along the areas where these access roads have been improved and thereby require water supply and electricity.

Another thing for the sake of the Ministry of Works and Transport is the development of several roads without any signage such as the road at Leulumoega and the road in Falealili and Sapunaoa. Another concern is the two lane road and the need for signage to locate and label the inside and outside lane taking into account speed limits and the like.

I extend great appreciation to the Hon Minister of Health for all the hard work engaged by your Ministry seven days a week, 24 hours a day and in regards to day and night shifts which is no easy job.

I now direct my statement to the Committee Report on page 41 which states the Labour and Employees Act 1972. This Act has been repealed yet it is still stated in this Report. The existing Act in progress is the Labor and Employees Act 2013. I guess the main subject matter in talks today is the minimum wage because reference to the private sector's existing minimum wage of \$2.30 is good compared to the previous minimum wage of \$2.00 in previous years. At the current the probation period for a none skill worker after three months, the employer has the discretion as to whether to raise the minimum wage to either \$2.50 or \$3.00 depending on the eligibility/skill of this particular worker. Otherwise the current minimum wage of \$2.30 for the private sector is appropriate.

In conclusion....

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minister of Public Enterprises: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me member of Falealili I...

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Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO: So until the 3 month probation period is up, the employer has the right to raise the minimum wage for that main person to either \$2.30 or \$3.00 relying on the capability of that person. The minimum wage of \$2.30 is just right. Well I voice...

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me member of Falealili West, I allow the interjection of the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labor.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: Thank you for the opportunity, I do not intend to interrupt the wonderful speech of the member however I notice that three members have raised the same concern on minimum wage lest more members rise up and raise the similar matter, it is best that I clarify now. The member for Falealili West and other members are correct on the current minimum wage review as this matter seems like a Pet subject today.

There is State's plans through the Ministry of Labour to fully review the old Labour Employment Relation Act stated by the member. This rightfully involves the minimum wage review. As the member suggests, despite where you work, the minimum wage is set by the State so that no employee is below this minimum wage. We have specialists who are assisting the Ministry in reviewing this Act entirely. Part of this vital task is this minimum wage review under this Act. More consultations is required for this review process. Because this does not necessarily involve the Private Sector alone, this minimum wage affects everyone in the country.

That is the clarification for the sake of members who have yet to take the floor, the Ministry is going through that process before we have the Cabinet's resolution as to the minimum wage we must have given the State's decision on this matter, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I guess the member of Falealili is clear now, I recognize the member.

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO: Mr Speaker and the dignified House, thank you for the clarification Hon Minister. I support this too, I greet Falealili in all your honorary salutations, well done to your prayers and support upon the successful achievement of your two representatives, who are representing you in the decision-making of Samoa.

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Hon Prime Minister and that Side of the House, may God have mercy upon us. May God also bless the Speaker and may He grant you good health to serve our country, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you...

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

MR SPEAKER: I permit the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I wish to add a bit to this very important raising matter. The Hon Minister has already elaborated on the export of copra plus 30,000 tones coconuts per year. Samoa is one of the 14 countries in the world to have high flavored cocoa produced from some of the largest coconut factories we had locally that were exported to Hamburg Germany and Britain. I remember when this Act was first introduced and one of the Ministers attended a meeting on this and upon his return, *‘this is what Samoa should be following, price arrangement should be in accordance to international standards.’*

Whenever we have rain at the time we have the cocoa fruiting season those days it was a total waste. Regulations were set at the time I think around 1976 and unfortunately the closing down of these cocoa factories and plantations were dying given that we can never live on international standards because we used common sense in the past which was free and plus other crops were always available in the plantation for replacement such as the yam.

Such is the standard we are now applying today and what now? No more cocoa, more than 100 shareholding companies and shops between Apia and the rural areas have all been closed down. By comparison, a total of 100 tons of cocoas is being exported whilst before we were able to export over 30,000 tons in quantity of cocoa production.

The reason for mentioning this is because this is a very sensitive issue, and the minimum wage between the State and the Private Sector should be arranged appropriately. We should be cautious of these businesses and companies because the State relies solely on them. Henceforth, this is a very sensitive issue that we must take into account.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, the Government’s clarification is well put. I call the member of Safata West.

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Afioga LEAANA RONNIE POSINI (Safata West): Mr Speaker, firstly I wish to greet the Leader of the country, Cabinet and Associate Ministers.

I also appreciate the tabling Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2018/2019 which has my support. I also extend great appreciation for the salary increase for the public service.

However I wish to note a few things for the improvement of the Constituencies through the State. We have had many road requests put forward for the consideration of the Hon Minister.

I also wish to note the rural health service of Safata that is no longer in existence. However I do know that we have received the World Bank grant that could be used to building a new health clinic at Saanapu which I trust you are well aware of.

Hon Minister of Education, the only request is the need for teachers for our secondary school.

I further put forward the need for street lights along the roads of this district.

Furthermore, the need for seawall area for Sataoa and Saanapu at it has been over 20 years since we have not had the completion of this seawall construction.

In addition, we ask the State if possible to build a Fire Service on the southern part of Upolu given the various tourism accommodation operations along this area from Lefaga, Safata, Siumu and Falealili as well as the increasing problem of fire within these parts of the country taking heed of the recent one in Siumu.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, in relation to LTA, I think I heard in the previous sitting, that torches (sulu) were permitted to use for vehicles of livestock farmers. However, the problem is the brightness of these torches in the night for the traveling public. I humbly request the Hon Minister to strictly forbidden the use of these bright torches at night to avoid any accidents on the road.

Afioga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me I call the Minister of LTA...

Afioga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: I wish not to interrupt the good speech of the member but given the raising matter, it seems to me that LTA is allowing the use of these torches. It is prohibited, the problem is that during the passing of these vehicles, torches are not installed or brought in for inspection and after the drivers are given their stickers, they would go ahead and install these lights.

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The instructions by LTA, if vehicles are caught during the day time on the road, lights will be ceased and the person will be brought in according to the Law. The main concern is the safety of the public traveling lest these lights are being brightly flashed resulting in road accident at night. I wish to correct this as LTA prohibits this doing, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I ask the member to note down the number plate of that car and report it in immediately. What does the Minister have to do with that...note the plate number and report it to the LTA or the Ministry of Police. I recognize the member.

Afioga LEAANA RONNIE POSINI: Thank you Hon Minister, the Hon Minister has clearly clarified this matter because according to our last Sitting, the herd farmers were allowed to use these torches for their vehicles.

Another concern is whether it is appropriate to use the pathway between the Agriculture Store and the Development Bank building, because still, there are vehicles going pass this road. Shouldn't this road be closed?

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister of Works.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: The only road that is allowed for passersby and motorists is the road between the RSA and the Development Bank whereas for the road you mention, well I do not have any insight on that. It is a parking lot that should not be accessed by drivers. With my utmost respect your honor.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. You may resume.

Afioga LEAANA RONNIE POSINI: Thank you Hon Minister, that is exactly the concern although this is a parking area but based on observation, motorists are still accessing this narrow road and the post situated on the other side is very dangerous. Just an advice your honor.

Another matter is the set year arranged for imported vehicles into Samoa. I plead the Ministry because they are saying that these vehicles are exceeding 10, 11, 12 years old and that car parts are no longer available here, but I personally think that this is not the issue. The main problem is the unavailability of these parts in the local car companies because I know a few cars that are still standing from two to three years ago.

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The reason why this is so is because the local motor companies are not getting any car parts from overseas, instead, they will have to call their company in NZ where these parts are readily available, particularly pick up vehicles that are high in demand here to be used in the plantations.

I congratulate the Hon Minister of Education for all the good works. Just to note we have had the Foundation level results that got most parents upset due to the differences in the first and second list of graduates that had their children's names on it. Most parents filed complaints because the final list did not have the names of their children other than the first list which did. This is very embarrassing Hon Minister because you know how these things work, once the parents find out that their children are graduating, everyone in the village will eventually find out about it too.

Secondly, not everyone have money every day. I trust that during that particular day, parents were still looking for money from 8 o'clock to 9 o'clock in the night to pay for the \$300+ gown in order for their children to graduate. Personally, these parents are looking for money to pay for their children's graduation and I notice that the arrangement of government scholarship opportunities is another thing given these results which could have something to do with these arrangements. Have a look into this Hon Minister because surely, this kind of matter impacts the parents' preparations for their children's graduation.

I also ask the Hon Minister of Education if the SQA has completed the accreditation program for the Apprenticeship program. This is an ongoing training program for students to up skill and develop the workers in terms of different trades/professions that they pursue in life other than the theoretical skills taught at the university level. The apprentice training requires both skills and experience which is a huge requirement in the Government workforce given the various range of skills applied within the different workplaces. Should time permit, perhaps the MCIL will conduct the findings to the skills and knowledge of the public service. I trust that technology change over time. This is also the request on vocational and educational trainings that should be sought from the public service including the teachers in order to upgrade and apply the necessary skills whenever required. Teachers for these vocational trainings do not necessarily need to acquire any Masters neither PhDs for this educational level rather it is works like welding in the sea things like that. These skills and knowledge is also required by the government in order to do their jobs.

Hon Minister of Agriculture, I heed appreciation for granting our request for a nonu company. We have about four companies that have approached our village to collect the nonu although some are not ripe at least they are acceptable, thank you Hon Minister.

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Hon Minister of Justice, in regards to interim injunctions because gathering from yesterday and in terms of interim injunction, it seems that the right of one individual to another should not be avoided. The only query is whether there is contradiction for an interim injunction being filed by both sides for one particular case.

I give great thanks to the Samoa Shipping Corporation for the increasing number of students attending the Maritime School that is benefiting most of them by way of traveling abroad and making good money. I also extend great thanks to our Airways Company despite the many complaints, but well done on your efforts. If it wasn't for our Samoa Airways the airfares for the Air New Zealand would not have come down, thankfully I note that we will have a second aircraft soon. Let us try and make effort to fly our airways to acquire more profits.

That is all from me Mr Speaker, have a blessed one, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. The statement of the member is well presented. I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the current speaker has a lot of in depth comments that is also crucial for us. Note the importance of interim. We have all heard what is called interim injunction, because it affects all of us, even myself, I do not understand interims. The only thing I am aware of, if an interim is issued, then it means it is an interim. Once an interim order is sought, it goes through ending another interim. There are only interim injunctions and interim and interim and so forth... however let this be referred to the Ministry of Justice to give us their nuts, and see what interim really means exactly.

It has been 36 years since the HRPP laid down this principle, as soon as we have point of order, it must be corrected instantly. Whenever a Minister finds it appropriate to stand up on a point of order, they must do so because in the past, believe it or not, some members would just get up and say 'you thief'. Those words are recorded in our Hansard and deliberations in those days were unbelievable. That is reason why we have to stand up and correct things like this because if a Minister is being called 'thief' and no response is made, because some words have feet needing Government's protection. Therefore you should correct what needs to be corrected. This is also why the Government heads are here to observe and take note of these things including the one on dangerous driving by motorists of the narrow road mentioned earlier which the respective Minister had just received including myself.

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For this matter we can only resort to two main things, either remove the post or make a decision about it. Because reporting these kind of matter to the police, they only have one thing to say, because there is no Law. However (to the police) use your consciousness. If you know the right thing to do then do it and do not leave it until the next day because by the time the next day comes, too many offenders have breached the law due to your delay/waiting.

That is the clarification for the member because these principles were set out 36 years ago and should not be avoided to keep short our Sitting given that if we do not response now it will prolong our debate.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your speech. I see the member of Aana Alofi No.2, we can turn to this Side for a turn, I recognize the member of Palauli le Falefa.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA (Palauli le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker. I take it that none of these men are getting what I am after, anyway thank you for the chance.

Mr Speaker, greeting to everyone in the House from the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers.

I also express sincere sympathy to Pau's wife who is a dear friend of everyone and no one dare objects the sacred calling of the Lord. This Budget has my support rather I do have a few submissions. I salute the State for all the good developments which are not cheap neither easy to undertake. Mr Speaker, the salary increase for public servants for the next two and half years is appropriate given our revenue earnings. This is one of the State's priorities for the private sector.

In this case and for the sake of this Parliament, most of these public projects are being funded by the private sector at a percentage of close to 80 and 90. Note from our Budget the contributing expenditure from the private sector on these public projects and development programs exceeds \$400 to \$500million. Hence the State is also contributing the same for the Private Sector.

This is why it is good to consider the cheap undertaking of these projects and the minimum wage for the low income earners. Statistically speaking, we have close to twelve thousand public servants in total for all Ministries with five thousand plus in the Private Enterprises, that is a total of twelve thousand public servants altogether.

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As for the Private Sector, it consists of roughly forty to fifty thousand employees in total. Despite the minimum total stated, otherwise great job for this tabling Budget. The amount for this salary raise is about \$8million or \$900,000. Whereas the Supplementary Budget has the amount of \$19million+ inclusive of the funds for projects, repair works and traveling expenses for the patients seeking medical treatment in New Zealand.

One of the assistance is to raise the salary without having to have any expenditure. How is that possible? Reshuffle the working hours of employees so that you can do your work within seven hours or spread out your work within 8 hours. Therefore if working hours can be minimized from 8 to 7 and if the total number of public service is ten thousand this means that the ten thousand hours can be reduced to one working day.

This means that fifty thousand working hours can be saved within one whole week. Therefore we can save power because the Offices will be closed by one hour and Government assets will not be accessed and thus reduce what is called the tear and wear. The extra one hour could be spent with your loved ones at home. For me I would use this extra hour to go home and plant a banana tree, plant the aute tree and so forth, something to remind you of each day. That is why I never go to the market because the banana is always available at home. What I am trying to say is for us to spend quality time with our families. I sought the Ministry of Justice and they said that by statistics they have close to four hundred annulment cases. Why? Insufficient time spent between the mother and the father...

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

MR SPEAKER: I permit the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I advise the member to visit the market every day so that he is aware of the country's status in terms of crops and things like that. Leave that habit of yours but do as I say.

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MR SPEAKER: I appease the member you may resume your response until tomorrow as we have arrived at our adjourning time. Before adjournment I will end our business with a prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 1:02pm until Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 9.00am.

