

TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2016

The Legislative Assembly met at 9.00am pursuant to Parliamentary Sitting Programme 2014/2015.

Prayer.

WELCOME SPEECH BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I declare that the Legislative Assembly has resumed its Proceedings.

Our invocation has been delivered to the Divine Master for guiding us back through His merciful love and guidance this morning. I also greet the entire Parliament in all its honorific salutations from the Government Leader and Cabinet to the Leader of the Opposition.

Praise the Divine for the country's wellbeing and the support of the notable *Aiga ma latou Tama, o Tama ma o latou Aiga, le Usoga ia Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. Most importantly, I appreciate the support and prayers of all Church Ministers for the welfare of this Parliament. I also heed the many duties engaged by the State and various districts and village communities in essence to serving this country.

I also take this opportunity to greet the support of our friends and relatives in the Eastern islands, the dignified Governor General and Lieutenant Governor of the Eastern State, the Hon President, Speaker of the House and notable Parliamentarians. *Ia o paia lava ia o Samoa na lua i le lauti na laulelei o Aiga, aua Sua ma le Vaifanua, o Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaumua ma le Launiu na Saelua, o Tama a le Manuatele ma Tootoo o le Faleula ma le Laau na Amotasi*.

I also greet the Orators and High Chiefs tuning in from all over the world as we are in the age of modern technology such as our sitting this morning, we have livestream up on the website.

I also greet all Samoans listening in from everywhere in this world. Well done on your dedication and prayers through the Lord's grace and the wellbeing of Samoa.

This is the last days in Moamoa lands as we reflect back at this lengthy Parliamentary term and its journey. This is the final sitting for this **Parliamentary term. As such, we must exalt and give God praise for his loving grace that we now reach the end of this Parliamentary term in good health and spirit.** Although some have not made it today due to God's calling and other plans nevertheless majority have made it to today's last Sitting.

As per normal procedure, we will have our Budget Address today. Noting the 10 to 15 budget statements, this includes the Main Estimates, Appropriation Budget Statement perhaps this will be our final task before we say farewell. Note that we will have a Special service this Friday before our General Elections as per scheduled.

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Presentation of Committee Reports

As the saying goes, Laupua needs not teach Tamafaiga, everyone is well aware of today's sitting schedule which should not take long. As per normal protocol, opportunities will be accorded to any member who wishes to comment in accordance to our Budget Address.

Thank you also to our Government heads and the media for your service for the core purpose of serving Samoa and its success for tomorrow. Let us ensue pursuant to normal proceedings.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Clerk read out the Committee Reports pursuant to S.O.51(5).

1. P.P.2015/2016 No.90, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Supplementary Estimates 2015/2016.
2. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 91, Report of the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee on the Standing Orders Review 2016.
3. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 92, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P. 2015/2016 No. 61, Public Service Commission Annual Report for Financial Year 2013/2014.
4. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 93, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P. 2015/2016 No. 8, Public Accounts for Financial Year 2014.

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

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Orders debate on second reading progressed on Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

Before we progress with our deliberations, I grant the Prime Minister the chance for his Ministerial Statement.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY HON PRIME MINISTER

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker it's been a while since we last met. I have forgotten most of my speech that must be reviewed to provide clarity in the process set out in the Budget Statement. We have also acknowledged the support of His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, and the Council of Deputies and the Three Pillars.

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Also the honorific salutation of Samoa, *Le paia lava e faasino i Aiga ma latou Tama, ia po o Tama foi ma o latou Aiga, Usoga a Tumua ma Puleono i Salafai*. Also the support of our neighboring islands Tutuila and Manua, *le paia lava e faasino i le Faleagafulu, Faatui ma Tootoo*, and the support and prayers of God's notable servants.

I wish to provide a brief overview of the structure and principle for Budget Statements that is nothing new and notably taken falsely by the public. The lyrics of a hymn by the Christian Congregation Church of Samoa (CCCS) goes, 'Everything has a reason' is similar notion to this Budget Statement. The Roman numeral system was one main element that we acquired during the Romans ruling of the world. Years later, the Arabs became more knowledgeable by inventing a new numeral system of their own which we now adopt. Take a look at your documents because it is useless to talk about it when you are not following particularly the Opposition Side.

If you look at this structure, it is just like drawing a house design, one structure combines all things. In Roman figure (i) the entire budget statement includes the State's revenue earning and expenditure end of June's financial year. This financial year was amended in the end of 1989 to be in line with the rest of the world and in compliance with the law and all financial spending recorded including Ordinary Revenue and Ordinary Expenditure. This also includes Financial Aid from overseas donors. I believe it is corruptable to bring forth a Budget Statement without including Foreign Aid. Thus in details the total revenue and budget we have is SAT\$697million it is in millions for ease of reference....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of the Opposition): What is your intention Mr Speaker?

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: I am currently giving a statement in English, some of you are still not familiar with our Standing Orders. For the sake of the listening public, no one is permitted to interrupt whenever we give Ministerial Statements.

That is the explanation Mr Speaker the State has a total budget of \$697million allocated for its national projects and developments. Before any portion of the budget is allocated, payments of loans must first be taken into account. Why do we call it compliant with the legal expenditure? Because this portion of the budget goes hand in hand with the law that involves dignity and the honorifics of Samoa. Currently, the amount of total loans stands at SAT \$102 million. After deducting these loan repayments the remaining budget is SAT\$595million. What is the significance of these things? The mindset of those prophets that are living in the dark is that government is still borrowing to pay off loans. These weak testimonies reflect the lack of insight of our National Budget procedures and policies. We now have a total Budget of \$595 million after \$102million was deducted. So borrowing is not necessary at this stage as we have sufficient budget proposed by the Ministry of Finance to be approved by the Cabinet.

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Then we come to the second and third part of the appropriation allocation set aside for three items including the 3% stated by the Leader of the Opposition. This has been appropriated from the Budget Statement in June of the previous year.

The three items include Natural Disasters Management on events like Tsunami, cyclones and floodings like the event that took place back in 1989.

Secondly, urgent unforeseen projects.

Thirdly, projects which require additional funding.

These are the three items appropriated from the 3% portion of the Budget. It should be well defined as the statement by the Leader of the Opposition reflects that we have already discussed however we do not get it. This signifies that he is confused.

Mr Speaker, after everything else, we are left with \$93 million. Every nation in the world seeks to take these initiatives to obtain a saving budget for our national developments. Why? Because these developments aim to create employment for our children and future generation as we cannot avoid the pouring blessings from God upon Samoa and its exerting population.

Mr Speaker, what the Government intends is to allocate a portion for its developments for as soon as the debts are clear then there will not have any developments to sustain our economy. Thus is the remaining \$93 million left for our projects and developments. But what does it say in the Budget Appropriation Statement? Instead of \$93million it says \$189million. Where did this \$96million come from? It comes from our financial partnership associates who are assisting us with our initiatives that come with light interest rates. No dumb financial institution gives away grants to a country which has a troubling economic level. That is clearly highlighted in the Budget Statement and the Main Estimates.

If you notice we had set plans for the years 2014 and 2015 on Education projects from the Asian Development Programme (ADP). We had \$2.2million commencing from 2014 to 2015 and funds ceased for 2016 which suggests that developments were completed. Improvement developments for fisheries and agriculture are continuous totalling to \$4.5million the previous year and \$4.9million this year. What does this define? It means that continuous plans do not take a year to achieve, various national developments like the new hospital was achieved after 4 to 5 years through a single loan. Loans granted by International Financial institutions depend on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of a country. Our debt is based on our GDP which is defined by others as asset or sack of taro or pawpaw. We cannot repay loans with taro sacks nor pawpaw we use our income. But when you go with a sack of taro, if you do not run fast you will be struck with a taro by a manager of a bank. Therefore the International financial institution uses the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for everyone.

There are many ways for those with the knowledge and expertise to develop the economic level in the country. At the current Samoa has a GDP of 1.9billion thus the forecast by the Ministry of Finance aims to increase this figure to \$2 million plus. Why does this occur? It happens because its developments currently stand at \$189 million.

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Thank you Statement by Mr Speaker

Mr Speaker another measure for debt repayment is through foreign exchange reserves. This foreign earning specially we are fortunate to receive tourists and visitors in the country and we should achieve approximately \$400million during events like boxing to draw more visitors into Samoa through marketing and promotions. The essence is to make repayment using the foreign cheques we receive. For this reason it is vital that our foreign reserves is maintained between SAT300 – SAT400million as a repeat of the 1981 incident should be avoided. This occurred due to the lack of funds for trade.

Mr Speaker that is reason why the State is planning wisely and that is exactly why we established the Central Bank at the end of 1983 to 1984 to temporarily review the various wise spending allocated for trade. Since HRPP came to power, Samoa has not been devastated by famine, on the contrary, Samoa continues to prosper.

Mr Speaker why is this? Due to long term planning and wise thinking, envision the light, not view whilst blind, hear but deaf.

Mr Speaker, that is the clarification this morning. Though we are about to hear make believe stories and threatening speeches nonetheless the State has given its side of the story based on integrity and transparency.

That is the explanation lest people are misled and misguided with false decisions.

That is the elaboration from someone who is fully knowledgable and does not need any traditional leaves for a massage. Have a blessed meeting this morning.

THANK YOU STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Leader of the Government, as your statement is well received by Tutuila this morning which is something that ought to be done as Samoa too has received it well and clear. The main objective is for the public to be aware of the Hon Prime Minister's statement and its integrity. As for the spirit this morning, we are after nothing but the truth. I also take it that this is a good introduction as we are about to deliberate the Budget through your general speeches. As for the general statement by the State well that is the procedure for all to obtain insight and transparency in the thoughts of all people. We have our Budget and I believe this sitting should not take long. This is our final Budget Statement for the sake of our tuning public hence we shall progress.

This is the opportunity for a member to speak on the economic level of the country given our normal budget procedures. I don't intend to remind all you are well versed of our deliberations timing you must maintain 30 minutes per speech per person. With respect we have the House available for any speeches.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call the Leader fo the Opposition.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I move the motion, *That the Ministerial Statement by the Hon Prime Minister be tabled so that we can urgently discuss it right now during in this Parliamentary period. Because it is hopeless to obtain these Statements without having any discussions on them, otherwise discussions may only take place comes the new Parliamentary term. Hence I move the motion that general comments be made on this Statement.*

That is the motion.

MR SPEAKER: The motion has been moved, anybody to support it thirdly? I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Motion was not seconded.

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Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUUEUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker we have not received any documents, yet he wants to discuss, let us have the documents lest we finish tonight.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: We do not need any documents, the Hon Prime Minister's statement is well versed the only thing is to approve the motion, we do not need documents. That is the normal procedure.

MR SPEAKER: The motion was not approved and that is the correct clarification to the question for who seconds it, well it depends on the House. The Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement is the normal practice to remind us of our Budget Statement pursuant to deliberations made outside the House. In this regard direct your statements made generally on the Budget. But there comes a time for that...very well

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta (Falealupo): I stand as at a good time for the reason behind this?

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Aeau, you too are aware of times like this. as said earlier, no statement is allowed in the House. I am trying to give an insight of what happened the last four months. The Government has responded, the public is now aware. Therefore the aim is to state true statements as we hear weak and baseless thoughts. Let us now heed our Budget and clarify other matters.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with respect, the reason for upstanding is because this is normal Parliamentary procedure, a motion is moved and the statement is tabled. You now state false unfounded statements which is not what we are doing, we are clarifying for the public's sake.

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MR SPEAKER: Pardon me well the clarification ought to be made to bring forth the truth. I do not accept statements made outside of this House. Such is the need for a provided explanation by the Leader of the Government. For the sake of everyone including the public, normal practice has it that every Ministerial Statements must be translated before it is tabled. I beg tolerance I give the chance to anyone who wishes to comment, be upstanding.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I recall a Parliamentary Sitting held back in 1987 the Speaker took five minutes to wait and there were no comments and debates were closed as the State responded. Then we progressed with the consideration of the Budget Statement we prepared. All the Cabinet and Associate Ministers are involved in this Budget and as such if the Opposition does not have any comment, then the question is put.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member for Faasaleleaga No. 2, I see that you are the first to take up that side.

Susuga PAPANII LIO FAAVAIVAIO MANU TAEU MASIPAU (Faasaleleaga No. 2): Mr Speaker and the dignified House, well we will come to our constituency later on. Firstly, let us proceed with our Budget (No.1) 2015/2016.

I heed congratulations to the Hon Minister for the Appropriation Budget Statement (No.1) 2015/2016, as well as the Chairperson of the Committee. Thank you for the clarification. I hope to find clarity in some of the issues in the Budget Report.

On to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, we have money appropriated for a 7% raise for teachers' salaries. This is a good sign for our teachers who have a huge role to play in teaching our children. Regardless of whatever school our children go to, the work of the teachers reflects a huge impact on the future of our children. In query, does this raise cover all teachers of the country or part of it? Clearly I do not see this in the report. Next is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs....

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

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the salary adjustments are to correct previous adjustments made in error particularly this Ministry which has the greatest number of employees. Perhaps the Minister can clarify this further if time permits.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member to resume his speech.

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Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Very well thank you Hon Prime Minister for the explanation, the Ministry has an increase employee number that all teachers must be included in this new increase salary benefit.

On to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the report has the Chairperson looked into our vacancy in Fiji for someone to look after our students in Fiji. Students currently studying in Fiji should be included in the tabled appropriation (sponsorship) given the political unrest in Fiji at present.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker that is not the only reason for this. Many Samoans students are given the opportunity to study in Fiji and have returned unsuccessfully. There are supporting documents to show the success rate of Samoan students sponsored to study overseas.

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: We appreciate the Government's intention in developing our children studying at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji.

On to the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, I see that only women representatives are given salary raise.

On to the Ministry of Health especially local patients taken abroad. There are many medical operations which cannot be undertaken in Samoa, such as those for prostate cancer it would be vital to determine early testing to stop infections from spreading before the disease becomes terminal. Thus is the essence we need more medical doctors for the country in the future.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: The State's view is very significant, the only correction is that there are many male patients who has prostate cancer. An announcement was made by a female doctor that all men have prostate cancer. Every time I advised the Cabinet to go and check if they had prostate cancer they all looked at me as if I was a doctor. During my eulogy at Taua's funeral, the Pastor thanked me in particular for being a Specialist in prostate cancer. I went home and giggled and before the end of the year, our pastor also passed away. I saw two corpses and curiously asked the doctor what happened to the pastor, the doctor replied he had prostate cancer. Then I said to the pastor as he laid on his deathbed, See if you would have listened to what I said you would not have died, yet you mocked me. In saying that I say before the House, if by the thirteenth (13) hour tomorrow, you must all seek medical check up for prostate cancer.

Afioga Afualo Wood Uti Salele (Salega): Mr Speaker since the Hon Prime Minister's statement is vital but we should heed the Records of the House given the statement that all men have prostate cancer. Thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: I do not intend to clarify this further as the doctor is in our presence lest I give something mistakenly yet dragging the matter to waste.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): For the sake of Samoa the Doctor bestowed on the Hon Prime Minister's salutation is not a Medical Doctor rather it is a political one. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: He is a doctor of doctors. Papalii go ahead as your name was mentioned.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Thank you for the elaboration Hon Prime Minister. We have a remedial machine for this disease now available. This illness can be cured at an early stage. The disease is quite prevalent in the country. Hence the need is to find urgent specialists. Well my time is now up...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoui: Before the doctor's turn it seems that we are being ridiculed by that side because of the pastor's comment, but as a request why not use three hours to clarify this matter further.

MR SPEAKER: The Minister's response is thoroughly given. I beg indulgence Minister time will come for that.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Well we do have specialists doctors such as an otolaryngologists and optometrists, pardon the House. Those are the improvements moving forward. Do bear in mind the request for Faasaleleaga No.2. I wish to use this opportunity to say something to my constituency before this Parliamentary term ends.

Ia le tapuaiga a si ou itumalo pele o Safotulafai ae faapea foi Sapapalii, Faasaleleaga Nu.2, i le afio o lau afioga le alo o Leilua, Salalatoa ma alo o Malietoa, ia oulua na Pule Tuilagi ma Namulauulu faapea foi Maopu Tufuga ia ma le mamalu tele o lauti na laulelei ia te oe Safotulafai.

I also heed the village of Sapapalii, susu sui o le Nofo ma Tooa, ia faapea foi le aiga Sa Malietoa ma le aufono Uso Mago ma Luasiufanua, especially all the Church Ministers of the constituency for your endless prayers, women committees, alii and faipules in the village and the entire constituents. Thank you for your prayers.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Elder Ioane Viliamu Samoa, although your calling will be here soon, the entire Pulega is aware of it. This new post will officially start in June and I wish you all the best. As for the constituency, it is with belief that *e leai lava se faiva e asa ma se maimau, e le atoa foi atu i lona vaa, e poto foi le tautai ae sese lava lana atu i ama.* Thank you for your continuous support and prayers throughout this Parliamentary term. I also commend the State for the completed developments including the Health Center at Tuasivi, Savaii.

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I also extend congratulations for the improved roads at Fogapoa. Despite the request for a health clinic in the inner ruralside specifically for emergency cases nevertheless at least we have road repairs for Mauga to Tapueleele. We also have lapsed requests nonetheless we have several critical plans in future Parliamentary terms.

I also note similar request for road repairs for Vaimauga and Sapapalii and other villages like Aeauli and Vaito. Streetlights and a sea wall for Vaimauga have already been put to the government for consideration. I heed my beloved constituencies of Safotulafai and Sapapalii thank you greatly for your support and prayers.

May your vote be blessed for the upcoming Elections in March and may decide together with God for a prosper future. I also bless the Speaker and I hope that you will return, thank your chairmanship. I also bless that side of the House the Prime Minister an the Cabinet Opposition Leader and the entire Parliament. I wish the country best of luck on its Elections.

I wish the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff well wishes for the job well done. I also congratulate all the Ministries and Corporations who are the right hand man of the government. As the Prime Minister says you are the future mind and intelligence of the country.

May good blessings be upon this country, His Higness, O Le Ao o le Malo and His Good lady the Council of Deputies, Chief Justice, thank you all for your prayers.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. It is with belief that we should not praise Papalii whos is one of the Orators that Puleono of Salafai relies greatly on. By observation in our previous Budget Sittings you are always the first to give sound comments on our Budget. Thank you for your comments as you commend the government as well blessed them hence I too shall say, may you be blessed and may the spirit's whisper be upon you and the requests you put forward. Thank you for your speech.

Well the floor is now available for any other comment. I call the member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Falealili): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. Our thanksgiving prayer has been delievered as we near the end of this Parliamenetary XV for Samoa. Although we have encountered many difficulties during the term due to climate conditions yet we approve of God's grace upon Samoa.

We heed the dignified House of Tiafau here at Tuanaimato. It is the sacred fields of Samoa.

I do not intend to go through your significant statuses Samoa.

Pardon me Mr Speaker, before I proceed with the Appropriation Statement 2015/2016 I wish to given thanks and support for this Budget, we have reviewed all areas in this Report including the wonderful speech by the Hon Minister of Finance we had in the previous sitting.

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We have come to the end of this Parliamentary session, thank you Falealili for your great support. At the start of this term, we noted a word of thanks to Falealili for voting me and Afioga Tuiloma Lameko as your representatives in Parliament.

Hence thank you Falealili for your genuine love and support in us as voice and representatives of the constituency to this Parliament for our benefit as we move forward.

My beloved constituency of Falealili, this term has alot in its hand; we too have laid out several requests however due to time shortage the State is still continuing with them including us. Therefore we must be patient and give it time. God's days are abundant but as for the next Parliamentary term, well whoever will take over will continue with our laid out plans and projects but in the meantime let us not be anxious.

I extend deepest gratitude to the Elder and Director, Susuga Tunumoso Iosia and faletua Susana Iosia for your prayers and support. Truthfully, we are blessed with your words of encouragement and advice.

Thank you also to the Secretary of our Pulega Falealili, who is my spiritual Father, Susuga ia Amosa Vaetoe and faletua Punipua Vaetoe for your love not only for the Church and village as well as the Pulega we serve at Falealili. May God grant you strength and spiritual blessings to serve Him and His Good News.

Thank you also to all the Church Ministers of God and your wives for your prayers and support day and night all for the welfare of the constituency. I cannot forget the Methodist Clergies/Tausi Matagaluega, President of the Methodist Church in the constituency. In the normal saying of the Methodist church particularly during times like this, *ua malo le tau, ua malie le toa, ua faafetai le tausala*, let us proceed with the works of this year, and let God's peace be upon us all.

Thank you also to the Pastor of the Catholic Church, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Jesus Congregation as well as the Church of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Thank you for the works you do for the constituency for its wellbeing, may God bless you and your services.

Lest we forget a word of thanks to Matautu Falealili and the dignified Tupuola ma Matautia, afio le Matua ia Tiavaasue, afio le Usoalii aemaise le mamalu i le Falelufilufi. Thank you for your support although the State's assistance hasn't yet reached you, well that is your fault, you have requested to leave Matautu aside but rather give assistance to the other constituencies. May God give you strength as God's days are abundant, and whatever results we get after the Elections well let us continue with our prayers, our requests are now before the government one being with the Minister of Works, as he proceed with his long list in fixing our roads at Saleilua Poutasi Matautu as well as Satalo and Malaemalu.

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I also heed the works of women, thank you for your prayers and good advice upon us throughout my term in Parliament. May you still find more good advice as the country's saying, *'e au lava le inailau a tina.'*

We still have a lot to thank for but God is aware of my true intention. The spirit of thanks upon you, true is the common saying of the constituency, *'se ua ta fia Falealili fua.'* Why? Because Falealili supports the government, this is why the constituency seeks victory, because Falealili is my beloved constituency. Our constituency has been divided due to the electoral law. Falealili East and Falealili West. Despite, Falealili is one family. Let our principles and value be retained, heed harmony, your dignities and respects and may all your significant statuses be maintained. Falealili is one. Our plea before we proceed with the upcoming elections, vote with the right heart and rely on God's spirit.

Let us depend on the Holy Spirit and heed your individual rights as a voter. The normal saying in the fishing language or *gagana i le tai*, *'Sema se mago, fesili i le tai se tautai o agavaa, aua le faatautaiga o le Nofoa o le itumalo.'* In final, if you observed any weaknesses and errors during my reign, *'e poto lava le tautai ae sese lana atu i ama.'* Please forgive me. I wish you all the best for the next elections. Whoever you wish to nominate will be the chosen one.

Mr Speaker then I come to the Appropriation Statement (No. 1) 2015/2016. I said it already that I support this Budget. Only very few comments because I know that any new requests is unnecessary because we are nearing the end of the term.

As for now, thank you Hon Minister of Finance for your commitment. Like the words of Ulumu to Lefaoseu that we all know, thank you for loving Samoa and its Independent State. Thank you for your great works, the works you do is based on love and harmony for the wellbeing of the entire nation tomorrow. The appropriation given is small, but we shall go as planned, the works we do depend on the allocated budget. May God grant you strength as well as this entire Parliament before we dissolve next week. Thank you also Mr Speaker for your patience and perseverance your work is not easy.

Thank you also to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. We have a lot of requests, sometimes we give false statements but thank you still for maintaining peace and order, we pray God for His Love upon you as well as your staff.

Sincerest appreciation to all the Government heads, great job on your performances and dedicated works and efforts. We beg forgiveness on our part as Members. Have a blessed day, farewell and God bless.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola, you are one of the most notable Members for the constituency of Falealili dual with the Hon Minister. Thank you for the wonderful speech delivered this morning. I note that you give graceful speeches every time you speak. We also give blessings upon you let us hand everything over to God. The fruit that you planted well the district has heard you today therefore well done on your concluding speech.

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Well over to the member for Vaisigano No.2, well we are nearing our recess time I believe we must give ourselves a break before we ensue with the next member.

I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be laid aside for our normal recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now set aside at 10:43am until 11:26pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now resumed over the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

MR SPEAKER: I believe you have been re-energised from our morning tea break to resume with our works this morning.

I congratulate the member as requested earlier this morning, the spirit this morning is words of thanks.

This Budget is well clarified whereas for the constituencies tuning in, well that is the plan for this sitting that should be short. Congratulate all who have already talked the previous morning.

Before the break we had the member for Vaisigano No.2, I call the member to start. Before that I call the Hon Prime Minister to upstand and give the motion for our sitting schedule.

MOTION TO SET ASIDE SITTING HOURS

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker with due respect I move the motion, *That Standing Orders 31(1) be set aside to allow the sitting hours amendments as follows; 9:00am to 1:00pm and resume at 3:00 pm to 7:00pm. Until we end debates on the Budget Statement. This was also chance for the Members to say their thank yous to their constituencies for voting them in as their representatives. This is the final Parliament Sitting. We pray that we all come back here, have a blessed sitting.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Public Enterprises, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Motion was approved.

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MR SPEAKER: We now have the amendment to our Sitting hours, starting from our break at 1.00pm before we resume at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. According to plans tomorrow we will have the Government responses. I call the member for Vaisigano No.2, be upstanding for your speech.

Debate resumed over the second reading of the Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI (Vaisigano No. 2): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance, I first of all praise God for this day. I also heed appreciation to the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and staff of the Legislative Assembly. I also express gratitude to everyone for supporting the last Parliamentary term for last five years, your efforts and sound decisions is appreciated. Despite our debates, I appreciate your patience. That is how a faithful servant of God ought to be. Thank you also to the church ministers.

I wanted to make a long speech today but I have hear the whispers from Lealaillepule and Motuopuaa not to prolong it for this is not a funeral. If I make it long it will be a funeral but if shorten it means I am cheerful. Thus the speech will be brief.

Hon Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance, I only wish to raise the \$1.5million appropriation for the transfer of local patients overseas. We must encourage our children to take become medical students in New Zealand and Australia. Although they attend the medical school in Fiji but we now bear similar medical knowledge and standard as Fiji. As I said in the previous Budget, we must do this like the students of Papua New Guinea who pursue medical knowledge in Australia. That will avoid complaints of taking our local patients abroad. New Zealand too lacks knowledge in medical treatment. I once was an employed in Australia under the Royal Melbourne and we had received a lot of patients from New Zealand due to their shortage of medical treatment. Thus is the plea to the Hon Prime Minister to take our local students and teach them some new technology to avoid the hassle of taking local patients overseas.

I wish to extend a big thank you to my constituency for this last five years, thank you for electing me as your representative in Parliament. *I le paia aua Aiga ma Sataua, lau fetalaiga Lealuga, ia le paia foi aua Utuutu ma Fuaitau, Luasiufanua ma Ufagalilo faapea oe Tagaloa le alii o le Nuu ma le mamalu ia te oe Fagasa.*

Thank you also to God's servants including Elder Amia and your spiritual works in the district.

I have not forgotten your words, 'Motuopuaa we did not call you to sit and rock the Chair.' These were the words of the men in my Committe, go and serve the district with a faithful heart. I beg forbearance my constituency for I have given my all in my duties and responsibilities. May God be with us and whoever becomes appointed next month may have God's blessing.

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That is it from me, May the Chair, Government Leader Leader of the Opposition and Cabinet be blessed. I hope we will all make it back to Parliament after next month's Elections. May God bless this day and may I live in the love and kindness of God, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you to the member for Vaisigano No. 2, Motuopuaa we will pray for you as well. Those are the blessings for the upcoming event.

I call the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga, Tofa Fagaivalu.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU (Aleipata Itupa i Luga): Thank you for the opportunity to voice a brief contribution from the district of Aleipata Itupa i Luga pursuant to this Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

I greet all Parliamentarians in the House in all your honorific salutations.

Greetings to the heads of all the Ministries and Corporations for your vital contributions for the welfare of Samoa. I wish to voice our support over this Budget with the belief that this appropriation is to achieve the incomplete projects and developments of the government. I note also that none of the requests put forward from this district in the past had been considered.

Rome was not created in one day, the only reminder is that you keep us in mind. Otherwise this district wholly supports the tabling Budget, well done. Before I leave this House, I wish to heed appreciate to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. Well done on your achievements and perseverance. Well done Samoa on your support this last five years. God has seen all and the duties and responsibilities we have achieved for the good development and wellbeing of our country.

In conclusion I wish to briefly thank my constituency, *Aleipata Itupa i Luga, i le amata mai i Ulutaugia, Vailoa seia paia Lalomanu. I le afio o lau Afioga Sagapolutele, afio mai le Matua ia Falanaipupu, le taofia a Taiiai ma le mamalu ia Saoluafata. Susu lau susuga le Sea ia Semi Iosefatu, afio mai le Saofetalai ma le Falelima o Alii, le paia ia Alaalamalae, maliu mai le Matua ia Tualemoso ma le mamalu ia Saleleaalii.*

Susu lau Susuga i le Faafeagaiga Taulagi ia Etisone Gafa, o le paia lava lea aua le afio o le Tuiatua Faanofonofu, afifio le falefia o Alii, afio Amituanai o le Maopu o le Tuiaana, susu i laua Suafa, le Toafa o Tootoo, le Igoamatua ma le mamalu ia Saleaamua.

To my constituency, your election was not easy because only God has the spiritual appointment. You have chosen me as your representative yet I am just an ordinary person. I have learned to value humility and love through God's will. Yet I have been reappointed once again because of your favour and support in me as well as the many achievements by your Parliament for this term.

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Regardless of everything else, we have put God first through your prayers for our works to go well. Thank you. I also beg tolerance if I hadn't done my best, it is just as God's given through your servant. The Elections is drawing near, hence this is a chance to express my constituency great thanks whatever you have made is also God's will. I believe we have worked together in building our community since childhood, we were poor together and I guess this is why you chose me and became your representative this last five years that is drawing to an end. I know very well what you want, why? Because we have worked closely together. I also understand your requests because we are serving together every day in the constituency. Whatever your decision will be in the next elections, may it rest in God's peace. I also heed our Church Ministers and their courage to teach God's Word and may we find more spirits for God's Kingdom and eternal life.

Mr Speaker, I also with to with you well for your dedicated work the last five years. May God bless Samoa. Bless the Prime Minister and all notable members of this Parliament, may blessings be upon the upcoming elections. Farewell and blessings.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, the Matamatagi is known for his voice. Let us leave it to God for He will guide us through everything. The House has heard you loud and clear, well done thank you for your speech.

Well we have the floor available anybody else wishes to take over. I can easily make any decision but I heed respect as this is our last sitting.

I call the member for Faasaleleaga No.3, Tuileutu.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI (Faasaleleaga No. 3): Thank you for the opportunity this part of the morning. We have gathered this day through God's merciful love.

I wish to address my constituency in all your honorific salutations, *Afioga i le Faletolu, Faga, Saasaai ma Saipipi, i le paia o le Aiga Taulagi. Afiu Vaafusuaga ma Toleafoa, ae faapea foi Tootoo aua Salemuliaga ma le Faleaana. I le la ituvai mai Ogevasa seia paia Siufaga ma Vaimolialii, i ona maota ma ona tulaga maota, o le paia i le Taulagi e Taulagi mea uma. Taulagi ou maota e taulagi ou malaefono, e taulagi ou Tupuaa Tausi e faamemelo i ai le taofi.* I also heed and appreciate the great support of the Church Ministers.

Le paia i a outou Afioga i le afio o Tofa faapea foi le Aiga Sa Tofa, Susu le Maopu o le Taulagi, le mamalu tele i le Falefitu ma lau fetalaiga Tatau. Le paia i le ituvai i Vaiana. E talitonu le faamoemoe i lau tapuaiga Vaafusuaga ma Tea ma Usoalii le Malaefono ma le paia i lau fetalaiga i le Matua Fetalai lau Tofa Segi ma le Puleileuu ma le mamalu ia te oe le fale Salemuliaga.

Ia le mamalu i le la ituvai i le paia i le Toaono, ia Toala ma Nonumalo, o Unasa ma Ufagalilo, Filoialii ma Sooaemalelagi. Tapuaia ma puipui aua lo outou toafa, Fili ma Vaisau ae a Laufiso ma Tapuala, ae a le tagata o le aava le Matua ma le tapuaiga i le Faleaana ma oe Salemuliaga. This is your divisional statuses this Parliamentary term shall come to pass...congratulations and well done to all. Whoever is elected, your vote did not come about easy.

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Thank you as the saying no one is perfect as that is life, I beg tolerance if I had said anything unpleasant God's love is greater. To everyone, Elder Kaleve, and all of God's servants including the support of our Church and Pastor Alofa Ale the Church of Nuua, Deacons, well done on your endeavours. Thank you for your prayers.

I extend gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister for your calling and all the dignified Ministers and all Parliamentarians, we are all here for one main purpose.

Also appreciation to the Speaker for your hard work for anything there is a higher purpose yes.

That is the congratulatory spirit Samoa, great job for all the great achievements and hard work, well done all. Thank you your Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and the Council of Deputies and the great support of Samoa and God's servants because with God we are protected in His good Will.

As of this morning, we shall leave our election to God, he will bring forth new appointment and new change for the next XVI Parliamentary term, may God's peace be upon us all in accordance to our Constitution, Samoa is founded on God. Have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Let us applaud the final speech by the notable member. It is known that the member will no longer be coming back in the next Parliament.

Great appreciation to the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3, you are not forgotten in our gathering this last five years in your far sighted wisdom for the success of Tiafau. You have given advice, we pray God for you. At the end of one task is the beginning of another calling. The election by our district will not be easy, the honorifics of Vaafusuaga ma Toleafoa, Toaono Aliifaga ma le Faleaana, our plea is that may the wellbeing be maintained, and may you be of use to other government services may that be a blessing, good luck.

This is a very special sitting we are holding, our constituencies are listening in as we extend our gratitude. Never mind the Budget, this is your time and chance to say thank you to your districts as we draw near the Election date. I recognize the member for Anoamaa West, one of the senior members of the House.

I call the member for Anoamaa East.

Members showed appreciation by applauding after the member for Faasaleleaga No.3 gave his speech.

Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU (Anoamaa East): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. As you said, this is a very important Sitting as we draw near the end of this Parliamentary term. I will speak briefly of the Budget Statement as of now I wish to address my constituency as we near the upcoming Elections.

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Pardon the distinguished Government of Samoa, His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and His good Lady. The Council of Deputies, Chief Justice and the Judiciary, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Speaker Parliamentarians, Government Heads.

I recognize the honorific salutations of Samoa *Tulouna le afio o Tama ma Aiga, Aiga ma a latou Tama, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, o le paia lava lea na tausi vaatele i le Usoga a Tumua*. Lest we forget the Church Ministers who are praying for our blessings.

I also heed the significant statuses of my constituency

Mr Speaker we now come to the end of this Parliamentary term and this is a great opportunity to give a statement of thanks to my constituency of Anoamaa East.

I recall the scriptures in the Bible, when King David called his friend Jonathan to eat with him at his palace. In the spirit of thanks for Mephibosheth he said to the King David, “Your highness, ‘Who is your servant that you should show some kindness to a dead god like me?’ Anoamaa East, this is your authority thank you for this past four and a half years for appointing me to this seat. Although ua le ogatasi le futia ma le umele, we were anxious lest my wish could destroy your seat, that is reason that I will set aside due to health conditions, and let your vote be based on God’s will, seek someone wiser to stand as your voice in Parliament.

Let us rely on God, there’s no place else to find blessings. To my dear constituency, I beg tolerance for the work I have performed for you the last four and half years, it is the best I have given to serve you.

I extend gratitude to the Hon Minister of Environment, we have received news at the end of last year that our requests have been granted for the village of Lalomauga. This is one village that is mostly affected by the river bursts in the community. We have received news from the Minister and the Ministry regarding the construction of this new plan at the start of the year. This is one district that is highly impacted every year. Thank you Hon Minister for the assistance. I also heed the sea walls of this district which will start soon. Thus we pray that you take our requests in to account.

On to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure well done with Falefa’s fixed roads, however we still have other requests like the tar seal roads.

But we shall continue our plea with God to achieve these requests for the constituency when we return.

Thank you Hon Prime Minister. We pray for good health so that you continue to serve Samoa.

I also heed Mr Speaker for your service in this House. Despite the many circumstance, we are still well in God’s guidance. May God grant you peace as you fulfill your calling as the Speaker.

Then I come to my dual representative, we have worked together for years all aiming at one common goal and that is to prosper Samoa in the future. We pray for God’s love that we all return in future Parliaments to serve our country.

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Thank you Leader of the Opposition, although we have disorder in our previous Sittings, but all for the wellbeing of the country. May God grant blessings upon you all and may we find some new Members on your Side, to continue serving that strong Opposition Side

We pray for more blessings from God upon Samoa and may we continue to find a warm relationship with our Lord Whom all blessings come from. Have blessed day, thank you.

Members showed appreciation by clapping their hands after the member for Anoamaa East gave his farewell speech.

MR SPEAKER: Alo, our relationship will remain unforgettable. A person has a different timing from God. I believe you have been whispered, *naunau i le manao i le ufi ae ua e fefe i le papa*. In regards to health conditions, we pray God for good health upon you, but we shall not forget you. Your speeches are one of the very profound ones *e sau lava le fuauli e toa ai le moa*.

The House has heard your statement, thank you for that speech. Alo, we pray for another calling in your life and we pray for well wishes upon you.

Well we still have opportunity for anymore comments before we break at 1:00pm. Well I see the member for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lefau Harry Schuster. Lefau, this is the right timing for you, we have witnessed a lot of good posters of you in public.

I call the member to proceed.

Tofa LEFAU HARRY SCHUSTER (Vaimauga West): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. I beg tolerance Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Associate Ministers. Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader Parliament Members.

Greetings also to the Clerk and the staff, Government Heads of Ministries and Corporations we have here. Greetings Samoa. Greetings also to my constituency of Vaimauga West.

Mr Speaker I only very few comments on the Budget, but firstly I wish to thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Finance and the staff for this Budget report. I also support this Budget on its overall summary, the Main Estimates that we passed in June we had about \$700million allocated for government projects. Whereas I see the request here for another \$8 million and I see that it is below 10% of the overall budget we passed in June. In personal review this 10% is a good benchmark at it reflects that the Ministry of Finance is doing a very good job. The \$8million is for unforeseen circumstances. Hence is the appreciation to the tabling Budget beforehand.

Mr Speaker may I also take this opportunity to thank my constituency of Vaimauga West in accordance to your respect and tribute for voting me as your representative in the Elections 2011. Thank you for your support and kindness especiall to Afioga Tofaeono, Asi and Asi and the lineage Sa Asi, Afioga Patu and the Sa Patu family especially the three lineage.

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Ia alalatai foi Tamapua ma Manogiamanu ma le nofo ituaiga ia te oe Fuata. Ia taliu ane foi se upu ma le faafetai aua le paia i le fale sagauga, tulouna le matua Faaolasa ma Augafiatele tulouna foi lau Afioga i le Alosina ma le alo o le Tuiaana lau Afioga Seumanutafa Aeau Tiavolo o le Aiga Salevalasi ia Tamaseu ma Taualo. Alalatai le Faletolu ma lau fetalaiga i le Vainalepa ia Lealasila ma le fale fesiitai, lau fetalaiga Tuiletufuga, lau fetalaiga Letaa ia e faafetai tele atu mo la outou lagolago. Ia tulouna foi le afio o le matua ia Leupolu aemaise foi le afifio o Leusoalii, afifio alo o Malietoa ma le Aiga Sa Malietoa, alaalatai lau fetalaiga i le Faletolu ma lau tofa Atoa ma Fuaiupolu lau fetalaiga i le Vainalepa. Tulouna le afio o Soialo ma Aiga, e momoli atu foi la'u faafetai tele i lau Afioga i le Alosina lau Afioga i le alo o le Tuiaana lau Afioga Toomalatai Fetaoai Lepili, susu foi lau Susuga i le matua le Alo o Malietoa lau Susuga Tauasa. Faafetai foi i lau fetalaiga i le faletolu, lau Tofa Pupuallii aemaise foi lau fetalaiga i le vainalepa lau Tofa Tuaimalo. Thank you Tofa Samau and orator Feagaimaalii, Susuga Tuisamau o le Tumua o le Vaimauga. I also thank all the clergies of Vaimauga West who are praying for the district as well as Samoa as a whole. Thank you for your support, it is funny that this district has no honorific salutations for some villages like Taufusi, Palisi extending to Mauga Fiamoe. Nonetheless, thank you all for the support. In this life, there are things that you can do and some you can't do but these are the things laid down by God. Despite how life goes, Vaimauga West will remain treasured in my heart because of your love and kindness. I am unaware of why me you have chosen because representing a district is a very dignified post. Not only as an official member but from a solicitor's perspective in the Legislative Assembly of Samoa, this is the most paramount decisionmaking in Samoa.

Despite the division of our constituency into two where we now stand as No.2 well do take into heart our other representative, Lenatai. The Electoral Law takes only a day hence we stand as constituents one Vaimauga West and one Vaimauga East our principle still stands.

By request as we near the elections day, we are so blessed to have a Democratic Government. We have the most democratic government that our leaders are voted by the general public. In view regardless of the disadvantages of democracy but this is much better system than the Governments that are non-democratic. Seeing this principle, this is the most applicable system that is aligned with the ways of our Christ, Samoa is founded on God and we live in freedom. Our forefathers did not pave way to finding freedom easily. This is reason for the emphasis; do not lose hope of your individual rights to vote.

That is your own choice from God, freedom to vote. That is the plea to my constituents, please make good use of your rights to vote on the 4th of March.

Mr Speaker I heed the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. You have done well for the district of Vaimauga, thank you for the improved roads within the vicinity of Apia. We have been to other parts of the Pacific, and by observation, we rank second in comparison to other Pacific nations.

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We also have a new Health Services and Market and the Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi building, these are the new developments that are located in Vaimauga. In the saying, what's good for Apia that is located in Vaimauga is also good for the rural area. That is the belief because when a Vaimauga coughs and gets sick, the entire country will also get sick. Hence gratitude to Samoa especially Vaimauga. Well in case Lealailepule says what, no Faleata should also try to catch up because Faleata is also covered in Apia.

Mr Speaker I heed appreciation to the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader. Before I became a Parliamentarian, the work I do as a lawyer is judged whether your side is right or wrong. Whereas in Parliament, one Party is larger than another, but sometimes there is anger because the other team is bigger than the other. But thank you Leader of the Opposition for your courage.

In the democratic world, an Opposition Side must also exist and despite the number, the important factor is the performance. Sometimes we urge to be in a stronger team however you must select which team to join based on trust.

Mr Speaker I appreciate the dignity of the House great job. Despite the several heated debates we have, when we have parliamentary committee meetings we are always harmonised. Although we have different views, the central aim is the wellbeing of Samoa not for HRPP or Tautua or for one person alone. Thus is the sincere gratitude to all the notable members of the House.

I also appreciate the job by the Speaker which is not an easy one. I know it because the Standing Orders of the House is hugely different from the Standing Orders of the Court House because once the Court give its ruling that is it. Whereas the Standing Orders of the House once a ruling is given, members have a huge chance during deliberations. This is a good opportunity we have as Members that takes five years term for us to find jobs elsewhere when we do not make it to Parliament. Only God knows what will happen on the 4th March but for me alone, I cannot wait for the 4th of March to see who will come back.

It is a privilege for me to in Parliament, it is unforgettable, whether I will come back or not, I will not forget my time as a Parliamentarian in the House of Samoa. I hope I have contributed enough for the House of Samoa.

In prayer I ask God to heed our tiny island, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Speaker and that side. Pray also for the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader, Clerk and staff and everyone gathered before Samoa, all the *best with the Elections on the 4th of March, thank you very much.*

MR SPEAKER: Well done to the member for Vaimauga West, your invaluable contribution to the House needs no mention including the Committee during our deliberations in the House. That indicates your courage to resume the vote for our country, pray God for your health to provide good advice to the Leader of the Opposition every time and every day we have our press conference and all that. Your time will come to become a Leader so be patient you are in a good position.

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We have come to the next comment to end today's session, tonight is also good to start the next session.

I call Toesulusulu one of the warriors and member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER (Aana Alofi No.3): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity as well as the dignity of the House this morning.

Mr Speaker, thank you for the chance, I first of all make a statement in accordance to the Supplementary Budget Statement before the House. I wish to address two things. First up is additional appropriation for the water sector.

Mr Speaker, why isn't there any investment plan on an allocated budget from EU to execute the tasks of the Water Sector. Secondly, the village of Satapuuala has waited long enough for water for their Independent Water Scheme, perhaps the Hon Minister has got us next on the list. That is the situation all throughout the year that water has not yet reached the pastor's house.

With the drought season we had, our village was hugely affected and such is the request to the Water Authority to look into this extra appropriation to improve water for the government and current projects. Secondly, LTA and the budget allocation for Climate Change Alliance Funds that is given in this Budget Statement. I am not sure whether this Alliance Funds is finance from overseas.

Mr Speaker, that is all from me, well done to the Ministry of Finance and the Committee who have reviewed this Budget. We have come to the end of this Parliamentary term I wish to extend appreciation to the constituency and the country. Thank you to the support of the O Le Ao o le Malo and faletua, the Council of Deputies this last five year term. Thank you also to the Chief Justice and the Ministry of Justice for your work, Speaker, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff for serving your Parliament and Committee work throughout its sittings. I appreciate the country's assistance through this Parliament despite the lack of insight, but the Office of the Legislative Assembly has assisted us well in enduring Parliament work.

Mr Speaker thank you also to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for your far sighted wisdom upon the submissions we made for the wellbeing of Samoa. Mr Speaker I wish to note the Book of Phillipi 4:8 I do not have a Samoan bible but I wish read it, Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, and praise worthy, think about of such things.

Mr Speaker that is the spirit of thanks for all the Parliament work we have achieved, thank you all.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, can you translate that in Samoan.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the reason why it is called the theme booklet is because the statement is correct, they are good and bad statements, that is the Samoan translation.

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MR SPEAKER: I will hand it over to Toeolesulusulu who owns the statement for clarification as that is a different theme book you are referring to. Toeolesulusulu give the message in Samoan.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: I beg tolerance everyone I did not come with a Samoan bible but if we can find one we can shoot it up on the screens for all to see, the essence is to thank all for the good works you have fulfilled. That is the entire spirit especially to my constituency of Alofa Aana No.3 that covers the villages of Fasitootai, Vailuutai, Faleatiu, Satapuala and Satuimalufilufi. Thank you for your prayers and support during my reign the last five years. I also extend gratitude to the pastors and Elders of the constituency.

Mr Speaker, becoming a Parliamentarian is not easy, I hardly attend our sittings as I had the other duties to achieve as a Member.

I urge the support for the village, secondly, good decisions for the government, third, submissions for the wellbeing of Samoa, fourthly, recommendations to building laws and the economic status to provide equal opportunities for all including the districts.

Although our district has not had the chance to improve our roads, but we have laid out plans set for the upcoming Parliamentary term according to the many completed projects for other districts. We also heed appreciation to other developments in the district including education, water not only within the district but also revenue earning received as well as seeking foreign assistance to develop and assist with our local projects.

Mr Speaker in conclusion thank you entirely for this term, whoever will succeed in the next election, I hope you will continue the work of the constituency for the welfare of Samoa, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done Toeolesulusulu, I know you are know churchgoer who's always walking around with a Samoan Bible. Perhaps the message is well received but the Prime Minister's reminder is vital as the country is tuning in. Well done on your speech thank you also for the good advice, I believe you are one member who is aggressive every time we have our sittings. When we travel I sit and watch your style and the challenges you bring for our sittings. I pray God God for the upcoming vote for all the members in the House. We have reached our recess time, I urge that we resume work at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. I heed appreciation to the dignity of the House.

Well done to all the Government heads specially Samoa, let us take a break before we resume at 3:00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended at 1:00am until 3.00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3.00pm.

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

I wish to greet the notable House this morning. We have reached the resuming works given the motion set earlier today. I believe you have regained new strength in spirit and mind to resume our work.

During our break the member for Aana was concluding his speech; I now give the chance to any further comments on the Budget.

I call the member for Vaisigano No. 1 the floor is now available.

Afioga TUFUGA GAFOALEATA FAITUA (Vaisigano No. 1): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I take this last chance to state my support on this Budget Statement with a few recommendations to the Ministry of Health.

I take it from previous comments that \$1.5million is used to fund health related issues mainly for patients who ought to be taken abroad for treatment. The advice upon doctors for untreatable patients is to draw up reports and send it to the Minister and Cabinet to take patients abroad for treatment because as aware, my relative also went through the similar case. So what happens is that there was not specialist and it will get to the point where a patient dies. This is the advise to all public who have untreatable disease.

On to the Government Building and its maintenance standard, it is not so good. This is the recommendation for the Budget Statement.

Thank you to the Finance Committee for clearly recommending the Ministry of Health and its Report which has not been given for the last five years. It is with hope that Reports are tabled on time in Parliament by the respective Parliamentary Committees.

Up next is the member for Vaisigano No. 1 in all your honorific salutations. I take this very opportunity to thank my constituency for voting me in as your representative in the House of Samoa. Thank you for having hope in me, if I have lacked anything I beg indulgence. Considering the Ministers appointment due to its campaign well at least we have a chance as Associate Ministers in the natural resources and environment especially the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa and the Trust Estate.

As a request to the constituency well I am still fit enough to take over comes the upcoming term should you wish so. If you wish, praise God. In saying that I wish the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and this side all the best. I also wish the Speaker the best of health should the constituency wishes for you to also come back, I see that you too are at your youth age and fit. I pray for blessings upon Samoa and its Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Vaisigano No.1. True as you say, the departure of our loved ones is not easy. Let us leave it to God and His will. We still have time for any other member of the Committee to comment as the sun is moving down. That is the target this evening to finish our work before we call it a day.

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Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: What is good for Faleata is obeying the Speaker and then you will not be speaking faultily again. I call the member for Faleata East.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East): Thank you Mr Speaker, I thought I will conclude as I am from Faleata. Despite, the pastor has whispered that I should conclude anyhow.

Before I proceed I wish to acknowledge the distinguished Parliament, Mr Speaker Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, Government heads of various Ministries. I also heed Samoa and His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, Council of Deputies, clergies and their wives, Chief Justice and his good lady, Judiciary and the significant Samoa. This is one exclusive morning when I reflect back to this five year term, this morning is the final Parliament sitting in its proceedings in essence to developing Samoa especially the representative of this constituency. Before I proceed with the law, I firstly extend appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. We have come to the end of this Parliamentary term thus everything is going smoothly. Although we have had several exchanges and heated arguments regardless it all aims at one common goal to support and align with the welfare and benefit of the country. Such is the general appreciation to all through the Hon Prime Minister.

I specifically extend gratitude to the Hon Minister of Education as aware I had been in the opposition. I appreciate your work throughout this term well done. Educational projects have well been undertaken including the Ministry of Agriculture. Well done to the two Ministries.

The same goes to the Ministry of Works. Perhaps time will come for you to look into the submissions we have given. Thank you also Hon Prime Minister for the collective effort we do together.

It is indeed a must that I extend deepest appreciation to the Hon Speaker for the good works his carried out from the beginning of the term until now, it is not an easy role being a representative rather your support has made it easier given the various workshops we have taken to build us up in order to better serve the country.

I sincerely wish to thank the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff for assisting us new members from the start, may God bless you and your work.

We have been in Parliament for five years since our appointment in 2011. Despite the many temptations and difficulties we encountered along the way, God has given us good thoughts and wisdom to carry out other plans until today. Although some projects still remain incomplete, we believe we have collectively contributed some good thoughts to build our nation.

If I had said anything irritating to your hearing that is not the intention rather the attempt I urge to make is to look again and find ways to improve our work.

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To my constituency of Faleata East, you are aware of this difficult task. This constituency comprises of Lepea, Vaimoso, Nuu, Sinamoga and Alafua. *Ia le paia e o le tatou itumalo, i le afio o Faumuina ma Usoalii ma Tamapaa, malii mai oulua Vaifale ma le Falelima ma le Falevalu, ma le Saofaiga a le Atua, Faleata ma Ituau. Afio foi lau Afioga Nuu ma Leatinuu, aemaise si ou nuu pele i Vaimoso, susu le Tama a le Fale, Usoalii ma le Matua ia Patauave, oulua e toalua, Une ma Manuleleua ma oulua Aiga, Oulu Matua ma upu ia te Oe Vaimoso.*

Your prayers are not forgotten, as one member reiterated, what is the role of a member? What role does a Palriamentarian play in Parliament? What did the constituency vote you as their representative in Parliament? As one saying goes, when one day passes then reflect back to the work you did and say, "Father, I am a worthless servant." Yes all members work hard and give it their all for his or her constituency and Samoa as a whole. If I had done you wrong, *e poto lava le tautai ae sese le atu i ama.* Thank you for all your support and kindness, we are heading towards the next election yet we must decide together with God. As reiterated before, you are chosen by God, make your choice according to God's will.

To the Opposition Leader and the Deputy Leader we feel courageous and appreciative by your leadership. The only question I wanted to ask Lealailepule who wishes to be part of us (HRPP) when he is with your Tautua party, regardless all those are false statements, Lealailepule will always support this side. Nonetheless, thank you members for the good fellowship. The only time we mark our differences is through the different parties we come in, opportunely most of the time we have worked collectively.

I also wish to thank the Chairperson of the Committee and the members who have participated wherethus this affirms to me that we are one party such that the laws passed in Parliament determines the welfare of Samoa. With the various Parliamentary sittings, impartiality was never an issue. Such is the appreciation to the Chairperson of the Committee, members and the Clerk for this difficult task.

I wish the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet all the best on the upcoming Elections, there is thought that you must give us the opportunity to lead comes next year for a change because as said, whether one of us takes over, we are one because we do the work together.

I wish the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet all the best as well as the Associate Ministers, Speaker and the office of the Legislative Assembly, government heads and your dedication is not an easy one specially when you are called to make submissions. That is the nature of our work we work collaborately.

I wish the Opposition Side all the best with the elections as well as the Speaker may the Lord bless, well done your job and perseverance.

I conclude may God bless us all today. Thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done Aveautau, when you first entered the House, you were known as Aveau and now you are better known as Aveautau, which is a wonderful name that matches your role in the House. Well done on all the work you participated in as part of the Committee and so as your attendance. You are correct that Parliament is one. That Side can also be trickery which is reason for our differences. But do not worry about Lealailepule, God will speak to Him. Well done on your speech, everything is well received. Well done. Best wishes on the elections.

Well anybody else....I see that Maualaivao has laid down his earphone. I call the member for Individual Voters, Maulaivao.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM (Individual Voters): Thank you I did not mean it like that, I wish to thank the Minister of Works for the achieving some of the requests made in the past. The same goes with our sub-villages of Falelauniu comprising of Falelauniuuta and Falelauniutai and perhaps a time will come for a school building request for Siusega and Ululoloa that holds a growing number of settlers along these private areas.

I thank my constituency for your pride and perseverance. May God complete what we lacked during this term. What I find interesting in this Parliament is members upholding their respects towards one another. That is the always the spirit we maintain.

Mr Speaker, I heed appreciation to you and your work as chairmanship, that seat no longer fits you, thus you must sit in a king's throne.

Member for Faleata East, what seems to be the problem? Do not worry if you know that you will not make it back (in Parliament) hence why worry about upstanding again? That is it may God's mercy be upon us all and...

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I recognize Lealailepule.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Worrying is not found in my dictionary, when I nap and wake up, the member is speaking with worrisome. See what happened with this member, he attempted to transfer voters but could not. Did you know that my ballot roll is number one in the whole of Samoa? If Samoa were to vote for me, you would not have any vote. Mauala you should have resigned by now. Have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done...

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you that is the spirit of our exchanges and fellowship. Yes we have contributed a lot. The importance is contribution for the constituency and the benefit of the country. With respect thank you Mr Speaker for the chance and may our election go well. Samoa, vote with God for Samoa to gain good leaders to prosper Samoa because as the saying goes, '*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High has pure character*'. Have a blessed meeting.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done Maualaivao, I am indeed indebted in you and your speeches such that it is always given in a respectful tone and manner. In regards to my chairmanship, never mind at least we have made it through. I only want to advise that you enlarge your poster along the road like Lefau's. Up next we have Ifopo from Aiga i le Tai before we proceed with other members.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.

It is wonderful to hear the submissions given by previous members. This day is quite different whereby we greet and thank our constituencies as we near the end of this term. Hence I thank you Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and that Side and everyone.

In regards to the Appropriation Statement Report I wholly support it. Respectfully I wish to touchbase with my constituency. Swiftly I recall the lad Si'utaulalovasa, the son of Si'usei'a and Fitipupula who travelled from Savaii to Faleata to look for his father's relatives in Tafaigata. When he reached Vaiusu, he was exhausted and thirsty, he looked around and found a dry river, wearily he fell asleep and when early morning arrived they found the river outpouring with water. This is when Si'utaulalovasa affirmed that God will create water to return Him all the glory and sacrifices. This is how the story of the water came about such as the spirit this morning. I wish to acknowledge the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet Leader of the Opposition and the dignified members of the House.

I also heed the presence of the Speaker. We are nearing the end as the saying to a child unforgettably goes, "E le galo Taē i Atua." In the saying by Faasaleleaga, *e manatua pule, ae le manatua faalaeo*.

Hon Prime Minister I heed appreciation for your wise distribution that has reached this constituency. Thank you for your support and prayers upon everyone specifically the Speaker and the Office of the Legislative, as well as the government heads for your generosity.

To the significant support of Aiga i le Tai my dear beloved constituency. The words of Aiga i le Tai, *ua malie toa, ua malie tau. Le paia e o Luatimu, le ulua'i Pou o Malo, e susu ai Leiataualesa, le mamalu ia Futi ma Mutimuti ma le matua o Vaisagote, Malo le tapua'i, le paia o Malaetoli, aua le sūsū o Leiataualetaua le mamalu o le Falelima o alo o Sapapa le lauga a le Faletolu ma le matua ia Vai, malo le tapuaiga. Tulouna Atiga ma Falemaii, o ana o le maile ma Fogamanono, sūsū lau Susuga Taupaū ma le Aiga Sa Taupaū, Susu Mulipola ma le aiga Sa Mulipola, Susu Luatutu ma le Aiga Sa Luatutu, Susu Tuilaepa o le Alo o le Malietoa, le matua ia Finau le usoga ma le aiga, alaalatai lau fetalaiga Auapaau ma le Falefa o Salua ma Sa Tuilagi faapea le Pologama. Thank you for your support.*

Tulouna Lalotoa i le susu o Sa'u ma le aiga Sa Sa'ū, le paia o le Usoalii. Susu Tumulauao mamalu o le alaalatai o Sa'uma.

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Foi mai isi ou nuu, aua le susu o Alo o le Malietoa, lau Susuga i le Faaaloaloga Moananu. Susu lo outou aiga o Leusoalii, susu le paia ia Fuailefau, faaaloaloga ia Fuailefau Lote, susu le Pouli ma le afio o Lilomaiava, le mamalu i le Faatei ia Falute ma Amaoso, le Lautinalaulelei, le tofa i le tuua ia Vaatiuola ma le mamalu ia te oe Lautolo. Le paia ia Satoa, le tatou itumalo, faletua ma tausī, Pauli ma le aumaga, o le malosī o le itumalo, le tupulaga talavou, o le taeao o aiga ma nuu, o itumalo ma Samoa atoa.

I also greet Tama Pule, Afioga Patele Douglas Fidow Church Ministers and their faletua in the constituency, thank you for your prayers and support. I trust that your prayers, support, advice and cheerful heart have helped built courage in undertaking my calling. In this final sitting day, you have made it possible for me to voice your concerns in the decision-making of the country. Thank you for your prayers, support and assistance. In the fishermen's expression, *e poto lava le Tautai ae sala i ama lona faiva*. Aiga i le Tai, if this is your observation, I plead, *o Faiva o ua lililo o le sala o le Tautai e totoi*'. In translation, *the Fijian met with failure but the Samoan caught many fish*. This is the picture seen today hence sincere appreciation as the sun will rise again along the way. We are nearing the date of General Elections, Aiga i le Tai I bid my full strength and blessings from God to serve you as I am still fit. I am more than able to serve and fulfill all the unfinished submissions from the past due to time shortage, thus lend me your faith I can achieve them at the same time the intention is up to you.

Mr Speaker as I reiterated congratulations on your perseverance and building us up as Parliamentarians.

Well done Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Opposition Side and the dignity of the House. As wonderful as it sounds we have two sides, but we are united in most of our Parliamentary Committee work. The only plea is that you take into account the constituency of Aiga i le Tai in your plans. Sincere thanks Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the improved roads in Manono to the wharf from Mulifanua to Apolima and Salua. We urge that these submissions be executed in portion as we have other priorities at hand. I congratulate and Tumua and our small island of Manono or Aiga i le Tai. Well done, thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity and members.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Aiga i le Tai Ifopo, that is the thank you note to the constituenc and its significant status. Let us rely on God like the words said today, our calling all comes from above. I don't believe in *curiosity because the works done at my time are more than enough with our hopes and prayers*. I call one of the Committee members Taefu Lemi.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai & Samatau): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. This constituency needs no urge to give a speech whether in Parliament or holding a ritual stick (fue) stand or sit, speaking on a podium anytime. Therefore Mr Speaker we are not silent. I greet the Speaker for controlling our sittings the last five years as we near its end. Greetings Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and the dignity of the House of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa.

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Greetings also to the heads of Government Ministries and Corporations who are currently tasked with the roles and responsibilities we have here as well as the service of the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

I also greet Samoa tuning in from all over the place, your Highness O Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo, Council of Deputy, Judiciary, Church Ministers all around Samoa. Greetings Samoa in your honorific salutation *le paia o Aiga ma Tama, o Tama foi ma Aiga, ia le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. I also greet my constituency in your significant statuses *le paia o le Aiga Tauaana ma le latou Tama le Falefitu o le Atitagaloo ia ae a Fasavalu ma lona Aiga, Salu ma Auvaaipeau, le Taausoalii ma Tama a Tausala, le Taiivao na falefia i ai aiga, Tonumaivao o lo outou matua aiga, ae a Tuaomaauga e alaalatai ai Galuefa ma Tulasalogo o Falelatai ma tagata o le vavau ia ma Vaeolenofoaia*. Greetings also to the sub-village of Samatau, *falefa o le Usoalii ma le gafa Fiame ma le tamaitai ia ae a le mamalu o le saofaiga ia te oe Leulumoega*. Greetings to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson Elder Tautiaga Senara, Priest and Sa seetolu, Patele ma Patele ma Patele. I acknowledge the presence of the Secretary of the entire Congregation (Pulega) and Matagaluega, greetings Pastor Susuga Livigisitone Toelupe.

Mr Speaker, I wish to extend appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance for the Budget Statement given the total appropriation laid out which must now be approved. Instead this is our final sitting before the upcoming Elections. I have previously stated this concern on identifications for local registration of voters from birth to death which is something vital. A person holding an identification number from birth until maturity becomes a Matai, voter access the hospital or travelling is vital. I trust this will put things at ease as we prepare for the upcoming Elections however else this is not going so well with the three Ministries such as the Ministry undertaking registrations of voters, the Ministry carrying out the registration of Chiefs and the Ministry conducting the registration of births and deaths. This is clearly indicated in the incongruity statistics by these three Ministries such that working closely together is critical.

With the registrations of voters perhaps 80% is done by the Members of the House especially those happy voters for the General Elections. This thereby must be taken into consideration on ways to minimize this doing as the House is doing the work of taking the voters for registrations well the term could end in no time and registrations are still not over. As an alternative the voter can easily get registration as soon as he or she reaches the age of 21 through an identification number from the time of birth. Your identification is automatically traceable when you become a matai or travel abroad. This can also be useful when tracing a voter's educational background/history in the country. This is my contribution to our discussion for the country moving forward. The only work to do is keeping the system updated with additional records such as having your photos taken after 10 or 20 years and updating any matai title. This new system could also help avoid any false records as the actual records now exist in the system.

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This is my prayer Mr Speaker, we are yet to take a break after these 5 years yet we are still encountering changes, we have made some huge amendments to the Constitution. Praise God we can still make changes for improvement. There are religious groups who are given the freedom of religion in accordance to our Constitution. I view it as days will come and go and so as passing generations that the amendment made aims to align Samoa as a country founded on God, the Word became flesh according to the Bible, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Not all Religions are the same nevertheless; I take this as vitally important. I am not prospecting 10 to 50 years but 100 years from now as religious people can part ways at times. But if we are to worship one God and remain in one religion then Samoa is well protected. Therefore this statement is not meant for today nor tomorrow but for the future generations.

I extend appreciation to the change for efficient internet and telecommunications network these last 5 years. This is one issue I have raised longfully in the past because they are useful for students assignments at the University levels. Samoa is no different from the world in terms of technological changes. Thanks to the cables laid out elsewhere to ensure that we can obtain cheaper internet connection rates locally. Accordingly all these are considered on a monitoring basis because when we have the Blue Sky post, the only users are that of Blue Sky. The same goes with Digicel. I asked if there is an interference when the two services are put together under one tower, the reply was no, so I said why not install these two posts together, Blue Sky and Digicel to save up space especially the post instalments up in the mountains. I hope we can get the cable connection from Australia through to Samoa and Fiji so that we can get effective internet connection for our students. That is also why we go to the office to use internet as internet is inaccessible at home as they are very dear.

I express my sincere thanks to the Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. Thank you also to all the Government Ministries. There are times during this five years term that I have raised my voice as well and have given some highly urged your assistance, but in the spirit today, I extend great thanks for the various projects not only for Falelatai and Samatau, as well for the whole of Samoa for its welfare and prosperity. Whatever we have done let God be praised. For all projects and developments that we have completed including the ones we have not achieved, let us give God praise. Thank you for having myself in this Parliament as a member of the Finance Committee as well as the Chairperson for the Parliamentary Committee that we all know. He was also a member or Chairperson for the Commission of Inquiry which was the first ever Commission established in the Parliament of Samoa since Independence. That is all from this district. Thank you once again.

Thank you also for granting me five opportunities to travel and take part in the Parliamentary meetings around the world. I was engaged in two of the trips through the CPA programme. Hence thank you Minister of Finance and SIFA. Thank you also to the Cabinet for the Singapore trip I took to represent the country abroad.

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Thank you Deputy Prime Minister or the Minister of MCIL for the trip I took in Peru. A big thank you very much Mr Speaker most importantly the Parliament.

To the district tuning in, I did not enter this Parliament to find a seat nor find benefit for myself alone. No, I came with God's blessing to make good use of my strength to serve you. Whatever I have contributed, may it rest well in you. When I come to work I come from Falelatai in the dawn, when I reach Falelatai after work it is still dark. When I entered Parliament I thought I could make good use of myself in some of the initiatives. Perhaps if this job could've taken another part time job, I could have taken it. Pardon the Prime Minister, Cabinet and the Speaker, but other representatives could have been put into good use that is my personal observation. That is why after our sittings sometimes I would turn my car to listen to attend the Bible Studies in Malua and see what to do about it. Two years since I got into the Bible Studies in Malua, I received a Certificate and a Diploma in 2011 and 2012, these are rare opportunities hardly anyone attains from this House. Therefore it is best to seek God whom we have known since our existence as the only true God we worship. As for me as your representative, it is central that I have known God since you voted me in as your Member in the Parliament of Samoa.

Thus I give sincere gratitude to you since 2011 for voting me because then I know since that time until now, the voting will never be easier for our district. Why? Because the burden laid down for this event no longer exists, the hill that was hard to climb is now possible. The strong warrior is now being replaced by the weak person. The notable member is now being taken over by the unqualified person.

Hence, this is not easy for the district. David was being bestowed long enough without knowledge by the people of Israel, but when Goliath failed, Israel knew David very well. David was long be sanctified he did not have enemies but when Goliath was defeated this is when David had enemies who became the leaders of Israel.

Therefore my constituency...

Tofa Motuopuaa Uifagasa Aisoli Vaai: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I will give the chance to the interjection of the member for Vaisigano No.2.

Tofa Motuopuaa Uifagasa Aisoli Vaai: I only wish to question the speaking member if you are unable to make it back, do you have any plans to go to Malua next year. That is it with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member to resume his speech.

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Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Mr Speaker I am grateful to have graduated from Malua. Regardless I can be selected to give sermon anywhere. Thank you for the interjection. One belief says, if it is good, why touch it? To my district, I am the representative of *Falefitu o le Aiga Tauaana ma Tuimalealiifano, o lea ua opogi e Leulumoega, le Falefa o le Usoalii ma le Gafa, Fiamē ma le Tamaitai, la outou saofaiga Leulumoega*, thus thank you Leulumoega for your dedicated work. David was known for one thing alone, when David and his son departed, the entire nation was divided. The nation was united by David and his son, settlers spread out to the South and North whilst others formed Israel and Judah.

To think of this, I lament our forefathers and pioneers of this country who initiated unification and principalities for all. Hence all that was acquired were achieved through my constituenc. As said, the welfare did not come from within this House, no, everything I earned were made to develop our district and serve the families, church and the entire district. Thus is the appreciation to you for the calling from God. A person's calling is from God, let us await our calling.

To my district dear to the heart, Falelatai and Samatau, I wish you luck with your vote and may the winner contribute and work for the district as well as the Government of Samoa. Your respect upon me, well I express gratitude, I am indebted to you all. Best of luck with your votes, bless our Sitting, bless the support of Samoa, in Jesus name. Amen.

MR SPEAKER: Well done to the clergy. Do not worry, it's been a day yet again questions have been directed as to when you would attend Malua. Leave it to God, the public is listening, they will make the decision through the whisper from God and our calling. that is the right way to do it. I also give blessings to the member, well done to you and all the work you've achieved. You have also given your word of thanks to the district.

We have come to our adjournment time, let us break to rebuild energy before we resume.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 4:43pm until 5:25pm.

Deliberations resumed on second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.

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

I salute all for your patience this part f the day. We have to the second half of our work this afternoon. I believe we have been rejuvenated from our break.

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Before our recess the member for Falelatai and Samatau was taking the floor. Let us proceed up next we have the member for Gagaifomauga No. 2, followed by the member for Vaimauga West, o Finao, to be concuded by Alataua.

I call the member Lavea who is prepared any time, the respects of Usoga a Pule ma Tumua. Member for Gagaifomauga No. 2.

Tofa SOOALO MENE (Gagaifomauga No. 2): Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance for this district to make a contribution in relation to this tabling Budget Statement.

Firstly, the abiding love of God is huge given this long journey we have come through. We give credit to all the members of the clergy for their endless prayers every day for the benefit of Samoa.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, pardon also the Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and that Side, the territorial constituencies and their representatives.

Greetings to the heads of Government Ministries and Coporations, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. I also greet his Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and your Good Lady, Council of Deputies, Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice.

I also greet the Leaders of various Churches in the country.

Greetings to the honorific salutations of Samoa, *Aiga ma Tama, o Tama ma Aiga, o Aiga o Tupu, Aiga o Nofo, Aiga o Papa, o Aiga na Tafaiifa, aua le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituaui ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.*

I also greet our neighboring islands in the East, *susu o Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaaumua ma le Launiu na Saelua, Tama a le Manuatele ma le Tootoo o le Faleula, ma le mamalu i le Faleagafulu.*

O paia na o Samoa mai le Taisamasama o le Tuimanua seia paia Fili ma Puletuu, na itea ai Mataniufeagaimaleata, Faleu ma Utuagiagi, o Malaeoloa ma Nafoga. O taeao na o le Talalelei, o taeao na o le manumalo ua fai ma faavae papa o Samoa. O lea ua pai ama mautietie ai Tiafau na tauave nei ae tau i le liolio e le mamalu ma paia faale-Atunuu.

Now on to the Budget Statement, Hon Prime Minister or the Hon Minister of Finance, I take this very opportunity on behalf of the constituency to thank your good self and the Cabinet for the job well done this last five years. I believe it was not an easy task, you went through difficulties plus a few murmurs in attempting to achieve the many projects, nonetheless I salute your patience. It is with dignity, hope and perseverance that you upheld for the sake of the country and its welfare.

I have witnessed that 95% of the job has been achieved given the current status. That is the same vision by the men, women and children in the district. That is similar objective by the public to serve and complete several government projects for its wellbeing.

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Mr Speaker, then I come to the next constituency of Gagaifomauga No.2 in your significant salutation *aua lo oulua falelua Safune ma Samauga e amata mai Fatuvalu, Faletagaloa ma Matavai aua le afifio o Tapaau ma Sausi, le tofa o alii ma Tuumatavai, ia faapea le susu o le alii o le nuu, lau susuga Leota, alaalatai le toafia o tama tulafale ma lau fetalaiga i le tuua Tugaga ma lo oulua toalua Sa Oloapu ma Safune.*

In true motive, your prayers and blessings are forever treasured before I became your representative, despite everything else, you have rendered your genuine support upon me day and night.

To the Church Ministers, your prayers have so forth given me warmth and strength. Who am I that you should be mindful of, I say this unto you with a humbling heart, I am truly indebted for all your support and prayers as well as your genuine hearts. For this, I take this very opportunity to render my apologies for any mistakes I have made, I plead your forgiveness.

I pray that we lay all hopes to God for He is all knowing and all powerful and let Him decide our calling and pray that everything will go accordingly. Have a blessed Meeting Samoa. And may God bless us and your support. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Gagaifomauga No. 2, I take it that we have uttered enough grateful words this evening. Let us bear with God our hope and faith, He will be the one to do the calling, Great job on your perseverance and patience. Well done on your speech today.

I call the member for Vaimauga West Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua for your speech.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I take this chance to greet your honor, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader, Members of the Parliament of Samoa.

I specially greet the beloved constituency of Vaimauga West, and members of the public in your honorific status.

Mr Speaker, I voice my support on the Budget Statement, congratulations Hon Prime Minister and government heads in specific for the wise distribution so that the government projects are achieved for Samoa and its future.

Mr Speaker I heed this golden opportunity to specifically state appreciation *the significant support of the constituency of Vaimauga West. I le paia maualuga o le fale Sagauga, le afifio o Alosina i lau afioga Seumanutafa ma lau afioga Toomalatai, afifio le Aiga paia o Salevalasi lau afioga Tamaseu ma lau afioga Faualo. Susu lo oulua matua Onofiatele ma Faaolesa, afifio Tupuola ma Faumuina ma Siligatusa, susu le matua o Leupolu ma Alo o Malietoa, afio Soialo ma le matua o Feetau, alaalatai faletolu i lau tofa Tuiletufuga, lau tofa Letaa, faapea lau tofa Pupuallii. Alaalatai Vainalepa i lau tofa Lima, lau tofa Lealasola ma lau tofa Atoa ma Fuaiupolu, alaalatai oe Tuisamau i lau tofa Samau ma lau tofa Feagaimaalii.*

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A liua le vai o sina fatulua i le paia maualuga o Fuaiupolu i le afio o le matua i lo oulua sa seelua, Tofaeono ma Tofaeono afifio oulua tama Patu ma Asi o le afifio lava lea o Aiga e tolu. Afifio Leusoalii, alaalatai Lenatai Tamapua ma Manogiamanu ma le mamalu i le nofo a ituaiga ia Fuata tainane le mamalu ia Taga ma Sa Ataga faapea le Launiu na Saelua o Taga ma Salaitia ma lo la Moanafagatau. Ae ao faalupega ia te outou o Auaua na Iesu Keriso aua Lana Talalelei aua le paia maualuga o Susuga i Faafegaiga ma le Aufaigaluega a le Atua i le nofo a fataloa o le Talalelei. Le paia maualuga ma le mamalu i tupu ma ee o failauga ma punaoo, saoo maualuluga o faletua ma tausi o aumaga ma ava a aumaga e oo lava i tupulaga talavou ma le mamalu o le aupalota. Those are the divisional status of our district the last 5 years that will come to pass for one of the seats in Parliament. Words are insufficient to express my feelings of appreciation for you have laid on top of the maa salafa. In the words of the Holy Bible, "Who am I that you are mindful of me and the son of man that you care for".

From the depths of my heart I extend deepest gratitude for your respect that is highly regarded and honoured. I am just speechless. Thank you wholeheartedly Vaimauga West. I also urge for your forgiveness if I have served you insufficiently like the saying, *afai e i ai ni ou alofa ia fou Sina i Futu*, I have utmostly done my best with the strength from God. Thank you so much for your support, assistance and prayers for the service you've rendered the last 5 years for the sake of our constituency. Pursuant to the new change laid out in Parliament for districts divions for the upcoming General Elections, I wish to vye for the Seat of our dear constituency of Vaimauga West No.1 including the beloved village of Fuaiupolu. *I le afifio o a oulua Afioa Tofaeono Vui Faatali ma lau afioa Tofaeono Fonoti Iupati, le afifio o a outou afioa Patu Ativalu Tunupopo, Patu Tiavaasue Falefatu Sapolu, Patu Sola Siaosi, le afifio o a outou afioa Asi Tuiataga Semisi, Asi Sagagauatasi Tunupopo ma Asi Leuluaialii Peleiupu. Alaalatai lau tofa Tamapua ma lau tofa Manogiamanu faapea le mamalu tele o le nofo a ituaiga ia Fuata, o le afifio lava lea o le paia i Aiga e tolu.*

E faapena foi le paia ma le mamalu maualuga o si ou nuu pele o Magiagi i le afifio o Leusoalii ia Luafau ma Tuiono ma Lupetaliaami tainane le mamalu ia Ataga ma Sa Ataga faapea le Launiu na Saelua Taga ma Salaitia ma lo la Moanafagatau. A o le susu o Susuga i Faafegaiga ma le Aufaigaluega paia a le Atua i le nofo a Ekalesia eseese i totonu o si o tatou itumalo. I don't intend to push your authority that is rightfully in your hands, lend me your authority that I may once again be your representative to continue serving you for the next 5 year Parliamentary term in an attempt to complete lapsed businesses for this last 5 years that is about to close.

I also take this chance to extend appreciation to Susuga Elder Peteru Tone and Faletua, I have word this year marks the Pensionary pursuant to Church policies and regulations. Well done on your perseverance and dedicated efforts for Christ and His Kingdom. I also share condolences to Susuga Semikueva and Faletua and the family for the passing of the father. May God's sympathies upon you all.

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Thank you Speaker for the opportunity, may God bless all remaining businesses we have, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done respectable member, Lenatai I take it you have done your part for the constituency.

I pray God for his blessings upon you moving forward.

We now come to the second lady Member of Parliament, Faimalotoa be upstanding the floor is yours now.

Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS (Gagaifomauga No. 1): Mr Speaker I wish to extend the spirit of appreciation for this opportunity received to voice a contribution to the dearest constituency of Gagaifomauga No. 2 for the last time in this Parliamentary term.

I believe no Member of this House does not want to speak for their constituencies tuning in and their support upon their representatives this entire five year term. I greet the dignity of this Samoan Parliament as we near the end of this five year Parliamentary term. I acknowledge the dignity of this House, the honourable Speaker, Leader of the Government the Hon Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and the notable members of the Cabinet.

Greetings also to the Opposition leader, Palusalua Faapo II, and the Deputy Leader and Members of both political parties. I also greet the heads of Government Public Enterprises who are carrying enough burdens on their shoulders all for the government. Greetings also to the Clerk and the staff of the Legislative Assembly. Welcome also to the Media group, Radio, TV and Newspaper who are witnessing and airing the Proceedings of this Parliament for Samoa from time to time. Further greetings goes to anyone who is providing service and support for this House. Greetings also to His Highness O Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo, Hon Tama Aiga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and your Good lady. The Council of Deputy, Hon Tamaaiga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and your good lady and the significant *Tama ma Aiga, o Aiga foi ma latou Tama, le mamalu ia Pule ma Tumua, Ituu ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. Greetings also to our neighboring island in the East *ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saelua, le Laau na Amotasi ma Auvaa o le Tootoo o le upu o le Manuatele*.

Greetings also to all the members of the clergy who are praying for the [welfare of Samoa](#). [Your honorific salutations have been laid out](#).

Mr Speaker I wish to firstly make a statement of thanks to my constituency the constituency of Gagaifomauga No. 1. I specially wish to extend appreciation to the members of the clergy in the district praying for Samoa to prosper every day. Thank you elder Susuga Tanielu and your Faletua, Afioga Patele Jerry, Susuga Tolutasi and Faletua, the Methodist elder and Faletua, Susuga Archbishop Patai and Faletua as well as Susuga Filipo and Faletua of the Christian Congregational Church of Samoa in Manase.

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Thank you for all your support and blessings that had given me courage and joy to serve our district. Not forgetting the members of the constituency who are serving God here and abroad.

I also extend gratitude to our districts of Safotu and Manase for their support. *O paia lava ia aua le afifio o sao e fa ma aiga sa Malau le Atipouniu ma le Faasao ma le mamalu ia oe le Pule. Le alaalatai a lau fetalaiga Lavea na e mua i malae e te tausi vaatele aua le tupua i Finao, le sūsū o Taito ma aiga sa Malau ma le fetalaiga ia Tauasa.* I also thank the women and men as well the youth group. Appreciation also goes to the members of the constituency who are settling here in Upolu due to various reasons such as education and employment here in Apia. These are the breadwinners for their families. Thank who wholeheartedly. Thank you to the Parliament of Samoa. Your authority has been well received. I will treasure your respect and prosperity. I have not forgotten the word I spoke in the beginning of January 2015 in this Parliament. Leaders of the village said, *“Faimalotoa, take heed of your constituency’s support, be courageous and love your constituency. We wish you well”*.

To the constituency in all your honorific salutations, thank you for your blessings. Please forgive me if I have not done enough for our constituency. Let us heed Glory to God. I pay gratitude for choosing me as your representative these last five years. I also appreciate the government for its good works for our district for the one year and months I took over this calling.

Mr Speaker, I take this opportunity to voice great thanks to the Hon Minister of Education, Magele Mauiliu Magele, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry. I see that a few undertaking needs to be done before the youth sports field is completed. I also wish to thank the leader of the Catholic Church of Samoa, Afioa Alapati Lui Mataeliga for your love and kindness upon our request and the donation you gave for this new sports field. Thank you very much for this significant amount and May God bless you and give you strength to continue serving the people in your calling. I also thank the sea walls construction stretch from Safotu to Manase by the State. This has been a relaxing tourism site for tourists of Manase. I also thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala that despite the many requests, that did not stop you from achieving the untarred road for the sub-village ahead of Safotu connecting to Paia. I have word that perhaps by next week plans for this proposal will commence.

I also extend thanks to the Hon Minister of Environment and the Ministry as well as the Hon Minister of Tourism. I have seen the bidding advertisement for contractors who will be assisting the beach fales development in Manase. Most of these beach fales have been washed away for the beach fales operators. We hope to set up works for this undertaking soon. I remember a request I put forward for efficient communications network for our schools in the district as well as for health concerns emergencies.

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I also have one request for the Hon Minister of Health respectfully, we need a doctor for our health clinic at Sofotu, we have three districts, Gagaifomauga No.1, Gagaifomauga No. 2, Gagaifomauga No. 3 which is the constituency of the Speaker of the House thus this will offer great help for nearby villages. I heed that perhaps the Director is tuning in, we only receive a doctor once a week which is every Tuesdays at our district. Recently during Christmas time, one old man from our village got sick however the doctor had already left after six o'clock. We had to find way to bring him to the hospital in Apia. Thank God the old man is now back to normal.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Associate Minister...

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Pardon the member, you have reached a critical part whereby it mentions the illness of this old man arriving in tomorrow. Such is Tautua Samoa's aim to arrange a helicopter to transport this patient. This is reason for my upstanding, to shed light to the district as things like this could happen to some districts.

MR SPEAKER: We will go with the ad on TV. You go son.

Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS: Thank you for the interjection Leader of the Opposition. This is only a prayer but we do not need helicopters in Savaii.

The roads and vessels have improved. Thank you also to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the continued developments. Samoa has become beautiful. As given before in my last speech, many have witnessed and talked about the big change we have in Samoa. Despite the piled debts and complaints, yet we still are trying. Well done on your perseverance and commitment. Thank you for serving Samoa which we can boast about. I wish this House all the best for the upcoming Elections. I have different observation this morning, it is not as typical as the other days whereby we use to laugh and talk. Well I urge that we have hope and rely on God. Do not worry for works speaks louder than words. If we worry we will get sick. If we fail to come back, then perhaps God has a different calling for us. I believe majority will not make it back. Perhaps God has received a lot of prayers from us this time of the year. Nevertheless, God is a loving God, that is how is distribute his love for us. As an advice from me as a member, let us be rejoice and accept both the good and bad things.

That is it from me. I pray for good health upon the Ao Mamalu o Samoa le Afioga i le Tama Aiga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady as well as the Speaker. Blessings upon the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, as well as the Leader of the Opposition and members of Parliament. God bless the support of my dear district Gagaifomauga No. 1, especially Samoa. Soifua.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done Lady Minister who is also the respectable member for Gagaifomauga No. 1, who is the Elder for Gagaifomauga. The works accomplished by the late Tuiloa Anitelea remains unforgettable; nonetheless this is God's will. We wish to congratulate and render our blessings to the constituency and your preparation for the upcoming Elections.

Well Alataua West, Lafaitete, let us proceed until we reach this Side of the House from Leaupepe and Tuuu who will speak lastly. I call the member for Alataua West.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES (Alataua West): Mr Speaker, I rise with respect this part of the evening, acknowledging the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and all notable representatives.

Greetings to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff, the various Public Ministries and the Private Sector. In regards to the Budget Statement, I wholly support it. Given the many bumps along the way, I wish to convey appreciation to the government. We entered Parliament in 2006, again I was re-elected in 2011, and I have come to acquire experience in Parliamentary Proceedings. At times we gave direct talks and had heated deliberations thus my contribution is more direct. Whatever project that suits and is appropriate for this district, that is the spirit here. Reflecting back to 2006 if I am correct, we have seen a lot of new projects including the Police station by the government.

Thank you Hon Minister for setting up a Fire Service in this part of the country. I am publicly speaking about this service for our constituents. Thank you for the improve roads. Thank you for the new fence Hon Minister of Education. We also have received a grant from Japan to building a new school at Falelima. Very soon we will complete all the negotiations for both Governments before we achieve for this process to go through.

For the Neiafu College, we are awaiting the many requests applied internationally for financial assistance to build this college. This indicated improving progress for these government developments.

Lastly, I thank the Hon Minister Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau for the good job regarding our water which you began and finished at Manua. In true spirit, actions speaks louder than words. We don't intend to make campaigns for the elections because we are witnessing these works given the requests given.

We beg tolerance Hon Prime Minister and the Cabine as said, that is how i am, there are time when the tide is rough given the spirit of producing good benefits for the country. Like the general saying by the Opposition side, what is good for Apia is also good for Savaii. I heed appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and his team.

The same with Orator of Leulumoega in fulfilling the duties of women for this district. Everything comes down to the welfare of the people and settlers of Savaii. The issue of water is unexplainable most of times this district has experienced drought, nonetheless, we have had good water which is good sign and works from this House.

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Thank you also Leader of the Opposition for raising good thoughts to build the government to make one Government for the wellbeing of Samoa. That is our word.

I heed the honorific of Samoa *Aiga ma latou Tama, e le taufaafulua le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, o outou o Tootoouli o le tatou atunuu, malo le tapuai*. His Higness, O Le Ao o le Malo, Coucil of Deputy, Chief Justice and all the honorifics of this state. Members of the clergy who are worshiping for the welfare of the nation, thank you for all your prayers this last five years.

I speak specifically for my constituency of Alataua West commencing from Falelima, *le paia aua Aiga ma le nofo a faalupea, lau Fetalaiga i le Fofoga o Papa faapea lena itu o le ta Alataua*, thank you for your prayers, well done on your support, we have arrived at the end of this term. We believe your support has blessed us and our works.

Then I come to the village of Tufutafoe *i le afio o le Tama a le Malo ma le Usoalii, lau Fetalaiga Momoemausu, ia ma lena itu o le ta Alataua*, great job on your support, we have come to the end of this Palriamentary term yet we are still going well.

I speak solely of the beloved village of Neiafu, *Susuga i le Matua Tauiliili faapea le Aiga na Muaimalae, Aiga Samoeleoi, le Nofo a Pule, le la itu o le vai i lau Fetalaiga Tapaaualefano, Tama Igoa o Taatitimanaia ma Tuaiaufai faapea Faleauga* and that side of our village, well done. *Lau Afoga i Levalasi ma Tilomai, se ua le ole lea, aumaga a Toleafoa ma le malosi o le tatou nuu*, well done. You have given your respects since 2011, and even in 2016, thank you. Reflecting back at the service by our village from elders who am I have you given thought to? The sky is not blurred and actions speaks louder. Whatever is to come, I ask that we open up our votes. This is where democracy and integrity comes in. That is our talk this evening.

I also thank my dear father Afoga Leota Leiatuaalesa Paumoli II and Afoga i le Sao Puletiu Atoa, ia, well done we have ended all thngs well. To God's servants, well done on your part, we are nearing the end yet everything is well set. Thank you for all your support and respect, as the Bible says, "What you sow is what you bear."

Let us pray God for His will upon our upcoming Elections, let us not bear trouble for our calling comes from heaven.

Falelima, well done, according to words with the Minister of Education, we now manage to get assistance so we should give credit to the State for their effort to fulfilling the wellbeing of our district that is distant from Apia.

Le Alataua, let us heed God, whoever will be chosen to become your representative, well that is God's choice. Thank you for your respect. As said before, there are many smart people in the district, yet you have given me another chance. Thank you.

Mr Speaker I beg tolerance if I had offended you in any way. Samoa let us do things joyfully. Let us aside all troubles it can make us sick. Whoever will be called again in the next Elections well that is the calling from heaven. but do not forget, prayers go together with performance. Have a blessed meeting.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done. Thank you Lealataua, well it is with belief that the speeches heard faafitifiti comments however the late Tuiloa is now gone. But it is great to see you sitting next to Faimalotoa on that side. Well done on your speech. Let us leave it all to God and let Samoa vote based on God's will. Well we still have time left, what do you think, well thank you for your respect.

I call one of the senior members of this House, Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi, one of the last Jews in Parliament, this is your chance. I call the notable member.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Aana Alofi No. 1): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker, I first of all greet your Highness, Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo and your Good Lady, Council of Deputy and your Good Lady, Chief Justice, Judiciary and the dignity of the territorial constituencies. Greeting to the notable House, Hon Speaker Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and your Side. We heed all glory to God for His peaceful guidance upon everyone up to this day. Thank you for all the good works achieved for the districts on the roads, electricity, water, school buildings etc. Well done to the government for the wise distribution that was not easy and despite the financial shortage, the distribution undertakings still managed to press through for the constituents and its wellbeing.

I wish to note a few words for the Budget Statement which I support. I only have a small recommendation by the Chairperson and the Committee in regards to revenue. Things like building materials and the state's aid programs and security imposed on imported goods given the tax exemption must be taken into account considering the huge amount appropriated. Perhaps this is all from me but I wish to extend appreciation to my constituency as we approach the end of this Parliamentary term. Thank you to this Parliament for all your efforts for Samoa.

I heed the honorifics and support of *Satuala ia Aiono ma Leaupepe o Su'a ma Toleafoa ma le tausō, o le mamalu i le tuua ma le falefitu po o le falematua ia Tauauve'a faapea le loaloa o Fasitoo-uta*, this is the last sitting of the term which I and the Hon Minister of Health, Tuitama have taken part as your representatives for Faleasiu and Fasitoo.

I wish to thank both villages of Aana Alofi No.1, Faleasiu *le paia o Aiga e tolu, ia o Aiga o Mavaega Satuala ma le Taulagi ia faapea foi Alo o Tamaalelagi, Tamaaitu ma le Malafu ia faapea ia oe le faletolu ma le loaloa ia Faleasiu* pardon the members of the clergy Elder and Director. Thank you for your respect for Faleasiu and Fasitoo upon me and the Hon Minister to represent you on behalf of Aana No. 1, thus we heed the changes we have now where the distric has been divided into two. It is a good and better change similar to the Urban Seats and others, we now have a representative for Faleasiu and a representative for Fasitoo-uta.

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Before I proceed I wish to greet Satuala ia Aiono ma Leaupepe Sua ma Toleafoa ma le tausō le la itu o le vai aua le Falefitu ma le fetalaiiga i le aoa matua, thank you Faleasiu, your dignity have been well noted. We pray God for the constituency and the titles of Faletolu and Fuaifale especially God's servants. Before we get to the upcoming Elections, Fasitoo, you are a village who strives for victory, you sought the protocols as well as Divine dignity. That is the right of the individual candidate. Hence we remind let us choose together with God, the Elections is not a Samoan thing, this is not our thing hence no Samoan way is executed during the elections. Such is the European style but for us, we are used to service, the way to authority is through service. That was the custom in the past when we had our election starting from families and Church, now we have adopted Democracy, but that was our normal way of doing things back then, the appointments were measured through your service. But that is just a thought, such system have now been converted into the modern way, we choose together with God. So to the dearest district of Fasitoo-uta, well this is the first time we have chosen a representative of our own, before we had a dual vote, now it's different. All the best with your vote, bear God in mind for His and calling will is the most important one, for us to take up our seats for our village and district. I beg tolerance for whatever mistakes I may have done during my reign. If I have done well, praise God. Such is the saying, *e poto a le Tautai ae sese lana atu i ama*, the navigator is wise but can go wrong at times'. Therefore we can make wrong decisions sometimes." Bear God's calling in mind. God bless your support Samoa as well as this Parliament, have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done Leaupepe the House has received you well. You too were a Speaker in the past in serving our Parliament as well as the constituency. Let us give all submissions and rely solely on God.

Tuuu I will recognize you as we still have a few minutes left and you can also finish tomorrow.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA (Siumu): Mr Speaker if you intend for me to speak for the remaining 5 minutes I request with respect that I speak. Thank you for the chance, I don't intend to say your divisional statuses *le paia o Tupua ma le eleele lenei, afioaga o Tapaau o Tamaalefale tainane le susu o le alo o le Malietoa, alaalatai le Toafa, Pule ma Manuleleua, Ale ma Ulu, le pule lua le faiga ma nofoapule ae tainane le nofoa fa le tauaitu ma le saofaiga a atua faapea upu ia te oe Faleata o le ituwai malosi.*

I acknowledge the honorifics of the honourable Speaker of the House, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and the entire Parliament and its dignity. Greetings also to Samoa's honorific salutations, your Highness, O Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo and your Good Lady, the Council of Deputy, Chief Justice, Members of the Clergy and your prayers for Samoa's prosperity. *O paia lava lea i Aiga ma latou Tama, o Tama foi ma Aiga, ae o se faautautaga foi i le aufuata ma le aufueloloa o Samoa, le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, o Faleupolu tofia ma tulatoa o aiga.*

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Greetings to the Government heads and public servants, the Private Sector who are serving the country day and night. The same to Tutuila and Manua, the honourable Governor General and President and the Speaker of the House *afifio o Faasuaga ma le Fetalaiga i le Tama matua ma upu i le Faleagafulu, le afifio o alii Faatui ma le afio o alii, le Laau na Amotasi alaalatai Tootoo o le Faleula ma upu ia te oe le Manuatele*. In the country's saying, *e ui ina pipii tia ae mamao ala, e tulilia foi i le to ae maniti tiu o le* Although we are leave distantly, we praise God as we come to the end of this five year Parliamentary term, praise God Almighty who is the God of the entire universe.

Mr Speaker we now have the Report of the Finance Committee in regards to the Budget Statement hence let us support and approve it. I extend appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for all the good works for the wellbeing of Samoa. Thank you to the Government of China for the Secondary school buildings that we had just launched.

Then I recall the roads of Siumu that the Minister of Works use to mention as the unpaved roads of Siumu. Today I wish to officially say that the Hon Minister is correct as \$7million expenditure was allocated for its improvement after the last two cyclones. Thank you I have just received a call from an elderly in the village that improved roads will soon be undertaken at Maninoa Siumu. I wish you well on your election Hon Minister. Thank you to the staff and Company of Silva Transport for your generosity and assistance the roads of Saaga to Maninoa have almost been completed. Thank you Sala Lesley for the wonderful job. I also take this opportunity to thank all the members for this term 2011-2016. Well done on your efforts and perseverance the last 5 years. I ask myself whether we have led the country well these last 5 years? Has the economic level been satisfactory? If so, the all glory be unto the most High and we must pray Goid for forgiveness and the leftover works which we were unable to fulfil. Whoever will be chosen to carry on our duties the next upcoming years, may God be with them.

Mr Speaker, thank you for the chance, I heed Siumu, Sagaga i Palalaua starting from Siufaga and Saumolia to Faletele *o le paia lava lea o le Faleagafulu alo o Asomua ma Aiga e lua, Tapusalai ma Talapa, afio mai Tofaeono o le Tama Tumua ma lau Falefa, afio mai Atanoa o le tautai matapalapala ma lau falefa, susu matualii le fanau alii ma le tagata e tasi, afio mai Tafilipepe, Tupuola ma Leatigaga alaalatai lau Fetalaiga Tuuu ma le tou Aiga*.

O oe o le moa na vini mua i le fale Tuamasaga na itu fa ia te oe Atua i le mulivai ma le Maota o tofiga e faaae i ai le vagatai ma faaifo i ai le vagauta. O le Salatutu ma le Salatoto a sulu a i ai le pagota, lau Afioaga i le Fofoga Fetalaia ua ola. Maliu mai le toalua o tulafale Mano ma Faoagali, alaalatai oe Li'o ma Tafili o le fofoga o Alataua, malie mai Utaileuo ma le mamalu o le Faletolu ae tainane le tapuaiga faifaipea a faafeagaiga ma Ekalesia i so o se fata faitaulaga o lo o faafalelemalu aua le Atua ma lona finagalo i totonu o le tatou itumalo. Those are the divisional status of our district.

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Adjournment

Thank you for your prayers that has given me hope and courage however I beg tolerance despite the weakness but I have strived to the best of my ability. The end of one thing leads to the beginning of another new thing for the welfare of the district who aims to bear victory. We now set to prepare for the upcoming Elections in March, hence we heed God in our prayers for His love and kindness upon our calling and election. May God bless my district, Samoa and this House.

May God bless you Mr Speaker. Have a blessed sitting. Farewell.

ADJOURNMENT

MR SPEAKER: Well done to the last member. We have come to the end of our session, I also believe that our constituencies have heard us well well done on your part and perseverance. We have reached the set motion scheduled from morning, it is now 7pm, we have a total of 19 members spoken today. This is the first time we have reached 19 to 20 members since the start of the sitting agenda.

Thank you for heeding my instructions. We have a lot to go through as this Friday is our dissolution day.

Thus I appreciate everyone's participation today. We shall ensue with our sitting schedule set today commencing from 9:00 - 1:00, and resume from 3:00 - 7:00. If we can go as scheduled, the Government should be able to give their response tomorrow evening before we can set everything Thursday evening. That is the plea, by observation I think we have about 11 more to go before Government gives responses tomorrow.

Thank you Samoa tuning in from elsewhere. Appreciation to the Government heads, Office of the Attorney General, Ministries who have gathered here today. We shall ensue again tomorrow.

Before we end today's Sitting, I ask the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure to end us with a prayer before we adjourn.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 7:10pm until 9.00am on Wednesday, 27 January 2016.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2016

Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

SPEAKERS GREETINGS

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

I greet the distinguished Members of the Chamber this morning in the name of our Lord. I give thanks to our God for guiding us safely here in our Chambers. I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. I also acknowledge the Leader of Opposition and that side of the House.

I acknowledge the support of Samoa this morning. I greet and acknowledge the prayers in support of the Government and the Parliament.

Furthermore, I greet the distinguished Heads of Government Departments and Corporations. I acknowledge the patience yesterday as I believe we have 11 more Members to make speech before we give opportunity to the Government. I trust the Government will be brief in their response as clarifications have already been granted to the Members who shared concerns. Nevertheless, we shall proceed with our Orders of the Day.

We adjourned our Sitting when the Member for Siumu concluded speech. I grant opportunity to any Member who wishes to speak first. I recognize the Member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.1) 2015/2016- debate continues on the second reading – Day 2

Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (Faasaleleaga No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker for granting the Faasaleleaga No.1 constituency. I second the praise delivered by the Chair to our Lord.

Mr Speaker I express gratitude this morning, most especially to the Hon Minister of Finance, the Hon Prime Minister and of course the Ministry of Finance for the appropriation. I second and support the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016. I express gratitude for the well appropriated funds for the development and future of our nation.