

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2014

Mr Speaker took the chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have arrived to another brand new day. We have reached a new added day of business this week. I extend sincere appreciation to the dignity of the House and its endeavours.

We are indebted to God for the wealth and strength. I convey sincere thanks to all the members for your patience and dedication. Let us commence with today's sitting programme as I trust that everything will go accordingly with God's guidance.

Unforgettably is the support and prayers of Samoa as a whole. As you lay to good rest, your Parliament continues to serve its calling. We are undeserving but pray that Parliament's set tasks is fulfilled through your harmonious support. Gathered amongst us today is our Government Heads, we are grateful for your patience this morning.

We commence with today's tasks depending on God's presence throughout the day.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The Clerk read out the tabled Papers pursuant to S.O.48.

1. P.P.2014/2015 No.49, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.43, Report of the Office of Parliament on P.P.2012/2013 No.18, Annual Report of the Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011.
2. P.P.2014/2015 No.50, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.57, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2011/2012 No.60 & No.92, Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Electric Power Corporation for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2011.
3. P.P.2014/2015 No.51, Annual Report of the Office of the Attorney General 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013.

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Thank you Samoa for your support, I believe it is now time for our evening prayer as your Parliament aims to fulfill its duties. I pray God to guide us safely home and bring us safely back tomorrow.

Before we adjourn this evening I call upon the Deputy Speaker to conclude our day with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 7:03pm until
9:00am Wednesday, 18th June 2014.*

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MR SPEAKER: Before we adjourned yesterday, the member for Sagaga le Falefa was speaking. Gathering from yesterday, the member began his comment with the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

I call the member to resume his speech.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe you have spoken on today's agenda and have signified Samoa's divisional status particularly our prayer therefore I wish not to speak of it anymore as the House is significant and respectable.

Greetings to Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers, Leader of Opposition and the dignified House. Welcome to this brand new day.

By viewing the bouquet of flowers on my right hand side today, I must say I did forget something last night. While I have the opportunity, let me extend sincere condolences to the family and relatives of the late member, Tuiloa Anitelea. May God comfort his wife and children, village and the entire constituency.

I now wish to present a submission to the Honourable Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I believe that you have received some of the requests from this constituency.

I only wish to remind you because if Masefau's bell is rung and if the door opens thanks. I believe it may not be this sitting but hopefully in the future.

Your honour, as submitted yesterday, the road at Utumoa needs improvement given that this is used by the churchgoers towards Aele.

Thank you for the enhanced road in my sub-village of Levi Saleimoa, otherwise, water supply is still an issue. The statement made was due to the delay received of pipelines. It has been a year since the order was placed for water pipes hence, a request for the Ministry to look into this matter.

Access road is required for the sub-villages of Alamutu, Lotosoa, Nonoa, Utuailii and Tufuleie. The intention with respect is for easier access of inland settlers along these areas.

I now wish to speak about the Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015. I wish to acknowledge my full support for this year's Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2013/2014 and the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2014/2015. I take it that Government set priorities are Education and Health Sectors.

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I am indebted because our people must be educated and have a healthy lifestyle. Hence I congratulate the Hon Minister and the Hon Prime Minister for the Ministry's planning developments. I also have requests for the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

I humbly ask that you look into the situation of Pre-Schools and Early Childhood Education. I believe that pre-schoolers should be well taught because if they do well, they pursue towards the Primary and Secondary education levels and no doubt they can become successful. I speak for my constituency – because I believe similar situation is applicable to other constituencies. Since there is no Government assistance towards these Pre-Schools, otherwise it is significant because if students are taught well from Pre-School level, they learn to acquire the capability of pursuing towards the next education level or the Primary level. From findings, once students reach Years 5 and 6, they are no longer seen in Primary Schools. The question is why. The reply given is that they are not used to it. The Pre-School curriculum is not up to standard.

Pre-schoolers or Early Childhood educators are learning much more efficiently and are able to stay in Primary Schools longer before pursuing to higher education level. The main concern behind this is that these children dropout from Primary School and become troublemakers in the village community causing an increase in crime rate and government expenditure. This must be considered and seek funding assistance to finance the setting up of Pre-School buildings and compensate the teachers.

There is important work executed by the Early Childhood Council. This was also undertaken by some church denominations in the past, but is becoming ineffective these days. Such is the basis of this matter.

Such is the request to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture to establish a community based education centre to assist countless school leavers around the country so that they can earn a better living for themselves and set up private businesses of their own with the assistance of government and community based partnerships to boost the economic growth of the country.

I thank the Minister of Health given the newly built hospital we have now and the better customer service delivery. The question is why? I guess this is to do with lack of equipment available in the district health clinics. Some families would seek medical help from the main hospital in Apia instead of consulting the family doctors which results to the rising number of patients when priority should be given to emergency cases.

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The Ministry should look into improved health services and quality, nonetheless, special acknowledgement is extended to the Minister and the Ministry.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the speaking member, the opportunity is given to the Minister as the raising matter concerns the Minister. I call on the Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Health): Mr Speaker, I support the member's comment. I do not intend to interject with the member's speech, nevertheless, the aforementioned matter poses great concern given the many complaints on the long waiting and increasing number of patients at the Outpatient Unit.

There are various reasons for the Ministry to tackling this issue. One of the reasons as mentioned by the member, many of our sick from Savaii and around the country all prefer the main hospital at Motootua, hence is the delayed undertakings to promoting shared knowledge and skills across clinics in the rural areas instead of travelling all the way to Motootua hospital.

Secondly, after phase two is completed, the ANE Unit will be separated from the Outpatient Unit. As of the current, ANE and the Outpatient are merged under the same unit. If both emergency and non-emergency cases combine, the medical team prioritises emergency cases which results to a huge back log to the Outpatient cases.

That is the situation with the health service delivery at Motootua Hospital with hope to determine a better remedy to prevent the outpatient jam once it is separated from the ANE Unit.

Mr Speaker, that is the short explanation to the query of the member.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for the clarification Hon Minister of Health. I call on the member to continue.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: I thank you for the interpretation of the matter, many thanks.

I wish to address some statements about the Samoa Tourism Authority. The matter pointed out by previous members regarding tourists visiting our shores and their length of stay should be revisited. Such includes the tombs of Robert Louis Stevenson at Mount Vaea. It would be ideal to set up a cable car for visitors to go sightseeing. Such involves the development in my village.

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I have noticed that the Ombudsman is being notified in relation to the renowned story of the lad Poluleuligaga, I am unaware if our opinion was being sought on this matter, nonetheless, the essence of the explanation is worthwhile if we draw up legendary stories and have them documented to attract visitors and perhaps draw them to an extended stay. For instance, upon arrival in Fiji, you are taken across the other parts of the island for a visit. This will take the whole day as the visitor is occupied with various activities. Thus, we also have similar surroundings with our outer islands which would be noteworthy if converted into tourism sites to attract our visitors....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, as opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I wish to provide a swift response in case similar questions and is pressed on this matter. The comments given are not new, the Corporation aims to complete these tasks however the main issue is transportation.

If you can recall your honour, the only airlines that are bringing visitors into the country are New Zealand Airlines, Australian Airlines and Fiji Airways. Since Air NZ ended its route between Apia and LA in 2011, this has greatly affected tourists from Europe and America given the costly airfares of the NZ route which we sometimes hear in the night when the plane is flying over Samoa. When travelling to Samoa, travellers will have to re-route back to Samoa. If final destination is America, travellers will similarly take the NZ route before re-routing back to US. The passengers' airfares would undoubtedly be very costly. That is the dilemma. Given your intention, otherwise the process is quite complex. Nonetheless all concerns have been documented.

We should be mindful of our legendary stories including the one which describes cannibalism which prevents tourists from visiting our island. With the many endeavours for our aircraft, the Apia to US route is a very dangerous route for most aircrafts. Such is the result of another consultation with the Fijian airlines to negotiate and verify the green light for Apia to US route before flight schedule commences next year.

That is the current progress. Hence your comments are in the pipeline and are being videotaped but the delay is due to financial constraint. The tourism sector is also included in this distribution. The pie does not vary and will be the only pie that is distributed amongst other sectors.

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Hence if a sector is allocated a larger portion of the pie, the other Ministries and Corporations will obtain a smaller share.

That is the reason for my upstanding, as the said comments are not new. Consultations have been undertaken on the different approaches to execute the raising matters. If only the visitors are able to swim over or come by canoe, such would not be a problem, otherwise we need to rely on the aircrafts. If we are unable to receive any cheap direct flights, otherwise, this is a major issue for us.

Fiji is a one way boat. This means that this is the central destination for all transit flights. Such are plans and undergoing negotiations for this major infrastructural developments or projects that should commence by the end of the year or next year which involves the construction of a new airport terminal, two storey departure area, build in jet bridge which allows passengers to board and disembark without having to be exposed to the sun or rain. This will also shun the inane incident that took place upon the arrival of the NZ Hon Prime Minister, Mr John Key when a grounds supporting officer ran with an unfixed mobile stairway that caused an alighting delay for our distinguished guest to disembark. Such problems should be avoided in the future.

We are preparing to host one of the biggest conferences in the country, and if such problems arise, we may end up getting rope for our visitors to swing down.

That is the notice, such plans have already been incorporated into the Corporation's set plans to push for this huge proposal which will employ a number of people and generate ten times the value of revenue earning received than the funds used for exporting our agricultural products. I solely agree with everyone's view to encourage and push our agricultural sector development including the increase in number of arrivals which produces our local market that saves us a lot of funds from our export expenditure. The total number of arrivals received every year is 135,000 although what happens if the number increases to 500,000. Hence if the target 500,000 is achieved in a year, our local produce will be sold out but will create another market for our locals and people abroad will be attracted to come to Samoa. This will be our target audience and customers for our agricultural suppliers.

Mr Speaker, that is my clarification in accordance to what I have witnessed.

MR SPEAKER: Congratulations, Thank you for the clarification Hon Minister of Tourism or the Hon Prime Minister.

I ask the member to resume with his comments.

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Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you for the interjection your Hon Prime Minister. The essence of my assistance is to boost the number of our tourist arrivals in Samoa. I shall not speak any further about this again. But as noted, the submarine cable is in the pipeline, given that it is important for these visitors to sightsee and use internet to connect with their friends and relatives in their countries.

Thank you to the Ministry of Education for the cultural festival events that is now aired on TV with the aim to preserve our Samoan cultural and customs as we are founded on respect cultural values.

That is what we overlooked over the years, otherwise, gratitude to the Ministry of Education. As with our returning residents and remittance, an advice to the government on the promotional programs and activities carried out, we must encourage and attract our people to return and serve bonds for the country and share some of their super investments and income from abroad for our economic growth development.

I extend sincere gratitude to SROS for technical analysis provided to support the expansion of our primary food products including avocado oil, breadfruit, cocoa, copra and taro. An advice to the government, it would be good to establish close ties with the private sector before the official handover of these products to them when they are ready.

MR SPEAKER: You have two minutes remaining.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: The intention is to create employment for the wellbeing of our children. Given my two minutes remaining, I give thanks to the Speaker.

With the Ministry of Justice and Courts, our district had some previous cases and written submissions as raised in the past sittings whereby we should hire more qualified expert or district court judge from the Land and Titles to take over these proceedings given that there is still difficulties arising within the Lands and Titles Court which up to now, no court decision has been reached. That is the basis.

As for the Electoral Reform, the amendments to our district will be made and Aelee village is under the jurisdiction of Samoa Atoa which will soon be listed under Sagaga le Falefa and some of us also bear similar situation of...

MR SPEAKER: As you now mention Individual Voters, I shall give the opportunity. I give the floor to one of the Individual Voters, Afioga Maulaivao Pat Ah Him.

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Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him (Individual Voter): Mr Speaker, thank you for your comment. I believe we do not have to go through this circumstance as we are uncertain.

I believe there is confusion in this situation. I know we will reach a good ending; however, those are a few concerns with all due respect.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Only if you succeed, the electoral roll will increase. This means that we will have over 6,000 voters for our constituency. The intention behind is for the Minister and the lawmakers to relook into this, hence we should also have two representatives for Sagaga le Falefa.

That is my final comment, thank you Mr Speaker as my time is over. May God's mercy be upon this Chamber, the CEOs of Ministries and Corporations who are serving the Government. Congratulations for your dedicated efforts for Samoa's prosperity.

God bless Samoa. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the member for Sagaga le Falefa. I believe the House has heard the comments and points raised this morning. I now turn to this side of the House for their comments before Salafai has its turn.

I call upon the member for Siumu for your speech.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA (Siumu): Thank you Mr Speaker. You have three minutes as reiterated by the Hon Prime Minister, everything that's been said has been implemented and has been incorporated into the work plans of each Ministries. Hence your honour, Tuuu's speech will not bit around the bush.

Hence, I greet Samoa listening in, the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputies, the Chief Justice and dignified members of the Judiciary.

I also greet God's servants here and around the country who are praying for Samoa's wellbeing. I would also like to greet the Hon Prime Minister, members of Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and Parliamentarians of Samoa. I greet the honorific salutations of Samoa, Aiga ma o latou Tama, Tama and their Aiga, Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai and Vaa o Fonoti. Greeting to our neighbouring islands of Tutuila and Manua, the Honorable Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor, the President and Superior Chambers, the Honorable Speaker and his Good Lady.

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I wish to acknowledge the honorific salutations of my territorial constituency.

Mr Speaker, the following Budget Estimate is one which reflects the Government, the Hon Prime Minister, the members of Cabinet and the Associate Ministers.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of Opposition): Mr Speaker a point of clarification.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASHI LEOTA: I wish to say that I totally support the Main Budget.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance member as I give the opportunity to the Leader of Opposition for his point of clarification. I call upon the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I do not wish to interject the wonderful speech of the member, hence the only clarification is that the Main Budget belongs to everyone else.

It is submitted into Parliament for members' approval; but your task is to implement. That is the clarification in case you have it all wrong that we are not part of the Supplementary Budget, but that is the correction.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Your honour the Leader of Opposition is correct, once it is approved it is called our Budget Statement. But during the process where the Budget is being submitted, it is called the Government's Budget Statement.

Because if submission of the Budget Statement was made with the support of members apart from any rejection whatsoever, hence it would've been called Parliament's Budget Statement from the beginning, nonetheless we have not yet reached that status as we are still listening. Therefore, once everyone agrees and approves of this Budget Statement, then it is known as Parliament's Budget Statement. Hence the statement by the Associate Minister is correct. As for the current speaker, he knows it too as he was a former Minister as well as the Leader of Opposition, nevertheless that is the spirit as members are just executing their roles.

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MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Siumu to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker. The Hon Prime Minister has spoken in response to the interjection of the Leader of Opposition.

Mr Speaker, I rise in full support of the Budget Statement taken from the Hon Prime Minister as opposed to the Leader of Opposition. The Leader of Opposition thinks that I should disagree with the Main Budget.

Mr Speaker, as clearly spoken yesterday that....

Afioga Hon Palusale Faapo II: Mr Speaker a point of order.

MR SPEAKER: You now mention the name Palu, Leader of Opposition. Do you have anything else to say Palu?

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I don't have such intention, it is them. The blame seems to be on us particularly me, when you have our support of the Budget Statement. Our recommendation is for improvement, but the statement issued for me not to...It is them, with due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Are you giving sound advice to Tuuu Palu? It has been noticed that you two are always tagging along together in everything, at church, entertainments, funerals.

I call on Tuuu to resume.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you. Our rugby team is our witness as I was the captain. Palu stated that our rugby team should repeal and disapprove the Budget Statement.

MR SPEAKER: It is no wonder you are losing because of that. The principle behind your game is no good, hence I order a stop to rugby games. I call on the member to rise and continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Mr Speaker, the Minister of Finance has clearly spoken yesterday on the drop in revenue earning and expenditure of our Main Budget Estimate for this financial year in comparison to last year's Budget. As presented, there is no problem with our economic status at this period.

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Hon Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance, do not feel bad about the comparison I will be making about the Main Budget, given that this is your first Budget Statement. As noted, ...I only wish to praise the Main Budget Statement beforehand. I also wish to compare the bird ostrich like a chicken with long....and this desert in Australia is humungous. This bird is also scared that once it finds people, it seeks to find a hiding place with its feathers flaring out. The reason why I am mentioning this, one which does not oppose your Mr Speaker but one which indicates adequate and transparent distribution of the Budget by government. Despite the insufficient fund received by the government, otherwise the aim is to share the key developments for the wellbeing of Samoa including submissions for improved road access raised by the members of Parliament.

I wish to extend sincere thanks to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government of China for recognising our request to constructing new school buildings for this district. Thank you for the funding assistance.

Mr Speaker as you may noticed since the beginning of this Parliamentary term, the only matter I keep raising is some assistance for our road access at Maninoa and Saaga. Every year, I always raise this matter during our Budget deliberations. I have also given written submissions to the Minister and have negotiated the matter with him. I guess the statement by our Saviour is correct, "Knock and the door shall be open". I guess it is....

MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon as I give the opportunity to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport & Infrastructure: Mr Speaker, I agree with the member on the raising matters. As for me, I have responsibilities with our Congregation, starting from Falealili, Siumu and Safata. On behalf of Siumu and its paramount chiefs, we wish to extend a big congratulation for the work done at Tiavi and the expenditure of \$12million plus spent on road improvement. That is our thank you note. The main concern is for this road fix to be completed. Hence I believe there is contradiction between the views of the member and the village council. That is the statement with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Siumu to resume his comments.

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Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Mr Speaker, thank for your interjection. The member for Samoa Aoa (*Individual Voter*) spoke yesterday about the roads of Tiavi. It is unclear as to which of Siumu and the Individual Voter constituencies is overseeing this road. The road connecting north and south is used by the entire country your honour. Despite that, I extend sincere gratitude to the Minister with the belief that you can sort this matter out.

MR SPEAKER: I ask one of the members for the Individual Voters, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: Mr Speaker, with all due respect I rise in relation to public roads. Thank you to the member for clarifying this issue including the Tiavi road and the huge task completed for this area.

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I wish to advise the members on the subject matter of road access within their villages which should not be taken lightly. If we are encouraging road improvement for Samoa as a whole, this means that you are addressing the insignificance of these access roads which are fundamental to the constituents. Hence when the Minister talks, do make a count of these roads which are matters that ought to...as heard, we have earned a lot. Therefore we should not decline these matters as they do bear importance. The same statement was made to the member for Falealili who gave his gratitude for the fixed Falealili road. I did recap them of the road from Siumu to Lotofaga which used to be part of Falealili. This is not only customary land but is inland road that has earned them a good living as they now reside next to the plantations that is beyond our economic status and is nothing compared to village located closest to the coastal areas. This has nevertheless earned them good wealth.

If the constituents request the improvement of these roads, do not object otherwise they will find a way to let you down. And do note that the positions that we hold as Parliamentarians holds similar aim as that of the constituents. As we sit here now, but once they leave, they will go and dig your grave. So you are diminishing the significance of these infrastructural developments of these infrastructures which benefits the country as a whole, not just the district.

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Mr Speaker, that is the reply to the continuous rising of the member for Samoa Atoa. The Individual Voters are benefited from the developments located in Vailele and Toamua. Therefore, a word for the two representatives in this circle, you should rise and thank the Minister so that the people are aware of the benefit you too are reaping. But if you keep on standing and point fingers at Samoa Atoa, you will not make it back in the next elections.

MR SPEAKER: I call on one of the members for Individual Voters, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: I applaud the statement by the Hon Prime Minister, and appreciation to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the works done for my constituency, congratulation and well done.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Siumu to resume with his comments.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister has clearly clarified the abovementioned matter which I also value with essence. The road access from Tiavi to our district is also vital, however the inland roads within the district is an issue which needs improvement.

Regardless of all this Mr Speaker, this will not kill my enthusiasm. I believe the Minister's view is comprehensible to Sega, I take it that the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure has our respect similarly is our relationship with Safata and Siumu, the man from the house of Tuamasaga in the south. Mr Speaker, that is the reason for the overwhelming challenge by the leader of Opposition upon my lengthy stay with HRPP when all three roads for his constituency have been completed, hence I give credit to the Hon Minister for his fair share of the distribution which also involves Sataoa as stipulated in the Budget Statement.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the speaking member, as you have alleged the Leader of Opposition, I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes Mr Speaker, I sit and pity the fellow member pardon the Hon Minister, place my district to last and spare Samoa the opportunity as Safata has one road.

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This shows that it is not...unfair, and if this is your view, then be mindful of the roads of Sataoa, Lotofaga, Niusuatia and all the other districts.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I only wish to make a point of order, I believe the submission is mistaken.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, if I was the Leader of Opposition, I would stand up and say, be mindful of the road improvement for all the members of this side and don't bother about mine.. I agree with the statement issued yesterday by the member for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Faafisi, which is, 'my turn comes last or I can have completely nothing'. Hence if I was the Leader of Opposition, I would request the Minister to prioritise the roads for all the members of this side starting from Vaisigano West, Saleaula, however if we run short of fund, that will not be a problem as I am the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of order, the member's statement is affecting the Minister and I as we share the same district, otherwise we've already given our submission to build and improve our roads, it seems that the government is prioritising their roads when yet we have been begging. It seems as if we are neither Samoans nor Government of Samoa, given the unfixed roads of this side. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I get it Palusalue, here you again going against that side when the entire House attended the launching of your long new paved road. I call on the member for Siumu to conclude with his statement as you have two minutes remaining.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you your honour, I shall not argue with the Leader of Opposition.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, do not be offended with the advice of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment but take heed of my submission with due respect.

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For the information of the country listening in, do not pick the frangipani and fling it to the representatives of your constituencies, because if the views of your representatives were achieved, this would have been completed directly, otherwise, there is nothing that your representatives can do, the decision is up to the Ministers for Works, Transport and Infrastructure. The only thing we can do is remind but Sitaifune controls his own boat.

Mr Speaker, thank you for my opportunity, have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the member for Siumu for your speech. I believe that the House has clearly heard your submission.

I call on the only lady member of the big island of Savaii, the member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Gidlow.

Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow (Faasaleleaga No.1): Thank Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted to Faasaleleaga No.1 to voice some matters relating to our Budget 2014/2015.

Hence I first and foremost wish to thank you Mr Speaker for the prayer given this morning, pursuant to God's never-ending love and mercy which has enabled us to assemble and resume with our work as scheduled.

I wish to greet Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet as well as the dignified Associate Ministers. Greetings also to the Leader of Opposition and members of that side of the House of Parliament.

I also wish to greet His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good Lady, the dignified Council of Deputies, Tuiaana and his Good Lady. Greetings to the support of the Chief Justice, President of the Lands and Titles Court, various judges, ladies and gentlemen.

Greetings to the Heads of Ministries and Corporations from abroad who are working closely with us for Samoa's welfare, acknowledging also the Heads of various Ministries and Private-owned enterprises, the Clerk and the staff of Legislative Assembly who are working effortlessly.

I also wish to greet the servants of God in various denominations who are praying for Samoa's wellbeing as well as for its leaders. I further wish to greet my constituents of Faasaleleaga No.1 and its honorific salutations.

Mr Speaker, I only wish to say a word of acknowledgement. I foremost extend great thanks to God because if we look back, Samoa lacked funding for its developments. Now what?

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We have almost reached a billion from hundreds and thousands in cash, and this is God's outpouring blessings upon Samoa whom I give utmost thanks to God whom Samoa is founded on given His everlasting mercy and love for the country's prosperity.

I also wish to acknowledge the honourable Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet as stated by the Hon Speaker, thank you HRPP for the preparation of our budget allocation beforehand. That is my sincere gratitude to the well prepared and fair distribution of our appropriation funds for this financial year.

I also give thanks to the Leader of Opposition and former Opposition leaders for your great contribution and assistance in preparing us forward so that our work and tasks are well implemented for Samoa's welfare and prosperity.

Acknowledgement to the honourable Minister of Finance who is also the Hon Prime Minister as well as the former Minister of Finance, Afioga Faumuina Tiatia Faolatane Liuga. For whatever problems encountered during the preparation of the Appropriation Statement in the past is gone. We are not perfect thus a person's integrity shall not be neglectful. I also wish to thank the CEO and the Ministry of Finance, the lady CEO of the Ministry of Revenue, all the Ministries and Corporations given your experiences and knowledge in maintaining the economic growth of Samoa – congratulations on your services.

I don't intend to move on without acknowledging the chairman of Revenue and Expenditure Committee and the well prepared recommendations and information stipulated in their report, which have in fact assisted members in executing their roles and responsibilities.

Mr Speaker, as said in the beginning, I only wish to document my sincere gratitude. I also extend sincere thanks to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for taking well our submission put forward including electricity connection for the village including Vaiafai. Thanks also to those who have cut down overgrown grass to better the scenery for families, village and the country as a whole. I respectfully seek your assistance for getting water supply for the residents residing a few kilometres inland. Thank you for the improved roads for our district even though work is still undertaken, nevertheless, thanks to the great efforts of the government, praise God!

Mr Speaker, we need improvement for our tourism sector development which is the country's key revenue earning.

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One major concern raised by the women of Salafai is the collection of rubbish your Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, pardon the members of Parliament and Samoa listening in.

Since we have the new financial year, hence new set plans and preparations for our maintenance contractors will be in place to keep the beautification of our country for our visitors. That is one factor we should consider pursuant to our rubbish collection schedule, we have one day scheduled for Faasaleleaga area, Itu a Tane and Asau. This continues to be a pressing issue despite countless requests submitted to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, this matter remains unfixed.

I further support the improvement of this area particularly for the employees working here as emphasised by the Hon Prime Minister, the member for Faasaleleaga No.2 and the member of Salafai. This is becoming a pressing issue when considering other areas like the Fisheries, hence is the plea Hon Prime Minister....

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

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: This matter is important which is the intention for Salelologa township given the huge land space available. After approaching us five plus times, we finally transferred the cannery industry from American Samoa to Savaii. Given the proximity of Tutuila islands to Fagaloa and Savaii and less upgrading for Asau, such was the process for efficient and effective purposes.

The main concern for this kind of developments is seeking cheaper rates to make better money. That is why they come to Apia. Despite the countless times we ask them to go to Savaii, they would still approach the wharf to earn fast money. The earning received from the fish supply to the States is better than operating from Savaii, it would cost more making it more difficult for customers to travel to Samoa.

We have two Cannery Companies that are currently holding consultations and if successful, operation will commence next year.

This process begins with the small fishing vessels. Consultations with another Fishing Vessels Association have begun and operation should begin early next year with the loin operation at the end of the year before final shipping to America.

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The lowering of price is an issue for these developments in Savaii, hence is the correct concern of the member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana-Gidlow and Faasaleleaga No.2 which is similar to government aim for development expansion and given enforced negotiation procedures, negotiators would end up not coming back. It is good to have a loaf of bread than returning home empty as we undertake further consultations on other developments, nonetheless, sincere appreciation to individual members for raising these critical matters which is the absolute intention of the government.

Since the rising of Tootoouli, this is similar essence which endeavours to encourage and expand developments to make things easier for the government.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your statement. I call on the member to resume your speech.

Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW: I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the precise clarification which brings affection to the mind to guarantee this side's vision as spearheaded by the Hon Prime Minister, 'what's good for Upolu is also good for Savaii, hence thank you for your concern.

Mr Speaker as spoken at first, with the involvement of the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture in the preparation of this Budget Report and for the sake of Samoa listening in, Faasaleleaga No.1 solely supports the Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) 2013/2014 and Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015 laid before us today.

We pray for God's blessings upon Mr Speaker as chairman of our meeting, as well as the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and members of Parliament, Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana-Gidlow, one of the female counterparts from the big island. The government has heard your contribution for the good developments of the big island as well as job creation for our children specifically for Samoa's prosperity.

There is still opportunity for members. The member for Faasaleleaga No.3 is now upstanding.

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Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you Mr Speaker – the matters raised is rightfully similar to mine. The member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow has spoken, thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted so that I too can contribute for my constituency.

I first of all wish to greet his Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and his good lady, the Hon Chief Justice, Judges for the Lands and Titles Department.

I greet the Hon Prime Minister, Hon Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and members of the Opposing Side and Parliament and the heads of the Ministries assembled this morning. Before I make submission I also wish to greet the honorific salutation of my constituency.

Now that we have seen the Supplementary Appropriation Statement this morning, that is the basis of this constituency. As stipulated, we are earning less from our exports, and with surplus food supply, I extend congratulation to the Minister of Agriculture for this development. Majority of customers are approaching the local supermarkets and wholesales that have adequate supplies of flour, rice taro and banana products. This indicates better standard of our economic status. Well done to the Minister. True is the significance of appropriation we receive...

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member speaking as opportunity is now given to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I beg tolerance to the wonderful speech of the member. I only wish to remind that the only food supply we have is chicken meat and herring received from family obligations and despite the expiry dates people still consume them. Hence, with the different chicken menu available, chicken meat is the only meat consumed other than lamb chop meat, beef and such, therefore, I disagree with the member.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No.4 to resume.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you for your interjection Leader of Opposition. I guess the Leader of Opposition has forgotten that the division of world is complete but should be limited.

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That is the health promotion that is frequently discussed by the Minister of Health, to not overly feed oneself with various kinds of meat food other than chicken and fish.

Mr Speaker....

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Well, let us hear the various meat kinds in clarification. I call on the Minister of Health, it is essential that you clarify this matter as the Opposing leader favours lamb meat.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: I guess the Leader of Opposition has forgotten about the bill that prohibits the importation of turkey tails under the ineligible consumption condition which produces obesity. This is one of the preventive measures for health promotion to avoid unnecessary consumption of fatty foods which leads to obesity and high blood pressure.

Chicken meat is good for consumption which not only tastes good, but is also hygienically clean, easy to cook requiring less than 100 degrees heat to cook and saves electricity, cooking gas, energy, oil and the like. Setting the heat to 75degrees is the right amount for the chicken meat to cook well. Chicken meat has several ingredients and recipes but I advise all to consume chicken meat instead of lamb and beef because it contains a lot of fats and oil. With all due respect your honour.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call upon the Honourable Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the Minister of Health has reiterated on how the chicken meat is cooked, whence you have only indicated one method of cooking chicken. Could you elaborate more on other recipes such as boiling chicken as you are only stating fried chicken. This is a good lecture for Palu so that he can consume the right chicken as I can tell that he likes chicken whilst I hardly could hear anything due to Leader of Opposition gasping for air. This shows that he does eat chicken. What is the most proper meal that is good for eating?

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MR SPEAKER: Well....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of order.

MR SPEAKER: Well what do you intend to correct when you've already told us not to eat chicken.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Well, you uttered that I have asthma when I have been playing around the park on Saturday. I do not have asthma. That until due time I was still playing. That is the correction I wish to make. As for poultry, before the Minister of Health spoke I had watched the TV documentaries on chicken injection in order to increase weight. This took three days and the chicken could not walk properly due to increased weight. Hence finding has it that there is no protein contained in the chicken meat due to these injections. Hence, this is the only affordable food by the people. Whether it is boiled chicken, fried chicken or grilled chicken, the chicken still contains some oil which can get us sick.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is clear. Pardon the Minister as the opportunity is given to the Chairperson of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Thank you for the opportunity, hence a point of order your honour as the Hon Prime Minister came in late to witness our games.

I was watching the games and the leader of Opposition kept holding his hips whilst walking around in the field.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Minister of Health, I will grant you the chance when we return from our break and resume with our different cooking recipes that is just right for chicken meat.

I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now laid aside for normal recess this morning.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended for normal recess
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MR SPEAKER: Well done. This is the energy regained after we had our meal. Sincere thanks to everyone for making it to this part of the day. The first break is gone as we resume with today's work as per sitting schedule.

Before break, the Minister of Health was speaking over the member of Faasaleleaga No.4's time on the matter of health promotion and healthy food that is appropriate for healthy living.

I call again the Minister of Health to continue before opportunity is given to the member for Faasaleleaga No.4.

Debate resumed over the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) 2013/2014 and the Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, I don't intend to proceed as I foremost wish to acknowledge the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for the food preparation for the members of Parliament. Now that we have regained strength, we are able to ensue with our work listed in our schedule for today.

I rise in relation to the request based on bad health caused by food consumption. This is the number one issue faced by various countries around the world including the Pacific is due to food consumption particularly Samoa, because nowadays poverty does not exist in Samoa given that we have sufficient food supplies. Nowadays we are given the freedom to choose from all kinds of food variety. Hence, we are selective due to the abundant quantity of food that is now available. If we were to have one food choice, we would've been more selective. Therefore, I disagree with the leader of Opposition and his statement on too much chicken consumption, when there is a saying that goes, '*moa moa lulu*' which means, 'chicken, owl'. If we had enough of chicken, we can always turn to owl.

Mr Speaker, it has been identified from the views of some members that they are taking heed of international cuisine. In verifying this saying, the Leader of Opposition did press a statement on chicken injection to increase size and weight which makes them walk crookedly and producing more oil. This involves the chicken from overseas. Whereas we were relating to our local poultry fed in Samoa which is less oily. If the overseas chicken poultry supply is our main subject of discussion, for the record, this imported chicken supply cannot be consumed immediately.

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The chicken skin is removed to rid the oily part in order to obtain skinless chicken. We can easily tell those who consume chicken skin as they gasp when talking. International markets undertake similar process of ridding chicken skins so that they are marketable to consumers. Chicken injection also applies to cattle and other stock that we consume. These injections contains antibiotic. That is the main aim of the National Health Services given the large consumption of farmers....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Minister as opportunity is given to the interjection.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I wish to be clarified on the Minister's statement that chicken skins should be removed. Why hasn't he given a recommendation to supply only skinless chicken? On the contrary, chicken skin is also good for the health, but if unnecessary, a recommendation must be made to import only skinless chicken. With all due respect.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker since the statement is pointed at me, I wish to save the Minister's time.

MR SPEAKER: Well, pardon me Hon Minister.

Afioga Palusalue Faapo II: The truth is, I am currently speaking in relation to household expenditure. The cost of living is expensive as well as chicken meat. If the chicken skin is prohibited, what will the families consume? Despite the prohibition of the chicken skins, chicken skin still contains a mixture of vaccines which can still get us sick, hence the issue to note is that chicken meat is much cheaper and is more affordable by most families.

MR SPEAKER: I get your point. The member's clarification is almost complete as you are taking up his time.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: The chicken skin is also useful to keep the chicken together during transportation. Additionally, the skin is helpful to keep the chicken skin together from falling apart, otherwise some of us still use the chicken skin.

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Mr Speaker, that is the normal process we undertake and shouldn't refrain from as we don't carry it out. Hence is the main aim of the Health Promotion Programs. Feed the local poultry which is cheaper than the imported ones. Spread shredded coconut to feed them and you can kill them for a meal next week. That is the explanation on chickens, but I will clarify more on chicken menu your honour.

MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon Hon Minister, I will give the opportunity for chicken menu later as we still have other matters to cover, hence thank you for the clear clarification.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Thank you your honour, but I am still willing to give the different recipes and ingredients using chicken meat.

MR SPEAKER: Let that wait Hon Minister until we have the Government response. I call on the member to resume, Peseta this is what happens for raising this matter.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you Mr Speaker. I will diverge from the chicken matter as time is running out due to the interjections by the leader of Opposition and the Minister of Health.

Mr Speaker, I have limited time to acknowledge the honorific salutation of my constituency due to the short time limits. The district is dear to me, and her honorific salutations have been laid aside due to the submissions I had to give as their representative.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I extend sincere appreciation on behalf of my constituency.

Despite not been able to press through with erecting our inland road and that of Puapua, otherwise thank you Hon Minister.

This is one of the villages back in 1962 that has finally had improved inland road and it's such a blessing on behalf of past representatives. Pardoning one more request that is before the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, we need new seawall area for Puapua as Puapua is another potential area for government plans and development in the big island of Savaii. This involves their land space that locates a new port and accessible roads towards the Itu o Tane area, Vaiaata and Patamea. During the late Hon Prime Minister, Afioga Tofilau's time, Puapua was able to regain its land area. Such is the feeling of gratitude this morning.

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This is not a reward as witnessed by the Minister of Communications and Information Technology who was former Minister of Works at the time when this whole land consultation process took place – which had the village support, hence Puapua comprises of high mountains which can install electricity posts to provide better reception for the Itu a Tane area. Otherwise thank you to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Ministry for the road upgrading.

As discussed with the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the suspension of one of the developments in the village of Asaga was due to government legal procedures and legislations, nonetheless, on behalf of the village I extend sincere thanks for the opportunity granted to resume construction of our Women Committee House.

Mr Speaker, considering the high tidal waves that has wiped out the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Puapua, now, the church has been demolished and relocated to the inland area. There is also dilapidated status near the Committee House and we ask the Ministry to take appropriate measures in resolving this matter.

To the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I believe we have heard the members' concerns and views on school buildings, a submission was given to you regarding this matter for Asaga village in 2011 requesting for some foreign aid from China. That is Asaga's plea, if you are listening in, bear with me as we will start construction in January next year.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as I give the opportunity to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Mr Speaker, this is the fourth member to have raised this matter and I believe that more members will raise it again. I only wish to remind government procedure on school buildings, this is the sole duty of village communities particularly school inspectors/committees, although we may gain some funding assistance to upgrade and renew school buildings, but the role is respectively played by the Education Committees. The only assistance provided by the Ministry is a supporting letter to assist submissions whilst the government strives to seek foreign aid and partners to fund these projects. That is the assistance on people's submissions thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call on the member to resume with his speech.

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Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you for your clarification Hon Minister. As said earlier, I have nothing against the Ministry on this matter, as for foreign assistance and support, hence is our request, otherwise I acknowledge the works of the government for the sake of my village listening in, our school building request should press through comes next year.

Our final request is the cemented road at Lano. During flooding, schools are called off and this is becoming a major concern for our school children...sincere thanks to our government as they plan to build a new Maliolio bridge alongside here. Lano river produces a passage for Maliolio. With the assistance of our village community, we urgently need to fix these roads for our children which should involve less expenditure.

Our constituency wishes to extend appreciation to the Minister of Justice and Courts Administration for the recording sound system of courts cases last year given the technical hitch with the Ministry in providing complete information of cases by judges. We had our sitting two months ago and we had a family case at the court which gave me proof that our request was finally granted for this matter, however, other court rooms also require similar assistance on recording sound systems but with your limited fund distribution, such request is vitally important. Nonetheless, sincere acknowledgement to the lady Minister.

To the Minister of Finance whom I fully support, thank you for the Appropriation Budget beforehand. True as you say, if the appropriation has fallen this year, it is all because the country has now prospered. The cause of increased economic statistical figures is due to natural disasters and situations alike. And with foreign aid and support increases the appropriation budget. Hence is our support of this year's financial statement.

Acknowledgement to the head of the Ministry, Lavea and your team for preparing this budget statement tabled before the House.

Before I conclude, on behalf of Puapua, we wish to extend our sincere condolences to the families and relatives of one of the passing members of this constituency, Afioga Tuiloa. Whatever funeral preparations you're going through now, I beg tolerance for not taking part as I also have other engagement but I pray God to spare a space in heaven for the former member.

Mr Speaker, that is the concern of the constituency with great essence, may God bless the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Heads of Government Ministries as well as the support of the country and our constituency. Have a blessed meeting.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Faasaleleaga No.4, well done for today. I will now handover the opportunity to this side of the House, member for Anoamaa East, before we move on with our senior members of the House.

I call on the member for Anoamaa East since you are the first to rise before we give the opportunity to Faasaleleaga No.3.

Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU (Anoamaa East): I first and foremost wish to greet the House. Thank you for this opportunity. The honorific salutations of the House, I beg the Speaker's pardon, Hon Prime Minister and dignified members of Cabinet.

I also greet the leader of Opposition, Associate Ministers and members of Parliament.

Greetings to the Heads of the Ministries gathered here today. I believe your work and efforts have been well taken to support the government.

Greetings also to His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and their good ladies, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary, the support of Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. Not forgetting the support of our beloved country, servants of God and your prayers for our Parliament as we strive to seek welfare and prosperity for the country. Thank you for your prayers.

I also take this opportunity to greet my constituency of Anoamaa East. I wish not to read out your honorific salutations. I do not intend to belittle your dignitaries. Pardon me.

I acknowledge sincere thanks to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Chief Executive Officer for preparing this budget statement. I believe this was not an easy task, as proven in the well prepared statement for this financial year.

Mr Speaker, by viewing our budget statement, I am grateful to note that education is one of the key priorities. I believe this is one revenue earnings for our economy in the future. If our children lack education, our country's future will not prosper. Children's school fees could not be paid hence this is one significant move set by government for the country to prosper. The aim is for parents to encourage their children to go to school, however, additional problem is our parents who are being irresponsible with the assistance granted by government. This is witnessed in some village communities where children are not seen at school, hence we respectfully request everyone to take heed of this very important opportunity for our children's education for a better future.

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If parents lack support in their children's education, the country will not benefit in the future. The education funding distribution is \$84 million. This is not a small amount but a significant one for the economic development of the country. Nonetheless, the health sector is another key area which promotes healthy living in the country. This is one of our major strategies. It is important to take into consideration our health promotion activities based on our current situation. Government expenditure on health is a total waste if it is not executed appropriately.

Submissions from members for continuous improvement and enhancement of our socio-economic development must be considered. Although some haven't yet received government assistance, but I am still hopeful. As reiterated by the Hon Prime Minister, there is plenty of time in the future. That is the prayer with all due respect, but do bear in mind the submissions of this constituency.

For your information Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, electricity works are almost complete for our village. However, it has taken five weeks since the discontinuation of this task. All electricity lines have been connected and attached to the old transformer. The new transformer has no electricity. The problem is unidentified after all else have been fixed. Six street lights is another problem that remains unfixed. This could be due to the incomplete works. Such is the request to the Minister to relook into this matter.

Another request is the inland road of Falefa which remains unfixed. Given that we have two more years left, we ask that you look into these requests. That is our request with our support as we prepare to host the SIDS.

Then I come to the Minister of Environment. You are aware of our water supply request for Lalomauga together with...this water is becoming an issue that is situated opposite from our new school building of Falevao. I believe your Ministry already has set plans for this matter.

Another request is the seawall area specified at the commencement of this term which was broadcasted on the radio and newspapers in the past, and have been deliberately taken out of the list. We are unaware as to what is causing the delay. The old seawall site has been destroyed by destructive sea waves and is being replaced by big rocks. This is the request from Sauano and Saletele villages with mountain view in the backside and an ocean view in the front side that is vulnerable to natural disasters.

That is the request for your consideration given the remaining years that we have left.

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Mr Speaker, may I extend appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet particularly the Committee who spearheaded our 52nd Anniversary. Thank you for considering the village of Falefa. The truth is, as mentioned in the song of this village, I think it has been 70 years since this village has been given an invitation. We are grateful. Only this, there were complaints made against our song which some specified it as a hymn song. I thought this was a Christian country which appreciates both worldly and spiritual entertainment. That was our intention. Nevertheless, there is belief that the organising Committee took it well. Congratulations and thank you once again for inviting the village of Falefa. Truthfully, given the excitement atmosphere from the public, our village was able to receive so much from them compared to the monetary gift given by the government.

Hence Mr Speaker, may God's love and mercy guide us through so that our nation is able to achieve and succeed comes this financial year may the hopes of the members be blessed.

Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Anoamaa East for your vital contribution.

I now call on the member for Faasaleleaga No.3, the House is now available for your comment.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI (Faasalelega No.3): Our views are similar as we strive towards achieving and maintaining one common goal which is a very positive feeling. God has heard our worship with regards to Samoa's sitting today. The fate of Ape village has been fulfilled this morning similar to yesterday. Tiafau is the sacred land of Samoa '*faautugatagi a Samoa,*' where all turmoil and struggles are buried in rise of Samoa's full independence that everyone supports.

Comes this new day Mr Speaker, I wish to greet the honorific salutations of the honourable Speaker of the House, Hon Prime Minister, members of Cabinet and Associate Ministers as well as the dignitaries of that side, the leader of Opposition and members of Parliament of Samoa.

The normal words of our Saviour, "*Neither calling nor serving is the greatest principle but the message brought by the one is above and beyond.*" This is your seat and crown. Thank you. I am your current representative and your voice in the country's decision making process.

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This morning, I only wish to say a few words with regards to our Appropriation or the Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015, we are experts such as in the words of our Lord and Saviour, ‘ we are higher people who do good things and abide with our responsibilities as not everyone bears honesty. Hence is the spirit of thanks this morning as each day and time has its own events and happenings, we have reached another sitting as witnessed in the spirit of this morning. Your endeavours and aims is well known, as well as your responsibilities and struggles and...given your decisions for Samoa’s prosperity, we have met and achieve our purpose. I do not wish to make a statement on the budget statement except a word of acknowledgement. As such, this is our main purpose. We give extensive assistance and support regardless of the mounted debts we have because in truth, it is just a piece of paper, loan is not a problem but the distribution of funds. That is the intention, if we look at the trillions made in America and China, it is appropriate.

Samoa has not yet reached a quarter million in debt which is not an issue but the problem lies with the funding distribution amongst any nation, state and the entire population. Such is our gratitude going forward with the aim that, ‘*e a i le ano nisi ae o le puna nisi*’, which means that some are supporting our budget statement whilst some reject it.

I wish to acknowledge the proceedings and constitutional rights of our annual basis as specified in our budget statement as well as the current annual distribution which despite the limited appropriation allocation, but thank you Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure ...that has...thank you for fixing our inland roads which was voiced earlier this year as love is known by the works done and is set freely by the wind. Thank you for remembering Pule and forgetting Faalaeo given the many developments we aim to achieve, regardless, the sun will rise again and so as the rain, we have the good days and the bad ones, and we still give our submissions. I see that one of our road upgrading is given a share of the Appropriation for this Financial Year 2014/2015, thus we should not give up on the developments that require improvement. We have three more road developments left at our sub-villages of Sapini, Luua and Malaefiliga since its maintenance by the Mormon Congregation in 1950. The buried roads of Faga, Tapueleele and Vailoa also need maintenance. Similarly to Luua and Sapini, given a number of dead lights on the street, there is also dire need for this maintenance. I don’t intend to make a mention of other matters as Tagaloatusi is present at your Ministry, thus, sincere appreciation.

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Another matter is...considering other areas which have smooth tar seal roads compared to other kinds of sealed roads which can draw a stone to hit a vehicle. But funding allocation is required. Some of us have reached the age of 40 and above...with some having poor vision on the road with regards to labelled guiding lines, to dim down the lights from brightness particularly during dark rainy days, as some humps...some vehicles would instantly run over a hump...those are some of the concerns otherwise, thank you for everything.

Then I come to....as mentioned by one member a while ago the relocation of the EPC Office further inland of Vaiaata. The water supply is plentiful as seen and assessed in Faasaleleaga, Itu o Tane and Palauli districts, which can cater for the need of the constituency situated along the coastline level which is the only good development that is....and if possible that our solar energy is a go, otherwise there is limited land space that holds water catchment lest we depend too much on achieving these good developments but will otherwise affect our environment and the wellbeing of our people.

Then we come to....not all...although some Ministries are benefiting as well, we are not complaining hence the essence here is that no development is a waste. Hence a matter I always raise with the Hon Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance, I extend sincere thanks despite the passing time of the former Minister of Finance but similar view is given with cautious, thank you for the new school building and the land space portion for the village. The incident involving one of the village members and Taitaialofa grounds which I don't intend to speak about as education is the key sector for the country this is the right hand to seeking knowledge, understanding and wealth that is found internationally, such is our request, the one acre land size is unfair compared to Taitaialofa's half acre, which is the village's customary land, hence we are now....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me the speaking member, as you now mention the Hon Prime Minister's statement.

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am aware of the raising matter but I think that it is best that we meet sometimes in the future and discuss this matter for the best interest of the constituency.

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This is the advise for easier decision making rather than raising it now and I will surely forget about it as soon as I walk out of that door today given that there are hundreds and thousands other matters awaiting, but do set up an appointment next week so that we can discuss this particular matter.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call on the member to resume as your request is now well taken by the Hon Prime Minister.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI: Thank you. I am grateful to the Hon Prime Minister and the government for taking in our request well.

Mr Speaker that is the spirit and we have no more submissions. We all have a common goal for whatever submissions specified, it is all for the benefit of our constituencies particularly for the good development of the country. This is not the end of our submission and we beg forgiveness if any word or language spoken that is foul or irritates the hearing, that is the normal conduct of our meeting. Thus, may God's love be upon our proceedings today.

Acknowledgement also to the Speaker of the House, the Chief Justice and the Ministries and Corporations, thank you for support as you are the arms of the government.

Thank you also to my constituency particularly Reverend Elder Kaleve Leifi and servants of God from Saipipi to Faga, your prayers are well taken for the success of the constituency. Thank you for your support.

Whatever words spoken this morning, do forgive us, and let God guide the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, those are your responsibilities for the country's growth. Similarly to the opposing side, leader of Opposition and dignified members, may God be with you Mr Speaker. May God give your spiritual strength and understanding in managing Samoa's meeting for the sake of the entire country and may your views be enriched with wisdom and love for the development of the country. May Samoa be in harmony.

Have a peaceful day.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comment member for Faasaleleaga No.3. I believe the House has heard you clearly.

I call upon Auimatagi, you now have the opportunity member for Sagaga le Usoga before Falelatai and Samatau. I call upon the member for Sagaga le Usoga.

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Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM (Sagaga le Usoga): Thank you Speaker for the opportunity. I firstly greet the House, Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and members of Cabinet, leader of Opposition, Associate Ministers and dignified members of Parliament. The Chief Executive Officers of various Ministries gathered before us today.

I also greet His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputy Tuiaana, Afioga Tuimalealiifano and his Good Lady, God's servants of various denominations, Chief Justice and the Judiciary. The honorific salutations of Tumua ma Pule, Ituau na Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. I also wish to acknowledge the honorific salutations of Sagaga le Usoga.

I also take this opportunity to convey my sincere condolences to the families and relatives of the late member Afioga Tuiloa, the priests and nuns of the village. The late member is a very dear friend of this Chamber, we will surely miss the amusing member. Let God's peace be upon the final preparations and service of the late Tuiloa.

Mr Speaker, I support the Supplementary Appropriation before the House today. Sincere gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance for preparing this difficult task. I also give my support to the Revenue and Expenditure Committee who have engaged in preparing the budget statement report which comprises of various good recommendations. I am also with the government who is prioritising the two key sector developments which is health and education.

Given the limited funding distribution, the budget is still appropriate in relation to some of these important components. The health sector have provided some of the Committee's recommendations. With that, I take it that we all have a copy of this report, which provides limited detail information on the recommendations. The main aim is the quality recommendation provided by the Committee on the current issues and challenges on service delivery with the notion that nobody is perfect. If issues arise, we shall reconsider and make improvement so that services are operated smoothly.

I also wish to speak to the respective person who is overseeing the tourism development sector. I believe that this is under the jurisdiction of the Hon Prime Minister, as this is one of the key economic developments for Samoa compared to Cook Island who is earning millions from it. If we can execute and develop our tourism development, we too can generate more revenue from this development.

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Hon Prime Minister, I agree with your idea on setting up a beach development in the town area. Like Hawaii, Cook Island, New Caledonia and Tahiti, these countries hold strong tourism development with similar beach site in their capitals. The idea of setting up a beach site in Apia is a great idea that by taking a tour on the bus alongside the town area would make one's day special.

I guess that is one good journey in another person's life, taking a trip to Apia have some ice cream and return to the village. If our town area is well developed, I believe that our own people from the rural area will also feel welcomed. Some are lazy to drive their vehicles considering the long distance.

Hon Minister of Tourism, it would be reasonable to locate the road from Tanoa to Mulinuu as a tourism site for all hotel developments and if a town planning design was in place such as Hawaii, it would mean no difference then taking walking distance between hotel sites. As for our developments here, we have our hotels, the gas energy company, memorial tomb site, public disposal site and the HRPP building. If we were to convert all into a hotel tourism site up to Mulinuu peninsula and the Court House, we would have a different setup altogether. This is the request on this proposal while we still exist. Some are not able to remember anything if they live too long as they are diagnosed with alzheimer. That is not important, if this plans sets forth, then....

MR SPEAKER: Well pardon the speaking member as I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the aim is not for people to ride on the buses and go back to their villages. You should go back to your resort. As for this beach development, it is for swimming addicts, on the intention to reserve funds from paying off water bills. So you can swim and relax before you go home with seawater which assists well with skin diseases that most people have. I guess the member has not had a swim in this particular area where doctors would normally do after their surgery. A practice that no longer exists nowadays, normally after circumcision, the men would swim around this area. The only concern is that you must not go beyond the deep area in case you get bitten by something poisonous.

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That is the assistance, otherwise swimming in the ocean helps remedy several problems such as Palu's burden during their time. The time plan is already set for this development.

The Cabinet will have a discussion on this matter this afternoon. Hence do not be alarmed, if the time arrives and the member is caught in sickness, preparation is set to assist you.

That is the clarification for our long term strategies.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of clarification as my name is mentioned.

MR SPEAKER: What mention is this? It is the beach site that your name was mentioned not the standard of living.

Afioga Palusalue Faapo II: Those are all the matters your honour. In consideration, the purpose of setting up a new beach is a good idea, but my query concerning the Hon Prime Minister's strategy is in relation to the cannery setup at Matautu. This will flee our visitors from the foul smell that will be exposed. Hence we advice the Hon Prime Minister to move this cannery development to Savaii or Aleipata so that our proposed beach development will go as planned for our visitors.

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

MR SPEAKER: I get it now leader of Opposition.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The first part about the cannery has been exposed, the second half of the explanation has not yet been revealed.

The first part has no foul smell whereas the second part is planned to be located next to the dumping site. That is where the foul odour will be dispensed. You have nothing to worry about, as the two areas have all been settled. One is the tainted area whilst the other has a beauty scent that has an unavoidable aroma.

Mr Speaker, that is the entire clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Sagaga le Usoga.

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Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe that by looking at the time, we should take a break before resuming with the matter on tourism.

In case the Hon Prime Minister and the leader of Opposition take up my time, I have yet to provide submissions from my constituency before the two members resume with their argument.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the improved access roads of Malie that despite the heavy rain, they still remain fixed. I guess the tar used is made out of steel which has securely fastened our roads. As for Tuanai, again I remind, it is not a complaint, but this is up to your Christian beliefs and values. The only request by Tuanai is the road connection to Aleisa uta. Electricity also needs connection by EPC that can generate more revenue once it is developed.

The road at Tuanai is poorly developed putting off most motors thus a dire need for improvement. I drove to Afega once and saw the destructive road that connects to Aleisa and similar road fix is required.

Similar to Malie and the inner road of Vailoa and Lalau, they all need road fix. Despite all, sincere gratitude your honour and the Ministry for the completed works done for us last year.

I wish to talk again about our tourism development Hon Prime Minister. When viewing Elisa Hotel and Tanoa hotel, the parking lot for Amanaki hotel is a lot better. The motive is to develop a parking lot from Tanoa Hotel up to Mulinuu Peninsula, setup a netball field and a seawall area for people to walk on and have a swim in the sea and kill any itchy or skin diseases. The new public park is a perfect planning design for the general public.

Those are some of the views to help support our development particularly our visitors from abroad because in reality, without the beautiful beach site scenery in the rural area, no – the only nearby resort is Aggie Grey's near the airport. If Aggies is booked out, then everyone will be running all the way to Lalomanu and Saanapu.

MR SPEAKER: I interject the speaking member as we arrive at our normal recess time. We shall continue as soon as we return from our break at 1.00. I wish to thank the House as we arrive at the second half of our session – well done.

I believe that our office is now preparing us lunch. Food preparation is also made for the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for your afternoon meeting. I advise all members that we shall resume proceedings at 3.00pm as per sitting schedule.

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I now suspend Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for normal recess before we resume at 3.00pm today.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended at 1.00pm.

Proceedings continued at 3.00pm.

The debate over the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill 2013/2014 and the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2014/2015 has now been resumed.

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

I take it that we have assembled once again with regained health and strength as we progress with our work until 7.00pm.

Before our break, the member for Sagaga le Usoga was speaking, hence I call on the member to conclude as your time is nearly up.

I call on the member to continue.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Thank You Mr Speaker. I wish to greet the House once again at this hour of the day. I believe everyone has regained strength.

Mr Speaker I guess the issue about tourism development has passed. Your honourable Minister of Tourism, the purpose is to place large emphasis on hotel developments in the township area, because at the current, priority is set on the tourism resorts in the rural areas taking Fiji as an example, the islands and the developments in Tanerau Nandi has several shops and restaurants which attracts many tourists, such is the intention for Samoa where very few only wish to stay in the beach site for two weeks, and majority wish to visit Apia hence I believe government already has set plans which you have my full support.

With the Ministry of Health, thank you Hon Minister for our new hospital and the service delivery provided as well as the opportunity granted for me to have a medical check up on blood tests and see if I have diabetes and things like that. There are recommendation in the report of the Finance Committee which I advise your honour to have a look at, otherwise I wish to extend sincere thanks for everything specifically on quality health service delivery and.....\$81 million is not a small amount plus another \$73million allocated by government to assist with the health sector services.

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This is similar to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. Government has also allocated funding to execute the plans of the Ministry, but appreciation to the government for giving first priority to education and health sectors.

I have clearly heard the comments of the Minister of Agriculture whom I wish to acknowledge and in accordance to the question raised by the member for Vaimauga i Sisifo, that if you were to spare time to drop by at the office to hear the exchanges there, you would've received the best response. But I agree with that member, have a go and see if appropriate to obtain some funds taking the possibility that we do have opportunity there.

As you are all aware that if the Minister were to have opportunity to approach the office and see for himself the heated discussions they had with the World Bank who is the donor, hence my advice to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, if it gets harder for us in Samoa to interject, use our hands to make it easier for those men to respond effectively. That is the easiest way if...because those white men also take their time to fight back which makes things complicated for our people, hence we must use our strength to make things quicker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, let the respective Minister respond to the progress of his interjection.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries): Mr Speaker thank you to the comment of the member, I am a person of weak hands, but if time allows for me to have good hands, then I will come to get you given that you have a black belt, whilst my brain is fine but am physically poor.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to resume with your comment.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Well done thank you, it is true that you are aging. Every time I speak, the market at Sagaga le Usoga constituency is always packed, hence is the reason why I raise this given that people use their strength in planting their plantations without complaining, otherwise, the good news is the market is packed with farmers from Malie, Afega and Tuanai.

The only additional request to the member is to take it alike, do not give up, opportunity will soon be granted by those difficult people, this is similar issue

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I raised with the Immigration official in New Zealand, that with quota, a person has to seek employment on their own. That is our plea with the New Zealand Immigration, when quota is out, do assist us in finding employment, I feel sorry for our relatives in New Zealand, they do not know where to seek employment working papers as such is the complaints filed by one lady on the radio that after a total expenditure of \$600, her son was still not able to travel to New Zealand.

Hence, if the New Zealand Office is tuning in, do have mercy on us and implement a much easier process for our people's applications. The same should apply with obtaining working permits. Conduct an easier quota process, thank you.

The plan is great, but working permit process must be made easier to obtain given that the relatives in New Zealand are fed up of finding working documents.

Then I come to...by hearing the Minister of Communications and Technology and his response as of yesterday on the issue of raising internet connection that a cable will be installed to make cheaper the cost of internet that will assist greatly with local business owners which will be good if...but as heard, assistance will be provided upon this situation.

It is grateful to discover the progress of our new market at Fugalei that is almost complete, thanks to the Minister of Accident Compensation Corporation.

MR SPEAKER: You have five more minutes.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe you were each give a copy of this report of the Committee of Finance and its precise recommendations, I don't have any comments about the other Ministries, hence that is Sagaga le Usoga's submission on the Supplementary Budget. Have a blessed meeting Mr Speaker and dignified members of the House.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Sagaga le Usoga for your comments, I believe your contribution has been very helpful to our Supplementary budget discussion.

I now give the opportunity to the member for Falelatai and Samatau, please rise.

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Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai & Samatau): Thank you Mr Speaker, greetings to the dignified House and Speaker of the House, the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and government, the leader of Opposition and Heads of government Ministries.

Greetings to the O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputies, Afioga Tuimalealiifano and his Good Lady, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary. The honorific salutation of Samoa. Greeting to all the servants of God who are praying for the success of Samoa.

I also wish to acknowledge the honorific salutations of my constituency. Mr Speaker, I will not comment given the dark cloud covering this House. I wish to convey sincere sympathies to the families and relatives as well as this House. Let us pray that the late members is granted a seat in the Kingdom of heaven. I also pray for good health upon the 48 members, the House of Faautugatagi of Samoa. If another call is to take place, let it begin from that side but not from this side.

Sincere appreciation to Mr Speaker although the House is growing weary of today's discussion on our Supplementary Budget. Hence I wish to start off with our Independence as there is also funding allocation for this event.

Mr Speaker, I had a written submission to the Chairman of the Committee of Independence the previous year, hence is my intention today which has not been taken into deep consideration.

Mr Speaker, Sunday's service was conducted by the archbishop of this congregation. Hence is our gratitude. The invitation was from the Hon Prime Minister and the state. The basis of my written submission was to get one of the Committee members to say a word of thanks to everyone and the invitees gathered for the event. Monday was raising of the flag and there was no prayer. Hence is my plea to the government, we should not leave aside our prayer which can only take up five minutes. Why not give a short five minutes prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, thank you for your comments. I have long ago replied to this matter, even though it went through the state but is managed by the Council of Churches. If matters pertaining to church service arise, let the servants of God deal with it.

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I know the member's intention is speaking on the spirit of wanting to show which opens ways to many roles and responsibilities. But do leave the holy side of things to those are call for it. The same matter is raised in the Council of Churches, given the service conducted in the night before by the event where all else is being covered in this prayer the prayer starts with them and they too conclude it. That is the essence of the last prayer to be conducted in the field. That is the decision by the Council of Churches. And government has no intention of interfering with their role.

The situation of five minutes is not the clergy's intention, as witnessed, they too want to be known. The current situation is now surfaced, you and Palu are the only two complainants. Whereas for everyone else, they all support the programme we have now. Given our recommendation, the Committee has decided that the current status is good, instead of interfering, hence let God's servants deal with their own task and let us not interfere.

Mr Speaker that is the response to the comment of the member, but gratitude to this old practice/precedence as we are now undertaking the new system, conduct one service alone the night before the event to bless the entertainments of the Independence celebration, start by them and end by them.

Mr Speaker, that is the short clarification.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comment.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, now that my name is mentioned, it is vital that I take the stand and state an explanation.

MR SPEAKER: Do you understand what the Hon Prime Minister was explaining?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I fully understand but it is totally false.

MR SPEAKER: I thought you are startled, nevertheless....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Samoa is founded on God. If this was the decision by the Council of Churches, then it is totally wrong, a service must be conducted in the morning. Your Hon Prime Minister, I thought that you would advise them if they...because as witnessed, it is like we are fast tracking everything. And your honour has the final saying.

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MR SPEAKER: I now get it Palu.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I fully reject this concern, until you become Hon Prime Minister then you can deal with issues of this sort, hence let us not interfere with the matters that are under the jurisdiction of the Council of Churches. That is the intention. What's happening here is that most of us want to play the role of a pastor, when our responsibilities are well defined. Leave Caesar's plans alone. That is why there is....even with the history of Churches and the occurrence of the past, due to government interference vice versa. But God's message is very precise. Palu this is God's message, "Let God be God, and Ceaser be Ceaser."

Mr Speaker, that is the short explanation.

MR SPEAKER: I take it that this is clear enough Palu.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, my name has been called far too often now.

MR SPEAKER: In case the House have different views on this matter as some are giving me advise and so are you.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I speak with respect your honour, it is the Hon Prime Minister who is holding back these services.

MR SPEAKER: Please take a seat as I am speaking. I will now move on to....you are now dealing with those who conduct the Independence service but the state which...The Council of Churches is also listening in who you are directing the blame when this is their decision. Nevertheless, only God knows how we sadly feel about this. We also took it well from our programme that it was short and sweet. With this in mind, we intended for the invitees to go home and relax before they return and join us for lunch. You have spoken to me personally on one matter and now you are uttering a different one today. Regardless of it all, Taefu the matter is now understood, I call on you to move on to a different matter as your speech is well taken.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker. We had one lengthy sitting before the next one where you called off proceedings over a short prayer. A new day is vital.

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We woke up at 2.00 in the morning because we had to bring the children to the march and attend the Independence celebration because we don't have time for service but attend to the one here. The final recommendation to the Independence Committee, upon the completion of everything else, do be mindful of our guests and diplomatic corps from abroad comprising of the New Zealand Hon Prime Minister and High Commissioner, a statement was provided by the Hon Prime Minister. That is why I speak highly of the chairperson, whenever he speaks, he is always guided by a piece of paper. But there was emptiness in the statement that was presented in final on behalf of the Organising Committee.

The advise to the chairman of the Committee, that is the part you should have played.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, no the tasks beforehand were implemented.

As reiterated earlier, it is not...the chairperson had spoken, the Deputy Chairperson was also another Chairperson. Hence do you take lightly the statement by Leulumoega? He had spoken...we had two Chairpersons who is an orator of orators but I am unaware of any issue or trouble behind this. Nonetheless, thank you for the advice but let the Committee work be laid aside.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call on the member to rise.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Mr Speaker, I now wish to direct comments to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

I acknowledge the completed seawall area from last year at our sub village of Sualo in Samatau. Thank you to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. The implementation of lapsed developments from last Parliamentary term has now been completed.

The submission for inner roads still remains. There is one in Falelatai which is a large village that comprises of 12 inner roads of which one is complete, convert that into percentage and identify the total number of roads fix for your constituency. Similar case goes for our sub village of Samatau, they have 4 inner roads, with one road completion that is equivalent to 25% of total completed roads for Samatau, hence....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member of Falelatai and Samatau, let me give the opportunity to the Minister as you mentioned.

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Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, given that I have the list of implemented tasks, as with lapsed business mentioned by the member, the roads of Samatau presented in 2009/2010, some have been implemented and it is now 2014, the executed works is still carried out including the seawalls of Sualo, Samatau and Falelatai. We also have other undertaking works for the submission of the member for Anoamaa East which is very costly and can assure all that this House involves verification of government's executed projects and plans by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call on the member to resume with his comments.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: I am not complaining but do bear with me as I intend to complete my submission. Please be reminded that since the beginning of this Parliamentary term, Pata Falelatai was ranked third in our draft list. What now? It is now listed 33rd. That is the situation with our road.

Mr Speaker, there are countries that have divided their land mass into zones/districts in particular the involvement of larger projects, where funding allocation is a good planning design if we want to be fair and transparent, each constituency gets a fair distribution of the fund for each financial year and when fund is sufficient, the development is set to press through, whereas the system we have is up to the good distributing hands of the respective Ministers and government. That is the urgent plea but you have the final saying in all this.

Mr Speaker, the inner roads of Aana No.2 College and the one leading to Toefuataiga at Oloamanu is not under your inner roads list, but these are roads used by the government to get to some of their services. The roads at Oloamanu, Agriculture Office, Estate, Police, Water Authority, government Ministries and Corporations have access towards these services however, poor access roads is the main problem which needs urgent assistance and improvement considering the allocated fund distribution that you have now.

Mr Speaker, I wish to comment on the school grant by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture. In short, do take heed of the releasing portion of this school grant which includes the tertiary education level.

Bear in mind the funds collected from children's school fees were used to fund school supplies and improve school buildings and such. What now?

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Government now provides compensation that comes with conditions such as avoiding the overuse of school materials other than the work given to schools. The complexity of this issue must be unloosed. The hall at Aana No.2 College was launched by the Minister and was funded by a loan approved from the Development Bank. The intention of the old men in the district at that time is to rely on the money earned from students' school fees and stationery whereas now, it is about time that the bank heads over to demolish the school hall. The request your honour, do take into account the developmental plans laid down by the Committee for school improvement, as for the new practice now adopted to fund students school fees, hence is the delay in this undertaking, except a fraction of this distribution to pay off school debts and loans. That is the submission, but be mindful of the school building of Siufaga Falelatai with a ratio of 130 students to 3 teachers when it should have been four and has no principal since four years ago. Is this possible for small school your honour.

To the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I convey sincere appreciation. I have recently been in New Zealand, the coconut cream can called the Savaii Popo is number one. That is the verification by the Chinese and Indians in New Zealand, they affirmed that the coconut cream is number one. We should give first priority to these developments. The taro supply is also going well but must be mindful of exporting our taro supplies and make sure the taros are well selected as they will be supplied to an international place, that is the advice to the Hon Minister.

Mr Speaker, the African snail tastes very delicious, when we went on our trip. This is not a lie but if one should have a taste, the African snail is...if...it is as if we disregard them because of its skin and the like, pardon the House. But we did taste it. Do consider it, it is said that we are...when we have enough here for our meal.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, as I give the opportunity to the doctor of food, I call on the member for Aana Alofi No.3 first, before the member of Faleata West takes the floor.

Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: Mr Speaker, I like the matter raised by the member, but I wish to understand the kind of African snail and which species does it originate from and where exactly did you have this African snail, because the snails type is used for cooking in Vietnam and France, not the one found here in Samoa but I guess it is found...hence I believe that is true and is good to note thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: Member for Faleata West, do please rise.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker the entire Samoa is listening in to our meeting, lest we give wrong information and if the member is correct that this is edible, do provide clear explanation about it, as our professor has now spoken, there are various kinds of snail species, and this does not mean....the one found locally is poisonous called the KR15, yes, if you do not remove this poison, you cannot consume it. That is why I beg the member, because these are shared information which you have raised...but do confirm if they are edible with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Let me give confirmation as I too had some and in case you two have an argument about it.

The sisi is a sisi, with one species kind found in China as well as locally, but the poisonous part needs to be removed just like the poison of the alili. We were alerted on this together with Papalii, and Taefu when we had breakfast that particular morning. We saw a number of them on the menu. We then asked and I managed to visit the kitchen to check and see the processing of this species. It is boiled in hot water before the core part is taken out, the poison part is removed just like an umbrella hat. But given our belief from the beginning of the African snail, we take it lightly and think of it as a negative species due to its effect on our green environment, that is how we view it, but during our trip I truly admit as mentioned by Taefu. It is true that we tasted it, it did not have any major difference, but the only difference is that the alili is from the ocean and its saltiness is from the sea, but the species discussed here is found on land, hence is my authentication to the professor of alili and seafood, the clarification is correct.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I beg of you your honour, the reason we are avoiding this species, is because it has a huge impact on our environment and country as a whole, although it is edible in those countries, but the impact it provides to the environment and fruits they bear is the essential and must be destroyed. It seems that we are having contradictory views versus sisi prevention, as if we want the sisi to breed for consumption. Is that correct?

MR SPEAKER: No, Leala lest you lure us into producing more snails, when that is not our intention, the member for Falelatai and Samatau has clarified it, we did consume some during our trip. I call on the member for Falelatai and Samatau to resume his speech.

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Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you Mr Speaker for your assistance in this matter, if the member is curious of the scientific name for the snail, I beg tolerance, I guess it is called F150 that is normally used by the country. But there are respective people who are responsible for researching and analysing this species for security and safety reasons, whilst the appearance and taste, well you have seen it your honour, you have pictures member for Aana Alofi No.3, and because I am currently discussing matters with the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hence is the raising of this matter.

The taro produced had various ways of doing, dig out taro from the ground and take it to China....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as I give chance to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Afioga Le Mamea Ropati: Mr Speaker with all due respect and the mention of the snail, I beg tolerance as the snail species is not under my jurisdiction. For the sake of the listeners, I recommend all not to consume the snail in case you get poisoned, but destroy them and place them in a barrel and chuck sea water in it.

That can destroy its legs before it is buried, but do bear us until final results is out from our investigators on this field. If members have tasted it, well I guess this is different...but that is how this species are produced, some look alike and are of different species. That is what I wish to raise, in case the country takes is fooled and in case the taste of the snail will affect somebody, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Falelatai and Samatau to continue.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: That is main aim as there are specialties for this particular area who will investigate and inform the country of the appropriate measures to take in case we fall on different opinions, when that is the essence.

Mr Speaker, there are several European and Asian people with greater financial support who wish to come and invest in Samoa and operate their businesses locally, hence Samoa has not had a stable response for these investors, including the Immigration, MCIL, Police, Revenue Office.

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All these Mr Speaker we should all aim at establishing a one stop shop or central area for investors so that MCIL has the authority to issue foreign investment certificate with easier process by the Immigration office as well as the issuing of business licenses. The current practice seems like one Ministry does the credit check, when in essence, coordination of these services is required to credit check all foreign investors with the involvement and availability of all respective Ministries when dealing with one particular investor who is willing to invest in the country.

That is the purpose your honour.

I give credits to the government pursuant to principles of creating public enterprises, to encourage and increase further the Public Finance sector or SOEMD. Given that this sector requires a lot of improvement and coordination from the start, hence such service is finally set up to provide assistance for our government. There were times when our public enterprises would diversify once revenue was earned to develop other services other than the set plans established under its mandate resulting with no government dividend due to the utilization of revenue.

Because if profit was earned and was distributed to government – hence I am thankful with the current practice which poses an advise to the chosen Minister to do a follow up on our public enterprises.

There was set plans with our minor SOEMD sector under the Ministry of Finance, but thankfully we are still striving to earn some revenue from our public enterprises. Hence the reason they are privatised is because they have potential to generate revenue earning and if revenue is earned, share some for the government.

Mr Speaker, this is the continuous flow of the cycling process. The Supplementary Budget, implement services, accounts, audit and annual report. The month of June is almost up for the financial year 2013/2014, before we have account, auditing and annual reports. The Ministries are given four months after the financial budget to prepare their annual reports. By December, all auditing reports should be completed, before we have the tabling of our annual reports in January. All annual report are due in on January next year.

I am grateful to say that as one of the Committee members, I guarantee that some annual reports have been submitted. Congratulations to all the government Ministries and Corporations for the urgent response to Parliament on Annual Reports. So far, 13 have been submitted and the financial year for 2014 is almost up, thus if you have not submitted 2013, I believe it is too late, but do bear in mind, account, audit, annual report.

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A recommendation for government Ministries, you are the complete service for the Ministry and the Minister solely relies on you. Do not be afraid of offering the right advice to your Ministers. If you have insufficient budget, notify your Minister directly as we have other sources of generating income, hence we advise all government heads to assist your respective Ministers with the burden that he/she is going through. If the Minister is mistaken, that falls on the advice that you give.

Mr Speaker, our Parliamentary sitting time schedule. We have recently and urgently passed lapsed business of over ten Annual Reports without consideration into detail. A plea upon your honor, our sitting days should be re-scheduled.

If the sitting schedule is not enough, we must have our sittings on a monthly basis. It is useful for us living away from town to attend these sittings as we are growing tired of making the plantations which we could not sell, but this is good opportunity for us to travel to Apia and attend the sittings. That is the plea to the Speaker and the respective Committee responsible to our Parliamentary Sitting Schedule. We have received the up-date of each annual report for each government Ministries and Corporations hence we need enough time to go through them.

Mr Speaker, we must have a Parliamentary Counsellor, without having to rely on the Office of the Attorney General to counsel the Executive. We should have an independent Parliamentary Counsellor with established terms of reference to make transparent decisions.

Have a blessed meeting Samoa, bless the support of my constituency, bless the House, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comment member for Falelatai and Samatau. I believe that your speech and comment is well taken. Do be mindful of your statements made of the Office of the Legislative Assembly. As heard, that is the schedule we have in place now. The sitting days is now rescheduled with that of government matters and Parliamentary matters. The official Parliamentary tasks are included in the Parliamentary Strengthening Program. But do bear with us, the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee which comprises of the Hon Prime Minister and leader of Opposition and myself will not take your comment lightly.

I call on the Feagaiga a Tumua ma Pule, Susuga Ifopo Matia Filisi, the constituency of Aiga i le Tai now has the opportunity.

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Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai): Thank you Mr Speaker as I get a chance after my brother Tauaana.

Greetings to the entire Parliament, the father of the nation, the Hon Prime Minister, Hon Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet, leader of Opposition and dignified members of Parliament, the office of the Legislative Assembly and staff.

On behalf of our pastor, wife and family, dignified Tuua and Lautolo and the Catholic congregation of Mulifanua, we wish to convey our sincere condolences to Lolesio and Maletina due to God's calling upon the late Tuiloa Sagata Anitelea. With sympathy to mother Taupou and children, thank you.

I wish to acknowledge the honorific salutations of the country as well as my constituency.

I wish to extend appreciation to the Minister of Police and Prisons. Although Tauaana has spoken on the subject matter concerning the prisons, hence I believe that our requests have been relayed. Given that our office is located at Oloamanu, and the inner roads are government-owned hence do note that Oloamanu was a name given by the old man and woman to Mulifanua. Law go hand in hand with the governance of village chiefs. There comes time when our village is required to act as surveillance and secure the roads towards the prison premise.

I also wish to mention the station service held by the police or sui o le Malo (women) at Faleolo airport, wharf and all hotels which involves a large coverage area. Great appreciation for the work provided but a word of advice, there comes time when we will run out of vehicles.

A reminder to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I have similar submission provided in the beginning of this Parliamentary term as I know that you are going through a lot. The role you undertake in distributing funds is not easy on the essence to fulfil the requirements of each individual constituency. I believe that you can do everything because you are an elder deacon and a church devotee. Sincere thanks for that. The only concern I have is the water supply for our village Manono-tai. If the office can carry out a site visit at Salua-tai to identify the cause to this problem, that is our only request. Water is essential.

The water at Apolima during my visit poses a question to the Minister and the Ministry, why is there ration distribution of water in Apolima that after 8.00, water is cut from 9.00 until 2.00 or 3.00.

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Such involves no major impact, but a site visit needs to be conducted so that water supply is evenly distributed amongst other villages as mentioned earlier by Aiga i le Tai.

A sole reminder to the new village road project contractors, water and electricity are required for Mulifanua. I believe works are under way for EPC, hence thank you for the newly installed posts and transformers that will be installed soon.

These are some of the most important roads that must be addressed for the information of the Minister of Works, Minister of Education and LTA. The roads at Aana No.2 College in Apolima have been heavily destructed which provides schools for almost three constituents including Mulifanua Primary School, Satuimalufilufi Primary School and Apolima Primary School. Such is the requirement for this improvement.

The village of Manono has a lot of historical sites and hotel developments for the information of the Hon Prime Minister or the Minister of Tourism. The slogan says that what's good for Apia is also good for the rural villages, thus it is not Puleono and Tumua nor the constituency to which these words are related to. I say what's good for Apia is also good for Manono. That is the plea as the member for Aiga i le Tai also knows it, it is not easy. Priority is given to urgent matters but we will have patient for our roads to be fixed soon.

I wish to extend sincere appreciation to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the invitations we received from LTA to attend the launching of several new road improvement. If only one of those new roads were ours, nonetheless thank you. Its not nice to take free food from other constituencies during launching. With all due respect.

I don't have much left to say to my good friend, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. The only request if time permits is the seawall area at Aiga i le Tai, we could discuss this at a later time in your office.

These villages are vulnerable to natural disasters such as sea currents. I also wish to discuss if it appropriate to release the land lease details under STEC and consult with them. Although the seawall construction is undertaken for Mulifanua and Salua Manono, but thank you for your response. Thank you LTA for the seawall constructions in Manono that has blocked the main roads hence a visit must be conducted in Manono.

That is the request.

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I wish to acknowledge the resignation of some members from SACEP as they have given up. Some of our constituents have started using personal funds. This is the request to the Ministry given the high requirement of this assistance in the village communities.

Another matter is the Sea Cucumber Company that was banned in 2008 to date, as mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister, this is permitted for farming growth to create local businesses. Your urgent positive response and approval upon this matter will help create employment for the members of the constituency. But if there is fall back then it will be removed but importantly, job creation for the people as there is notion that the locals are more effective with farming of sea cucumber involving more people.

Another matter involves the Minister of Works, Cabinet and the Minister of Education. This concerns our problematic roads which connects to Apolima and has greatly affected school children. A site visit is required to be conducted by members in verification of this matter.

The rugby field for players from Samatau, Falelatai and Lefaga was a request submitted in 2011. As a testimony to Parliament and the President of the Rugby Union, Magele you absolutely know that I play very well as we played together in school back in the days.

We have three players in the Rugby Sevens Union, Aiga i le Tai, Falelatai and Samatau. None of these three players have the names of their villages mentioned when playing for Apia due to the circumstance of the fields. That is why I fully support the phrase by the President of the Union to players to go back and play in their village fields.

Your honour, do take note of our rugby grounds so that more Manu Samoa players will originate from Samatau, Falelatai as we are all combined under one union.

Mr Speaker thank you. I wish to conclude with the Supplementary Budget, these people have the know-how skills in addition, subtraction, revenue and expenditure. By viewing the report, it says here cash surplus, I am not sure if my sight is clear, but it looks like its saying to take all the cash surplus for the small islands including Aleipata, Manono and Apolima. Am I correct, this Supplementary Budget is now approved by the constituency.

Thank you Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet for the equally distributed funding allocated including Puleono and Tumua. Remember your agreement. That is up to you as this is just a reminder. As a party to our agreement, I don't intend to startle anyone nor beg, thank you very much.

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Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I also wish to extend a big congratulations to all the Ministers and the government heads, thank you for dedication and efforts. Thank you Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, leader of Opposition, Associate Ministers or shadow Ministers. Thank you for support Samoa from top to bottom. Thank you to my district of Aiga i le Tai.

Mr Speaker I only have one wish for you, I pray God to give you strength as you strive in your effort to managing our meeting. Have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Aiga i le Tai. I believe Tumua and Pule have heard you. Do bear with them and think positive as the sun still rises and God's days is abundant, have patience and support.

The floor is now available for comments Vaai o Fonoti we still have time. I call on the member for Vaa o Fonoti to make your submission.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti):
Thank you Mr Speaker, I obey your instructions.

I wish not to say the honorific salutations of the House but praise be to God for we have reached this part of the day.

I wish to acknowledge the honorific salutations of the country as well as my constituency.

I wish we have enough time for me to give an explanation towards our Supplementary Budget and reference to our government heads, I believe they are well aware of our economic status and developments. Before I present my requests, I hereby wish to acknowledge all the government Ministries during consultations with them and their budget reports that have pleased our Committee.

Thank you to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, the Ministry and staff for the good works done for my constituency. The only request as mentioned by the majority is our inner land roads. There are three to four of these roads, but my concern is the main road. Although we have limited funding but I will lay it aside you for your consideration.

I believe the LTA must have other ways of seeking funds....that when money is earned, they must use it to fix our roads at Fagaloa. Within the vicinity of the town area, there is a lot of parking space for vehicles in a day. Is it possible to create a law and impose fees on vehicles when parking as a way to earn money?

One of HRPPs main objectives for this Parliamentary term is to construct a wharf at Fagaloa which is impossible according to the Minister of the Coastal areas.

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I have also heard of the large fish supply cannery that will be established soon on this wharf similar to the size of the Apia wharf which will provide shipping services. The only fishing boats seen around the huge Fagaloa bay for repair are from American and New Zealand. If a fishing market was set up nearby, the foul smell would not be a problem as it is quite distant from the district. But if the road is the problem, it would be helpful to erect a connection between Falevao and Musumusu to provide better access services to Fagaloa.

Thank you to EPC for the maintenance works and generator provided at Taelefaga coastal area. We have also discussed other ways to executing this task particularly government assets in these areas and the huge megawatts of four received from Lefaga. I shall lay it beside you with hope to gain some funding assistance.

I agree that funding assistance is required to implement our many tasks. Why don't we borrow funds to fund these developments? I believe that if we execute enough development, our economic growth will grow extensively for our village communities. With less implemented tasks, we will also receive less revenue for our families and villages. It would be helpful to work and earn some finance from the Chinese \$2billion that is floating in the Pacific to assist with our task execution.

The cost of living today is cheaper than the living standard for the next 20 years in the future, that with a set project worth \$100million this annual period would cost \$140million comes the next 20 years which no one could project/forecast except God, but through this funding assistance we can still borrow at a very low interest rate. Most of these debts are forgiven by the Chinese government and such is the case if we work collaboratively with them in the Pacific. I shall leave that with the Minister of Finance.

The road leading to Oloamanu has been raised by other members, hence I wish to raise it again with the Minister of Police and Prisons whom I salute as the best Minister. This land space was purchased from the WESTEC and road fix should've been done by WESTEC – with \$9million spent by the Ministry of Police to buy this land space which now situates the Ministry of Agriculture, hence a fair share of the road fix should be divided amongst these Ministries. We took a site around this area and the road is very problematic for the Office of Agriculture with their plot space of 200acres situated alongside the police station.

Thank you Minister of Health for the delivery services provided for our new hospital. I believe this will be one of the best hospitals in the Pacific donated by the Chinese government particularly the contractors who are building it.

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Well done to the Ministry and staff as well as your Hon Minister of Health.

Similar submissions to improving inner land roads for our constituency have all been submitted the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. The same goes to government road located at Faleapuna hence our village is prepared to provide land space for creation of these new roads. We fully support the Supplementary Budget 2014/2015. As stated in the beginning, it has taken two weeks since we had deliberations of this budget statement.

I extend a sincere appreciation to all the Ministries and Public Enterprises for your well done efforts whilst we sit here and make laws. Thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you Mr Speaker for controlling our meeting particularly the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet as well as Associate Ministers. Thank you also to the leader of Opposition and Shadow Ministers, well done on your services for the government and let the member of Vaa o Fonoti live.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Vaa o Fonoti. The House wishes to thank you for your cooperation in our sitting, it has come to notice that you remind and encourage all members before our sitting time commences pursuant to our time sitting schedule.

As we approach our breaking time I notice that we have remaining members of our Finance Committee to take the floor, hence I think we should take a break as we have limited time left.

We have 5 minutes remaining before our recess hence it is better for us to have an early break before we come back and proceed with the speeches of our Revenue and Expenditure Committee before government responses are provided for today.

I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now suspended for our normal recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended for normal recess at 4.40pm and resumed at 5.21pm.

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

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I believe we have arrived at our exact starting time from our break, the sun is about to set, hence I beg tolerance for your patience as we continue with our proceedings for today. I beg the pardon of members as the staff of the Legislative is working on providing the shade for the House, but the sun is also good to keep us awake.

Before recess, about 8 members have already given their submissions, hence the floor is now available for further comments.

The member for Gagaifomauga No.2 is upstanding; the House is now available for your comment.

Tofa SOOALO MENE (Gagaifomauga No.2): Thank Mr Speaker, I believe we have regained energy and strength pursuant to the light refreshment that we just had which has given us good health.

Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity submitted for our contribution regarding the Supplementary Budget 2014/2015 tabled before the House. I believe this is not a journey that does not last as you have risen early in the morning to pray God for his mercy and love so that we are able to embark today, which is such a blessing for us however this is not a curse but a journey that will end well. You have my support on our said prayer earlier today which has undoubtedly brought dignity upon Tiafau today. No warrior dare assigns Samoa as it is already done as the lands of Tiafau is sacred in the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Speaker, leader of Opposition and the opposing side to Parliament.

I also wish to greet the heads of government Ministries gathered before us today. Greetings to the support of Samoa whilst your Parliament continues with its proceedings, your Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and your good lady, the Council of Deputies and your good ladies, the Chief Justice and the Ministry of Justice. I also greet the support of God's servants of various church denominations in the country. With your prayers, Samoa is able to steer well and peacefully.

I also acknowledge the honorific salutations of the entire nation as well as my constituency.

Lest I go along however, the seat of David could not be taken today. Hence is the spirit, as I intend to straighten out our concern. I wish to convey sincere condolences to one of the late members of the Parliament. On behalf of Gagaifomauga and Finao, I speak on behalf of our constituency to relay sincere sympathies to the mother and children and the entire family on God's calling upon the late member and father. We pray that sympathies shall cover the entire constituency.

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We should not worry, let us be strong as we cannot go against God's will, He who brings and He can take away, let His name be glorified.

Mr Speaker, I wish to speak on the Supplementary statement for this year 2014 when we moved from least level developing country to middle level developed country, the question is, why? The answer lies in one of these books which is also my testimony, with good governance guides our supplementary budget to better status.

Sincere thanks to all the leaders who have played a vital role in the origins of yesterday all for the prosperity of Samoa. As with the government of the day and its leader, thank you as our country is now in good hands given its success and achievements fulfilled this year, thank you for your service and not giving up, you have done enough to keep the country's delight.

This is the first Supplementary Budget since the nation had graduated up to middle income earning country level which indicates a statement that is well prepared, hence appreciation to the Minister of Finance or the Hon Prime Minister. This is stipulated in the report, have a look at the sketch in the third box which highlights what I am speaking about, the economic status 2014/2015 under one of its objectives has improved, compared to the current progressing year, the inflation rate is going well given its objective.

We now come to the balance or percentage of our budget, the cash surplus of expenditure over revenue, it has declined by 4.2% compared to the current rate of 4.8%. One of the objectives under current expenditure means that the same is also going well. I too....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, let me give the opportunity to the leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker a point of clarification. I beg tolerance to the member and his lovely speech, particularly in his endeavour to inform us that our economic status is now strong and his explanations on cash surplus. But I wish to ask the member, how do you get your cash surplus? Yes, the debt that is given makes up our cash surplus, because we do not have enough to fund our developments. What the member is trying to relay poses the idea as if though everything is going well when truly, this is due to cash surplus.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is now understood leader of Opposition, as reiterated....let the opportunity be upon the Hon Prime Minister, do rise please.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the correction is well said by the member, that is the intention of the budget report and should not be hidden. But our developments, revenue and surplus after expenditure is well laid out. As spoken by other members, this is the normal business procedure for any government. You don't need to point fingers and say if it weren't for this they would not have made it, only the fools does that. A country must look after her economic status which involves normal revenue earned, grants from our partnering nations and borrowings earned from soft interest loans. In view, most of these are destroyed properties and other sector development that have just been given. As explained, the three storey building, the first phase can go through this year, second can press through the second year which is all funded by the same loan, hence it is not new. That is how a budget statement report is prepared with a good common sense.

One good speech given today was by Tuileutu whereby I hereby advice the leader of Opposition, ask around the members of your side for assistance as they do have the knowledge and experience in responding to matters that you are raising whereas the current speaker has vast knowledge and understanding of our supplementary budget. Mr Speaker, the member's speech is right on track.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I rise on the matter of....

MR SPEAKER: What now Palu....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: In relation to the statement by the Hon Prime Minister, it is only the fools who sees it but does not understand, it if wasn't for this loan, we would not have enough budget to operate our developments in this the budget statement?.....minus this, then we have what's left of our profit.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is not taken Palu, that is your own interpretation.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Yes? I call on the member for Faleata West.

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Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I am whispering with Tuileutu, he agrees to this borrowing such that it will help build our roads, but if we are not included in the list, he agrees that the Hon Prime Minister is correct...That is the statement.

MR SPEAKER: Leave it Lealailepule. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, if I was a member that is being corrected by another member, oh my, this is a mess. Does this mean that Leala is Tuileutu's office boy? This is just not right. Does this show that he does not have any searching wisdom? Does this mean that all of Leala's speeches are being prepared by Tuileutu.

SPEAKER: I take it that government response is clear enough as we aim to discuss and get through with our debate today regarding our Supplementary Budget. I beg tolerance to the leader of Opposition, the intention is not that you lack wisdom. The statement aims for a clear and transparent constitutional rights of the government to arrange and make right choices for our budget so that it achievable. I call on the member for Gagaifomauga No.2 to continue.

Tofa SOOALO MENE: Mr Speaker, no I have just recalled our rugby players. The member for Siumu has reminded that this is what the leader of Opposition was saying to them in the shuttle bus, "Be mindful that you should have your approval of the Supplementary Budget." I now second that statement. The member for Sagaga le Usoga uttered, it is true, Palu did say, "Palu you will get caught by Tuilaepa on this, if Tuilaepa makes it to the games he will say, "See Palu he does not understand the rules of rugby." Mr Speaker....

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker a point of clarification. I did hear it too the statement by the leader of Opposition. The current speaker and Muagutu, they were the first ones to agree with Palu, "Palu we too agree with what you are saying."

MR SPEAKER: Let me give the opportunity first to the member for Faleata West.

Aveau what was the correct statement made on the bus?

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Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker, in case I and Toeolesulusulu are given the blame for approaching the Hon Prime Minister in arranging this rugby team. In case the rugby team is also a group of politics that have all agreed to disapprove of our budget statement. No this is only a joke. Most of our players all approve of the budget statement.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, I congratulate you all for joining the rugby team. I was happy when I heard the correction for the rugby team. Hence is my recommendation to the Union to proceed with the old men's team on the condition of maintaining the name 'Oldies' yes. That is the correction Levao Palu.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Gagaifomauga No.2 to resume your speech.

Tofa SOOALO MENE: Thank you for the clarification of this matter. Right below the same page states loans, I am sure this is the only objective that poses a threat. But thanks to the Hon Prime Minister and the Ministry of Finance it is now clear according to the chart that all borrowings will be cleared some times in the future. I do have one concern, it is noted that this will be achieved with our budget supplementary 2017/2018. This means that if only we can take part as witnesses to this objective nevertheless, it is scheduled for the next Parliamentary term. Nonetheless, let us all pray that we will make it back in due time for this achievement to take place. If not, let us have hope for those who will succeed comes the next Parliamentary term in the future.

Mr Speaker....

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of clarification.

MR SPEAKER: What other matter requires clarification Palu?

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I will clarify the meaning of what the Associate Minister is talking about. Dreams are plans going forward, but we can't predict when they can be achieved. The reason why I say this is because we are living on debts. Almost 80% of our economy is debit.

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That is the clarification in case the Hon Prime Minister rises again and take the matter beyond our imagination. Strategic plans are only dreams.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is not taken. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, no dream is wrong, we all worked so hard on this before you made it to that side. Hence no dream is a mistake, they were all achievable. No country can achieve something unless you have dreams. Although we think lightly of the term ‘dream’ but these are strategic plans that should be achieved. Now that the member has spoken, I agree with him.

As for the issued warning these are matters pertaining to Cabinet who sets out strategic plans which are general matters. But a reminder to the House, this is like a norm, half of this House will not make it back. This is not a prediction but a norm from past elections. Hence, start finding a living.

MR SPEAKER: The opportunity is now given to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker, I know you very well and the House, the leader of Opposition is the lay preacher. I thought that you would have a sound understanding of the testimonies given in the bible. Remember Joseph, a 12 year old boy and the youngest dream interpreter in the bible. He was being mocked by his own brothers and consequently sold him, but came across them when he was a chosen leader over Egypt’s wealth, this is a person who can interpret real and good dreams. That is what the leader of Opposition should know. Do not worry about those things. If he refers to it as dreams, but they are strategic plans of the government, they are unachievable if we do not have faith in God who gives as mentioned by the member for Faasaleleaga No.3. I wholly support more borrowings to fund the country’s developments. Because if today is good, so is tomorrow, and the next one until forever. That is the assistance I wish to provide for the leader of Opposition. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Faleata West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I wish to assist the elder deacon. Joseph’s dream was done in Israel, not on the Supplementary Budget please.

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Joseph's dream is different which he bore blessing from his father Jacob who was named after Israel. This is Joseph's father who originated from Rachel and had earned a different blessing. Joseph's dream was about the wealth of his father.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is the problem with this member, this was not Joseph's dream in Israel but in Egypt.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the preacher, member for Falelatai and Samatau.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker, I wish to elaborate this matter further, Joseph's first dream was about 11 bundle of seeds who bowed down to this one particular seed. The sun and moon even bowed towards the star. This meant that this Catholic devotee from Samatau and Falelatai also bears no understanding.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Falelatai and Samatau.

Afioga Taefu Lemi: Mr Speaker it is good to read the bible thoroughly in order to find out the exact person who dreamt and the dream interpreter.

MR SPEAKER: That is well taken Taefu, we shall not debate over this. I call on the leader of Opposition.

Afioga Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, it seems that he is pointing directly at me. As with the dreams that we are deliberating now, they are from God. But the dreams that we have for our budget is a waste.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you leader of Opposition. This is the first time for me to hear you believing in strategic plans that derives from a dream. It seems that every time you rise you disagree with our strategic plans, but finally you have pointed out the importance of a dream. A dream is a dream. The opportunity is now given to.....A request to the leader of Opposition, do not be offended with the speeches of the Associate Ministers. I advised you yesterday to refrain from interfering with the member of Falealili yet again, you are repeating the same conduct towards the member of Samauga.

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Leave the Associate Ministers comments alone, they are entitled to their own views, that is the voice of the constituencies, whilst you deal directly with the Hon Prime Minister, when your time arrives, you can have your own fight. I call on the member for Gagaifomauga No.2 to resume with your speech.

Tofa SOOALO MENE: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. To be honest, I could not find any faulty in the budget statement report. It is...although it has coconut cream but also a mixture of the spicy ingredient which is really good. The budget statement seems to relate to something nice. Hence I shall move on your honour.

If we look at the budget statement, I wish to acknowledge the Minister of Finance, although there is slight increase for improved service tax, however there is no added charge on VAGST, as this tax also involves newborn babies up to the elderly at home. The budget also reflects an increase in revenue earning. Such is our gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the Ministry for the executed duties and responsibilities.

Additionally, I also extend sincere gratitude to the Prime Minister for his hard effort and endeavour for Samoa to host the SIDS conference for the wellbeing of the country. Because this will undoubtedly raise the country's economic standard for this financial year and future financial years.

I wish to raise the proposed fish market that will cater for an employment number of up 1000 workers. I am indebted to these vital developments, as emphasised in our budget statement, these are the core economic areas we should set priority on moving forward. Despite other one off developments, but these ongoing projects or developments will help raise our economic status. Hence is our acknowledgement to the Hon Prime Minister and the government for these good developments.

Similar note is passed on to the Cabinet pursuant to the unlimited works achieved for the districts and the country. Such is our gratitude on behalf of the constituency. Our district also has other proposed tasks which we believe will be achieved given your funding distribution.

I conclude by saying, the speech of Safune and Samauga shall now steer off at Faletagaloa and Lalotava. Before I sit down, pardon me if I had offended anyone, may God's peace fill and make us complete from our mistakes. May God's grace be with you Mr Speaker and may you have the strength to oversee our Parliament. The same to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, have patience and be courageous, have faith in God to gain good things, although we have insufficient distribution of funds but your patience and diligence will lead us through.

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God guide the members of Parliament, may you bear wisdom in your decision-making for the country. May God bless the government, CEOs. God bless the support of the country. Live well, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Gagaifomauga No.2 for your comment, this is your representative given the dignified constituency of Safune and Samauga, thank you.

I call upon the Deputy Speaker of the House this is your time before the Tui Atua Faanofonofu has his turn as well as this side of the House for the speech of the leader of Opposition.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Palauli West): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I see that the sun will soon set, a sign that it is moving to its resting destination given countless hours during the day for Parliament meeting. Well done on your patience.

Given the normal Parliamentary protocols, I wish to greet the Speaker, well done on your journey and controlling of Samoa's meeting today. Greetings to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. I also present well wish to the leader of the Opposition, Parliamentarians and their constituencies.

Welcome also to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, CEOs of government Ministries gathered here for the Supplementary budget 2014/2015 debate. I believe Tiafau's honorific salutations shall be laid aside as they are traditional principles from the beginning to the end. The country's honorific salutations from where the sun rises to where the sun sets, this is Samoa's traditional salutations until the end. Samoa is known of its divisional status. Greetings to the Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his good lady, the Council of Deputies and his good lady, Chief Justice and the Judiciary, Hon Prime Minister, Speaker and respectable Samoa listening in this evening.

I also wish to acknowledge the prayers of the different parishes who pray for Samoa's wellbeing. Thank you for supporting our Parliament. Not forgetting my constituency of Faga East in all your honorific salutations. Show your support as I make a contribution for the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2014/2015. Later on, I will talk about the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2014/2015.

The paramount spirit at this hour is our most sincere gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and all members of Parliament who took part in the traditional gift giving of the former members of Parliament, the late Hon Taua Faraimo and the late Hon Afioga Taulapapa Faimaala.

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Thank you for acknowledging the services of these late members. I found it interesting to note that with long service in Parliament, you shall live longer, therefore I will try and make it back to Parliament in the next Parliamentary term and be hopeful that I won't die sooner. Because once you depart from your seat, God's calling follows you so I shall try my best.

Hon Prime Minister, thank you for your strive for Samoa to host the Small Islands Developing States Conference.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker a point of clarification before the member moves on.

MR SPEAKER: What else do you wish to speak about leader of Opposition.....?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes Mr Speaker, I beg tolerance for the statement made.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Deputy Speaker as I give the opportunity to the leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The only concern with your issued statement is that if you no longer become a member, God will call you. As the Hon Prime Minister has made it clear, 50% of you will not return to Parliament. Fortunately, the Tautua members will all come back. This means that 50% of unsuccessful members will be called by God.

MR SPEAKER: The devil can hear our statements, when he should not. Our discussion may sound funny but it is a curse. We should not joke around with what we say in this House, there is a boundary in what should be said. Having said that leader of Opposition, do not make statements that may come true. We must be careful with the words we utter, as in the words of the Deputy Speaker, 50% is only a comparison and is not specifically directed to a fraction of Parliament but the entire House.

A word of caution to the House, lest we joke around and take our words lightly when we must beware as we are living amongst the spirits. In case we laugh about it but one may injure a leg outside or fall from a banana skin causing chaos when we are preparing to attend the funeral of one of the late members.

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I call on the respectable Deputy Speaker, do be mindful of that matter as it is now 50 years since we've become Independent, this is signified in the bible as, 'the word has been transformed into God' and we now live together with Jesus Christ so who dares comes against us. Resume with your speech.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Thank you as I highly respect you Mr Speaker, only this I wish to remind the leader of Opposition that under the Standing Orders, it is not permissible that one member can correct one member unless it is a point of clarification. We can raise views and joke as members but you should not be alarmed about it.

Thank you for your attempt to have this conference here in Samoa. As witnessed, Samoa is now beyond prepared but the conference is still extra days away.

This is reflected in our road improvement. The fixed road next to the Catholic Church at Siusega connecting Aleisa has improved. I have also visited the completed Media House and the Hockey field which corrects the phrase, 'two birds have been killed by one stone'. This is great to see because after the SIDS Conference, the Hockey field is now upgraded with a grand stand that protects the people from the rain. Sincere thanks to the leader of the country for attempting to conduct this conference in Samoa whereby we are able to receive more blessings.

Thank you to all the Ministers for all the implemented tasks for my constituency including the good water supply. The same goes for Taga and their fixed water connection.

The water of Salailua has taken them back 40 years ago which they now share with Salega, thank you to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. In the meantime I have contacted some overseas assistance to supply 500 litre water tanks from overseas for water storage. Thank you Hon Minister for approving my submission to improving the spring source and given this improvement, the water is overflowing as witnessed in your site visit. Currently, the 4 litre water tank is not enough to hold the water. The only water underneath the earth surface is the water of Gagaemalae, but be mindful as they may belong to Fogatuli and Faiaai, they are good groundwater source whilst the water connecting from Gagaemalae is contaminated given the water connection from Sagone.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure I don't wish to raise inner road matter as I have already laid them before you. The only request is the poor sealed road going through Siutu.

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The Minister of Women and Sui o le Malo has seen it during the late Tofa Taua Faraimo's funeral, but can I affirm that given the current damages, the old church will be shifted close to the pastor's house. Please take this matter into consideration. Electricity in Savaii is going well except the need for additional street lights if necessary. High expenditure costs comprises of petrol as witness in most evenings, all vehicles would drive over to Salelologa, and as an advise, sub-stations should be established in the districts to provide effective and efficient electricity services. Such is to avoid maintenance work in the night such as an unfixed transformer at Salega expects a long drive from Salelologa to fix the problem. But if a sub-station is in place, the service can be provided urgently for Palauli West, Salega and other parts of Alataua East. This can save up costs for travelling every day.

A lot of road improvements have been completed for Salafai specifically for Alataua and Asau area. Sincere thanks to the road shoulders maintenance contractors and the supervising work by LTA in Savaii. Appreciation to the Minister of Women, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment for the seawall construction in Siutu which is currently undertaken close to where we had the funeral with less than 20 meters measurement which is too close to the road. Talks with the contractor leader on the new design they use confirmed that they are awaiting the top layer parts to help secure the seawall concrete.

Thank you to the Minister of Education and the Ministry for selecting Palauli West College as a special learning Institute for Science and Mathematics subjects. I believe that our works are now talking. The results for the Year 13 level were presented by the school inspector with my college being left out of the list, otherwise, every year, almost 100% of the students make it to Year 13 level. The CEO of Education is aware of this. I have listened to his program: Salafai West College – none, Satupaitea and Palauli College – none, and our school is missed out from the list. Hence we our thankful for having Science and Mathematics as part of the school curriculum. Salailua College is also given preference to these subjects to be taught in their school. Thank you to the Minister and the Ministry for including these special subjects for the children in the district.

Sincere appreciation to the Minister of Health for the opportunity granted for me to complete my surgery in New Zealand. I don't wish to blame anyone here at our local hospital for not completing my surgery. I guess the machine just broke down. No one knows. But thank you as I stand before Parliament today, you have now witnessed that I am not wearing anymore spectacles. Nonetheless, thank you for the opportunity that I took to New Zealand.

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During my time in New Zealand, I have observed and compared the expertise of doctors and nurses in ophthalmology clinic other than general practitioner specialists. The eye standard we have here is similar to the Eye Institute in Remuera, New Zealand and I have already offered my appreciation to Doctor Mau. In fact, the only thing that's missing here are ophthalmoscope machine. If we have enough machines locally, our patients don't need to travel to New Zealand for surgery anymore. There three teams visit us every year. The team from Fiji is specifically for us in Savaii. We also have a team from New Zealand and Tasmania. The team from Tasmania could not complete their job due the broken machine. They will be back in September, but that is my belief, we need ophthalmoscope machine to save government expenditure on eye diseases. During the establishment of the medical clinic in Foailalo, the sub-centre in Taga was used. The new clinic is nearing completion plus a cafeteria. However, sincere concern to the village of Taga considering the remoteness of Foailalo and the health service clinic. Hence is the urgent request for another medical sub-centre for Taga and medicinal supplies to cater for the distant residents. That is our request.

I wish to raise concerns based on the Committee of Revenue and Expenditure report and its numerous recommendations. Some Ministries are very disappointing. With the statement by the Minister of Finance, the key priority areas involve the education sector, health sector and agriculture sector.

Looking at page 13, the first statement issued by the Committee is disappointing. Furthermore, it states that, 'The Committee has notice the Ministry's setback in completing the program.' This involves the stimulus package program given the missing statistical figures on the total amount of cocoa, coffee, coconut tree planted.

Additionally the Committee states, "The Ministry was requested to get a written document that specifies this area."

The question to the chairperson poses like this, was there an explanation to your Committee on this regard? You can respond when you have your time. Other areas specified include the fisheries sector and the 4,300 tone total fish caught in 2001, compared to the slight increase of 1000 we have today. Since 13 years, the tank was reduced by 3,000. The question is why, when we had reports which confirmed the positive chance of fish caught in the sea. So when it is positive, how come it is declining? I wish to gain an insight of this situation. With all due respect.

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Mr Speaker as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. I call on the Minister.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati: Mr Speaker, pardon the member speaking and the information provided particularly on this report.....I thought we have not yet arrived at our report discussion. As for fishing, we have no fishing areas beyond the coast. The tuna fish travels around the world. Sometimes it is found in Samoa, other times it is found in Papua New Guinea as avowed by the fishermen. The fish travels after the sea temperature. It is like El Nino or climate change which I am unsure if the member understands. Our fishing boats are moving around in search of this fish and if they are not found in Samoa's fishing zones, what can we do? How can we attract the fish to Samoa? That is how it is.

The stimulus package is one good development in Samoa. We also have some changes that needs improvement, but that is the reality of life, sometimes, incomplete, sometimes, 100%. But I beg the member's pardon as our Ministry is also listening in. We too do not want to hide behind the coconut's image.

The Ministry also makes mistakes, because this industry does not belong to the Ministry alone but the country as a whole. But it all depends on the farmers and their implementation plans for this project. But I will reply to the submissions of the member when I can. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done Hon Minister.

I call upon the Deputy Speaker to resume his speech.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: I beg tolerance Hon Minister, I don't intend to think lightly of the Ministry, I speak of what's written in this report, I have no bad intentions of this matter. The ice store in Siumu is about to close down. Is this correct? In opinion the ice store should have been completed by now as Siumu is situated next to Salailua. Is this correct? I am unaware if the ice store is completed otherwise statements in the report specifies that it will be closed down. But why close down when it has not been launched yet? Is this right?

MR SPEAKER: Well let me otherwise give the opportunity for the piling questions on the report of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee. I call on the chairperson of the Committee.

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Susuga Hon Papaliitele Hon Lee Hang: Mr Speaker, I don't wish to interrupt the pleasing comment of the member, but as queried, the answer to the first question is no, there was no explanation given to the recommendation of the Committee on stimulus package.

Secondly, the information provided for the ice store is incorrect, the ice store is still in operation. The wording that should be there should be, 'it is not yet closed down'. It should have been completed if...but the ice store is still in operation in Siumu.

With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call on the Deputy Speaker to continue with his comment.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Then I come to the Ministry of Education....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Deputy Speaker as opportunity is given to the member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Thank you for the opportunity. I wish to thank the current speaker for the raising matter on the ice store in our district. Thank you for the response by the chairperson, it is now clear.

Thank you for the opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Minister.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati: Mr Speaker, I have already talked on....as raised by the speaker now on the matter of recess time. I have already spoken to the member of Siumu on this matter and I guess he hasn't made a mention of this subject during his speech, I take it that he is satisfied with the establishment of the ice storage to attract the fishermen. The same request is made by the member for Salailua but I am having now second thoughts about this.

That is the concern with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Faleata West, do you have any comment?

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Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, let me assist with the raising matter that was also raised by the chairperson that....Samoa is entitled to a quarter of 4,200 tone whilst Samoa earns 1,200 tone per year hence, \$20 million American currency is missing. What is the recommendation for the Ministry since they no longer have large fishing boats? If we had fishing permits and partnerships with other countries, this would be more difficult for us in the future as this will have a great impact on our smaller fishing vessels. That is the clarification to the member.

MR SPEAKER: Well done to the Finance Committee.
I call on the Deputy Speaker to resume with your comment.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Thank you as I resume with our constituency's submission. Pardon me Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the reason for my raising of this matter is for the sake of correct Parliamentary records.

As for the interjection of the member of Faleata West, well it is your Committee's report, not Agafili's report, which specifies the 4300 tone of fish caught in 2001 and there is no mention of the term 'quarter'. Thank you to the Minister of Education for all the works done.

One of the Committee members has raised if it is possible to have 'Sports' under the Ministry of Education as it is implicated in the report that Sports should be privatised. Personally I think this is correct, sports belongs under the field of education. In the past, there were sports like softball, hockey, soccer, rugby, netball which were all played in schools until today, only rugby and netball are now played, hence I agree that sports should fall and should still remain under the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture. The only request is the division of sports grounds which comprises of two from Savaii, Aopo and Iva, Prince Edward field in Faasaleleaga and Lalomalava, and according to reports, it states that Iva sports field will be maintained soon....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Deputy Speaker as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

I call on the Minister of Education, Sport and Culture to take the floor.

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Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Mr Speaker, I only wish to...I have no insight if a new sports ground is set up in my village, but if it is, then let it be, but there are no sports field for Iva, the Primary school nor the district, priority is given to villages that lack sports field, hence a fee is charged before government field is used, that is the explanation thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the Hon Minister and the Ministry for hearing our submission of four years ago, fortunately, this year finally confirms the construction of a new sports field for Aopo, thank you.

I call on the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Thank you for the clarification Hon Minister, still on the Committee's report, the two fields as I said, I give praise to your constituency for the many good fields situated therein.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the only objective of building international fields is to attract international games into the country, hence is the intention of strict security and maintenance for these fields. There were some arguments by some constituencies to naming their fields as international, when Parliament resolution stipulated that Samoa has only two international fields which are Iva in Savaii and Apia Park which is highly protected to generate some revenue. The two fields are inaccessible only on the condition that it generates income earning for the economy. It is costly to have overseas players over. Hence is the revenue collection in place of free ticket ride which would bankrupt the Rugby Union if the game is rugby, as these days, a lot of OD operations involving the rugby union are some of the issues.

That is the elaboration on international fields your honour.

MR SPEAKER: I beg your pardon Deputy Speaker as opportunity is given to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I shall leave this matter with the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture as you are willing to promote and develop sports around the country.

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But the reason why I raise this matter is because some of Taga players now play for Satupaitea and Palauli whilst Salailua players are playing for Itu Asau and Falealupo in Falealupo. The question is why? For us to set up a rugby union, there are no good rugby fields at Salega and Palauli West. This was also discussed with the members of Salega given the distance and other urgent circumstances.

Mr Speaker, this district highly supports the Supplementary Appropriation budget, sincere appreciation to the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister.

Palauli West's ship shall now conclude, I wish all Parliament representatives, the leader of Opposition and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly the best, the same to the CEOs and senior officials gathered here, thank you to the support of Samoa listeners from high mountains to the least, have a blessed meeting, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Deputy Speaker. I believe the constituency has played a vital contribution to our budget statement. I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo, Afioga Tuiatua Faanofonofu, the House is now available for your comment. I call upon the member.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Thank Mr Speaker and dignified members, Samoa and my dearest district of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo and Lepa, Saleapaga Lotofaga, Luatuanuu, Falealili, Satupaitea and the front seat Ministers who are supporting this speech.

Mr speaker, I guess any developing nation, the only thing that can assist with our developments is through borrowed funds. I extend sincere thanks to the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Finance as this is not an easy task. I also acknowledge the CEOs of all the Ministries and Public Enterprises, the Assistant CEOs and all those who participated in preparing this Budget Statement report.

The first thing to clarify are questions on...but that shall be laid to rest, the issue raised on 4000 tonnes of fish earned in 2001 plus is correct as spoken by the Minister.

Another query for the Ministry is their reason for not achieving revenue from the Fisheries sector, which they responded that 11 floating balls/mooring line got washed away by the wind and were stolen in the coastlines of Savaii and Upolu. It would be helpful if a beacon is attached underneath the floating balls so that it is easier to trace when stolen.

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Because I believe we have a GPS System for the vessel that could help trace these fishermen.

As for the Ministry of Fisheries, it is well that I voice a few more issues here....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the speaking member, as the opportunity is given to the interruption of the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, from the year 2000 until now, I have often received a number of fishermen visitors in my office who came to seek my assistance as they could not pay off their loan arrears and I had to ask them why. They responded that they could not achieve similar amount received in the past, some had to sell their fishing boats due to limited fish found, however, but am unaware if these fishermen have travelled further to the outer zones because I support this view on migrant species in Samoa, but I have been on fishing boats far too often, when I came across another fish called bonito (igafo) is also very hard to chase, hence is the situation the fishermen are going through. The albacore fish is also difficult to chase and hard to find. That was the issue and I had to advise the Development Bank to be mindful with confiscating of the people's fishing boats as well as their lands given that they have securities and time will allow them to respond accordingly.

The Minister of Forestry and Agriculture Store have clearly clarified that the tide change schedule will bring warm temperature that will produce abundant fish within our fishing zone whilst the other countries are in their winter season. Fish arrive from the South to North in December. Some are confused with this tide tables which for some reasons, it could be due to large docking ship which is not a problem if the travelling fish is found in our zones today and could be in Japanese zone tomorrow.

Mr Speaker the reason for this mention is due to the false information provided as I speak for the fishermen's situation who can be affected by over fishing given the numerous international fishing boats commencing from bottom zones to the top. Samoa has a very small fishing zone which is 5 miles zone boundary similarly to our mooring line zone. One time when I went fishing with another fisherman, we swam at approximately 10feet below the deep sea and I had to tell him that we had to go back up as I gathered that the one rope we held on gathered green algae (limu)which attracted tiny fish, medium sized fish as well as large ones.

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I alerted him – that we should swim back to the surface. This is where the large fish is found and they can attack us at any point in time. The reason for this explanation is because majority of you have not experienced this before, hence I have experienced swimming under these floating balls. Some large vessels would dock at these mooring lines waiting for fish to be caught which end up destructing these floating balls. So much government expenditure is wasted due to these large fishing vessels. The government also aims at using these – the positive sign witnessed in climate change given in satellite images pursuant to warm temperature for fisheries in the South of Papua New Guinea in the Pacific is where majority of fish is found. Most of this area is getting warmer. Hence majority of the fish would migrate here before the warm season arrives. This is the main reason why the fish markets are moving here given the large potential market available in the South of the Pacific.

Mr Speaker this is to clear out any confusion with the statistical information provided by the Ministry hence when speaking to the fishing boat owners as they have an insight of what we are talking about. These are the exact people that approach me and I would interview them in relation to the issues they face before I assist and push them to continue fishing. Another good thing found, about the mentioned Companies if all goes well with the Team heading in next week then certainly this operation should commence next year. They begin this process by selling fish to earn income and continue fishing before finding a way to sell their fish abroad.

By the end of the year the fish market should be complete and the fish boneless division should begin before shipping fish to the Bumble Bee Industry in America. These are some of the good developments we are currently undertaking and once they are operational, it could generate good income for the fishermen and create a better economic growth with the assistance of the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries.

MR SPEAKER: To save you time I wish to give the opportunity to the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati: Mr Speaker, pardon the member but just an additional comment to the Prime Minister's statement. As heard, the old man had experience by swimming beside these floating balls.

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I too had a fishing boat years ago which I used for catching the sheatfish or the *atu* fish. In the past, a floating boat was used instead of floating balls whereby most people would – as mentioned by the Prime Minister, the boat anglers at dawn would wait for sunrise before the fish chase begins. Sometimes these boat anglers would cut the mooring line rope pulling out the floating balls apart.

Last month, the boat anchor line now uses a four meters chain shackles which cannot be cut off before anchoring. A total of eight floating balls have already being fixed and will be distributed around which has taken up so much of government expenditure and have been destroyed by some foolish people. Pardon the member's comment, but it is difficult to place pigeons as they can be destroyed by fishermen, the most important thing is installing floating balls that are difficult to break up. The plan forward is to install chain mooring lines so that the fishing boats will find it difficult to cut off.

The fishing season starts in April until June and July particularly the tuna fish as reiterated by the Prime Minister. The low fish season is in October and December. This is the most unbelievable part, the transit Chinese boats confirms numerous fish supply in their boats. These fishing vessels would fish around other countries before transiting in Asia where they offload these fish supplies.

We had a meeting with the fishermen, I see it disturbing to find our fishing boats docked at the fish market and not being used with the same excuse they give of costly petrol and such. Hence is the focus of our Ministry on a solution to attract and increase the likeness of people with fishing just like growing crops on a plantation to produce more for our exports. I will make known some plans that I have with me soon to encourage the fishing industry for our export. As said by the Prime Minister, we have a smaller fishing zone of approximately 200miles as we are a small sized nation compared to Tokelau, Tuvalu and other islands that have a larger fishing zone given the various islets.

This is the explanation but pardon the member for interrupting as I was trying to clarify some very important issues as mentioned in your comment.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the Hon Minister for the clarification, I call on the member to rise and resume with your speech.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: My views are fading as the issue on floating balls and fisheries has prolonged. Thank to the Hon Prime Minister but do take it easy as I take it that you are putting on an angry tone.

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As for the information of the Parliament and the country listening in, our Committee members do query the CEO and Assistant CEO of the Ministry whenever necessary. These queries are recorded by the Secretary in the detailed reports and are furthermore discussed. This information is recorded by the Ministry without any given comments as confirmed in my notes, but I beg tolerance to the members if your views are affected.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is the clarification not a complaint. Additionally, it is true that these people are CEOs and Assistant CEOs but I don't think they have any experience in fishing nor have they consulted the fishermen. Such is the intention as majority would not approach the CEOs but straight to the Minister particularly myself, because if they can't find the Minister then they will come straight to me. There is belief that – let us go up, there was time when the O Le Ao o le Malo, Malietoa gave me a call. He said to sort out the issue of another old man. Sometimes people would approach the CEOs and the CEOs would refer them to either myself or the O Le Ao o le Malo.

And then people would think, oh the Prime Minister has a lower status, let us approach the Le Ao o le Malo. Then they would interject the Le Ao o le Malo and the Le Ao o le Malo would call me and ask for my assistance. I would reply the same as that is the nature of our people, they do not wish to see the CEOs who are sometimes hard to find. But if their clarification is the same as ours, then it is complete.

Mr Speaker, that is the intention in case the member thinks that we are pressing against his view. This is important as it has made me clarify further on these issues as I believe the response from the Ministry was incomplete.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Prime Minister, I call on the member to resume his speech.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: Thank you Hon Prime Minister. I almost forgot, I had a dream last night, I wish Joseph was present to interpret my dream. It denoted that the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet has approved the fixing of road access for Aleipata area connecting from Fagaloa which also benefits you...That is the dream. I shall move away from floating balls. Before moving on, I give notices that these floating balls were seen floated around Apia seas, I have used all these floating balls for swimming.

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When I was 12 years old I had a tin boat made out of wood that I use to paddle along Vaisigano river, driven by onrushing sea waves, I would see a large cruise ship which would capsize my canoe and I would almost drown, pardon the House. I have also experienced floating balls. But its good to know that we only have three floating balls in Samoa.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Tafua as opportunity is given to Lealailepule to see if he too had climbed on a floating ball.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, we are discussing floating balls in the ocean, not the floating ball behind Matautu and the river that runs through there.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga is correct. He has rode on a tin-made boat whilst I had ridden in a gallon-made boat, then they become capsized. This is about two feet before you reach the grounds. Whereas the floating balls is about 50 feet in length before you reach the surface of the ocean. A tin-made boat is roughly two feet deep above the ocean surface.

MR SPEAKER: Be mindful of Lealailepule's comment which stays in as far as Vaimoso.

I call on the member to resume.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: I wish to raise a concern with the Minister of Justice regarding crime offenders which stressed that not all crime offenders are bounded by the law only or unless they appear before the Supreme Court. The question with all due respect, what is the purpose behind this, it looks unfair, the Supreme Court is receiving legal aid but what about other offenders when they could be the ones who should be prosecuted with this benefit used for paying their lawyers. That is the question but you can give your response when your time is given with all due respect.

The member for Lalomanu or orator of Saleaamua spoke last night that he did not have much to say. The only addition to the member's comment is about our College at Aleipata. A request for the Minister of Education, please note that we need extra teachers for our school.

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On the same note, I wish to extend sincere appreciation to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. As stipulated under LTA's second output listed, the poor road access for Utufaalalafa and Saleaamua-uta has not been rebuilt since the tsunami. The road at Tiaveatai situates a disconnected bridge of roughly 10 feet wide during the times of cyclone Ofa. Nonetheless thank you for approving our submission and we appreciate to note that government now has an implemented list.

I fully support the completed temporary road that resulted in a car road incident which involved two casualties on 2 January this year. Thank you for the laid out plans and designs for this road as we wait for some funding assistance. I guess they lacked road signs at the time, fortunately we have signs installed now to indicate 'slow down' for drivers.

The issue noted was that the sign was located four miles from the one way bridge road. Drivers tend to forget that before reaching this road, the sign is situated at the three way road of Lotofaga and Tiavea. Travellers would drive pass the Richardson track within a few kilometres from the sign at the one way bridge. The only request is to install a slow down sign to reduce the speed of vehicles for that one straight long road.

That is the request with all due respect your honour.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member of Aleipata Itupa i Lalo. We now arrive at our adjourned time. You shall continue with your comment tomorrow when we return given our sitting schedule. Hence I agree that we should take a break. As witnessed, the House is growing dark as the staff is trying is engaged to some maintenance work in the House, hence is the need for us to wrap up and find some energy for tomorrow's sitting.

I sincerely wish to extend thanks to all Parliamentarians for all your patience commencing from morning until evening. Thank you for your views and patience. I see that we are progressing well as I find it in today's quorum and the previous day.

I also wish to convey appreciation to Samoa, the heads of government Ministries and Public Enterprises, thank you for your patience. Hopefully by this time tomorrow, government responses should be given and our budget statement report shall be approved. I believe we have arrived at our normal evening service, and we pray to resume our meeting tomorrow morning.

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Before we adjourn I call upon Taefu, the Pharaoh that had a dream and was interpreted by Joseph. Please give a sincere prayer for Parliament to have sweet dreams tonight before we rise again tomorrow morning.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were now set aside at 7:04pm until 9.00am tomorrow, Thursday 19th June 2014.

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Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: Foremost, I greet the dignity assembled this morning. We have returned thanksgiving to our Lord and Father for without His unconditional love, Members and the country would not have awoken on such a beautiful morning. I convey my gratitude for your dedication and participation at the beginning of our proceedings on this new day.

We will now consider our orders of the day as today we shall conclude with the Financial Statement. I believe majority of the Members have shared their thoughts on the matter, save for this side of the House. Therefore I trust the Leader of Opposition and of course the remaining Members will make haste so that we may proceed to conclude the Government proceedings and move on to Parliamentary matters.

I move to acknowledge the support of the Country and bid the nation a great day.

I also acknowledge the distinguished CEOs of the Ministries; good morning.

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MR SPEAKER: The Assembly adjourned its proceeding yesterday while the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo was speaking.

Therefore I call on the Tuiatua Faanofonofu to conclude your statement.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Thank you Mr Speaker. I acknowledge the distinguished Members of the House, the Speaker, and the Hon Prime Minister and esteemed Cabinet, to the Leader of the Opposition and that side of the side.

I convey my greetings to all Members of the House and also CEOs and especially to the Clerk and lest I forget the media and the support of Samoa.

We have returned praise to the Lord for his guidance and we are one in that thought. Moreover, I acknowledge the support of my constituency. However I seem to have heard you say for me to conclude my statement.