

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE 2013

Mr Speaker took the chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: I greet the dignified House with deepest respect, your salutations remain everlastingly. Our prayer is now before God this morning. Praise Him for his mercy and kindness which has enabled us to carry our work today.

I wish to convey appreciation for our gathering this morning, we have again rejoined by some of our members who have returned from their business trips, it is good to see you back. Welcome to this new day.

We have completed the first part of our proceedings yesterday and I congratulate you on your patience. Whatever deliberations we had in the past, let God be with us in this House. That is how it is, whatever views and expression we exchange, anger must not take us through to the night. Such is the nature of our deliberations in the belief that patience and the Holy Spirit fill us as we strive to gain prosperity from our calling.

I believe we should commence with our work today as such, I believe we have a few members left to speak. It took us a while yesterday to proceed, hence I take it that everyone's approving our Main Budget. From this, government responses must be provided if possible that our remaining members do not have any comments. Nonetheless, opportunity will still be given to those who wish to comment, let us proceed slowly and steadily today.

I also wish to greet Samoa, do bear with us. Your Parliament with now resume proceedings, no task is fulfilled without your support. Before we adjourned yesterday, special submissions by individual members were presented.

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MR SPEAKER: Members' comments will now resume in accordance to Samoa's economic and financial status and Government set plans and policies given our second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation from yesterday.

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Before adjournment of Parliamentary Proceedings yesterday, the member for Gagaifomauga No.1 was concluding his comments.

The floor is now available for comments.

One of the members for Salafai, Saleaula, Levaopolo Talatonu is now upstanding, the House is now available for your comment.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No. 2): Thank you for this very opportunity Mr Speaker which allows our constituency to provide contribution pursuant to this year's set goals and objectives.

I believe you have already extended a word of thanks Mr. Speaker that despite the obstacles encountered along our journey, but we have laid it to rest at Fagalele as we have now met once again this morning in good health and spirit.

I acknowledge the dignitaries present today as well as the support of our country, the man from Alataua will now set apart. Regardless of the how far and distant our journey takes us, they still remain renowned. No wisdom can counter God's creation. That is the very essence we have this morning your Honour, as to the salutations and the Honorific Saleaula and his authorities, thank you for your support whilst your servant embarks on his set duties and services.

Before we make a submission, I first of all would like to make a point of order to one of the member's comments from last night concerning our consumption of a pig I beg the House's pardon. I wish to correct this, we followed the normal Samoan protocol. As in our tradition, we prepare the elders food first, which is exactly the intention. I thank him you for knowing the proper procedure and for paying your respect towards the old men of this side. Nevertheless your Honour, I wish to begin my comments on.....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister): Hon Mr Speaker.....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The intention of yesterday's comments is finished. You have also clearly clarified it.

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I rise to advise the speaking member that we all grew tired during last night's proceedings but you ended up going home earlier when you could've provided your submission then, but the member whom your comments are directed to is not yet here. How can you respond when the member is absent from his seat? And if arrives, it would be very difficult to settle down, but I beg tolerance, "Let bygones be bygones." Matters raised yesterday have already been settled.

That is the set advice for the House. There is a saying which relates to wars "You were brave enough to fight in the war because you can handle guns." If we agreed to disperse at 7.00pm given yesterday's schedule, then we shall finish at 7.00pm. But I praise you for leaving our meeting earlier yesterday way before night appeared.

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa (Alataua West): Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: In saving up your time (member for Alataua), I call on the member for Alataua West.

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa: I take it that the Prime Minister but I wanted to stand up as the member is my neighbour, I think the comment provided by Saleaula towards the member is constructive. The speaking member is a friend of mine but on advise to take things steadily as we have just begun. Saleaula, you are one of the chiefs. If the old man was present, I would not know what he would say to you.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Saleaula, the chair has given advise. Do not run away from the the issue, as Toeolesulusulu has admitted what you did to the old man yesterday. This is indicated in Toeolesulusulu's agreement to the mistake you both committed in taking food gift from the village when a site visit was never conducted, hence such mistake is twice the size of this house. Hence the speech by the old man steered away without interruption but do bear in mind the old man's position I beg tolerance. A member should not deceive another member.

Thus, the Prime Minister has spoken, I think that the issue has been settled in case the old man makes it and – even with Palusalua he was challenging the old man last night, but have tolerance.

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Direct set your comments straight comes this new day, I believe that lightning has surpassed us.

I call on the member to resume with your comments.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Thank you as my district is listening in. Just to note your Honorable Prime Minister, when you hear me coughing, that is exactly why I left our meeting due to lack in strength.

In spite of this Mr Speaker, I commence my comments with the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. Please consider that I have in Parliament for eight years now Hon Minister and submissions presented before on our access roads are still being followed up. Salamumu is the only village in Tumua that has not large, yet most of the distant villages seek livelihood from the mountain. By distance, it takes only two miles to reach the shore, but there is still trouble with our access road as well as our electricity at night.

Similar concern is for Saleaula in Savaii Mr Speaker, as we push forward these reminders, reminding, no will shall be done, because the waves move according to the wind, yet we appeal for Saleaula, it takes three miles walking distance on lava rock before we find land dirt and almost all household own taxi with poor road access which requires upgrading. That is the submission your Honour but the decision is yours.

Then I come to the matter in the Fugalei market Mr Speaker, I take it that several views have been pressed towards this very matter on the market not only in Parliament but also the country. I beg your pardon Hon Minister and the Board of Directors on your respective duties and role in planning and implementing the market development of the country. There are opposing views as to the delay in market construction with which I am grateful for to determine if appropriate to press forward this market development. This is based on the established policies laid down, what are these policies? This is referring of our business operations in the Private Sector.

I also agree to the increased revenue earned from the Private Sector indicated in our Main Budget which can assist with our implementation plans and set forth developments. On another note Mr Speaker, upon the completion of this new market, it is unnecessary to set up marketing competitions with the Private Sector, Amau and three more established ones.

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In view, government should provide financial assistance to mini markets to upgrade standard of stalls specifically to maintaining and improve health issues for the public. That is the recommendation but do correct me and the \$10 million I see here for market expenditure. Pardon me but the total allocated amount is only enough to build a very small market, but an additional \$10million is the total valuation we get.....

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula as I give the opportunity to the intervention of the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the opinion indicated by the member is of great importance, I take it that in the opinion of the member, support and assistance is provided for business owned enterprises whereas Government funding must be allotted for its own developments, thus this is a very thoughtful view. However, there are many different views set out on Government plans and objective whereby Government cannot fully rely on the Private Sector for market construction, given specific conditions particularly on areas that can affect the market. There is limited parking space and when there is greater reliance on the private sector, our farmers will have a choice of pulling up their prices. Thus a large space is available for building a parking lot for easier public access. That is Government's main motive in case we rely wholly on the Private Sector when this can affect us greatly particularly our farmers? Hence this is a collective responsibility for Government to take into consideration, nonetheless the submission made by the member is well taken.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Thank you for your clarification Hon Prime Minister. I call on the member to resume with his comments.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you. Another area which poses great concern is the limited land space to build up any more developments.

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The land which establishes the markets in Salelologa and Vaitele comes under the Samoa Land Corporation whereas land area in the precincts of the township area comes under ACC. The core function is clearly stipulated in the mandate of ACC. This provides unclear information for the public on matters they raise with the Ministry.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker a point of order.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: This is concerning the core function during the construction of the Fugalei market and the House's heated debates on this term, core function. What happened? The Attorney General's legal opinion was being sought. You can reach further clarification from the Office of the Attorney General, as they still hold in their work and rights how these matters are implemented.

Mr Speaker, those are the important matters raised, there is limited space given Government set plans but the problem is that we have insufficient land space and skyscraper is the answer, which is implemented by most countries or sky rocketing right up into the sky. That is the answer to those who squabble over multi-storey buildings, because if you want four houses there are four roofs in the building, but if there are four floors in one building, that is only one roof.

Mr Speaker, that is good governance. However, you have specifically mentioned 'space' which is true. I plea for the information of the Leader of Opposition, limited space is very important but is insufficient. Hence, if affordable, then use the space in the sky for construction.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of Opposition): A point of order Mr Speaker.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him (Individual Voters): Mr Speaker....

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to one of the members for Individual Voters, Hon Maualaivao Pat Ah Him, I give opportunity first to the Leader of Opposition for his point of order.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Now that my name is being mentioned, please note the contradiction in the words uttered by the Honorable Prime Minister, one which contradicts with the building of the market that will undertake space up in the sky, yes that was the set plan which caused a \$2million bankrupt, these are two opposing views? I get what he said,....from \$28 million government bankrupt.

MR SPEAKER: Your Honour I now get the member.... I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, we've only started setting up capital cost and operational cost when you are now raising the revenue and bankruptcy of a business. We have not commenced our market construction yet and now you are talking bankrupt, there is no bankrupt, until you have finished your small talks with the member for Falealupo, that is why you make mistakes because you are talking with the member of Falealupo. If you are seeking our opinions, do not listen to any other member but do bear with us and our clarification for your insight. You can never proceed with bankrupt until operational cost is established first. Therefore do take it from the member of Saleaula and his constructive comments on limited land space, we should use the space in the sky and limitless space in the air to build developments similarly to other countries. That is the assistance, do not settle with one direction, look aside and you will obtain better view with one, two, three, four and it is Saleaula whom you will find, but do not listen to Falealupo.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you Hon Prime Minister. I would like to advise the Hon Leader of Opposition to leave the stones aside and not use them, have mercy on the Speaker who is trying to control our meeting, I Honor and respect you for you are the Leader of Opposition, but if you keep disobeying my orders, then I'm afraid that our Meeting will steered away.

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A senior deacon must have patience as our proceeding has just begun. Do resume with the space issue Saleaula please rise.

I beg tolerance as I give the opportunity for the intervention of Samoa Aoa, I call on the member for Individual Voters, Hon Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand with respect to respond to the comments of the member who mentioned Private Sector and the market competition as well as its contractual market construction. I believe that the Private Sector competition is determined within this cycle process. But on the overall view Government and the general public should have a legal binding to secure and protect our people with reference to farmers and an appropriate space for them to sell their products, but if the private sector are willing to provide space, that is the farmers free choice. If farmers resist, then it's a competition for the private sector. But if a market cannot be established, then the country will be affected. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. The clarification has been well taken. I am aware that your Honour is the solid supporter of the private sector which is your protection on its services but continuing efforts are undertaken with Government set goal in protecting the general public.

I call on Saleaula to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you Mr Speaker. Another reason I agree to setting up a market is because it is a commercial place for the country. That is the very essence of my explanation, we should split the two markets given the busy traffic and the limited roads we have nowadays. As for space, it is true, the sky is limitless, but just note a clear justification on this plan, consider a town plan given that if we are build a tall building in the sky then...any country has a set plan in place for such developments in the township area. That is the input concerning this matter.

Another matter your Honour.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula as you have rightfully mentioned the respective Minister who is responsible with the town plan. I call on the Minister of Environment.

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Afioga Hon Faamoetauloa Ulaitino Faale Tumaali (Minister of Natural Resources and Environment): Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise in regards to the town plan as mentioned. Government already has set plan through the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure and PUMA in their collaborating efforts are working on drafting a town plan that stretches from Vaisigano to Mulinuu.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Thank you Hon Minister for your input. I call on the esteemed member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Thank you. This brings me to the Hon Minister of Health. I wish to congratulate your Honour, as I have noted the oncoming list of grants and funds that we received as gifts from our overseas donors and partners. If we were to weigh the \$18 million in aid from our partners, this is a vast sum of money. Thank you also to the Ministry for their constant efforts in undertaking various roles which this made of this funding assistance such as protecting and maintaining healthy life for all. However, a question for the Hon Minister, how are these programmes proven successful for the Ministry. Based on information and views in Parliament and around the country, the country is still on high alert from diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and others. The question is, why is there a rising rate on this, and when can we expect this to drop. We can determine the declining number of dialysis patients and patients seeking medical treatment overseas by a drop in \$10 million medical expenditure. However, this is not what the Ministry aims to achieve. I recommend the Hon Minister if appropriate to take a portion of this fund to provide medical check up for our people and let the private sector administrate it. From past records, the Ministry is also providing service by measuring the weights of older people after conducting aerobics. But do note there are thin people who have high blood pressure as well as overweight people who have diabetes. And during weight measurement, we can obtain the kind of disease our people have. Hence do take heed of the set health programmes conducted for your health.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Health. I call on the Hon Minister.

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Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Health): Mr Speaker, I do not wish to complicate the comments of the member, but I wish to make correct a point for the sake of the general public listening in. Adding on, this is also for the sake of our officials who are unable to respond. I rise to reply Mr Speaker to the matter on high blood pressure and his expertise on diabetes patient that are thin and big people. For the information of the House, diabetes is not caused from having a thin or overweight body. This is caused by insufficient insulin fluid in your body.

This insulin your Honour and the House.....

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, this is the fourth time for us to hear this clarification. We all understand.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula, as this is a matter that needs to be clarified. I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Insulin can be found inside the body of a person it is called ataalii otherwise known as the pancreas in English. Insulin carries the glucose found from food before it goes to the stomach which enters the bloodstream. It is in the bloodstream that food transforms into glucose. That is all.....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Sir I wish to understand.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Hon Minister as I call on the Leader of Opposition. You may speak Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: The Leader of Opposition did not comment on diabetes.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Your Honour, this is a continuous habit by the Hon Minister, during interference he goes on and on at the expense of the member's allotted time. What is your view on this matter?

It is a misconduct.

MR SPEAKER: Your intervention has been taken Leader of Opposition. Your constant replies against my instructions is disorder. It is not an offence for the Hon Minister to upstand every now and then.

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This is a Minister who gives a thorough reports on proceedings given its importance. This Speaker has already given instructions to the Minister to keep it short but still -on non-communicable diseases. The deadly disease or Tsunami in the country is a matter addressed by Saleaula. This is the intention on diabetes and the problem at hand. Hence opportunity needs to be given to the Minister for his clarification as Saleaula still unclear of this matter.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker I wish.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula as I give the opportunity to the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Naioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I think that 99% of the House and the country as a whole wishes to gain an insight on the cause of this deadly disease. Everyone wants to live. As obtained this morning, based on Saleaula's medical experience that weight measurement determines your high blood pressure level. That is the expertise forwarded just now, which also applies to the Leader of Opposition, it isn't determined by insulin, but through weight measure.

I am surprised to hear this, this isn't ' determined by measuring weight, but through insulin. Everyone who wants to live wants to hear and learn from this except for Saleaula and Leader of Opposition who wishes to die early. Thus, your intention is very important as we wish to live long.

MR SPEAKER: Your intentions are similar to ours your Hon Minister. The Speaker wishes to listen. However, there is a time limit of our proceedings; I plea that we shall continue listening to your short Ministerial response, but do keep it short as Saleaula's time is over soon. Pardon me your Honour as I give the opportunity to the rising member for Aiga ma Sa Asomua.

I call on the Hon member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota (Siumu): Mr Speaker, I stand with all due respect as the Leader of Opposition takes the floor far too often to interfere in the speeches of Hon Ministers.

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Hence, I beg to move a motion, “*That one hour be granted for the Minister’s comment to extend our sitting.*”

Motion was not seconded.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Member for Siumu, I will now conclude all comments. Do finish off your comments your Hon Minister.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, the Minister is providing false comments. I did not inquire on the causes of high blood pressure and the like. I inquired on the use of the allocated \$18 million to fund health service programmed conducted in rural areas. I am only issuing advise on how this fund should be used. Do note Hon Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula, it is unfortunate that the Minister cannot redirect his comments beginning from the bottom but hasn’t reached the top yet. The comments should be well clarified to clear any misunderstanding. Please keep it short Hon Minister before continuation of the speech by Saleaula.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, as the member was raising thin and big people which relates to diabetes. I wish to clarify diabetes statement made by the member.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, the method of measuring weight is not mine but the Ministry that is currently undertaken to determine whether a person has diabetes or not. However, my advice was to give funds to the private sector so that they can carry out these medical check up for the public.

MR SPEAKER: The Minister’s responses must be shortened, with five more minutes left. I call on the Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, the member has once again reiterated his statement on people with diabetes can be obtained after measuring weight. That is the current job carried out by the Ministry, to measure the weight.....

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Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, that is the work currently carried out by the Ministry.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: The member claims that the work of the Ministry is only to measure body weight, not blood pressure. He stated that diabetes can be determined by body weight. I wish to correct this statement. Your Honour, as sugar is extracted from food, insulin is used to carry sugar to each individual muscle in the body. The muscles burn up the sugar to build energy, this energy keeps the body warm allowing movement for your mouth to speak.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: If sugar is burned jam can be made, what's happening now is that time is now being spent on the Minister's clarification.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Saleaula.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: If you wouldn't have interjected too often, this would have been long finished. I wish to make additional comments.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Hon Minister, your time will be granted more time when you have your Ministerial response.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: A brief explanation on this issue once again, measuring the weight of the country does not determine whether you have diabetes or not. There are machines that extract blood which measures and indicates your sugar level, but sugar levels are not measured by weight.

That is my correction. This machine is taken and is used for blood tests. A sample of blood is put into the machine; the machine then shows differing levels within your blood. However, the meaning behind your explanation on slim and big bodies, it does not a big deal, even if you are skinny but this does not determine the level of insulin contained in your body.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with all due respect. He has disobeyed you and is taking up the member's time, this disrespectful manner is just too much.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Leader of Opposition; I have already given orders to the Minister.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Because he is not complying, if this was one of us you would've removed us immediately.

MR SPEAKER: You take the lead by being disobedient.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: I disagree I still comply with your decisions your Honour but he wants to be the Speaker. He wants to control the meeting but I am obeying your orders Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker in brief, the member has raised a very wrong point. It would be good to change the matter of debate. Talk about matters that are clear instead of matters that he has no understanding of.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele: I wish to question the doctoral Minister that if sugar is burned and once it reaches the muscles, this causes strength and heat in the body. Is this heat and strength causing the member to rise frequently?

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Hon Minister I plea with all due respect. As noted we are trying to steer our meeting to its rightful course? Your statement has been clearly notified, the body weight measurement is different from blood tests. The speaking member is now clear of the matter but will move to your Ministerial response to further clarify this issue.

Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA: I extend great thanks to the question by the Hon Prime Minister.

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Mr Speaker, the reason why he rises often is because he has glucose. His blood sugar is overly heated and burnt causing him to move around and talk too much. Even with talking, it takes up energy. These are the kind of people who has blood sugar or diabetes.

MR SPEAKER: I call on Saleaula, I think that you have reached your time limit but based on respect and the frequent interjections – do wrap up your speech.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, I take note that of my time which has been up.

MR SPEAKER: Move away from Health issues and focus on another Ministry.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Several minutes has been spent on the clarification of the Hon Minister of Health which has overly confused us, nonetheless, I will now focus on the Main Budget Mr Speaker.

I wish to speak on the strategic plans of the Government. Your Honorable Minister of Finance, by considering the Samoan and English translations, they are far too different.

Hear me out whilst I read it, “The forward estimates for the next three years show that the projected debt level is increasing.” This means that our debt is increasing. However the Samoan translation, “The forward estimates for the next three years indicates good administration of our economic status.”

There is a huge discrepancy between these two translations. Anyway Mr Speaker, I will direct my views towards the Ministry of Finance.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Minister of Finance):
Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I call on the Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: This is why the comments of the member are unfortunate....

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That is the main aim behind it but the meaning and translations is not taken in depth. The Samoan translation is correct. The intention is to protect debts from rising. This is the correct meaning with regards to achieving the strategic outlook for the next three years. That is the correct Samoan translation.

MR SPEAKER: I call on Saleaula to conclude with his comments as your time is up.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, I wish to focus on the Ministry of Finance, specifically on revenue. I will not be speaking about the total revenue of \$760million generated this year.

Even so with the monetary gifts or grants of \$222million provided by donors in fact, I will be speaking about the revenue generated from government's business taxes.

Mr Speaker, I have recorded the sum of \$538million. I congratulate the Hon Minister, additional revenue indicated is good, I believe the total revenue earned from the last year is \$21million. I congratulate the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour in their efforts to obtaining registered foreign companies to operate in our country. This is to say that it is appropriate for our revenue to be on the rise. As recorded, this is equivalent to the rise in level of imported goods or imports.

MR SPEAKER: Your time is now running out Saleaula. Conclude your comments now as your time is finished.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, I am filled with disappointment, nevertheless I will obey. All the same my speech is over.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. Our proceedings are still conducted as per normal procedure proceedings.....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Palusalue, let me say this. I respect our scheduled times. A member is given 30 minutes to speak including interjections. I commenced talking at 10minutes past 9.00am. If you look at the clock, time has surpassed us and yet

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I am still giving your opportunities given our respect and custom. Similar time was granted to Government for their clarification and responses. But do consider that there will be more time for comments during consideration in detail of the bill.

I also beg the Government side to keep your responses short to avoid taking up of members' time as will be given more opportunities on the Main Budget in the future. Those are your general comments but opportunity is now given to the member to resume his comments.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker my scheduled time has predominately been taken up by the many interjections of the Minister. I am disappointed given the prepared submissions of this constituency upon the Main Budget, nonetheless, I wish not to intervene with your decision Mr Speaker but I will conclude my speech on television and radio, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: That is your view Saleaula, I am trying to manage our meeting.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition as I give the opportunity to the Leader of the Government.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: It is only the matuu who is threatened by the aveau that is our traditional saying. Members are given lengthy time to speak but when it comes to serious matters, I urge the member to stay prepared in providing solid evidence to support his views. As the House has very well heard the pressing statement by the member, "The reason why I do not support the Ministry is because they weigh body mass. If your body is overweight it means that you have diabetes".

This is settled as clarified clearly. Having false information drives away the country's intention from the main point. Do note that you are not the only ones who can go on television, we too can do that. I mean that if you bribe, we don't intend to sit around, we are all smart in doing that, but I am envious of your campaign. I pity you because if we fully turn to you, your campaigns will surely be the sons of our campaigns.

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That is the reminder for you today, only the matuu is threatened by the aveau.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: With all due respect, but that is not our intention. I now know the aim and strategy behind this, to limit our time. Where else can we go? Because I can say this to my Party, let no one speak again anymore. Is that your intention Mr Speaker and grant Government more opportunities? They are given time pursuant to Standing Orders.

MR SPEAKER: Let me say this Palusalue. Your statement on ‘strategy to limit your time’ comes with a very high price. I am trying to clarify the time allocation to the views and comments of each member as well as Government responses. The essence is to clear out any mishaps. I have granting opportunity....consider the time I am granting now? It has now gone over 15 minutes of the scheduled time. I have reiterated, that this is not the end of our discussion. You are given 15 minutes each, you are given equal time however this should not prolong our meeting.

I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition and members, my endeavour is based on respect and dignity. Avoid taking our discussions to the media. The decision of the country is not being done outside but inside of this House, we report all information here.

Pardon me but do bear with me as I endeavour to control and manage our meeting. Saleaula do bear with me but your time is up.

The floor is now available for any member to provide comments.

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to that side of the House; I shall let this side make a remark through the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4, Peseta Tamaalelagi Tevaga Vaifou Peseta.

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Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Mr Speaker, there are various chief titles from this constituency. The name is Peseta Tamaalelagi, Tuala Tamaalelagi, Sala, Tevaga and Vaifale.

I wish to convey appreciation and well wishes to the Speaker for the opportunity to make a contribution for this constituency this morning.

I would firstly like to convey my well wishes and appreciation to the support of our beloved country. In Honour of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, the Honorable Chief Justice and dignified Judges.

I also convey well wishes and appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the esteemed Cabinet, the Hon Leader of Opposition and his Party. The various Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, and Parliament assembled here today.

Before submissions is presented by this constituency, I would like to greet my beloved constituency of Faasaleleaga No. 4, I beg tolerance as I drop the salutations of our constituency for it is a constituency which crowns the kings origination and heads the Samoan descendants. That is the cause of the loud member due to those facts.

Mr Speaker, before I entered the House, I have been thinking of why we have the Samoan Constitution, how did our forefathers draft it, what was the main motive behind it and called it ‘Samoa is founded on God?’ I have laid this before God, and have searched Him for answers. Earlier today at around 4 or 5 o’clock in the morning, whilst I was preparing a speech for my constituency when God whispered to me, that my constituency shall be blessed. The whispering of God said, ‘Peseta, I will tell you the reason why Samoa was given its Constitution, I am God, The King of kings, the God of Gods in both heaven and on Earth, Jesus is my Son, the Prime Minister is heaven and earth, the Cabinet is like Jesus, but the Parliament of God comprises of the living in heaven and earth’. Consider the mysterious whispering from God? God chose his beloved son to become the Prime Minister of the heaven and earth, and selected twelve disciples of Jesus as his Cabinet. That is the Cabinet sitting right before us? Consider the truth of the Constitution created by our descendants through the God’s whispering which consists twelve Cabinet Ministers, so too are the twelve disciples, this is similar to the parliament of Samoa?

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**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** The Cabinet was just consolidated in 1994, it was not consolidated in 1962 as the member should be reminded, I have no idea as to whom he speaks with?

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the member for his interjection.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West): Thank you, just an assistance to the nice comments of the member, as the whole of the country is listening in, along with the spiritual servants, in case they are taken falsely by new religions we have now do....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance on the member, I call on the Hon Prime Minister to be upstanding.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, I am speaking to my Associate Minister, which gives you no right to intervene into our business.

MR SPEAKER: Continue with your comments as your bibliography is pleasing to thy ear, the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4, we intend to know as to whom exactly that you were speaking with earlier this morning.

I call on the member to resume with his comments.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: I wish to advise the member for Faleata West, if he is at the correct place of worship?

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASHI LEOTA: Mr Speaker I wish to obtain an insight.

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, as I call on the member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: The member mentioned changes, the Hon Prime Minister commented on changes of the Cabinet. If there was a time when Jesus also changed his disciples?

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Do not be concerned with Siumu's comments; focus instead on your list that you are beginning to forget when you have not proceeded with your speech.

I call on the esteemed member.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: I should respond to the member for Siumu, Jesus did not change his disciples as they were righteous, as for the Parliament of the world, changes are appropriate when problems arise. That is to say Mr Speaker, I am beginning to lose my speech before....

I will commence with the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I still recall Government's mandate during initial planning by the Ministry of Works to privatise some of these government sectors at the time with government full support on this at the time hence in reality the main purpose for this initiative was derived from within this Parliament. Nonetheless, the real issue now our Honour it has been privatised with set policies and procedures including enforced laws by the Ministry of LTA. But do note you Honour Government's main motive behind is to assist and promote our people. Consider the \$5,000 registration fee per company license including small company's business license registration of \$500 per owner, with Government's intention to ease the burden. With vehicles registration specifically on trucks, a 10 tire truck costs about \$6000, whilst 5 trucks will generate an income of approximately \$70,000 after registration. The intention of this constituency is to reconsider this registration operation process if it doesn't operate well, you should have the authority to discontinue it. More criticisms have been recorded due to LTA's policies such as an established deadline registration for companies and if they miss a day, you have the authority to confiscate a company for the whole year.

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But do note your Honour, majority of these companies are borrowing from the Development Bank and other bank institutions in the country. Hence after a whole year and no payment is received, how is this process operated?

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, as I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for his explanation.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Mr Speaker and the dignified presence this morning, I think the matter at hand I don't recall if it was in 2006 when government reform took place, the main aim was to provide employment for the private sector to improve services and develop various companies.

A meeting was conducted last year with majority of these registered companies. With performance quality and performance measurement in the private sector such is government's objective over the last five years for them to develop and improve...hence similar aim is for LTA to improve their services and performances before moving on to the next level. Consultations are also carried out for this matter. With the rise in price of vehicle registration we have, there are set conditions which brings forth...talks have been conducted previously on the standard of vehicles carrying loads on the main road, it is an offence to travel along the road particularly vehicles with loaded supplies. By recommendation your Honour for improvement purposes and moving forward, the objective is to strengthen ties between Government and the Private Sector your Honour.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Thank you for the clarification your Honour, I take it that the matter is clearly clarified including the member. You still have time but do move on to a new matter.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Mr Speaker true is the clarification provided by the Minister unfortunately the Minister is quite confused with the raising matter.

Consider the ongoing issue of missing day to register one's company, giving you the right to withhold this company for the whole year.

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Note the Ministry who issues business license, if the deadline doesn't meet by one day, they impose a penalty fee unlike LTA, they hold the company's operation completely if they are unable to renew registration in a year.

Another issue is the company division in Upolu and Savaii. Several jobs are undertaken in Upolu for Savaii. Hence the regulation is inapplicable given the bridge tender in Samalaeulu. This is to say that the tendering process is now open in Upolu. And for transparency reasons, the tendering process should be undertaken for Savaii companies alone.

Your Honour, I have noticed and seen a number of road humps removed from Malifa and am not sure whether the hump removal applies for all. Consider this your Honour, the humps were installed to reduce the speed of vehicles and to familiarise people with the new road switch. Nonetheless, there are patients being transported in ambulance in Salafai and Upolu seeking medical treatment at the hospital. Majority of these patients die not because of their conditions but because of the road humps. Hence is the plea your Honour, remove a few humps given the costly price of some vehicles including official ones. My constituency also has a plea, since the establishment of Samoa, no inland road were discovered.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member as opportunity is given to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for his clarification.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I wish to clarify a few things whilst the country is listening in. The intention of having road humps in the beginning during the road switch was to control the speed of vehicles. standard and expectation in which road humps were created was during the road switch. As of the current there is decision by Cabinet which includes additional four lane we have now, the road humps will no longer be provided instead the road labels to coincide with climate change and minimise air pollution. The drivers must be well taught on these set policies. Nevertheless. humps will be placed in specific areas like the schools and hospital. I take it that the member is after reinstalling road humps when again he mentioned that it produces car accidents, but LTA is on the move to removing this, thus a plea to all the drivers to take heed of this matter when driving around.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your input Hon Minister. I call on the member. I believe that the matter on road humps have been clarified.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you. At least the Minister has avowed that all road humps will be removed considering the elderly and pregnant women. But thank you for your comments to have the road humps removed.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I call on the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, this the main reason why we have decisions. There are decisions that are based on genuine intention. The road humps were specifically created to control and calm the traffic particularly after school. In the past, there was a hump which measured approximately one foot wide and tall or above road surface. This was located on the road near the wharf and one in Malifa. These humps also pressed criticisms for reconsideration notwithstanding the intention to install humps. The Ministry of Works and the respective Minister reassessed the width of these road humps. In the end, the hump was constructed three times on measurement of approximately one and half wide and one meter in length. After the first construction the road hump was about two feet wide whilst the Ministry and engineers are talking length. This began construction of road humps around the country that even in Lufilufi village, we located two humps right next to each other. Hence that was the result of the road humps which was established on good intention without knowing that there are disadvantages.

The Hon member has raised some disadvantages of humps specifically the effects of speedy vehicles on pedestrians. The person may be dead before they reach the hospital. The initial stage is positive. But Cabinet will reconsider the matter beforehand. Your Honour, there is a saying, “the wise men thinks before he speaks”, such is Cabinet’s decision, there is good motive behind any decision and there is also good motive behind the reconsideration of a decision. That is the additional comment your Honour.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done. Thank you Honorable Prime Minister for your clarifying comments. I call the member to conclude with your comments, the subject on road humps has been well defined, so let us move on to a new matter.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Mr Speaker this constituency complies with your decisions, before I conclude with the Ministry of Works, I wish to submit a request. Do not let the whole year go by without fulfilling this request, due to these road humps. In consideration your Honour, if you visited our villages of Puapua and Asaga, since government establishment, there were no access roads for this village. But what's disappointing is discovering new road access in the newspapers. Hence is the plea your Honour, there is submission on new road access in Puapua. The same goes for our village in Asaga. That is the submission your Honour as known this request has been presented in the beginning of this Parliamentary term and I am still praying.

Your Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. Do not worry Hon Minister, I see that you are holding a pen. But I only wish to extend appreciation to you. I believe that I do not have much time left but during the holidays and just before Christmas, the sub-village of Puapua was largely affected by high sea current next to the Mormon church The Mormon church has since been relocated and is building a new church in the bush area. This is the plea your Honour as we did not make a submission on this before. Also, a seawall construction is required along Asaga and Lano.

Then I come to the Hon Minister of Finance. I wish to extend congratulations to the Hon Minister of Finance since our working together in the past as Associate Minister of your Ministry. It has been an Honour and joy working together with you over the last two and a half years. You are another brave and courageous leader. I believe the reason for this is because I have been working through you.

Nevertheless.....

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Mr Speaker, I wish to gain an insight.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance member for Saleaula, as the member is nearly finished with his comments.

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Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: A question to obtain an understanding, why was he being dismissed by the old man. Is there a reason why he was being dismissed by the Minister of Finance?

MR SPEAKER: I get it Saleaula. The member shall conclude with his comments. Faasaleleaga No. 4, you have five more minutes left.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Let me respond to Saleaula's comments. I guess Saleaula has forgotten.....

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as opportunity is given to the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I rise to move a motion, given the pleasing comments of the member, "*Give him an additional two minutes.*" That is the motion with all due respect.

Motion seconded by the members for Gagaemauga No. 2 and the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga.

The House was divided in its consent to the motion.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as I give the opportunity to the member for Alataua West.

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiatualesa: Mr Speaker, no one wishes to interject against the pleasing comments of the member, but the decision is correct, these gentlemen were a bad influence to the old man.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 will conclude his comments; your time is up you have three minutes remaining.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you. Before I conclude my speech, I wish to voice a concern upon the member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

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Because he and the Leader of Opposition were the cause of the allegations. The Hon Minister is not the bad guy here, it's you both. I will respond accordingly.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker, a point of order.

MR SPEAKER: I disagree until the matter on hand is concluded.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I plea that it was not us who caused this, there were 19 others who signed the document.

MR SPEAKER: We are almost done. I beg tolerance to the Hon Leader of Opposition. I call on the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the Leader of Opposition has already moved a motion; he likes listening to your comments. Let us listen to the speech, as the Leader of Opposition is fond of it.

MR SPEAKER: The member for Faasaleleaga No. 4, conclude your comments you have two minutes remaining. Do not respond to the speech and comments issued by this Side, continue with your comments on your relationship with the Minister of Finance that you touched on, but conclude all the same as your time is up.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Thank you Mr Speaker. But please consider the reason why I left the position as Associate Minister of Finance as my district is hearing this. This is exactly my plea Mr Speaker, grant me an opportunity as my constituency is seeking views as to what will happen to me. The main intention of my constituency now is that I am misusing Government funds. When in reality, I wish to speak on this.

MR SPEAKER: Hon member, your comments are now clear. Nonetheless your comments would've been finished if the granted opportunity was used.

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Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: I will respond to Saleaula, take a seat Saleaula when I speak you sit down. Sit down whilst I am speaking. Do you understand the words of our constituency? Once Peseta Tamaalelagi speaks Saleaula sits down.

Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU: Another matter I wish to raise your Honour is whether the member had signed the document or not? Do you comply with the statement put forward. Answer my question; did you sign the document which had the Minister of Finance removed?

MR SPEAKER: I plea with utmost respect to our sitting. Superiority and arrogance should not be shown in our Proceedings. Sit down member for Faasaleleaga No. 4. I am trying to maintain peace and order in this House. That is what you get for accusing others. I beg tolerance members and member for Faasaleleaga No.4. There is no need to respond as not even a single cent from Government fund was stolen by you, the nation knows it too. Conclude your comments as your time is up. Do not be concerned by the comments of Saleaula and the Leader of Opposition, because after your comments, the three will gang up against you and fire you. You may laugh but afterwards you will shake each others hands outside.

I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 to continue with your comments as it is notable that you have a good relationship with the Minister of Finance.

Afioga PESETA VAFIOU TEVAGA: Thank you as thoughts are about to disappear but I extend gratitude to the Minister of Finance whom I worked with. I know I rendered resignation not because of any other reason or the tendering accusations against me, as over the past three years, I had not created nor taken up any responsibility of this sort. This is why I left the Ministry due to Opposition allegations against me, but I continue to uphold Government laws.

What's happened now, the Prime Minister has chosen me as his second-hand man. Now you see where this is heading? What is the situation now? When the Prime Minister travels, who looks after the Government? It is the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4. That is the plea to the Tautua Party, you come directly to me. Mr Speaker, that is my speech.

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To the support of my constituency, if any language sounds offensive to your ear, as said in the past, your representative sits in a steel chair not a wooden one. No matter how hard the others try to remove me, they can't because I am here. I extend appreciation to the Hon Speaker, Prime Minister and the Cabinet, and Parliament, the support of Samoa, my dear constituency and God's Servants in today's sitting.

Farewell and may this meeting be blessed.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that your intentions need not be mentioned member for Faasaleleaga No. 4. At least the House is well informed of your new promotion. Those are your blessings when the Prime Minister travels abroad.

We have 15 minutes before we reach our recess however, the member for Alataua West has risen and I will give him the opportunity.

I call on the member for Alataua West.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEAIATAUALESA: Mr Speaker and the dignified House this morning, I rise with respect to present the submissions of this constituency in accordance to our country's economic status. Before I address the Main Budget, I wish to greet the support of our country at all its dignitary levels, from the Family of Nofo, of Aiga, of Tupu and the Family of Tafai, the connection in Usoga of Tumua and Pule and the support of Samoa.

Not forgetting our neighboring islands in the South, the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker and Members of the Chamber of Tutuila and Manua. I also wish to greet the Hon President of the Senate of the island of Tutuila and Manua and now, to my constituency. I greet the constituents of Falelima to Tufutafoe, the dignified seat of Faalupe and Aiga, Alataua, the village of Tufutafoe and the dignified Tama a le Malo and Usoalii, the orator Momomemausu and that side of the constituency, thank you for your support. In particular I wish to my dear village of Neiafu, the Hon elder Tauiliili and relatives of Samoeleioi, Ioga Tapaau le fano, Taatiti and Tuaiaufai the church servants of our district who pray for the wellbeing of the district. Hence I speak today on the dignitary of the district from Siuosave to Faatoatoa, the orators Taatiti and Tualaufai where the traditional treasures lie in the sacred fields of Falemoa.

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Before I speak on the Main Budget, I wish to congratulate the Honorable Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister, the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure in accordance to the traditional preparations by the village. Mr Speaker and the support of Samoa, this is 2013 and the district finally has water access.

That is the intention this morning given the district's motive, this respect is unforgettable. To the Hon Prime Minister and the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, plans are in place for this water access. I dont wish to clarify it, but I extend sincere thanks to God this morning, the same to the Hon Prime Minister and the Minister of Works.

To the Director of the Water Authority, I believe we took several exchanges in the past. Why? The aim is to establish water access for the district. How do you account that, the statement of this constituency is straightforward. I beg the pardon of Mr Speaker, the dignified House, the Director and the Hon Minister of Works, that is the normal conduct of the member for Alataua West. Once problems arise, I address them for the sake and views of others, but I dont intend to stir up our relationship.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Aana Alofi No. 1): Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the member for Aana Alofi No. 1 for his interjection, the Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

I call on the member.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: I rise with all due respect as I do not intend to interject the peaceful comments of the member which are relevant to the good development executed by the Government. I am upstanding to clear a matter which sounds eerie to the hearing particularly our country listening in. Let the word drink be substituted to the word consume to make it more official and pleasant to the hearing of Samoa.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Alataua West to ensue with his comments.

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Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Mr Speaker if that is the intention of the member for Aana Alofi No.1, the Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi, the essence of my views is due to past deliberations.

But if that is your intention, there is nothing wrong in what I said as these are only old men talks.....

Afioga Hon PALUSALE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Alataua West to save your time, let the opportunity be granted to the Leader of Opposition.

I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: This side does not know of lauga susu sucking speech. Can the member enlighten us with the definition of a lauga susu sucking speech? We do not understand it with all due respect.

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

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: If you do not understand it then it is best to give your support whilst Alataua is giving a speech.

Mr Speaker and distinguished members gathered here today. Do forgive us given our serious language stated earlier. But the essence is for the support of the district. To the Hon Prime Minister, we are forever grateful until death. I dont intend to go against the past representatives of this district. This is the only reason why I came, to seek water access for the district. As for this morning, this is a day of thankfulness. To the Hon Minister of Works, thank you for your respect and patience that after this Parliamentary Term, I will not beg for anything anymore. This district does not beg, as water access was the only thing we ever wanted.

To the Hon Chief Executive Officer of the Water Authority. as mentioned I have no intentions of going against your responsibilities as you intend to support and assist the Government in its developments, hence we too cannot lay aside our responsibilities as district representatives to Parliament.

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Mr Speaker, that is the intention put forward, Honorable Prime Minister, Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Hon Chief Executive Officer of the Samoa Water Authority and the renowned Ministry, leave it to God, whatever offensive language spoken that is the member's purpose to seek the wellbeing for the benefit for the constituency. I have listened in depth on the deliberations of yesterday and before, majority of members have raised concerns with water, but the water received by this district, I don't intend to speak on.

Upon my return next week, I will bring with me a bottle filled with water, oh my, it is of pristine quality and have no idea why they took long to do it. But thank you to the Minister that the village is now alive. I have no intention on the past efforts of the former Minister of Works.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Alataua West as I give the opportunity to the member for Siumu.

I call on the member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Mr Speaker, the comments of the member are pleasing but it is better if he were to call himself Moses who used his staff to cast out water for his constituency.

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

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: If that is the member's intention then why leave it, because if it hadn't been for me, the constituents would not have been consuming water. This statement is not wrong. Then I say, that this is the end of our word of thanks. I commend your efforts Hon Prime Minister, I know I am the only one you like because I speak straightforwardly whilst the rest...the Associate Minister of Finance has just affirmed a positive report on the Main Budget after these members went their separate ways.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

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Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker, true is the country's saying 'young members talk ends whereas old mens talks sounds pleasing to the hearing.' How can he say that the Main Budget is now going smoothly as soon as he resigned, does he know that this was Faasaleleaga No.4's last Main Budget before he resigned. I beg for your patience Alataua West and for the sake of my constituency because something went missing.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 your time is up as you cannot present a speech twice.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Pardon me but I wish to extend my appreciation.

MR SPEAKER: Your time is up. You cannot extend a word of thanks as your time is up.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: To the Hon Minister of Finance this constituency fully supports the Main Budget beforehand this morning.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I call on the member for Alataua West to continue with his comments.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: Mr Speaker, that is the main intention of this member, put him under the Prime Minister's jurisdiction for his management. I dont intend to correct the member but I guess I was right. Another matter for your information your Honour, as raised by the member who is also a businessman, if you wish to set up a business, then do so but leave politics alone. Leave politics to us.

MR SPEAKER: I now wish to advice the member that we have reached our recess. upon our return from our break we shall continue your argument with the member.

I now announce the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be set aside for our usual break.

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Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for usual morning recess at 10.30am.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 11.20am.

MR SPEAKER: I wish to announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have recommenced.

I believe that the provided refreshments were well received and am sure that you have regained strength comes this part of the day.

I convey sincere appreciation to the House for the anticipation in carrying out our work. I congratulate you for your patience and participation.

Before I give the opportunity, at the commencement of our break the member for Alataua was speaking hence before the opportunity is given, I turn to the Hon Prime Minister for our motion. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I rise with great respect in an endeavouring manner to pursue our Main Budget, so it can be passed sooner as let no bravery interrupt our work, I henceforth move a motion to amend our Sitting Hours, “*That Standing Order 31 (1) be suspended, to allow the amendment of Sitting Hours to commence from 9:00am to 1:00pm as per schedule, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm go to interval and restart again at 8:00pm until 11.00pm.*”

That is the motion with all due respect.

The motion was seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

The motion was approved and sitting hours were now amended.

The debate on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2012/2013 and the Appropriation Bill 2013/2014 now resumed.

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MR SPEAKER: I believe that the Chamber is now aware of the set motion, which is also the intention of the Chair upon our meeting which is to be conducted pursuant our orders and time. Hence, I continue to entreat with respect to our House, as Laupua need not teach Tamafaiga, the departed time and this morning, that is our central purpose given that time is very precious. With all our attempts and the members' views, I beg the governmnt's pardon because views were not created yesterday and needs to be expressed. On the other hand, bear with the government's responses for no view is clear if interpretations are kept short.

To the belief of the dignified members of the House, your allocated time is sufficient for government responses, but do bear in mind the members' opportunities for their views and thoughts whist carrying out our work.

Before our break the member for Alataua West was speaking, Alataua you now have the oppportunity to conclude your comments comes this part of the day, I call on the member.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: Thank you Mr Speaker, I am of the opinion that we have regained our strength your Honour, and I guess the same goes to the Leader of the country as well as the dignified members of this House. That is the entire word of appreciation, as mentioned in the past, we all go to the grave with respect to the Government.

I rendered my apologies to the Hon Prime Minister as well as the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Chief Executive Officer of the Water Authority, with respect to past deliberations. The main objective this heart desires is for water availability all around resource services for water is the basic need for man's survival.

To my constituency, as heard this morning, we have given our submission and appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Minister of Water Authority pursuant to our previous deliberations.

Before we comment on the Main Budget, I wish to convey appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, for spearheading our country's Independence celebration event.

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It went well even though we could not meet due to family commitments, nonetheless I take it that it went well, because I went to play poker in Vegas as the Hon Prime Minister knows it too, that was the purpose of the trip given that I had too much money on me and I had no idea where to spend it.

As for this morning, I wish to comment on the main specifics of today. Based on my observation on the Main Budget, there is not much to say, and as I stated earlier, this constituency does not argue obstinately, nor does it beat around the bush. For your information Mr Speaker, I wish to put forth a few recommendations, nonetheless, this preparation is more than enough.

The Main Budget according to my knowledge, is a normal one where we give our debates, whether it is small or large, nonetheless the distribution is always a balance, it is limited but government endeavours to distribute them equally amongst the constituencies. Having said that, the country's Main Budget is perfect after the departure of some businessmen who took part in it, and.....

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member; I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 for his interjection.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: The member's explanation should not be carried further on this issue. Your Honour, the House comprises of Parliamentary members who are lawyers, judges, and business owners. This is the focal point of excellent leadership, what causes this? Due to the intelligence and abilities of business owners, note the Main Budget, there is...the Main Budget is going well due to.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member and the member for Alataua West as I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, all our deliberations are carried out on a chiefly manner, as for our Main Budget's preparations, the Heads of Ministries are summoned in the month of April.

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Sometimes they are given the end of March, all Ministry Heads copying the Ministers to myself to prepare their Ministry budgets and have them sent to the Ministry of Finance Head and Senior Officials. After this, consultations are undertaken between the Ministry of Finance and the respective heads of Government Ministries and Corporations in need of assistance. The normal submissions starts from a billion up to 2 billion tala, whilst the Ministry of Finance works on the maximum affordable amount before proceeding towards the set priorities that can be achieved today as set out yesterday. After consultations on a set budget, then the Ministries heads and the respective Minister will be consulted on the set priorities that can be achieved as well as those that cannot be achieved, before submission is presented to Cabinet meeting for their recommendations which is the end of the process before it goes to Parliament. The reason behind this process is to clear out any mishaps for the sake of the country on Government's formal procedures and execution processes taking into account the various levels of academic expertise such as Economics and Financial Management, before it reaches the Cabinet and Parliamentary level. The reason for reiterating this matter is for the sake of everyone else as matters of this sort are being spread elsewhere to strengthen our ability to work and to get rid of our weary heads given this hour of the day, some would've already fallen asleep.

Mr Speaker I commend your patience on these matters in case we may laugh about it but can cause others heart attack to others. May this meeting be blessed.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you, I believe the Prime Minister's speech has been clarified. I call on the member for Vaa o Fonoti.

Afioga Tialavea Fea Tionisio Seigafolava (Vaa o Fonoti): Mr Speaker, I believe whilst sitting here and let the member for Alataua West prolong with his speech, this is the third time the member has mentioned us that inside this Parliament. *no one is greater, a person's weakness is indicated in his views and expressions*, that is all Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the member of Vaa o Fonoti for your views, let me give the opportunity to the member, Saleaula.

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Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Thank you your Honour whilst listening closely to the comments of the member and their deliberations. Just a word of advice, be calm in your endeavours, that is our advice as you carry along with you the entire country's responsibilities, and if that is how you argue, what will we obtain from it? It shows incompetency of your party; please sort out your differences before continuing.

MR SPEAKER: Your comments are well taken Saleaula.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Mr Speaker, there is no need for you to interrupt Saleaula, show your support as.....

MR SPEAKER: In the best interest of the member for Alataua West's time, let me grant the opportunity to one of the members for the Individual Voters, Hon Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him: Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand with all due respect because of the member speaking. I do not object to the good comments by the member, but the concern lies with the people mentioned in the speech of the member. They are comments....which mentions the businessmen.

As previously mentioned, businessmen should be set aside from politics. Such comments can stir up troubled feelings. Nevertheless, the main essence here is for us to work cooperatively. It is also important that we work alongside each other to obtain an insight for the economic development of our country.

With all due respect. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I believe that the matter has been clarified; I beg tolerance to the member for Alataua West as the Speaker wishes to share something. I believe the Prime Minister has advised all, and further clarification has been made with regards to the comments put forth by the members. I believe the recommendation has been well put. Alataua, Laupua finds it unnecessary to teach Tamafaiga on opinions and comments put forth. What worries the Speaker is trouble in this corner here which involves you and the member for Gagaifomauga No.1.

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One, two, three. A word of advice for these three chairs, go easy and be patient, as inrushing waves causes damage to Vaisigano alone. And in case the comments provided by some members are their own Honest opinion, nonetheless, this can indirectly affect the general views of the entire House.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Thank you for your comments Mr Speaker. The Hon Prime Minister has spoken clearly, there is no financial expertise in these people. There is a special person with this qualification, but raising up the book is old men's talk.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker, I do not understand the member, the reason why people operate businesses is because they are good in mathematics and their minds are sharp.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Then go and operate your businesses but leave politics alone.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: If you look at the Main Budget, the Hon Prime Minister has already clarified the mindset of those who took part in it, hence the Main Budget is now passed.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I settle down our meeting. To the member for Alataua West, do not raise previous matters that leads us to unsincere interaction, direct your comment to the Main Budget, let us continue with our proceedings.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Mr Speaker, as the country is listening in, the Prime Minister's comments are correct, there are experts in this area. But to my comparison, that is why our statements were issued. We have no intention against our brothers. This is one nomination that has kept the country proud, that is removing you both, because it is a conflict of interest. Go and run your businesses.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker, these are unpleasant words. Consider this your Honour, consider the most significant decision bestowed by Government?

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We were chosen to support and assist the Hon Minister of Finance which is also God's calling, God has again whispered the Hon Prime Minister to give Faasaleleaga No.4 the opportunity to assist him. Only higher positions are being given to Faasaleleaga No. 4.

MR SPEAKER: I contemplate that the matter is well defined.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, just a point of clarification to further assist you in your work.

MR SPEAKER: Everything is clarified, and there are no points of clarification your Hon leader of Opposition. It would further complicate things if I grant you the opportunity. I beg tolerance to the members as this is Salafai's norm, the boys are used to it.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Isn't this a clear picture of that side?

MR SPEAKER: The member for Alataua West, I call on the member to conclude his comments whilst our meeting is in its peaceful mode. I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 1, Afioga Hon Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Mr Speaker, you have all the authority and I rise to convey appreciation for your clarification.

Also I wish to extend a word of thanks to the Prime Minister as Parliament and Samoa as a whole have been clarified. Those are some issues that worries the mind. Regardless of Parliament, all Government officials and Parliamentary members are aware of the normal processes and procedures involved in preparing the Main Budget. But I rise to correct the country's intention in case they think wrongly of the businessmen mentioned and the operation of the Main Budget. Otherwise, there are experts in this area, who advise the Minister, make submission to Cabinet after consultations with the Ministry heads and the Ministry of Finance. This is for the information of the country in case they have the wrong idea. Hence let us not joke around with matters as it affects the support of Samoa listening in. Thank you.

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

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I take it that the House has forgotten the maiden speech of the member. It started with a statement he mentioned himself being in Las Vegas where he went to play poker. The Prime Minister literally knows I was unaware that the member was there. His own ‘girl talks’ saunoaga faateteine in the House shows his lack of understanding, hence you should know very well, a person who plays poker and returns bankrupt is known by how he speaks. I guess this is how a person who plays poker is like, he loses everything and ends up like this. That is why, I beg tolerance to the member taking the floor now, everyone knows you were broke. What you should have done is prepare monetary gifts for these men. Mr Speaker that is my additional input but I ask the member to conclude as your comments are beginning to sound nice.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Member for Alataua West, the Chair has already advised you, the bankrupt status of the member for Faasaleleaga No.4 is beginning to show due to your rash behaviour today. Conclude with your comments as our time is drawing to an end.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA: Mr Speaker, I wish not to speak further on this matter. The main intention, I beg the pardon of the member for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi. The members’ comparison to the Main Budget is clear given the implication of the two with the Ministry. I beg your pardon if the comments are offensive.

In the pleasing statement of the Prime Minister, these are known as ‘old men talks.’ As for today, I wish to convey gratitude to the Honorable Speaker. As mentioned earlier, the overwhelming of the constituency because we now have water access. I have about three to four more matters before I conclude.

To the Minister of Health, there were also comments by members on specialized doctors and emergency cases. I know a patient who was diagnosed in Motootua from the village of Saleapaga in Lepa. This young mother passed away at the age of 30. The woman died with a baby in her womb pardon the country listening in with no reason from the doctor.

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But we did make a submission to take her to New Zealand as of the key priorities of the countries around the world and here, health comes first. It local doctors lacks treatment, we must seek medical help from abroad.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the Minister of the Ministry to respond upon the raising matters. I call on the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, after receiving news on the case beforehand according to our conversation yesterday, I immediately sought evident information about it. A report is currently being prepared, but in the meantime, in case the listeners' intention is driven falsely causing wrong accusation against those who took part in this case.

This mother according to information I received, was not ill, but had problems with her blood. She had internal bleeding. That was the cause of the sickness. Information on – I do not wish to issue an explanation as all information are recorded and in case we get affected in the end. However, I beg tolerance to the member to please lay this matter aside as investigations are still undertaken. In the meantime, no treatment is yet performed for this sick, the illness is incurable and there are elements in the blood called platelets. Platelets are present in the blood, they are cells which combine and form a clot that prevents a person from bleeding. If this is absent from the blood, there are several reasons which causes the blood to liquidate and bleed. During the bleed, it cannot be recovered nor prevented.

That is the explanation to bring insight, because the health officials seems to be given the blame we should be cautious, in case we are affected by any further explanation, hence as soon as I obtain the final report, then I will discuss it with the member in my office.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I believe the member should move on with a different matter is the issue on hand is quite complicated and sensitive, but as affirmed by the Minster, we shall proceed with other matters as we have two more members left. I call on the member for Alataua West.

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Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEITAUALESA: Thank you Mr Speaker. As I said, I do not intend to blame the Ministry. Blame what when both victim and her baby are dead, as explained, the main motive behind remains unclear but there was hope to take the patient to New Zealand to seek assistance when we lack treatment here. Nevertheless I wish not to talk about this matter anymore. I am sure further clarification will be provided in the future.

The Minister of Police and Prisons commented yesterday, before our break yesterday I proceeded to the Ministry of Police given the comment relayed by my associate from Vaisigano No. 2 with regards to a gun which he reported lost. But during talks with some officers yesterday, they reported that the member arrived with a broken gun. So let me further clarify this in case the member thinks that we have confiscated his gun.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Hon Associate Minister of Police and Prisons as I call on the member who raised this matter. I call on the member for Vaisigano No. 2

Tofa Motuopuaa Uifagasa Aisoli Vaai (Vaisigano No. 2): Mr Speaker, I am saddened with the statement provided on the broken gun. The gun is a Winchester double barrel. The gun can be dismantled. It also has a case but this fraudulent statement issued on the gun being brought in broken. This is a very good gun, the officer in charge of the armoury knows it, but he now issued that either it is lost or dusty. Hence pardon me in case it is a...How can it be broken when I purchased it for \$2,000? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that the issue has been clarified. I move on to your Hon Minister, the Associate Minister's assistance, I believe this is no longer a hidden matter as the Minister of Police has kept a note of, he will respond at a suitable time. I call on the member for Alataua West to conclude.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: Mr Speaker, as the Minister commented yesterday, no one can put up as the Minister has spoken.

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But for our information, to blame the Ministry is the statement issued yesterday, the member came in with a broken gun, I told them to leave the gun as it is until the member comes back to see what needs to be done with it, the condition of the gun is to be returned as it is if this was the intention.

Mr Speaker, I conclude with the remaining matter concerning the College of my Constituency. I am of the opinion that my constituency is listening in, I rise to seek assistance regarding the set plans for this college your Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. We met before to discuss this matter with the Minister of Finance. Some members of my constituency wanted to see the Prime Minister but I avoided them because the Prime Minister was in a meeting in Hawaii, but matter is now left with the Minister with the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minister of Finance. We should be positive given the appreciation I shared with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. We should be grateful now that we have water compared to the many submissions heard this morning on water, our water is like spring water, we are not used to consuming water but I acknowledge the government given our deliberations, we have earned this blessing, when we die lest not we forget this reward. It has been 2013 years now, finally we can consume drink.....

MR SPEAKER: The allocated time for the member is up.

Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALES: Thank you Prime Minister as well as the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for this great initiative.

I present a statement, Mr Speaker and the dignified members of the House, we are afraid of the misuse of words pardon me but we ask for your forgiveness. Whatever language you have heard today, the main thing is to develop the constituency. Your support Samoa begins from His Highness O le Ao o le Malo to our roots, thank you for your support. To the lasting divine servants of God who are spreading His good will from one village to another, all the glory must be returned to the Highest Chief in Heaven. That is my speech and may this sitting be blessed.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your comments today, I feel that we have progressed with our laid out tasks and responsibilities, well done, thank you for your comments.

I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa I Luga the House the floor is now available for your comments.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU (Aleipata Itupa i Luga): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity given to the Constituency of Aleipata Itupa i Luga, to express a few thoughts on the Main Estimates Bill 2013/2014. I firstly beg the pardon of the Tiafau House as it is the *Malae o Faautugatagi* of the country, marking the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

And turning to this side of the House, I beg the pardon of the Hon Leader of Opposition especially the Opposition side. Not forgetting the Chief Executive Officers of the government Ministries and Corporations as well as Private Business organisations, and the familial role that serves the government for the country's development.

Unforgettably is the ongoing support of my Constituency of Aleipata Itupa I Luga from Ulutogia to Vailoa particularly my dear village of Lalomanu. I wish to greet the church servants of God from the Reverend all for the wellbeing of the constituency and the country.

Mr Speaker, the thoughts of this constituency with regards to the Appropriation Bill 2013/2014 is very short, I only wish to convey appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance, the Chief Executive and the Ministry, especially the respective Ministries that have contributed to this Appropriation Bill 2013/2014, I believe this is where the development of the country is based on. I acknowledge the inadequate distribution with belief that we are used to whatever amount or share given for the development of the country.

I convey sincere appreciation to the government pursuant to the Appropriation Bill 2013/2014.

Mr Speaker, as stated earlier the comments of this constituency are very short, hence let me remind the Hon Ministers and the few submissions presented before. I have included all else to the submission of this constituency.

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I begin with the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I firstly – like the phrase of the country, *'not all stones can be anchored.'* I convey appreciation to the completed developments implemented right from the beginning of this Parliamentary Term. On behalf of this Constituency I wish to thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the tarmac road built from Samusu to Lalomanu. I believe these are the set plans of the government to shift out those living along the coastal areas towards higher grounds given the new constructed road. Thank you for this new access road.

To the Chief Executive Officer of the Electric Power Corporation, our constituency is becoming very capable with developments from the tourism sector. With several street lights installed along the district road, some remain unfixed. I ask that these street lights be fixed for travelling at night, and to protect our visitors travelling around from overseas from stray dogs pardon me.

I now come to the Water Authority; I convey sincere gratitude to the Chief Executive Officer, I believe that the water connection of our residents from the rural area is quite difficult to set up. By observation starting from Lalomanu ever since I grew up it is always the water tanks that we see up until today – the reservoir. What do you propose to do your Hon Minister and the Chief Executive Officer, isn't it about time we should build another reservoir. Based on observation, if the water storage is full the water overflows and is wasted hence I ask that you look into this as most residents have migrated to higher grounds and water access is a problem. I humbly seek your assistance in this matter despite the fact that your responsibility is not easy but I plead your consideration.

I now come to the Minister of Police and Prisons, I extend great thanks to the Commissioner for the raising standard of Police services.

I ask that you please consider the office in Lalomanu, where it housed midwives in the past but is of dilapidated condition. I beg you to see if it is good for the employees in Apia then so shall it be for our constituency.

To the Minister for Communication and Information Technology, I believe that we are soon to reach 20 years since we haven't had TV Samoa. TV Samoa is now privatised so whatever assistance provided through your Honour, whether it involves payment or what please note that our constituency is willing to pay.

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We live in the rural area and far often, we tend to travel to Apia to support our national sport events which involves the participation of our own children who are vying towards the international level, hence pardon the House, the old men from the rural would travel all the way under the influence of alcohol in the early hours of the morning which results to accidents, thus take this into consideration.

As with the Minister of Agriculture and the Agricultural Store, because of his absence, the constituency requests the mobile slaughtering unit that was scheduled to arrive in June. As the Minister is aware, we have had several submissions this and we have no more cattle, fence have being installed but there is no cattle to put inside.

I wish to relay a big congratulations to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Chief Executive Officer for the newly set plans of the Ministry, I believe this is the core function our Government and families, if children are well educated so too is our families, village and country. Our only request is to allocate more teachers to our College of Vaisuli on subjects that cannot be taught due to the lack of teachers. I convey appreciation for free education particularly funds allocated to church Schools. With regards to the district's Pre-School, I ask Government if they could assist in funding income earning for the Sogi teaching graduates that are being for by the elderly in the village.

To the Minister of Health; I wish to convey appreciation to the specialised services offered at the district's health clinic which is now available across yet, we are very fortunate that all of this is now possible.

With possible supply and availability of pharmaceutical medicine in the districts, as there is no point of having a specialist at the district when the elderly will have to travel all the way to Apia to get medicine, nonetheless such services is now available at the village. A vehicle for the patients is another request.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Health as you have made a mention of the pharmaceutical matters. I call on the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: I am surprised with the raising matter on pharmaceutical services we have today, when a doctor visits the rural areas they take with them pharmaceutical supplies and x-ray machines that does not obtain results until it is received from Apia.

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Similarly to medicine supply raised by the member, after a patient's check up, they are given a prescription and medicine is received instantly instead of travelling all the way to Apia. With the exception of special prescription that is unavailable, then the travelling back and forth Apia is applied. That is the clarification with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the member's concerns have been solved as the Hon Minister has clearly clarified.

I call on the member to continue with his comments.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Hon Minister. I do not intend to disagree but my comments are accurate.

Secondly, your Honour, it is almost five months since I submitted a request to you and your Ministry. According to the doctor's recommendation, reports have it that a special check-up is required to be undertaken for myself in New Zealand, since this is the eleventh time I visited your office and no response has been obtained hence again I would like to bring it up once again, please take note of this with consideration. If the answer is no, this is enough I am satisfied. Whatever God's will is for me and my illness, it shall be.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member speaking, what exactly is your illness, is it a curable disease or not.

I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: The Hon member is correct. The status of illnesses which requires immediate treatment in countries like New Zealand is scrutinised by a Screening Committee. Based on the recommendations provided by this Committee for a patient to be taken overseas, such is the case otherwise, the patient cannot go. A word of advice, this is not based on personal reports but on scientific evidence. Hence if evidence provided results in an illness that can be treated, then the decision made is based on these recommendations.

As for the case of the member, it is true that he paid a visit. He only came twice not eleven times as he affirms but I avow that we have met twice in my office. The case is now before the hospital and the Minister does not have power or authority to approve a patient's request because I lack knowledge and background on the patient's condition.

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Although I'm a doctor, I cannot perform medical practice for the member inside my office. But I have already given instructions to the Ministry regarding the condition of the member who is suffering from head pains.

As to head pain conditions, it does not mean that once you suffer from head ache then automatically you are required to go to New Zealand. The number of patients suffering from severe head pains in the country is almost one thousand. First of all you need to take panadol, if the pain does not dissipate, you can take an x-ray. If the x-ray result remains unknown, then you take an x-ray test called the CT-Scan. If the CT scan is also unsuccessful then a recommendation is not necessary given that there is no proof or sign to verify this condition.

By consideration your Honour and members of the House, there are several causes to head pains, such as too much family obligations, disputes between spouses or even piled up debt. These can be results to head pain. And if verified then treatment is appropriate. If family matter is another cause, then tell him, "Pay your fare and go to NZ and do not return until the family commitment is over." Or it can be caused by an argument between your spouse where you can say, "Seek the counsel of your pastor."

Hence up until now, I am still awaiting the reports from the Ministry....

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Mr Speaker my time is almost over due the lectures of the Hon Minister. I am not a doctor but I completely understand.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as you have visited the Minister eleventh time whilst the Minister is only given two minutes to speak.

Afioga Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: At the current your Honour, as said before, a head ache takes about six months of screening to obtain a thorough report of your illness since childhood to determine whether your head was injured from playing rugby, hit by a stone, or punched by your father during young age.

A person's full information must be provided to determine the why it aches such as a person who has no hair, is it to do with the sun effects or rain. All these reasons causes head ache.

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Mr Speaker, that is the provided explanation, but time will come for recommendation. As for the advice given to the member, given any small excuse this can take him to NZ, his travelling papers must be processed for him to go. At least take him so that he can reach NZ to let the doctors tell him directly that he is not ill before he returns home.

With all due respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: The member is still given the opportunity.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Thank you for the opportunity. Yes Mr Speaker and the dignified Parliament, I wish to make a point of clarification on the points raised by the Minister of Health as confirmed, there is no official report from a traditional Samoan healer. Shouldn't the Hon Minister obtain a report from a Samoan healer if no information is specified by the Ministry of Health? Could he be possessed for walking around in the night?

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, I have also visited this matter. The Samoan healer has confirmed this sickness as fe'e.

MR SPEAKER: I wish to thank the Hon Minister for the clarification. I pay high respect to the raising matter by the member as he is a new member in the House. Not long ago your Honour, similar matter was raised on medical conditions, hence I plead the Hon Minister in case we take this as a joke and the member may not make it to the end of this Parliamentary Term.

The visit was not conducted not once or twice but eleven times, hence do take heed of this Hon Minister and assist the member with a medical check up in NZ and see if he has the 'fe'e'.

I believe that this is understood. As you have heard the Speaker requested medical help so that you are able to be treated overseas and when you return you should be able to have some hairs?

I call on the Prime Minister. Even the Prime Minister is willing to respond to your condition.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I rise in support of my fellow member who is also my neighbour.

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If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to consult me. If your remaining lifetime is six more months, do not worry. The entire Parliament will be there if something happens to you. Now that I mentioned, the police will also be there to carry your coffin and deliver the flag of the nation as a token of Parliament respect upon your Honour. So be strong, six months is also long enough not short.

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

MR SPEAKER: What is your professional medical opinion?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The Hon Minister of Health has spoken about the fe'e which is the member's illness, but do tune in to the programs on the radio and the various methods to seeking a remedy to your illness. The member should take heed of this so he will not reach the stage mentioned by the Prime Minister. And if the member is still anxious, undeniably he will reach this stage.

As for the methods listed in the radio, you must tune into it every morning to obtain a cure for your illness. What is the remedy, spill out a few salt on your head and rinse it in the morning and trust me you will regain strength.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition, as I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The point you are making is wrong. That is because you have not consulted the Minister. A fe'e is found in the sea. As a father of traditional healers in Samoa, that is advice to the Minister. The correct name of the illness is 'feefee' not fe'e.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member and to save your time. let me give the opportunity to the Lady Minister of Justice, Courts and Administration.

I call on the Hon Member.

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Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa (Minister of Justice, Courts and Administration): Yes Honorable Speaker, a point of clarification. As explained by the Hon Prime Minister, we all come from the same territory.

In case the listeners are misled, this isn't a Parliament where solutions to illnesses are sought. I guess the point of the member is to comply with government policies and procedures before medical treatment is sought abroad.

Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister's recent amendments to the daylight savings is due to the prolong proceedings we have given the raising of unnecessary matters other than the focal agenda. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, I call on the member, do not listen to the recommendations of the Leader of Opposition and his methods, which specifies that you will no longer have six months left but two. We are nearing our recess time and I ask that your comments be concluded.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Mr Speaker, I dont have much to say as I am now clear.

However based on my submission, I did go through normal procedures submitted and since then, it has taken me ten years to be diagnosed severe head pains. With the results and information provided by the hospital, twice the CT scan results was normal, and the doctor recommended to prepare a report for the Minister to have me taken for a special scan overseas. However, I don't intend to take advantage of my position as member of Parliament so that I can go overseas, but I have gone through proper government procedures and policies.

With the assistance of the Leader of Opposition I disagree with you on this matter but do advise your Opposition Party to take heed of the radio program to heal your heads whilst I await my submission for the doctor's approval in seeking medical help overseas. I convey gratitude to the Hon Minister of Health for his clarification but if this was a patient of your constituency they would've been taken long ago.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Health.

I call on the Hon Minister.

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Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker and the dignified House. The recommendation given by the Hon Lady Minister Fiamē Naomi Mataafa is acceptable. Such is the intention I have although it is delivered in a joking manner, but that is how the process works. That is what I intend to say as listeners are hearing this, according to the member's statement, 'the doctor has recommended the Minister's approval.'

This is our main concern with the Prime Minister as in most patients cases, the approval and authorisation is not issued by Cabinet. Cabinet provides assistance through fund allocation to pay for the patient's treatment and surgery abroad. The decision of taking the patient to New Zealand is based on the doctor's recommendation. If the doctor recommends that the patient requires medical treatment overseas, a report has to be prepared as submission to Cabinet.

However, given the current situation, it has come to notice that there are still cases where doctors do not consult their patients on their medical results particularly when involves no particular treatment. So instead of informing the patients directly otherwise, the doctor advises the patient to seek the approval from the Minister or the Prime Minister in order for them to go overseas.

The patient's relatives then seek the Prime Minister's approval to allow the patient to seek medical assistance abroad. Then I am approached seeking my approval for them to go abroad. Such is the importance of this matter for correction. The only role the Minister plays in this receiving a submission from Scrutinising Committee with recommendation for the patient to be taken overseas, but avoid the habit of not informing the patients of their medical results particularly when their conditions are incurable or untreated. Most of these patients understand once results are revealed. As with the Ministers' privileges and the necessary requirements, I wish not to comment in compliance to the orders and procedures of the House. Nonetheless, as for the member's case, I have not been notified as I am still awaiting the doctor's recommendation on the criteria eligibility for you to undergo surgery abroad until Cabinet's approval is received. In the meantime, I have not yet issued authorisation for your sickness to be treated overseas.

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MR SPEAKER: I feel the clarification is now clear hence I ask the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga to conclude your comments as your time is almost up. I also advice not to delay the urgent condition of your illness as mentioned in this House in case it worsens before long, otherwise, I call on the member to conclude your speech.

Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU: Thank you Mr Speaker, I shall not reiterate any further except that submission has been relayed however still no response is received.

Nevertheless, I conclude with great thanks to the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment as well as the Chief Executive Officer particularly the Associate Minister, Trust Estates and the Chief Executive Officer of the Scientific Research Office. Sincere appreciation and congratulations for the work carried out by the Hon Minister and the Assistant Chief Executive Officers and my small contribution. I believe that your work is complex but God is present and is helping us all go through it.

Hence as mentioned earlier I have a few requests from this constituency on the need of rubbish bins for Aleipata Itupa i Luga as known by the government, the push for tourism operations along this area is a very popular site for the constituency.

The main constraint is the delay of rubbish trucks collection particularly for our tourism developments. Considering your views on this Mr Speaker, I know for a fact that this matter will take some time when it is a matter of great importance to our constituency.

I conclude a final matter with your Hon Minister and the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. Investigations and findings have already been undertaken at Aleipata Marine Protection Area given the constant requests by the constituency on the misuse of this developmental program to improve and better the coastal management areas.

That is the submission Mr Speaker, if any foul language spoken which irritates the listeners hearing...pardon me Hon Ministers. I pray for God's presence in you, the Hon Prime Minister and the Ministerial level, Leader of Opposition and all Parliamentarians as we strive in our duties and responsibilities bestowed upon us by our individual constituencies.

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May the Lord also bless the Chief Executive Officers of all the Government Ministries and Corporations for your unforgettable contribution and set plans for the wellbeing of the entire country.

That is the explanation this afternoon God bless the remaining part of this day.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your comments member for Aleipata Itupa I Luga, I believe your recommendations and contribution have placed great emphasis on the Prime Minister particularly the Cabinet and the House.

The House is still available for any other member who wishes to speak. I call on this side of the House the Hon Associate Minister and member for Faasaleleaga No.1, Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow.

I call on the member to comment.

Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (Faasaleleaga No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity given to one of the member for Faasaleleaga No.1.

I wish to thank you Mr Speaker especially the dignified members of Parliament, the Leader of the House particularly the Cabinet Ministers, the Hon Leader of Opposition as well as the esteemed members of Parliament.

I also wish to greet the Heads of Ministries and State Owned Enterprises gathered here this hour of the day. Not forgetting the Clerk and the Legislative Assembly staff who are responsible for all the work of this Parliament. I also greet the presence of the children of our country who are gathered before us to witness the Parliamentary work of Samoa. May the Lord oversee and may your attendance be of great benefit.

I wish to acknowledge the support of Samoa through His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, Chief Justice and the Justice Department as well as all the male and female judges, and the Board of Judges.

I wish to greet the support of Usoga of Tumua and Pule, Ituau and Alataua, Aiga i le Tai and Vaa o le Fonoti listening in. Also to the sanctified servants of God listening in, who are praying seeking blessings Samoa as a whole not forgetting support of the leaders of Samoa.

Thank you for your prayers.

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I now greet my constituency starting from boundaries and neighbours, from the Maota of Salelologa to Safua in Lalomalava. In the presence of Tapaau and high chiefs who are the foundation and pillar of the constituency. To the support of spouses, maidens, untitled men and children residing in the villages of the districts. I wish to greet Reverend Elder, Solomona Tuatagaloa and his wife Aleli as well as the sacred servants of God who are praying for the benefit of the constituency. Thank you for your prayers and support towards your member. I ask for your support while I comment on the Appropriation Bill for the year 2013/2014.

Mr Speaker, I firstly wish to convey sincere appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the esteemed Cabinet, especially the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry in preparing and completing the set plans stipulated in the Appropriation Bill. It is not easy as Samoa is a developing country. However, it is through our own hands that enables us to work together given the report on the Appropriation Bill. I thank you greatly.

I also wish to thank our international partnerships and donors, you have assisted us immensely with our developments.

This member fully supports the Main Budget as presented before the House, knowing that one of the members for Faasaleleaga No.1 is part of this year's Main Budget's planning process, my fellow member Magele. The dignified Aiga Salevalasi. Hence I wish not to speak any further. I also believe that the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and members of the HRPP Party, continue to protect the rights of Samoans by prioritising the mantra, 'What is good for Upolu is also good for Savaii.' There have been no doubts heard of or seen with regards to the projects undertaken hence appreciation for these great accomplishments. Thank you Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, we are used to attending church. We are confident that you have the knowledge and wisdom and love to setup good developments for the whole of Samoa.

I have very few issues I wish to relay concerning our plans and tasks for this year. To the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, I wish to raise the so called matter of rubbish collection as raised by previous members. We prioritise the country's beautification for our visiting friends from abroad so that Samoa is known as the number one beautiful and breathtaking island in the Pacific.

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At the beginning of the contract my constituency was accustomed to the rubbish truck collection travelling in three times a week but now it only comes once a week. The duty of the Chief councils within the village is to ensure that each village has clean road features for the general public access. Rubbish is not allowed to be placed on the roadside except on the day of rubbish collection, for normal days they should be kept in or behind the house until the next collection day. It is an important that we continue to maintain and uphold the beauty of Samoa particularly maintaining our hygienic standards. With hope Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment that comes the start of the New Fiscal Year, an additional extra day for rubbish collection is required for my constituency.

Once a ship reaches Salelologa, a member mentioned that he first notices the stone pillars. But according to my observation, the first thing I notice is scattered rubbish underneath the Ministry of Women building pardon me members of Parliament.

Some say that the ports premise is under the jurisdiction of the Samoa Port Authority, others say it is the port. Nonetheless the unkempt sight is still seen when visitors and locals are travelling along this area.

I convey appreciation to the Minister of Works for the roads repaired work at my constituency. I wish to submit the same for all roads in the long run such as the ones done in the past which took almost thirty years. Also be mindful of maintaining the roads in Savaii upon the availability of government funding. Sometimes they are the roads of Upolu. And I hope to sustain this notion.

I also request if government has considered building the connecting roads from Faasaleleaga No.1 to Vaisigano. This provides easier access and improved developments. Similarly to the roads from Tiavi to Siumu, as witnessed, that particular area is now fully occupied with settlements. The road at Patamea also requires upgrading which stretches along the Itu o Tane area. This can also assist with the climate change that we talk about every day.

Mr Speaker, I also wish to raise the pedestrian crossing in front of RSA and the Accident Compensation Board building. People walk freely along this area. During the busy traffic in the morning, it becomes a problem and the pedestrians would use the round-about area to cross further delaying the time of motors.

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Similarly to – there is an access road next to the Development Bank building which can be used when turning right from Sogi. This right turn should be prohibited and instead allow the left turn only whilst the traffic is flowing and use the roundabout which is only a few distance away. Mr Speaker, those are the only submissions I wish to express before Parliament today, beside from our school building's request, nevertheless, I will leave it in the good hands of the Government and Cabinet. I'm sure it will be achieved soon, I convey sincere appreciation.

May we have a blessed meeting. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. Thank you for your comments Hon Lady Associate Minister. I believe that is noteworthy by Sa Tuiaama and Manuvao given our Main Budget. We still have time, 15 minutes introduction and 15 minutes conclusion when we have our break. I will now give the opportunity to the member for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua, the House is now available for your comments.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I also wish to take this opportunity to greet the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers. I welcome the Leader of Opposition and the members of Parliament of Samoa. I also greet the Heads and Chief Executive Officers of Ministries and Corporations gathered here this morning, the principals and teachers and students assembled in today's meeting.

I particularly wish to greet the support of my dear constituency of Vaimauga West the dignity Fale Sagauga in the presence of Alo o Sina, in the presence of Salevalasi relatives, Matua, Tupuola, Faumuina and Siligatusa, and the Holder of Leupolu and Alo o Malietoa. Sooalo and Matua o Feetau, the presence of Faletolu, Vaigalepa and Tuisamau. The Vai o Sinafatulua in the dignity of Fuaiupolu and Tofaeono, including Tama o Asi ma Patu, the three lineages of Usoalii, Tamapua and Manogiamanu, the dignified seat of Fauata, Ataga and Sa Ataga.

Mr Speaker, I am appreciative of the opportunity brought forward to submit our constituency's contribution pursuant to the proceedings of our Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013/2014.

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I convey my congratulations and gratitude to the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry for their thorough preparation and completion of this Bill. I only wish to express a few submissions verbally whilst a written one has already been submitted.

Your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, the access road and electricity from Vaivaseuta to Magiagi requires repairing work given the rise in settlements along this part of the constituency. Secondly, as mentioned in the written submission, there is a need for access road in the sub village of Faatoia at Vaimauga.

Thirdly, the seawall from Vaiala to Taumeasina and Moataa requires upgrading. Fourthly is water installation submission for the residents at Afiamalu.

To your Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, a request was put forward on a footpath area alongside the mangroves of Moataa. This is the only accessible road for residents living between here and the coastal area. The same access is used by school children and residents. This footpath needs repair work to avoid the effects of high tide pardon me.

To the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, we request for a new school building for Moataa, the area is quite narrow and unsafe given its proximity to the main roads.

To the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development I congratulate you on a successful trip, nonetheless I shall still lay it before you given the continuous work carried out by mayor Tuiono Uini of Magiagi and the woman representative Fetulima Malopito. These people have contributed a lot to the village development including the cash power instalment in Magiagi. Hence is the humble request to reinstate Tuiono and Fetulima according to the set government policies and procedure in the village councils.

I wish to submit additional requests from the damages of Cyclone Evan. Firstly, the river flow along the drainage, there is concern over the continuous flooding running into the newly built channel. The rainfall occurrence after two weeks time witnessed a rising level of water flow from Lelata to Vaisigano, an alert sign upon the affected settlers. This is the request to government on remedial strategies to avoid the floods running from Wellington Magiagi to Lelata and Vaisigano. Most relatives are commenced new house constructions and are seeking funding assistance from government for this purpose.

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Secondly, I wish to support the issue raised by my fellow member with regards to the bridge at Leone and Maagao. Urgent upgrading for this bridge is highly required given the high traffic congestion in the mornings and evenings.

I conclude my comments by extending a word of thanks to the Hon Minister of Health, thank you for the new hospital established for the constituency. Although it is called the National Hospital but I believe you are biased towards our constituents. I plead that you take into consideration an invitation for Vaimauga i Sisifo comes the grand opening of the territorial constituency's hospital.

Mr Speaker, may our Heavenly Father show benevolence upon the rest of our sitting, and be merciful upon my dear constituency of Vaimauga West, specially the whole of Samoa listening in.

Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you for your comments Hon member for the district of Vaimauga. I believe your comments have been heard loud and clear by the constituency. I commend your comments on our Main Budget.

I believe we have five more minutes before 1:00 and the Chair I think that we should take a break. I noticed that it's been a morning and everyone's growing tired. I have just been advised that food is now ready, we should have a balance meal, moegalo and laumoli, fruits and vegetables for us to regain energy. There is belief that we will recommence at 3.00pm until 7.00pm and further on tonight. As for now, I convey appreciation to our meeting.

I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be set aside until 3.00 in the afternoon.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were suspended at 1.00pm until 3.00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3.00pm.

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Debates resumed.

MR SPEAKER: I convey deepest appreciation at this hour of the day; the time is now exactly 3.00pm as set out in our schedule and motion with regards to the resumption of our work until 11:00 tonight.

Before our sitting commences, I wish to express gratitude to the House regarding our session earlier today. I thank all the esteemed members for their comments as well as government responses given the clarification of matters raised. It is of essence that the chair still needs to provide advice in maintaining peace, harmony and respect in the House. There are times when your comments and views are over the limit, hence be mindful that you are leaders and high chiefs of this country. We are present at Tiafau for a purpose to resume our work and hopefully no problem will occur. Such is the request before the House, be mindful of your oaths as the House no longer occupies untitled chiefs. This is the paramount meeting of the country where oratory views and decision making is made and uphold Honour and dignity of Samoa.

I also believe that we are not convening alone, the Hon Prime Minister has stated, we may be close but the distance between us is extensive as action speaks louder than words. On advise, do not focus on the bird but be weary of the tide. Whatever preparations we have, let not desperation cause us erroneous and mistakes. Samoa's significance is reflected by not being arrogant or superior given our roles and status in the family, custom and tradition.

Therefore, this is not the Speaker's instructions, I beg of you to maintain and adhere to our Standing Orders when managing our work.

During our break earlier today, the member for Vaimauga West was completing his speech. Hence the House is now available for comments, I urge that we swiftly rise for comments as government is delaying its responses due to the delay in your submissions. I also recommend that you raise appropriate concerns and leave aside irrelevant issues so that your 30 minutes contributes positively to the beneficial of your constituencies.

I call on the member for Vaisigano No. 1 to comment.

Afioga TUFUGA GAFOALEATA FAITUA (Vaisigano No. 1): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker.

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Before I comment I would firstly like to – the day has prolonged, hence I wish to record our constituency’s appreciation upon your Hon Speaker of the House with regards to the ministerial role presented in the morning in offering our thank you prayer to our heavenly Father pleading the Holy Spirit’s presence upon Samoa and its proceedings today.

I greet the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa, Hon Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, your Good Lady and family. As well as the support of Hon Representative of the Council of Deputy, Tui Aana Tuimalealiifano Sualauvi, your Good lady and family. I pay salutations to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Hon Gentlemen and Lady Ministers, as well as Mr Speaker and the esteemed Parliament.

I greet the Hon Chief Justice, Judges and esteemed Ministry of Court, particularly the continuous support as the Parliament in consulting the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013/2014. Not forgetting the support of the Chief Executive Officers of Ministries and State Owned Enterprises as well as Private Corporations.

The same to the support of the territorial constituency of Vaisigano No.1, the dignified Hon Tapaau, the Gafa, Aloalii, Maliu from Talaluniu, the Aiga Sa Oloapu and Upu to you Safune. In the presence of Tapu and Toalima, as well as Safune, Tufuga and their Aiga Sa Tufuga, in the presence of Masoe and their Aiga Sa Masoe and support of Falefa o le Usoalii, and the Honorable Tupua and the servie of Aiga Sa Taneavae, in the presence of Aiga Samoeleoi, in the presence of Aiga Sa Lilomaiava, Aiga o Mavaega, I call on Salafai na Faiga, Falefia in the centre of Salafai, Siufanua and your twelve Houses, Fao and Mua. That is the esteemed salutations of my Constituency of Vaisigano No.1, I thank you for your patience, prayers and support. As I mentioned in my maiden speech, I need your prayers and support so that the work of your representative is blessed in the proceedings at Tiafau.

Lest not forget the work and support of our affiliated servants of God in our constituency, the Hon elderly Reverend, and all of God’s servants within the different districts, I acknowledge your patience and dedicated hard work.

Mr Speaker, I wish to note my appreciation to the Minister and Ministry for their preparation and dedication upon this Appropriation Bill 2013/2014.

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To the Hon Minister of Revenue and your Associate Ministers particularly the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry, and your role in collecting funds to implement new development. Despite other forgetful matters to the Minister and his poor hearing, the collected funds reflects your positive performance, thank you for your dedicated efforts.

I notice the increasing revenue collected compared to the newly established developments and enhanced work completed after the natural disasters, hence if only there was enough fund, all submissions would have been achieved in spite of that, we must be grateful with the land granted to us from God to retain.

I also extend appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance and his Associate Ministers, the Chief Executive Officer and the Ministry of Finance in striving to allocate limited funds for the country's developments. This main budget reflects my definition of 'love' for the country. The reason for this description is because they have not raised the VAGST tax rate but reaching for lower interests allocated from the \$120.3 million to make up a short of \$80.08 million which is revenue earning that pays off some governmental services and private sector organisations. Because if VAGST was raised, this would affect the general public particular the elderly residing in Savaii that makes a living by growing taro, banana and feeding pigs and chickens. The cost of sugar, salt, onions and other necessary cooking ingredients would have greatly affected the people if there was an increase in VAGST. Government's main aim is to assist the cyclone victims on the total fund of \$64 million including preparation of the SIDS Conference to develop the developing economic status of SLDS 2012 plus a fund allocation of \$15 million when combined together, a short balance of \$1million would have been appropriated for the Appropriation 2013/2014 to fully recover cyclone destructions. This Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013/2014 is mainly set for the recovery project programme following cyclone Evan, a plan that must be taken into account. Such natural disasters were not caused by the Opposition Side to burden the government, nor created by the government, hence funds were appropriated to repair and improve the destructed properties.

Nevertheless, the \$7.5million is appropriated not only for Government Ministries but also for repairing damaged properties. I commend your share and love for the country.

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The \$15million allocated for the SLDS 2014 conference is a good marketing exposure not only for the country but also for those who will be hosting these large conferences. It is also good for our visitors and tourists and the know-how knowledge and ability of our people in organising such events in the future.

This overall aim of the Appropriation 2013/2014, this constituency fully supports the Appropriation 2013/2014 that is abided by love and kindness for the country.

Mr Speaker I now come to our submissions in developing and improving the standard of living of this constituency. I have laid down – I give appreciation to the Hon Lady Minister of Courts and Justice for the hard work mentioned in the report of the member for Vaimauga West. Hence is the request of this constituency before you. I believe the Lady Minister is well aware of it.

With our school building your Honor, as mentioned by the member for Alataua West, a set timeframe for its construction is yet to be confirmed. As of the current, classrooms comprises of a greater number of students. So, your Honour let ...if this inappropriate then we will wait until Alataua College student number drops then our students can attend their College.

Your Hon Minister of Communications and Information Technology, I have raised the television concern before. It is correct that it televises good quality but only for awhile. At the current, it works but the frequency is lost at times. The information provided by those who.....they said to advice you, to shift the pole further out as the current energy source is from the sun. During rainfall at night, it loses reception. If electricity is installed and cut, I guess the blame is not on the Ministry but EPC.

Your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, submissions on seawall, access road, water pipes, streetlights and road widening were given in the past. I thank the Samoa Water Authority for assisting us with water supply. Our plea, should an EPC office be setup to provide cash power services at a low cost, will assist our people greatly from waiting too long.

Your Hon Minister of Health, I will not issue any concerns regarding illnesses because you will undoubtedly take up my time. Hence a submission for a new district hospital is before you.

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There are more advantages compounded by the establishment and availability of all government Ministries including the Police Office, Fire Station and others.

Another pressing matter is the shipping of vehicles from abroad. The old men in our village are questioning the vehicle set regulation and policies whereas on advice, how about setting up a specific regulation for the shipping services companies. These shipping companies have all the information on the imported vehicle. Because the vehicle owners' main concern is finding money for the vehicle's release, however, these shipping companies are responsible for issuing date that can affect the car owners as soon they have vehicles.

Mr Speaker, those are the submissions may the support of Vaisigano or the Itu Asau be blessed.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity. Is it a point of clarification or order Saleaula?

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, a point of order. It is very short as the member has raised concern on shipping companies and the motors years and the shipping years. That does not come under the shipping companies' jurisdiction but through shipping agents like PFL and....

The only service the shipping companies provide is importing vehicles. The main role of the customs insurance companies is keep in contact with overseas companies to obtain detail information for the shipping vehicles. That is the clarification.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: That is well taken. Let me give the opportunity to the Minister of Revenue, who is the respective person for vehicle permits. I call on the Minister of Revenue.

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: Mr Speaker and members of the House, I wish to relay clarification to the member who commented on vehicles. I wish to clear any misunderstanding and the matter raised by the member for Vaisigano No.1 and for the sake of the people travelling from Savaii to Upolu. The duty of the vehicle owner must be clarified first, the vehicle detail information can be found in records.

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All these documents must be at hand whilst the vehicle is on the way. The Ministry for Revenue conducts the assessment of the vehicles upon arrival. For the sake of the country, and given the mention of this matter by the member, the number of vehicles has increased in the country.

That is the simplest way to do this, contact the person who is importing the vehicle to send a certified certificate to verify the year the vehicle was produced. If the vehicle does not have any certified documents, the Ministry would usually search the vehicle engine to obtain the required information - that is an alternative method used. There are times we receive mismatch information. But according to the Ministry's recommendations, obtain vehicle details by contacting the company or vehicle owner, get the certified original document, the country where it was made and produced from.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your comments Hon Minister. I call on the Hon Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo: Mr Speaker, the Hon Minister for Revenue has spoken and that is the usual procedure. The shipping companies also assisted with the vehicle owner or customer regarding this matter. But the problem is that no matter how hard you give an explanation, they say that there is assistance in Samoa for their vehicles once they are brought in. That is the main concern now, despite the shipping companies explanations on how the vehicle procedures works, but the problem lies with the customers themselves. That is the situation your Hon Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: To save your time esteemed member, I call on the Hon Deputy Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: Mr Speaker, the matter beforehand is very crucial concerning vehicles. What happened to the tarako that was imported years ago? Does this mean that it is here somewhere based on your personal negotiation? Isn't this your problem your Honour?

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Minister of Revenue.

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Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: Your Honour, I am confused with the comments of the member for Falealupo.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: The statement provided is very clear, the problem is now being addressed, the vehicle was in good condition until upon arrival, the problem seems to come from your Ministry. Isn't this your idea of setting up these swift changes?

MR SPEAKER: The member's submission has been noted. I call upon the Hon Minister for Revenue.

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: There are no changes carried out. I have stated that a vehicle must be brought in certified documents and where it was made. If this is uncertified, records are all found in the Customs Office. As the Minister of Communications has spoken, that is the easiest way to do it. But if that method is used, then it will be a huge struggle for our people as it is wrong.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I first give the opportunity to the Hon Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, I wish to make an additional comment. That is the mindset of our people living abroad, our families are expecting the vehicles. The Customs Office the Shipping Companies are confused with the motives of these vehicles upon their arrival. However, it seems that there are fraudsters involved in the process not the Ministry nor the Shipping Companies. There is fraudulent attempt along the process which intends to correct the regulation.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. For the information of the House your Hon Minister, the issue beforehand has not occurred once, my constituents have also been affected with the issued years and authorised years of imported vehicles. But it is good to obtain a clear explanation your Hon Minister for the sake of listeners and the member for Vaisigano No. 1 on the specifications of imported vehicles and the permitted years.

I call upon the Hon Minister for Revenue.

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Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: The maturity of the vehicle is 12 years, which fluctuates on a yearly basis. If this year sets the 12 years, it will be changed next year. In response, imported vehicles of 12 years old are permitted in Samoa.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: This means that we are talking two thousand plus?

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: It would be 2002.

MR SPEAKER: The House is now clear, and the Minister has laid out set rules upon this problem that should not recur, hence even I received several submissions on this matter but once cannot breached the set policies and regulation on imported vehicles.

Hon member for Vaisigano, I believe the matter is now clear from 2002. I beg tolerance as I give the opportunity to the member for Saleaula.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker the matter raised is important for understanding. If the 2001 model cars are allowed, I recall that it has taken four weeks since another car was being released after it was confiscated, most of these retaining vehicles have outdated model years and were cancelled, whilst the car mentioned by the Hon Deputy Leader of Opposition is a 1992 model, which has not been returned to the Ministry for reassessment. This is based on the reports of the Ombudsman Office.

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: These matters cannot be discussed in the House as they require full investigation as well as solid evidence. I beg tolerance to the member this matter shall no further discussion until confirmed reports are submitted before the house for the chair's decision. In the meantime, I call upon the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: That is the correct procedure as stipulated in the Act, it is wrong to import vehicles that exceed the authorized year in which they know, however they are still encouraged to import vehicles which is not a problem.....

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Despite knowing that it is illegal to import vehicles with false detail information, they continue to debate about it. That is the situation your Honour.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I believe that is clear and.....

Tofa Aveau Tuala Niko Palamo (Faleata East): Mr Speaker I wish to pose a question please?

MR SPEAKER: Whom do you wish to point clarification to, if it is a question that refers to that side, the Speaker will allow it.

Tofa Avea Tuala Niko Palamo: With the matter of authorised year set for imported vehicles, there is specific policy signed by WTO to prohibit model cars and turkey wings from entering the country, hence is the question, I ask whether.....

MR SPEAKER: Alright.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker the question is incorrect, your interjection must be directed to the comment of the member but you do not question me, I was clarifying the issue.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member but that was the intention, the Hon Minister is noting down all your queries relating to the vehicles. As considered, all Samoans living overseas are full of techniques and excuses, they send vehicles parts secretly including motor doors, car cover, and other pieces, and by the time the vehicle reaches our shores, the vehicle model specifies ten years apart. The Customs Office studies all the vehicle specifications before it reaches our port, such as the ream number, jersey number, door number, however during the assessment, we noticed that the vehicle specifications are different from the certified document received. Nonetheless, this is all clear now and I wish to thank the member for Vasigano in soliciting this concern, all vehicles above the authorised year 2002 is now permitted to enter the country.

I call the member to conclude as your time is nearly finished.

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Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker that is precisely the clarification I am seeking.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Vaisigano.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: As the announcement has been made for the country listening in considering the authorised year for imported vehicles which is 2002, but for clear purposes, under the signed WTO agreement we had...in case the country is misled.....

MR SPEAKER: I get it now member for Faleata East, your query is referring to the Minister for Revenue, the query that I am about to clarify is a query for Matia and Tia Ituau.

There comes a time for responses by the Hon Deputy Prime Minister including the matter on WTO responses, even though this wasn't provided in your comments, but responses will be made. I call on the member to continue and conclude his comments.

Afioga TUFUGA GAFOALEATA FAITUA: This is the query provided earlier on the consequences of shipping companies for returning vehicles, because they can still await this shipping vessels but cannot authorise entrance into the port, the company owner is then contacted to return the vehicle to New Zealand or where ever it came from, to make it easier for the vehicle owner to decide if vehicle parts could be sold on the wharf, with all due respect.

I almost forgot the Hon Minister.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, as I give the opportunity to the Minister for Revenue to conclude his response.

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: Mr Speaker, if the appropriate action do not correspond with the specified regulations, the policy stipulates that the vehicle must be returned, leaving us two options, if not returned, it can be auctioned to provide for the local payments. It is good that this matter has been brought up, because it wastes the time of our relatives abroad to ship them over when in policy, if requirements are not met, the vehicle has to be returned.

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Policies and regulations are in place for imported vehicles but the problem is that the illegal importation of these vehicles cannot be returned or acceptable to the shipping company agencies.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, I beg tolerance your Honour....

MR SPEAKER: Yes Saleaula.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Now that the Hon Minister has commented clearly, if an imported vehicle breaches the regulation, enters the port, carry out an auction then the vehicle is used illegally pursuant to the Act....

MR SPEAKER: I will respond quickly Saleaula, this is a demolished auction, pardon the House, this means that the vehicle is auctioned wholly but partly using car parts at the Customs Department where vehicle parts is separated for sale including door, tires and such.

Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko: The vehicle is separated in parts, a cutting vehicle part machine is available specifically for separating vehicle parts.
With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Yes member for Vaisigano No. 1, your speech is up please conclude as your point on vehicle auction in now taken, they are divided into parts at the wharf if the imported authorisation year for the vehicle is incorrect.

Afioga TUFUGA GAFOALEATA FAITUA: Your Hon Mr Speaker, I have forgotten to thank one Minister, the Minister of Police and Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services for the completed services provided for this constituency, congratulations and thank you. The same with the Minister for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, which comprises of SROS and STEC, I have witnessed the well governing management of the Ministry given the good supervision of the Hon Minister.

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Those are the comments your Hon Mr Speaker, may the support of the constituency of Vaisigano or Itu Asau and the dignified Aiga and Tapaau o le Itu, and the orators of Matia and Tia Ituau and may the district of Vaisigano No. 1 be blessed including the support of Samoa as a whole, may your Hon Speaker retain patience in managing the Parliament House of Samoa to obtain favourable response and May God be glorified. Thank you for the opportunity, farewell and may Samoa's Parliament be blessed.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your comments the member for Vaisigano No. 1, I believe your viewpoint is very important given this part of the day.

The House is now available for any other member who wishes to comment. I call on our member for Anoamaa East, the floor is now available for your comment.

Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU (Anoamaa East): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity given to the member for the constituency of Anoamaa East.

I firstly wish to greet the dignified House of the Parliament of Samoa, the Hon Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Hon Ministers, the Hon Leader of Opposition and members of this side and Hon members of our Parliament.

The continuous support of Samoa and its commitment for the Parliament is present in the House this part of the day. I also beg tolerance to the spiritual servants of God. There is belief that even though we go through hardship, nevertheless God's presence is still witnessed, even with Government set plans and developments for the country.

I take this opportunity to make a contribution for this constituency. Before I convey appreciation to the Appropriation Bill 2013/2014, I wish to greet my constituency of Anoamaa East, I believe that your dignified salutation need no mention, only this, your granted support and blessing is needed given the hard work by Samoa's Parliament and its welfare.

Mr Speaker, I wish to acknowledge appreciation to members who have spoken extensively on the limited funding distributed for this financial year.

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I commend the Hon Minister of Finance, especially all the respective government representatives who have contributed and supported our Main Budget. I believe that it was not an easy task, given the many unforeseen circumstances that could've occurred resulting to a sudden requirement of large funds to assist our country through. Such includes the recent aftermath of Cyclone Evan on the principle that many were in need of assistance. This sought government efforts to seek funding assistance for a speedy recovery. Thus, as provided in our Main Budget, God's love is still present, because if we were to encounter difficulties with no vision or strategic plans, I believe that government set plans would have been a disaster comes this financial year. Hence is our word of appreciation to the Hon Minister and all the government Ministries who provided assistance in preparing this positive outlook for the Appropriation Bill 2013/2014 for this financial year.

I also extend sincere gratitude to the country's Minister for Revenue, even though we are a team but I believe that the efforts of the Hon Minister and the Ministry in collecting revenue every year reflects a very positive sign. This is one of the greatest assistance to our government given your Honesty and dedication for the development of our country.

Mr Speaker, pursuant to this constituency's main objective I now wish to say that it is a positive sign seen forth within our Parliament members, seeing the expectations of the constituency and seek ways to improve them. I firstly wish to thank the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, for the request put forward for my village Lalomauga, similarly to the villages of Falevao, Falefa and Manunu. Roughly two weeks ago, we approached your office with to seek a solution to the effects of waterfalls in these villages. The midland of Lalomauga is soon to be flooded with water overflow that once it reaches the village of Falevao, it can affect and close down the main road.

As for the school building premises at Falevao's, this is where water pass drifts off from the drainage making a pass towards some residents homes and the main road forming no access towards the southern part of the country. I extend appreciation to your Honour for your kind approval of our submission. I say this because despite your busy schedule, you accepted our request for a visit to witness the damages in this village. Thus once again I thank you your Honour and the respective people involved in soliciting this matter.

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Thus let us rely on God for his assistance that such improvements will undoubtedly take place, thank you. Not to mention, the cause of the previous flooding was due to the formation of rocks which degraded causing water pass everywhere, with a request on a machine to maintain erect a proper waterway for the water to be drained.

Nonetheless, another submission by the villages of Falefa, Sauano and Saletele was sought for seawall construction. This was put forward ever since I represented the constituency, placing several requests including seawalls for these villages. Sauano and Saletele as you may have seen has a beachfront view and mountainside view in the back, and if something happens, these people have nowhere to seek refuge.

Hence is my plea upon the availability of sufficient funds this year, do consider these small villages. Even so with our village of Falefa where our prolong request was put forward concerning our village's location along the coastal area and is vulnerable to natural disasters.

Next in line is the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, on account a written submission has already been submitted. I place a request that upon our visitation with the village mayor of Manunu, road access were of poor condition starting from Saoluafata towards Manunu. The tar sealed road have been labelled in the past, otherwise most of these road marks have been erased causing accidents in the village and in truth, taking the road from Saoluafata to Manunu is longer than travelling from Saoluafata to Apia. Thus is the request to take consideration of our villages' access roads

Another road request is the bank from the villages of Sauano and Saletele running over the main road, whilst the other roadside has pipelines instalment producing narrow access for the village. Hence do note that if there are any pipelines lying around the Ministry to remedy this problem – it's only water but its passing right through the mid road near the sea and is affecting nearby residents.

Another village submission is the beautiful work done on the road features from Apia to the rural area, despite the distance from the main road but there is still accessible road nevertheless, overgrown grass alongside the road is almost the same size as the coconut trees due to the absence of contractors to maintain it. Hence is the request for road contractors to maintain and beautify this area for our visiting friends and locals.

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Then we come to inland road (*auala galue*), I ask the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure to consider our destructive roads at Falefa. Further improvement required are the street lights for the school buildings as well as the increasing number of residents living further inland if budget is permissible this year or whenever you consider it. Similarly to Lufilufi roads, as mentioned earlier this year, most of the residents have been affected due to the flooding. Street lights are also required along this area.

The request for the Minister of Communication as we are near the Manu Samoa game; the TV1 reception still remains unfixed after the effects of cyclone Evans for my constituency.

I have tried several attempts to finding a clear reception with our antenna and found similar concern with the other household which was no luck. If there are 15 or 30 players in total televised on television, and tv channels is 30 given the 15 players, I am sure it is not a huge issue as the post most probably needs fixing. I enquire that by Saturday, repair work must be completed so that we can properly watch and support our rugby team.

Mr Speaker those are the only submissions of this constituency, I am appreciative of the funds granted by the Government but also submissions demanded from our Ministers to improving services in our constituency. I convey deepest gratitude for your patience today, which I am sure all has been achieved given God's abiding love and mercy. May the remaining hours of our Parliament meeting be blessed. Farewell.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your comments member for Anoamaa East, sincere appreciation to your advice and recommendations for the Government and the Cabinet. The House is now available for members who have not commented, we still have enough time.

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa: Mr Speaker I think we have no more comments, why don't we have the government responses now?

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Alataua, I fully understand that you are able, but do spare with me as there are still members who wish to speak given this very crucial part of our proceedings. Faasaleleaga No.3 has presented has now shown interest.

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I call on the Hon Taulagi, Liolefaga and Faleaana, Toleafoa and Tagata Matutua. It is about time the tootoulis of that side of the House should be upstanding given your long patience with our proceedings and its significance.

Do not take heed of Lealaipule and Papalii. Do rise, stretch your arms, stay focus and prepare to present your speech.

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

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI (Faasaleleaga No. 3): I dont intend to bother to the views of the two members. Thank you. This is the land of Tiafau. I firstly beg the pardon of the House, as we should all be grateful. Like the story of Filomemea, Tualogo and Sipilia have now heard. We are all growing weary as night is drawing near. All things have now fallen into place. The motion by Lualemana has been moved given our Main Budget.

First of all I beg the pardon of the dignified Samoa from highest level to the lowest, to the sacred place which stretches from Manua to Falealupo. I believe that based on Samoa's traditions and salutations, they have been well defined from beginning until today. The sacred customs of Samoa have been laid down.

With all due respect, His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, and the plentiful fishes laid beforehand. The dignified Tupu o Samoa, Aiga o Tupu, Aiga o Nofo, Aiga o Papa and Aiga na Tafaiifa. Le Usoga a Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga I le Tai and the Vaa o Fonoti, Faleupolu o Papa and Faleupolu o Tofiga.

To my brothers in the South and support of Tootoo and Tau Maopu, Faleagafulu and Manua, the Laau of Amotasi, Tootoo of Faleula and her retained declaration. The salutation of Samoa is forever inevitable, I further wish to acknowledge the church servants who continue to pray for spiritual blessings and uphold sole purpose for Samoa and its foundation, Samoa is founded on God. We depend on God for His blessings.

Hence is the view, let the fire alighting the tall grass not forget the presence of the Chief Justice, the class of judges and the stately Justice Department. And the presence of Oratory Chiefs in Heads of Ministries for this is Samoa's right hand.

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This day signifies different arrays to the sun and moon, the different star bright as the sea is not always calm. In the midst of rough and crashing waves, there is certainty that a boat can be found. I believe I should also acknowledge my constituency in case they think I have forgotten them and.....

Despite all, the dignified Taulagi, you are the only family lineage that is related to heaven, none other. Your dignity stretches from Siufaga and the Vai o le Alii, the presence of Sao Tofa and Aiga Sa Tofa, you Susu Sua are the Maopu as well as Usoalii and the offspring of Vaafusuaga, Tailatau and the Falefitu of Salemuliaga, Ogevasa, Taitaiai and Fagaoneone, those are your family homes.

So too is this side of Saasaai in the presence of Vaafusuaga, Tea and the dignity Usoalii, especially the authority of Leuu and Matua Fetalai Segi and the esteemed Salemuliaga. The Chief Toana has equal eyes spearheads, and no spear is.... Nonumalo, Hon Unasa, Tooala, Lefinealii and Sooaemalelagi which Faleaana, Salemuliaga and the Toafa is prideful of including Tagata o le Aava where I am from.

To my constituency, I wish to fill water to renew strength as I am nor wealthy nor complete. However, I shall try to address your requests upon receiving us welfare and Samoa listening in.

I firstly wish to acknowledge before addressing the budget as I feel that every water passage has an estuary.

I wish to convey appreciation to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. There is one from Saua and two from Matautu, we only have one Opposition Side which bears this inland road. Thank you, for you are the man. With the utmost spirit, I submit this to you and to the Prime Minister and government, why not set a schedule for the distribution of heavy machinery between constituencies right after Faasaleleaga No.3 instead of placing the contractors to various areas after each task. After our roads are undertaken they should progress after Savaii roads before proceeding to Upolu. Because there are inner cracks to some roads causing damage to the main ones given the incomplete work of our road contractors, proceeding work with other constituencies, nevertheless, I thank your Hon Minister for our access roads which is also required by the village of Saipipi. This leaves us with three more sub-villages of Sapini, Malae and Luua. I shall leave this matter beside you with empathy to your insufficient distribution.

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That is the issue with road inaccessibility, and streetlights unavailability given the unfortunate days at present as mentioned in the Bible, “Rough days leads us to disaster.” The coastal areas are unmanageable, more cyclones, homes are being affected and settlers need be relocated inland. Thus street light is a requirement along this area yet, I wish to commend the Hon Minister.

I now come before the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. A humble request from my constituency for your consideration, Faga village is situated across from Tuasivi and is like a deadend. Thus when crossing towards that side, most of Safotulafai would go through here whilst Tapueleele blocks our three combined villages. What say you your Honour, not presently but land must be made available further inland from Vaiaata for Saipipi, Saasaai and Faga. This can be so, given that agriculture is the heart of Samoa. I beg your pardon your Hon Minister; but I lay this issue beside you with due respect.

Your Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I request your assistance in constructing new school building for this constituency. When an earthquakes strikes, we are greatly affected, particularly Faga and Saasaai villages. When lightning strikes, children would swiftly run outside. These school building has not been built long given that EU...but given the weather conditions nowadays and the number of earthquakes, and the unpredictable weather condition reasons out this submission Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. That is the request of my constituency.

I now come to the Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Services. I am often at Tuasivi most of the times. Observing the overgrown grass along the pathway opposite the supermarket, this also involves the Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration. This coastal area is just terrible. Why not place some....there is one isolated building which accommodates most of the Savaii people and our fellow Usoga members who are attending court proceedings.

This opposite road features situates some of Savaii’s largest assets such as the Police Office, Hospital and the Justice office. Given Samoa’s third salutation, the Chief Justice and Court Judges, taking this into account, in specific the rough and rocky roads towards the court house.

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Such is the question, where are the hourly punishments for those culprits at Toese to weed the shrubs, for passersby including tourists who pass by Samoa Post, National Bank, Red Cross, Victim Support, the Justice Office and the hospital. It is not a pleasing sight, but Laupua should not teach Tamafaiga.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member; let's have the opportunity for the Minister as you have now made a mention of the Ministry.

I call on the Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Services.

Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati: I extend sincere appreciation to the member for raising one of the very important matters. By mentioning the road towards the Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration in Tuasivi where the Police Office is located. I thank the member for Faasaleleaga No.3. I take it that further improvement will be undertaken for this tomorrow with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: The concern of the member for Faasaleleaga No.3 has been resolved.

I call on the member to continue with his comments.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI: Thank you very much Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, a gentle answer turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger.

I now wish to mention Samoa traveling to and fro, the chiefs and nobles of Mulifanua and Salelologa but if you consider, I plea for a fence wire and proper lane to assemble vehicles travelling to and fro Mulifanua and Salelologa. I notice the rocky and watery conditions of these roads where you frequently use your Honour. A two meters fence wire must be set up around the cemented road for car queue given the several accidents that took place on this roadside area to Falelatai. I also wish to state a vehicle incident that drove a tourist into a hole next to the old Eveni store last week. The tourist was reversing its car whilst in a queue but instead drove into a hole which believed to be a non-operational telepHone cable. I am speaking on matters.....

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity shall be given to the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker it is good to assist in this matter but thank you for.....I have already consulted the Ports Authority for set plans to carry out a topographical survey for Mulifanua and Salelologa. There is also preparation for parking lot which no longer uses the Mulifanua main road but the inner land from the wharf. Further initiative for leased shops on the wharf allows for service accessibility to generate revenue for the Samoa Ports Authority but gratitude is extended for these improved areas. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you Hon Minister for your clarifying comments.

I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3 to resume.

Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI: Thank you your Hon Minister for your support but I caution you particularly the esteemed representatives of the nation specifically with what we experience and witness every day. No matter how beautiful a house looks in the bush, nobody wants to visit it, nonetheless these are the places the foreigners and tourists visit every day. This gate, nevertheless in case my fellow Minister thinks....is the entrance for shuttle buses into the, yet there is still a present view of pot holes buried with white sand and branching corals from the past have been washed out. During visitors arrival, this is one matter....I speak on the incident that occurred last week, which took out a tire whilst reversing and men were instructed to carry the tire into the owner's vehicle which happened to be a tourist. The incident occurred due to a manhole that is situated in most villages and the old Eveni store. This particular tourist can spread the message swiftly by word of mouth saying that Samoa is no good. I beg the House's pardon but this is why we install these long sticks for people's awareness of the holes.

Those are the concerns for travellers' safety but Salelologa is much better than Mulifanua given the lowly built ramp that has affected most vehicles. This is the normal process for the lowly produced vehicles where crew members had to lift out large tree branches, pardon the House but Salelologa is going well.

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These ongoing matters must be considered, given time and its happenings, I wish to congratulate your Hon members as this does not relate to one individual member only as in Lualemana's motion laid down in our Main Budget. My commendation and appreciation in the words of the Holy Bible, "people are high-ranking through hard work and not through faith".

To the Government, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, that is our burden as we sympathise with you, Samoa relies on respect and generosity...I will not talk long but these are a few....the Main Budget as if...no one considers or looks into these matters. Time has its events, the good and bad days, the happy and sad days, and there are also days of plentiful and days of famine. Whatever Proceedings we gain from this Supplementary Budget 2013/2014, I plea with great appreciation on your preparation, it was not easy and do not be upsetting for whoever grows weary becomes depressed, but those who accumulates wisdom also bears hatred because he does not sleep but reads every day, and anything received bears him anger and that is the reality of life.

I beg Samoa's pardon and its supporters listening in, this House Hon Prime Minister and the dignified members, I commend your patience and participation including the Leader and Deputy Leader of Opposition as well as to this side of the House your service for Samoa is not easy. Despite our urge, I take the heed of the Prime Minister on matters that should take first priority, expenditures and piled up debts is not important but what we can achieve as I believe this is the Prime Minister's main objective. The time is nearing for the world to pay their own for the benefit of the country.

I am satisfied with the service provided and the completed tasks because of your never-ending support. The old saying from the land search of Samoa goes like this, 'put aside your fears and carry out the task.'

These are the comments of Faasaleleaga No. 3 from the Aiga taulagi, this is the only family lineage that connects the heavens as mentioned by my fellow member with all due respect, may the House of Samoa be blessed. Your support Samoa, do give me your support as your servant speaks in this House, we remember the lessons learnt from the past and therefore give praise to our God forever.

Farewell and Blessings upon the Speaker, Heads of Ministries as well as the members of the House.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comments Hon member for Faasaleleaga No. 3. I believe the Chamber has heard like Tutuila and has been well received around Salafai, well done on your comments and viewpoints raised particularly your full recommendations presented for his Honorable Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

We now have time for another member who wishes to comment. If you desire I shall call out your name if we are to continue like this given the motion stated earlier this morning.

I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker I request with all due respect that if there are no more members, is it possible for us to have a second chance as we still have more submissions.

MR SPEAKER: You have disobeyed our meeting far too often now. I beg tolerance Faasaleleaga that whatever you have forgotten in your comments, may it be conveyed by the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, we have reached the number of members who wish to comment which provides an opportunity for the Cabinet to respond. If you have noticed, the Minister of Police and Prisons has been bothering me for quite a while in wanting to response so let us proceed with our Main Budget. There is the opportunity Mr Speaker you have the discretion for us to carry on with our meeting.

MR SPEAKER: I believe the Speaker will have to make a decision as members are slowly interacting to rise and make comments although it is difficult given our dignified relationship....

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

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I wish to note that there are ways to...our response is based on that side's comments. As noted, several members from that side have not yet comment as we have two more.

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MR SPEAKER: This is the main reason behind the Speaker's advise to the Hon Leader of Opposition and the Associate Ministers, they are fully satisfied with our Budget given that they do not bother. Hence, I ask your Honorable Deputy Leader and Leader of Opposition to present your comments before we proceed with our work today. That is the request with all due respect.

The esteemed member is now upstanding, the members' representative from that side, I call on the member for Faleata West. Do rise as the floor is now available for your comments.

Tofa LEALAI PULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West): Thank you Mr Speaker. I intended not to comment, but I am saddened by the comments of my fellow member which is 'being a little lacteous'. At this point in time, I firstly wish to extend gratitude to God for His mercy and love upon the small nation of Samoa. Now that we have made it this week, we are filled with social and economic blessings. I thank the support of the Hon Le Ao O le Malo, the dignified Samoa and church leaders. Thank you for your support.

I acknowledge the support of my constituency during Parliamentary Proceedings earlier in the week. I further pardon the Hon Speaker, I commend your patience and strength in steering our meeting. Pardon the dignified House of Samoa, the Hon Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet. Also, the Hon Leader of Opposition and his Party, I praise your patience. I wish to commend the Hon Prime Minister and your Cabinet, individual Minister, well done. Samoa's ranking status has already been appointed, those who will serve and lead the country. While we supervise and commend your well done efforts, otherwise we give advice, and if below unsatisfactory, we inform the country.

There are not many thoughts on the Main Budget, as we are part of the Revenue and Finance Committee. I convey sincere appreciation to the Hon Minister and the Ministry who is responsible for distributing our national funds. It is not easy. Based on what I see in this Main Budget's report, considering the low economic development status nowadays. Hence, the Main Budget seems to be in its conservative numbers or estimates. However, I believe we can retain and relook at the Supplementary by generating revenue to jumpstart the economy. It is not moving forward.

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On the same note, we can save funds by cutting down the unnecessary number of government employees. Most Ministries have employees in the top level leaving very few to do the job. All these areas must be re-considered to regain funds to establish other developments.

This is an ongoing issue we discuss every year and a continuous problem that Samoa encounters producing high cost of living and low job creation. In my view, we can remedy this problem. We can and the government is also trying her best. Hence I reemphasise once again my discussion towards these two Ministries, the Ministry of Agriculture and State Owned Enterprise SROS. I believe that these two divisions can greatly alleviate our dilemma. Because the reason we have low standard of living is because 90% of what we import is expensive. This is why we have low employment rates as there are no factories to create employment. But I believe that these two Ministries should work collaboratively together in coordinating a positive move in the future.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the member started his comments in erroneous and even until now, they are way beyond incorrect. The way it is put, we apart from this Ministry are the inside out of the House for information to encourage to push us forward with our work. What is happening now? The country has many views, and the people will always do as they wish. If goods were imported from overseas, that is the person's personal demand. What about our economic status? There is enough funds to place orders for our needs. Our programme has been laid out but the Ministry cannot implement them as the country is carrying them out. I am confused with what the member is commenting about. There is plenty cattle, pig and chicken farming, and I guess he does not own one nor a plantation. I do not know his intentions. Given that nowadays, we have several small operations and developments undertaken, but this does not avoid us from migrating abroad given that government allows free choice which enables us to import our products from overseas. We do not hinder the wants of our people. This is what we should be speaking about, to encourage us given the set out programs by the Ministry.

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The Ministry of Agriculture and SROS are encouraging our oil development which produces the diesel fuel. This also pushes for our margarine product and avocado oil. There is also the development of our own local-made flour.

I am of the opinion that these projects would come to fruition in the next ten years, and the world will accept these new kinds of produce. Do you wish for another opportunity to comment?

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Prime Minister. I call on the esteemed member to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: How many millions spent on imported chicken, flour and onions on a yearly basis. These items if produced in Samoa, it would greatly.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I give the opportunity to the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, we have a large local produce of eggs. This is a fact that the member is not aware of. There is a large supply of locally produced eggs in Samoa, when evening breaks, I will take you to see this increasing operational process to encouraging egg produce in the country. That is the trouble with you people; you go on TV too much then focusing on what our country is going through.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call upon the esteemed member to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: This is what I am saying, not only do we implement this, but these groups should also work together with the Government. If flour is produced, then a factory should be built. Work together with the private sector to....

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

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, other members of that Side have just spoken, hence we should leave other initiatives to the private sector to work on. Set plans are now in place, but we are awaiting the private sector to be consulted on this matter. Hence, we have had our own flour for a long time but consultations with overseas markets shows that more countries are aware of this local made flour produced from the breadfruit.

There is a certain ingredient found in the breadfruit that is not contained in the flour made from corn. Your Honorable Speaker, that is the current status of our development, not rise and immediately point the bad side of the development. There are several components contributed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the SROS Corporation.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I have not commented negatively on any of this since I gave my speech. I mean no harm.

MR SPEAKER: I beg forgiveness but I wish to continue when we return from our normal recess, let us have refreshments, you have just started and yet you are loud and running out of in only five minutes. I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be set aside for normal afternoon recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its evening afternoon recess at 4:46pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 5:15pm.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now resumed. I believe that our members have regained strength. Our meal earlier this morning was pawpaw cocoa (koko esi) from Salafai as Upolu is low in supply. In the evening we will have ofu o le faafaleolo, the pigs of Tiafau were taken and cooked by our staff for our afternoon course. The refreshment we just had was coconut biscuit (masi popo) made from flour as commented on by the member for Faleata West.

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I believe we are fully energised and relaxed and we shall continue until 7.00 in the evening. The staff of OCLA is working on preparing our next meal so do not worry about diabetes as mentioned by the Minister of Health. I speak on these complex issues as we endeavour to protect the wellbeing of the country.

During our recess, the Hon member for Faleata West was commenting. Resume your comments as opportunity is yours. I beg tolerance your Honour as I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister for his interjection.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker and the esteemed House, I rise due regards on this matter given yesterday's clarification, government will no longer take lightly unjustifiable views against this party. Anytime we hear the same issues, we cannot leave them aside but correct them.

The member's comments are clear. Firstly, the selection of candidates for a vacant job is falsely done as far too many are recruited and needs to be laid off.

Secondly, both the SROS and the Ministry of Agriculture are not doing their jobs. In opinion, the accusations are very harsh, and I am in replacement of the Minister of Agriculture and the Agriculture Corporation, Hon Le Mamea Ropati who is away and I stand on his behalf. The Minister of Agriculture is in Rome for the National Medals Awards International Ceremony which achieves the structural mechanisms for the Millennium Goal on Food Security, an objective set up by the government to ensure that citizens have sufficient food supplies. Samoa being the only individual Pacific nations to have achieved this standard or aim before due time in 2015, hence is the importance of this matter, however your baseless views which states that we are still importing consumable food products like eggs. In view, these accusations are completely wrong. The selection of employees in Ministries is a requirement and it takes a while for the Chief Executive Officers to consider them before submission to PSC. The PSC has qualified employees who has the general knowledge on roles executed by one employee to another. Not to mention, the Ministry of Finance has the sole knowledge of where these public funds will be allocated. This is why we need clarification and correction.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Your Honorable Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition as the Hon Prime Minister is making his clarification on the view posed by the member.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes, in making a wise suggestion your Honor, the Hon Prime Minister still has sufficient time to respond, considering you now have 6 minutes....

MR SPEAKER: To the Leader of Opposition, do not question my decision on top of the allocated times I give. The opportunity is given so that the member is able to understand the issues raised, and do note that members are allotted sufficient time in this meeting.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: During the member for Faleata West's time as Chief Executive Officer for the airport, I would normally manage and follow up on his work whilst Faumui was Minister, the work progress was excellent however there were hiccups along the way. What caused the problem? He held most of the responsibilities given the notion that he had not to waste too much funds. The member for Faleata West was unaware that expenditure can be regenerated to earn revenue. The matter is still beforehand and I shall not speak for the member of Gagaemauga No.2 who also submitted a report on the same issue. I speak from experience and so is the former Chief Executive Officer who is currently also speaking on it but on a different view. The PSC has already appointed appropriate employees for the Ministry.

With regards to the matter on consumable products Mr Speaker, we cannot avoid people from their demands as some want to consume imported products. Even though they are informed of the locally made egg supply, they still insist on imported eggs from abroad. Chinese oranges are in season now and if you are attending a wedding your will discover none of this Chinese orange supply. Majority of taro and banana chips supplies were in stock but there is still high demand for imported chips products.

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Your Honorable Mr Speaker, isn't this where we measure the outcome, this indicates sufficient economic development of our people considering their demands and supplies. Consider the cattle livestock development we have now, the sheep development is also growing but what does our people want? Such states the speech that was given in yesterday and this morning demanding more cattle supplies when we have some already, and we can hold a program on importing new and fresh cattle supplies from abroad to crossbreed and improve our local cattle supplies. That is how our program works, if you have plenty cattle supplies, you should sell some and purchase one, two or more from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Some have been able to conduct this thus I am telling you now, we are still continuing this program, if you have an increasing number of cows and are running short of green grass, sell the cattle to the Ministry where they can be allocated to other people in need, despite all, cattle supply is still growing in the country. This is why people seek cattle farming due to family obligations, why? There is plenty cattle supply. Why is this your Honorable Mr Speaker, due to the Ministry of Agriculture set out programmes, there is an increasing number of taro supplies. Where do these taros come from? It comes from the research programmes carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, but the underlying problem is our members, we tend to jump to conclusion and criticise the Ministry and SROS when they have a lot to achieve. No matter how hard you criticise and put this country down, there are two factual reasons which proves that you are wrong, we are entering the developing economic country standard. Secondly, people taken abroad for treatment due to diseases like diabetes and deadly illnesses reflects similar health conditions to those living in developing countries.

Mr Speaker, no matter where our viewpoints and expressions takes us but these two facts remains and should be argued about given the nature of diseases which is found in developing economic countries and given that they have stable economic growth, people have the freewill to choose whatever food they like leading them to these diseases. Secondly, the United Nations has made it official that Samoa is no longer a least developed country but a developing economic country.

Mr Speaker, that is my correction on the comments made by the member earlier this morning given that he started his comments at false and during my interjection, they were still wrong.

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Thus if you have further comments do divert your attention from the Ministry of Agriculture in case you make further mistakes and whilst my notebook is filled with other matters, I shall await your concerns.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your clarifying comments Hon Prime Minister, I believe that the member has fully understood.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you your Honour, thank you also for the refreshments which has regained our strength. Since the Prime Minister stated that my comments are wrong, I shall repeat my speech again with amendments.

Your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure I congratulate your efforts for you are one of the young and active Ministers. I wish to remind you about the water problem at Falelauniu where people are thirsty and I hear that the water drilling is complete hence I plea that this matter be taken care of specially the issue on the connecting road from Falelauniu to Aleisa.

This road needs accessibility similarly to the road at Toamua, I plea that these roads be taken into consideration.

I thank the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture for provision of school chairs and desks for school buildings at Vaiusu and Vaitele particularly the roads alongside this area. I thank you for your assistance and support in these matters which we discussed.

Your Honour, I only wish to make a mention of Lealailepule's statement on accusing the Ministry which is untrue according to Parliamentary records, Lealailepule has no such intention. My statements supported the creation of job opportunities and reduction of good supply or imported goods from overseas, but rather produce our own products locally. That is what SROS did, hence is why we should work together using Samoa's own local resources to produce goods and items in substitution to overseas goods, save funds and create employment opportunities for our people. The Ministry of Agriculture has plentiful taro crop but is seeking other means for taro to be used. I commend the annual display of banana crop. I speak on meat from cattle, sheep, chicken and ducks every year and if you consider – we have come to the third year of our Parliamentary Term and yet the slaughter house is still not happening which is something that should be done.

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The matter with public servants, that is my true observation, I don't intend to ruin anyone but appropriate action for a set organisation structure, job descriptions and set number of employee staff must be considered for each Ministry.....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the set system is appropriate. The matter of the problem is due to less time spent with the staff instead of the overall objective of the issue. You are only looking at the small picture instead of the bigger picture. That is the recommendation to you, next time do consider sitting in your offices and observe the working process of your staff and then you will notice that they too have busy schedule.

I thought that things have changed, in the past, during my working time, I used to get calls from – I speak for the years 1970 to 1980. When the Finance Committee holds their meetings, they usually call me in whenever required. Sometimes they would call me at 10 in the evening. Other times they would either call me on Fridays or Saturdays at 9.00 in the evening.

I would turn up on the specified time. Upon my arrival, I find only one Committee member in attendance, then I hear whispers as if they do not want me to hear, but they were calling the Chairman at RSA, “Can you see if our Chairman is there? After they call RSA they call Mount Vaea, and here I was arriving at 8.00pm and had to wait until 11.00pm. Then I would say, I am going home if there is no more members’ attending, please do not call me again to come, and then I thought that change would take place.

What I learn from government heads and employees talks, the heads are usually very busy hence is why whenever we call them they would arrive when there is lack in the quorum and they would arrive and waste their time as they are numbered 2 and 3. The work that you do is very important. If Heads of government Ministries are called, do take into consideration that your number is also met to avoid the nonsense because if are quick to instruct your staff then so shall it be with us and this is becoming an oversight within our Parliamentary Committee circle.

Mr Speaker that is the reply to the comment of the member.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you, the Chairman and HRPP Committee are present, and behind the Hon Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Finance Committee, this is exactly where I can obtain answers but I will not go there your Honour.

Thank you Hon Minister of Revenue.....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker this is exactly why I raised this matter for further understanding, a sitting cannot take place if we only have the chairman and a Committee meeting cannot take place if all select members are not present. This is why I stand as it is unfortunate that your comments are regressing, it may seem light but the standard of our deliberations are noted by the public.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, do move to the next matter while you have enough time.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Your Hon Minister of Revenue, congratulations to your Ministry for collecting our revenue, but do take note of the business opening hours especially those that cater for tourists, there is still contradiction between the law and these people that by 10:00pm police officers are there to shut down all night clubs, instead just before I go home, I view that women are still playing bingo which finishes at 12.00 midnight nonetheless I commend your work but still have a look into these matters.

I now come to the matter of interest rates Mr Speaker on interest rates. First of all I wish to thank the Minister of Finance for lowering the interest rates particularly for the business operators who are recovering from the Cyclone, 3% is the lowest interest rate ever since I lived in Samoa, if only other businesses were eligible. In the meantime, I wish to congratulate the Central Bank for releasing these funds to assist our people, businesses as well as individual homes of affected citizens. I also wish to praise UTOS in lowering their interest rates in competition with the Commercial Bank which is very crucial for all bank institutions.

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I speak greatly on the NPF, not pointing any shortcomings in their service, but majority of the country is grateful to NPF for assisting greatly with endorsing personal loans to cater for family obligations, children's' education. Hence there should be an avenue your Honour to lowering interest rates of 9.5% which can be done given that the people's fund can be generated.

Notwithstanding this, but the Development Bank, it seems that much of this fund is from NPF where 8% is generated. This means that 11% to 12% interest is allocated money borrowed by farmers and business operators. Those are the matters your Honour.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, as the opportunity is given to the Hon Minister of Finance who also oversee the NPF, do rise.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Minister of Finance): Mr Speaker, I do not wish to interfere with the lovely comments of the esteemed member. NPF is obligated to its shareholders where they receive a yearly dividend of 7%; NPF also added another 4% to the shareholders after Cyclone Evan.

Hence is the intention, if Parliament and the public is listening in, we have 7% dividend, and if 9 ½% or 10% interest rate is charged for borrowing then only 3 or 2 ½ % is used to cover their administrative cost, that is the standard fund used for generating NPF financial operations so that shareholders receive their dividends every year, with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, thank you for your comments Hon Minister of Finance. I call on the esteemed member to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I believe your Honour that there is an obligation that does not remain to 7% borrowing rate. I feel that this must be reconsidered for the welfare of our people, if the borrowing rate was dropped to 4% for small loans, this can still be used by our people but use large commercial loans to generate more earning.

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SBEC is one such establishment that has greatly benefited a number of people including the New Zealand Aid particularly those operated under small business enterprises which must be continued to give...government priority should go towards small business developments, whilst these operators obtains assistance from their personal loans. I was confused one time with SBEC and SPDP or whatever name they call it, but those sectors had very high borrowing rate as rightfully noted by the old women from my constituency who would loan money from these sectors to pay off their loans and top up another, and this is no longer a loan scheme which does not really benefit both parties. However, I am grateful to SBEC for its assistance and its continuous efforts in implementing this very vital service.

Your Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology the constant matter on internet access as raised by other members presses ways to expensive services.

I am very disappointed with this matter every year and consultations held with respective Ministries who regulate these services and end up getting no answers to assist with the costs of these operational developments. We should also look at the Main Budget where millions and millions of funds are used to pay for these internet services, as one issues faced by hotel owners is the costly internet access charges.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, please rise.

Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau: Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I believe I should make clarification given the many attempts made upon this very matter and towards the Regulator. As the House is aware that this Act protects internet, it has not been long since this service provider came to use, as of the current, the internet access is purchased by four companies through one company. If you look closely below the Act, there are specific provisions that should be met before the internet costing is settled, which has not been implemented in the beginning. Five or six competitors have just entered the game and must comply with the set provisions of the Act by the Regulator.

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Our aim is towards the increasing number of internet users because this is the set policy for internet providers, the less number of users the more expensive it becomes and we do not have that much population as our regulator should be cautious on statements made to internet service providers, otherwise he/she is bounded by the law. By viewing the Act, it is not easy for the Regulator to use his/her authority, but my Ministry is now working until April, such you will find the dropping prices of telePHone services, why? This is a due to the regulator's full operation arrangement as well as set serviced telePHone lines stipulated in the Act. The connecting fee was previously 17.7 sene and is now 13sene, and this is impossible for the Regulator to carry out if there is no company competition.

This initiative is now set but will now progress towards the retailing process which involves internet set up. Hence I plea for your patience as the work of the Regulator has just begun given the recent submitted provisions in the Act which has enable the Regulator to perform the given tasks that were not regulated by law.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, thank you for your clear clarification Hon Minister. I call on the esteemed member.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: What's happening now your Honorable Minister, as noted that until there is increasing number of internet users, then the price is lowered. The truth of the matter is; these technical advisers are not working towards building up the number for internet users as profit is generated and earned from other governmental businesses which is enough. How can there be many users when most cannot afford it? I have internet access for a month and if I don't pay the fee, it is cut off, I know that 90% of households cannot afford it. I believe that no work has been done, otherwise.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the esteemed member, I feel that we clearly understand the clarification made by the upstanding Minister, nonetheless I still give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

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Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau: Thank you Mr Speaker, in caution to the raising matter, the gentleman who is currently undertaking the task is bounded by the current law, hence the man breaches the law if he does as you demand which is lowering the cost of internet access so that...we are almost there. This is not about the man but the development of this industry which has just grown and cannot be executed unless you are able to determine its strengths and weaknesses before a decision is made. Those are the provisions stipulated under the law and as stated in the beginning, there is still effort to put this in place. Another objective is the instalment of a new cable that can cater for all at a lower cost.

MR SPEAKER: Well done.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I shall move away Sir.

MR SPEAKER: I agree member for Faleata West, the Government has responded.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you. The services concerning TV and Radio your Honour, is one such area that the Ministry should focus on as rural villages and settlers who are able receive this service as the Hon Minister rightfully knows based on these universal studies that everyone should have access to TV broadcasting given government's obligation on how it is used for future reference. I now come before.....

Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Let me give the opportunity to the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau: Mr Speaker, that is the main purpose behind this initiative as raised by three members in the House. We attempt to execute all tasks to the best of our abilities. If you notice, this cannot be so as you are aware most of the TV stations are no longer government-owned. We also cannot give them direct instructions pertaining to a method which cannot be fixed by the Ministry.

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What is that single method? Cut off 95% and have the license removed before fixing say 5% of the country's population is without coverage hence, how is this correct? That is the problem we face now but I have already written to the TV main office two weeks ago for some assistance and support in this matter. And now you notice we make the final decision and this decision comes with complications, taking into consideration ourselves as mentioned that 10% or less of the country does not have television coverage and if we are to decide given this 10%, then what about the other 90%. That is the issue here but your comments are correct.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that the Hon Minister is making a note of this matter.

I call upon the member for Faleata West to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you I don't intend to cut off television broadcasting but was after government's infrastructure and the responsible people for it? Someone has to provide this service and provide costs as rightfully known by the Hon Minister given past research and investigation so that other parts of the country receive this service. I now come to the PFL Company, I am sure that it has been seven or eight months since.....

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

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: By viewing the Main Budget, there are no funds allocated for PFL. There is no allocated fund I think you should speak directly about the Main Budget instead of unnecessary matters that does not involve the Budget.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Faleata West to continue with his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I now know that the Deputy Prime Minister requires training on our Parliamentary proceeding procedures particularly on general comments.

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This is also not on TV Samoa nor on internet and members have the discretion on what to speak about.

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

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, have a look at the House's Standing Orders on general deliberations made towards the Main Budget. You cannot just comment generally but follow the Standing Orders wherea for PFL, look at the Standing Orders before you submit questions for oral answers to the Speaker as per normal procedure if time permits tomorrow. That is the procedure.

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

MR SPEAKER: What do you wish to understand about.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The statement made on PFL's is not covered in the Main Budget's report but is covered in last year's budget and will be undertaken this year. This is national expenditure. I do not know why the Deputy Prime Minister is worried. I guess he is worried in case the country is aware of the comments made against PFL.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of Opposition for your comments are now clear.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker we are discussing the 2013/2014 Main Budget as the 2012/2013 Main Budget has already been deliberated.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, We have similar understanding upon the PFL matter. But I will move on to the next matter as I am sure there is a hidden fact about PFL given the many refusals.

I shall comment on SPA Mr Speaker.

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MR SPEAKER: In correcting our Parliamentary proceeding records, no one is allowed to respond to the PFL matters but the respective Minister for PFL. Thus you should consider the responses submitted accordingly other than the overall responses by government.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: The thoughts meant to be given were to assist as our government is now committed whilst the negative remarks made intends for my decision to be left aside and commit bankruptcy against this matter. Then I come to SPA Mr Speaker.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker PFL is not bankrupt, as there are no documents, reports or any news that it is bankrupt. It has not been mentioned before the House or announced through the media. As PFL is open to any who wishes to observe it, it is in Matautu.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition as opportunity is given to the Government to conclude their responses.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the Minister has already answered the question so you have no....that is the situation when the response is given that is it. But PFL is doing well and is not bankrupt. So why do you worry when you have no knowledge on shipping services. What recommendation can you provide? PFL is 100% excellent. We have also given you the explanation about PFL in our previous sitting. Hence you should not fear nor give advice as it will only bring mistakes.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition as the submission for the member of Faleata West has reached NPF.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I will now move away from PFBroke, PFL. I beg tolerance to the Hon Leader to have a rest.

Mr Speaker, I now come to SPA, I wish to assist this development. 90% of what we have is pertaining to the wharf.

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The wharf requires upgrading which can accommodate the tasks of the current Chief Executive Officer, considering its debt accumulation in which government must consider, nonetheless gratitude is extended for the fund allocation provided for this major development. I fully support the wharf development given its huge contribution to our economic development. There are land lease allocation, the first land lease was given to the Manager of Tanoa Hotel which must be reviewed if implementation is delayed....and these land lease must be returned to SPA to be used for other developmental projects. I recommend the Hon Minister to relook into this matter. The current lease operates the Marina club which is the main issue. The Chief Executive Officer and Board must review this matter as the lease is of major concern. You are aware it and I don't need to explain it. Thank goodness for the increase in port fees...

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

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: The Government is aware that there is no mistake in the lease and commented to view and find the error in the lease. We are confused as to what error is required out of this lease.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, I have not mentioned any names concerning the land lease which SPA and Minister knows, now that the Deputy Prime Minister has spoken, does this mean that this is your lease? Isn't this correct? Is this is your Honour's lease?

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Faleata West.....

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: This is not my lease, but I could sense something strange behind your motive. The main being is because it seems that there is a gap with the lease when there is not, which is why I asked if there was a problem?

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you but like I said I totalled the whole lease and will now move on.

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Faleata West as the opportunity is given to the Minister for Ports Authority.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker I wish to quickly respond to the issue on hand. By consideration, these comments are based on developments set on the port for tourism attraction and the like.

Similar purpose is intended for the wharves in Salelologa and Mulifanua which can cater for business operations and service availability. So too is similar provision for Satitua and Asau wharves.

These developments are very important with contributing efforts by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Office because in view of the fishing crew, fishing boats requires upgrading for better developmental standard. Hence there is a slipway but larger fishing vessels are a requirement with better services provided. On more positive note, this can attract foreign investors in the presence of civil aviation and port services in place for Savaii and Aleipata. Hence set plans are already in place to attract these investors for the country's development as well as job creation opportunities.

With all due respect.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of clarification given the importance of the matter addressed by the Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister. The lease as recommended by this side based on our understanding belongs to the Deputy Prime Minister, that is why we are advising that we want.....

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: That is the main reason, the lease.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Hon Leader of Opposition and the Hon Deputy Prime Minister as the concern raised by member for Faleata West has already been answered involving land lease accusations which states that they are incorrect. Does this mean that the land lease committed an offence? The Hon Prime Minister has clarified set conditions on the lease arrangement which you...and this is not a hidden agenda, the whole of Samoa is well aware of the Deputy Prime Minister's implications on this matter.

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The respective Minister for the Authority has affirmed that nothing is wrong with the lease. Who are we after here? Your reply presented herewith is similar to the person who is managing the Ministry.

I beg tolerance to the member for Faleata West but let us move on to another matter as government responses have already been presented.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker I will move away from this issue but submitted recommendations are useful and ought to be well taken.

I now come to EPC; I thank government efforts in setting forward these major developmental plans. I place no comments on the constant power outage given the attempt to improve the services. The only recommendation to the Hon Minister of Works is whether you have considered international electrician specialists in Japan to work with us for two years in ensuring that our operation are well maintained given the high power cost.

Furthermore, there are other interested companies in supplying renewable energy that the Finance Committee knows and the limited funding available for EPC. But if they come, open opportunity is provided for them to generate their currency in this operation.

Mr Speaker I now come to the Health sector.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity is given once again to the Minister of Ports to respond once more.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the matter regarding renewable energy has....there are no other businesses as the expression of interest for companies to supply renewable solar energy has been advertised. This means that the Corporation is active and is not sitting around as I stated before, Samoa is the first country to receive grant from Japan through the Pacific Secretary. This means that everything has been implemented. Hence there is nothing to worry about as the Corporation is now working on collecting tender proposals from companies according to government set policies and principles.

With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call upon the member for Faleata West to continue with his comments. You have five minutes left.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you for explaining this matter Hon Minister.....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, recalling from four to five years ago there was a Bill that repealed EPC's authority to become the sole power source energy provider. An open opportunity was provided, but there were other companies besides Solar Companies which showed interest in bio-fuel.

Unfortunately most of these companies have disappeared. Some have submitted numerous applications. I wrote to them about their bank account information and have the Committee investigate them to see if they truly have money. So instead of obtaining a letter of reply, I hear this is being circulated around government departments but they cannot endorse it because I will step on them with my two feet once this reaches Cabinet. This is one check set out in our government policies to catch the conmen from getting away with this.

This is government's normal procedure similar to other governments. The reason for this upbringing is due to your loud commotion which is just too loud. I do not criticise when I say – you are now doing what we did, which is government's set out plans from long ago, but what's happening now is that you are just making too much noise about it.

MR SPEAKER: The member has five more minutes.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Have mercy on the old man who is too loud, but this is just advise for your Hon Minister, but I thank you on this regard...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The problem with your recommendations put forward is four years early since completion, do you get it. Before you provide recommendations – that is why we presented our bill four years ago to repeal the authority of EPC as sole power energy provider to prepare us forward. I shall reiterate once more, stop being too loud.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: That's fine, what I'm saying is for open opportunity as you rightfully take from the past, rights and authority is now open.....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoti: This is exactly my point for open opportunity long implemented in the past.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to rise with a calm tone and conclude your comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I am attempting to wake up.....

MR SPEAKER: The member has 3 minutes left.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: It was a concern for me to bring Health into discussion in the beginning for it will take up my time, but the matters raised by the Minister on diabetes raises clearer clarification by Mulitalo in his former years as Minister of Health then this doctor. I convey appreciation to the recent health program on preventing contagious diseases from spreading.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, I wish to direct the attention of the member to Standing Orders 77, he is breaching an order which is what I am reading.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to conclude with your comments as your time is up.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you for your input and the Ministry's efforts in providing us an insight on these diseases specifically for the men.

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With hospital service fees, if cost of living rises, the same applies to resources and service provided. If the price rises by \$10, this can subsidise the private sector, with \$10 government compensation to 100,000 people, this adds up to \$1million a year to remedy the problem.

Turkey tails are only permitted into the country with an imposed tariff of 300% to complicate.....

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, the matter was raised before and the member has been clarified as pressed forward by the private sector to better the service as the Ministry of Health is working closely with the Private Sector under the Private Doctors Association in running the Outpatient Unit. The Private Doctors Association are also overseeing the Public Health Clinics on a contractual basis.

With health improvement services, that is the main objective for a newly constructed hospital. And as mentioned previously, the current CT scan we use has only one slice, whereas 16 slices will be used in the new hospital. There is a vast difference in the service set for the new hospital. This includes views and concerns that should be raised in Parliament, however they are incomplete.

As for service upgrading, clarifications was provided to the member for Vaisigano who commented on sick children. The member commented twice on the same issue, otherwise I told him that the Ministry will look into it. The intention is to provide free medical care for children ranging from birth to five years....

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, the Minister has responded to the query on sick children however the member who raised it is not present. The previous plan by the Ministry provided free medical care for newborns to three years old. As of the current, the Ministry's reviewed plan for free health care caters for newborn babies to 15 years old.

Pregnant women are also provided free healthcare. This service has been in consultations for quite some time including non-communicable diseases or chronic diseases include high blood pressure, cancer, diabetes and kidney failure all obtain free medical care. Free healthcare services have long been practiced until today.

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Similarly, the old-aged pensioners also receive free medical treatment and medicine the same with the victims who are diagnosed with diseases like tuberculosis, cancer, orthopaedic conditions caused by germs, heart diseases all receive free medicine supply and free surgery. All these services will be available after the new hospital establishment.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that the Faleata West member ought to conclude his comments.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Imported turkey tails are once again permitted with 300% import duty. Mind you the price of turkey tails in Tutuila is US\$10 or US\$20 and when they come in boxes of three to four and it should not reach 300%, nonetheless at least they are permitted.

Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo: Mr Speaker, there is a missing aspect in the comments of the member. Despite the fact that we are now given permission, yet there are conditions stipulated in the regulation which prohibits the sales of these food item, reference to the statement “is for personal consumption” relates to private consumption that can cause you to get sick and die. That is the aim of the regulation to prohibit local stores from selling turkey tails.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: The matter presses concern as if we do not understand – we all know that sales of this food item is prohibited but what we are talking about is the \$500 travel allowance for the person who gets in with a box of turkey tail and does not pay the 300% import duty, thus defeating the purpose of raising a 300% tariff on turkey tails. If we want to set a limit amount to imported turkey tails, then we must reset the fee to 1000% or 2000% before obtaining the total average.....

MR SPEAKER: I fully get your views member for Faleata West, I urge that your time is up.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I now conclude my comments, thank you Hon Prime Minister for the SIDS Conference that we will be hosting next year.

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Everyone is talking about the importance of this meeting and is a chance for us to market and promote our country given the significant number of people that will be attending. We must render our full support in beautifying and supplying our local products, particularly our local handicraft so that comes next year, we do not run out of stock and supplies for our visitors. We should stay alert and be well prepared.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is the only nice comment the member has presented. There are developments that cannot be undertaken at this point in time, and fund is available to build the waterfront development around Matautu coastal area. Finding black sand accumulations from cyclone Evan results from our diggers, nevertheless we are developing a new setting for this black sand along this shoreline. Even so, the huge bay the empty hole pardon me behind the Government building, this will be converted into a tourism beach attraction. Hence the black sand is situated next to the white sand beach, brown and green, and if our proceedings prolongs, we shall take a break and go for a swim and sunbathing in the shores.

That is the plan that will be undertaken next year, and planning the seafront area will be a great contribution to the beautification of the country so that our visitors are able to visit the township area, the Parliamentary complex and hear the Opposition Side.

Mr Speaker, that is my final rise as your comments have been just right.

MR SPEAKER: Hon member for Faleata West, the Prime Minister has declared plainly in his comments. Do not worry as the Leader of Opposition will grant you a lease for this waterfront site construction. Do not be concerned with the marina which already provides a pleasant view, but do conclude with your comments. I beg tolerance but you must conclude your comments in respect to our proceedings.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you your Honour for managing our Parliamentary Proceedings today. Thank you also to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers. We are only giving advise, if acceptable, good otherwise try again some other time. This is similar to beef soup, eat only the meat and get rid of the bones.

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Your Hon Minister of Finance, thank you very much. The motive behind this issue was due to a pen. I got a pen from the member for Faasaleleaga No.4 in which the Leader of Opposition and the member for Gagaemauga No.2 is jealous of.

The pen was used to sign the loan for the 15 storey building in town. Thank you to the member for Faasaleleaga No.4 now that the pen is mentioned, your promotion is now official.

SPEAKER: Well, because your name is now mentioned. I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No.4.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker, I did not intend to stand. But I feel that this particular matter made the Leader of Opposition jealous of me, the building does not have 15 levels but 35 which I gave my signature to in China. That is the intention. The Minister and his Ministry have long ago chosen an experienced representative. That is why I was selected to go. But who will supervise these major developments? I have an international license. Even Apollo in heaven.

Tofa LEALALEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you for this is the only person who knows apollo. As heard earlier this morning, he stated that Jesus is the Prime Minister. Since growing up the question was, ‘Who is your Saviour?’ ‘Jesus.’ Otherwise it does not say, who is the Prime Minister? And the answer is Jesus. Tuilaepa is the Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Fasaleleaga No. 1

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker, like I said, if the Prime Minister was chosen by God, then He also chose the Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I beg your tolerance tot he member, I will repeat again. Leave this aside as you have already provided your comments, I know you do not go to church and yet your preaching about the bible and I did not interject.

I call the member for Faleata West to conclude his comments.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, I convey my congratulations on your patience and courage. To the dignitary of Samoa listening in, the House, if the language used sounded offensive to thy ears, I beg your pardon thus do forgive your servant and the esteemed members. This also includes the Chief Executive Officers gathered here, I congratulate you, as well as this side and the Hon Leader of Opposition, may the Assembly of Samoa be blessed.

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I believe the dignified comments of Tumua ma Pule is complete, hence let us now move on to the Hounorable pastor. The pastor should have risen to comment long ago during the debate between the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4 and member for Faleata West.

I call on the member for Aiga i le Tai, you now have the opportunity, to be followed by another pastor of the country, Vaa o Fonoti.

Afioga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I think that it is time for us to rest otherwise the member for Aiga i le Tai will now try and comment. Thank you for the opportunity. The House of Tiafau is made up of orators, paramounts chiefs and kings, in the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and your Cabinet, as well as the Legislative Assembly of Samoa with all the esteemed members present, the dignitary members seated in the sacred fields of Samoa, I greet you all.

I wish to greet His Excellence and Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, the Chief Justice and the Ministry of Justice, Administration and Court. The Heads of all Government Ministries and your support, thank you.

Mr Speaker, I note that this session's main aim is to discuss the 2013/2014 Main Budget. Hence, I will come to it some time, but I wish to use this opportunity to greet my constituency. It is now two and half years for this Parliamentary term. Thank you.

Salutations to my constituency, I wish to greet Luatimu in Faleu, the field where the foundation and origins of our Christian belief was established, the origins of where traditional exchanges took place, the presence of Leiataualesa and the Sa Leiataua Family.

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Your Honour Futi and Sa Mutimuti with Vaisagote, greetings. The esteemed Malaetoi in the presence of Leiataualesa and Sa Leiataua Family, the falelima the offspring of Sapapa, the orator Vai and faletolu, Greetings. Salutations to Atiga in the presence of Taupau and the Sa Taupau Family, salutations Falemaii in the presence of Mulipola and Sa Mulipola lineage, the sitting of orator Auapaau and Falefa of Salua and Satuilaigi. I also greet Ana of Maile through Luatutu and the Sa Luatutu Family, salutations to Fogamanono and the House of Tuilaepa the offspring of Malietoa, the presence of Usoalii and elder Finau and the esteemed Pologama.

I pay respect to the dignified Lalotao through the presence of Sau and Sa Sau ancestry, the presence of Lilo and Tiumaivao and the esteemed Sauma. Greetings. I wish to greet my village, the presence of Malietoa's offspring, the presence of the esteemed Faaaloaloga and Moananu, Taulapapa and Tauti. I also greet the Fauilefau lineage and Pouli, the presence of the Faaaloaloga and the esteemed Fuailefau Lote Naseri, Fauilefau and Puli.

I also greet my Usoalii family, in the presence of Togiaivaimoa and the entire family. I wish to greet the sitting of Falute and Maoso, Fatei and your family, the dignitary Lautinalaulelei and the presence of Mulipola and Taupau and your respective families. I also greet the esteemed Tuua the father of Lautolo and faleupolu.

Mr Speaker, I also wish to greet all church ministers and their spouses. I cannot forget the Father of this Congregation Lui Sanele, our Minister Reverend Lolesia and Malina, thank you for your support.

Then I come to presenting our submission starting with the Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Services. Thank you to the Hon Minister and the services of the Ministry of Police. I wish to comment on the work undertaken at Faleolo. I entreat the Hon Minister that there aren't enough vehicles in our area.

I greet the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I plead Hon Minister.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member speaking but I now give the opportunity to...What is it Alataua?

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Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiatuaalesa: Mr Speaker, I don't intend to interfere with the comments of the esteemed member, but I am covetous of the House's Standing Orders, we are reading ten pages.

MR SPEAKER: I am only keeping records, but the message by Aiga i le Tai is accurate.

Afioga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Mr Speaker, I know the number is uneducated. These are points or pin points Alataua.

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiatuaalesa: Mr Speaker, if you were to look at these 10 small pages, that is the basis of my speech. He should know given that this is his second year in Parliament, he should be well versed. All the members along this side read their speeches except for the member for Falelatai and Samatau.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the speaking member and Tumua and Pule who is posing interruptions, the Minister has just started speaking.

Afioga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: I see that a Marist member is upsetting another Marist for the member speaking is another Manono. I acknowledge the work undertaken by the Minister of Works. I only wish to remind my fellow member of Falelatai and Samatau the gap between Salua and Sualo. I have received positive news about the tendering process and government undertakings will be in the process. Thank you.

Thank you for the soon to be undertaken plans on inland road. I also wish to tell your Honour that all roads in Mulifanua, Apolima and Satuimalufilufi and on the other side of Apolima and other parts as presented by the member for Aana No.3, no tar has been built since the beginning of my village and constituency.

Thus, all these roads leads to schools, there is another access road to the primary school in Mulifanua, and another one to Satui including the College at Aana No.2 in Apolima. Those are my submissions respective to roads your Honour and your Ministry, but I am sure you are aware of the set plans for these undertakings. I also believe that we are not the only constituency with submissions, whatever your priorities are is that.

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I also entreat your Hon Minister on matters discussed concerning our ports, there is one in Apolima further inland during our visitation which took place after cyclone Evan. As known, a wharf needs to be in place. This is also the residence of our church Minister and his wife and Apolima village. So is Manono, I commented on this since the start to deepen the surrounding area and have received assuring news from the Head of SPA under your supervision your Hon Minister, our current resources is almost set. That is all that I wish to say your Honour. I convey sincere gratitude for the achieved works done for my constituency.

To the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, thank you for your response once again, this is only a reminder but a letter pertaining to the seawall has already been presented. You've already visited the area and noted very few houses, and for your information this is the Aiga i le Tai constituent, as often mentioned by other senior members, which brings me to say, that our backyard locates the Estate whilst the ocean view overlooks our front yard. Hence, a total of about 10 households settle alongside the coastal area, hence seawall construction of 600 meters or less can be undertaken if set plans go well. That is the request with all due respect.

I also submit a request concerning our previous site visits through our land that was given by our Government for the village in Mulifanua as well as Apolima and Manono, I plea for spare land for this village. We still supply fish at the market, but need land to plant our plantation and such. That is all I wish to say to your Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

To the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, thank you your Honour for your insight on our primary school rugby field. This is the central sports field for all games if the constituents of Falelatai and Samatau are listening in. Even with the name change of the Aiga i le Tai Rugby Union to Aana West, in the attempt to bring together all children of our constituency. The same goes to the college of the two constituents which is now combined, do please keep in mind.

The established plans of the village chiefs pursuant to land lease states an additional four acres granted to the school. Then I recall, please your Hon Minister the land lease donated to the school is quite big compared to the small one allocated for our village.

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Do consider some of these aforementioned plans given that government's main aim to prioritise our children's education.

Thank you to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. The advise of the member for Aiga I le Tai, do consider the set disciplinary action policy for disciplining school children - do note it in depth. I too have heard of this, any minor matter performed by a teacher is brought to the office's attention and can lead to their resignation and instead take up another job. Thus with respect to this specific policy of hitting school children at school, this must be taken into deep consideration by the Ministry and yourself Hon Minister.

I now come to the Minister of Tourism, thank you for using up our land at the village. We do not have any intentions to reject the tourism developmental plans set out in our village as it generates good earning for our country. Now if four casinos can be set up in the village, we do not object for it creates employment opportunities for the people of our constituency.

I conclude my comments with the Minister of Finance and today's proceedings as this is the main agenda of our meeting. Thank you to the CEO and the Ministry of Finance for preparing this pleasing report. Only those who understand the given figures, revenue, expenditures and such approves of this Main Budget report. Only this I recommend upon your Hon Minister and the Ministry Head, COEs or performance based on achieving targets are taken. Public enterprises should note and lighten Government's burden.

These are my comments with all due respect. The same goes to your Honorable Speaker, thank you for my opportunity. Thank you also to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Leader and Deputy Leader of Opposition and members of that side.

May this Parliament and this Meeting be blessed, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you member for Aiga i le Tai for your comments. I believe that the comments by Tumua and Pule are now completed. Up next is Vaa o Fonoti as they seat right next to each other.

I call upon the Hon member.

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Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti):
Thank you Mr Speaker. In the presence of the Hon Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, and the dignified Cabinet, as well as the Hon Associate Ministers especially the Hon Leader of Opposition and that Side of the House.

I also wish to acknowledge the support of Samoa beginning from top to young, the support of our Holy Servants of God, the various church denominations who are praying day and night for the benefit of our country.

I also wish to touch on my constituency as there are two more Main Budgets before we come to the end of this Parliamentary Term. In the presence of the Honorable Ulualoifaiga, the Talamaivao Elder, its two Families, the presences of Usoalii, Toafa and its previous Leaders including Atua-le-Fauono.

I turn to this side of the spring, to my village of Faleapuna and the presence of Gafa and descendants of Sina and Suafa, Molioo and the family Sa-Molioo, Malepeai the village spirit.

Mr Speaker before I express my views about the Main Budget, I give the support of this constituency given our recommendations and views covered in the Finance's Committee Report where we negotiated and considered in detail hence you have this constituency's support. I shall begin with words of gratitude considering the completed developments for this constituency.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure through Mr Speaker and the Head of the Ministry, I convey my deepest appreciation for the completed undertakings for my constituency particularly the road from Lona to Samamea, the seawall development, the connecting roads from Salimu to Musumusu. I extend great thanks in accordance to well established developments by the Ministry. Despite the insufficient fund allocation, but as per members saying, it has taken 2013 years since tar seal road is finally erected for Fagaloa area. It is not on inland road but the main road. The only plea your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure; the tar seal is almost complete towards this western part of the village. Should the current contractors continue with this undertaking, it should be completed soon. Even if this road cannot be tar sealed, this is of no concern so long as it is well maintained.

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A submission was put forward on Uafato's road of five kilometers in length. This can be completed if maintained per kilometre on a yearly basis. I travelled with the Leader of Opposition and he almost returned given the rough road conditions, but the village is beautiful. Hence, sincere congratulations to the Hon Minister, the Chief Executive Officer and staff.

As for Faleapuna village, we gave in a request last year with regards to the upgrading of one of the inland road due to the cyclone and the availability of water pump connecting to Lufilufi, majority of the villagers have settled further inland.

The villages of Faleapuna and Falefa utilise this one water pump while the road is in terrible condition. Water runs through this road when it rains. Despite limited resources, I shall place this appeal beside you.

My appreciation to the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment for the current seawall work currently undertaken at Faleapuna, despite the numerous tasks carried out. We have nothing in return only this, we extend gratitude upon the request put forward through your Hon Speaker, the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Chief Executive Officer and staff for the seawall for our village.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I wish to thank the Head of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture. I am of the opinion that this is his first official duty where we travelled with the Leader of Opposition to visit the school buildings at Uafato village. This school building was destroyed by the tsunami in 2009, and was overlooked by the Ministry and its set plans for its new construction. Village funds were used to build new school building. I lay this before you given the new apportioned land apportioned for building new school buildings upon available funding and resources.

The constituents of Fagaloa and Faleapuna has no sports field. The sub village of Lona in has a huge sports ground that can be converted into a sports complex given the limited land available, and an ocean view located in the front side and mountainside in the backyard, hence this is the only space for a school grounds to be set up. At the current, a company is working on constructing this road, but further assistance can be obtained through your Honour Minister of Works, for them to upgrade and restore pot holes in the current field and its inappropriate location for the building, otherwise gratitude is extended for the work done here.

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To the Hon Minister of Health, thank you for your response as you await a land for the construction of our new health clinic centre, we shall await appropriate locations as the old health center of Salimu is still there, hence I believe the inner parts of Taelefaga is more suitable for easier access by the constituents. If the health centre covers two or three rooms for our visiting practitioners, this can cater for the sick living in this remote area. The only available health service is Lufilufi but is still distant. Despite the long distance and the difficult road access taken through the mountains and valleys at night, nevertheless people go as far as Lufilufi or Apia clinics to seek medical treatment.

Your Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, I believe that submissions presented from last year are still in progress. I am thankful to the development of students from brawling that is no longer seen nowadays in town, but must still be taken heed of. We all were given a hiding from our parents during our childhood years. And for this, peace and harmony is still being withheld and maintained. Samoa is different from other countries given its unique culture. Regardless of whatever policies and regulations in effect, we pay it by way of forgiveness or ifoga. Hence that is how we solely protect and uphold our country's dignity in case it there is more trouble.

I applaud the Minister of Communication and Information Technology because this is not an easy job, lest we will lay it beside you for others' recommendations.

Your Hon Minister of Finance, I believe it has been two and half years since our collaborating efforts with the member for Faasaleleaga No.4, and despite the rough deliberations exchanged this morning, we are not against it for God knows everything. No one is to blame for what's happened, no God works in mysterious ways which enabled us to work together. Hence is the appreciation before your Honour, thank you for your patience and forgiveness on the many allegations against you and myself, which we laid before God, as the Holy scripture states the reward for those who forgive, I do not intend to clarify. I extend sincere appreciation in relation to the completed tasks which involved your service your Honour, in the last two and a half years, particularly the last 9 Ministries we worked with, thank you for your support as your former Minister of Finance, especially the Ministries that we worked with, thank you for supporting the Ministry of Finance, may God instil in you patience and courage to make right decisions.

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Like another comment we had, do not be afraid to seek loans to develop our country. If recommendations by IMF and overseas Organisations were taken, Samoa would not have been here given its improved living standard and economy. Hence appreciation is extended to the Minister particularly to the Ministry and Corporation.

Then to the Minister of Tourism, I believe that this government sector is not doing so well but congratulations for striving. Despite numerous talks and differences but there is strive to develop this government sector. Such is the initiative we took in developing this tourism development, although currently we are encountering problems, but soon enough we will see improvement in this sector.

In the meantime, there are issue with our tourist arrivals number. Government is seeking other positive ways in collaboration with the Tourism Authority and the Hotel Association to generate revenue earning for the country.

Your Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration, although administration is running smoothly, but a point of clarification to obtain an insight please. This relates to reserve decisions by the Court and its current status, there are cases which has taken 7 years and no verdict or resolution has been reached. I shall lay this matter for the Supreme Court's consideration and resolutions before they can be achieved.

I wish to commend the work carried out by the Hon Deputy Prime Minister and your Ministry for whatever responsibilities carried out is commendable in serving our country.

To the Opposition Side, I believe that whatever differences we have, it all comes down to one main purpose which is for the prosperity of our country. And whatever recommendations presented comes through our team work. At times you would accuse us on televisions, but it does not matter given our misunderstanding, hence God has our reward, and whoever believes is our main objective for working together. The main essence for all of us as members of Samoan Parliament, is working for the development of our country, we should no longer be arguing today as we have 2 more years left of our 5 years Parliamentary Term, and the time has come says one old man from our village, 'it is time for the cowboy to seek its own living as our time is almost up, that is what we should be concentrating on the next half of our Parliamentary term to ensure that will make it back.

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For me alone, I plan to return after 5 years, and whatever the constituency decides, is that. I don't intend to stay here my whole life, it is the constituency's seat, and it is up to them whom to decide one Parliamentary term after another, my term is up after 5 years but if I return, let God be praised.

Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity may the Lord give your courage and provide you strength in body particularly in spirit to make right decisions whilst chairing our proceedings for Samoa's prosperity. To your Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, fellow Associate Ministers and lady members, I commend your efforts and responsibilities, in assuring the wellbeing of this country.

Similarly to this side of the House, may our listeners and Samoa be blessed.

MR SPEAKER: I thank the member, I believe that our proceedings are well taken just in time before our break.

I wish to extend great thanks to the House at this time of the evening as we have reached the third part of our session, our last session will proceed from 8.00pm to 11.00pm. I wish to advice the remaining members who have not commented, I have the members list and if I call your name it is your turn to comment, I beg your pardon but it is unfortunate that we cannot waste a minute of our time as we must move on with our proceedings as Government must provide their responses.

We shall commence with our interval as the Legislative Assembly staff has prepared light refreshments before we resume at 8.00pm. I extend sincere thanks comes this part of the evening.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 8.00pm.

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Deliberations resumed.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be resumed. I believe that rice and Samoan cocoa provided has satisfied our thirst and hunger comes this part of the day. I commend the patience of the House. We now come to the final part of our session until 11.00pm.

Just before our break, the member for Vaa o Fonoti was concluding with his speech, so the opportunity is now given to the Deputy Speaker to lead us forward in this final part of our session.

I call on the Hon Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Palauli West):
Thank you Mr Speaker for the granted opportunity.

I give praise to our Heavenly Father for this present hour of the day. Although we are growing tired and weary of our duties and responsibilities, I note that everyone gathered in Parliament today are not forsaken. Our achieving roles and duties have departed in the daylight and dusk has arrived whilst God's everlasting mercy and love still remains. Samoa is a chosen country, whilst Tonga is a warring nation that despite the black sea, it can change colour.

I wish to greet my constituency of Palauli West given the support of His Highness Le Ao o le Malo, this is Samoa's dignitary salutation until the end. Hence I wish to greet Samoa listening in at this hour of the night.

I greet my constituency of Palauli West and the eastern side, and the presence of Salevalasi genealogy, the house of Faiumu and Salemuliaga. I also wish to greet the western side, the presence of Faatupuinatui and Tuato, the ten houses of Pesefeamanaia and those before him. The presence of elder members and sons, as well as ituala mavae, le Tama a le Fale and the esteemed Ailaoa. The dignified Letele and Leaupepe, Utumapu, and the dignitary Falelua.

I also wish to greet my village of Salailua and Lealaitafea and Alosina family, Savaiinaea and Sa Amituanai family, elder members and sons, Leuluaialii and Vaipaepae, Aitutagata Tuato and Tuitolovaa and Salemuliaga. The dignified Sa Laulu Family and seat of Suafa, the Orator Faatoafe and the entire village.

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I also wish to greet the Chairperson of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa (CCCS) Rev Tavita and his wife, Church Ministers of the different denominations from Falemai to Nuuli and Vaipaepae. Greeting. Thank you for your support. I believe the Samoan saying, that any fully supported approach bears great fruit.

Mr Speaker, my comments on the Main Budget will not prolong except a word of thanks to the Hon Minister through your Honour. I am very hopeful of the Main Budget's preparations every year. The time of budget allocation through different Ministries, the screening of Ministry budgets with the Ministry of Finance as every Ministry demands a bigger piece of the cake. And by the time it reaches Cabinet, I am very confident of the Chief Executive and his staff on the well prepared reports on the Main Budget.

I only recommend the Hon Minister through the chair, given my initial speech in Parliament on a request that I submitted, if there is possibility to borrow funds, then we should. Because as a new member in the House at that time, there were disorders statements like, I pity our children, who will pay for this borrowing?

The House is well aware of the Prime Minister's comments on the small debt of only a million we are paying each year whilst borrowing of hundred millions is utilised on the many economic developments of the country. We have six more months before we move up to a higher learning standard.

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Deputy Speaker...What do you intend to give an insight on your Hon Leader of Opposition?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The raising matter on debt.

MR SPEAKER: I doubt if clarification is needed as.....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: For the information of the member, if the debt is 1 billion with an annual payment of \$42million, this will take us 200 years and above to make repayment. Do you get what I am saying? It will take us 200 years and over to make repayment.

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MR SPEAKER: This is well received Leader of Opposition. I beg your tolerance that you have your turn, then you can clarify your concerns on debt payments and the specific terms. I beg your pardon as the opportunity is now with the Deputy Speaker to voice his views related to the remaining six months before we move away from Least Developing Country category. Once we renounce this status, we are no longer entitled to the benefits that the Minister of Finance and the Government have endeavours to achieve. I give the opportunity to the Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am taken by surprise by the Leader of Opposition. Even with 200 or 300 years, that is 100%. I gave out a debtors list yesterday with an interest rate payment of 232. This sort of circumstance requires 200 or 300 years to make payment given the smaller instalment. You do not need to worry.

It seems that you have not grasped the concept of what I was talking about yesterday, we are following the correct procedure in making payments given the timeframe, that in the long run a \$1 is left in payment.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I disagree your Honour, as the member previously stated, our children's children should not be making this payment, I give my response, this will be paid by our children's fifth or sixth children generation and we will take the whole night mentioning 'children', otherwise the debt will still be paid off.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as Government will clarify.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: That is why this poses importance, because our children's children and the next generation will be paying for our debts of only 5 cents. Now look at what's happening? You do not get the idea.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Deputy Speaker to explain the matter of the Leader of Opposition.

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Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Mr Speaker, I am grateful to this position as member of Parliament which has granted me the opportunity to travel to China, hence it hasn't been long since my return. I read a legend in China about a Chinese couple who lived in a place where the ocean is their front yard and the mountain was their backyard. They had and the father saw limited land space given the increase in their children's number. The father then decided to get a shovel and dig out the mountain area. People wondered if he was crazy and asked how he could dig out the mountain? The Chinese man replied that upon his death, his children will dig what was left of the mountain so that their lives can improve. And if my children pass, they too should dig part of these mountain for their children to live and grow. The intention is to seek a better living for the people. Seek sufficient land space.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, a point of order. The mountain is different from the payment of debts. I can dig out the mountain myself, as pointed out by the member. The digging of the mountain can be done by our hands and feet but making these payments is the country's sweat. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Deputy Speaker to comment.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: That is your own opinion and this is mine. But if I speak on analysis basis, its ordering and comparison, I really do not understand.

Mr Speaker, I advise the Hon Minister that whatever available funds we can borrow this month must be done. Because I raised it in 2011, we must borrow. Now that the works of my constituency has begun, thank you very much.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Hon Deputy Speaker as the opportunity is given to the member for Saleaula.

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Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, as rightfully pointed, the Deputy Speaker now beseeches the Minister of Finance to borrow as much as he can for the remaining six months, because after six months, we do not know where else to go. As rightfully stated, this is the predicament of that side. We are moving from LDC to DC but is not properly handled.

With all due respect.

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

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not wish to argue with the esteemed member for Saleaula regarding this matter.

Samoa now being a developed member country is not because of well manageable funds and resources, as explained earlier today, Samoa's classification was determined by the United Nations. Negotiation with the World Bank and International Banks in Asia and Europe to carry on special arrangement for Samoa process is still undertaken as we move forward. This should not be of great concern to the member, as Tuivalea is not here. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Deputy Speaker as I feel the matter is well received. Thank you Hon Minister.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: This is Saleaula's concern alone. I advice the member not make assumptions from my comments as I did not mention any of that.

You are fully aware that if we are to borrow money at a lower interest or percentage, we will never obtain this percentage if our living standard changes. However, you have misconstrued my remarks; I beseech Mr Speaker that is not the meaning of my comments.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Deputy Speaker as the opportunity is given to Saleaula for his interjection.

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Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, I don't reject the comments of the Deputy Speaker as currently been clarified. After six months period of borrowing, the rate will no longer take two or three percent but will be increase to 10 plus, that is what I have been saying.

MR SPEAKER: The member's comment is well clarified, I will give a short reply to this, the given policies and procedures does not state that once it is cut, it is permanently out. We also have ambassadors in Japan and China where they both hold lower interest rates. That is the submission presented by the Minister of Finance during his third or fourth Ministerial Statement. I call on the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I do not wish to make anymore submissions our of this constituency for you now have it, but I comment you for your response. I wish to comment on a general matter, last Friday I took the last ferry from Savaii. I recall the comments made in 2011 that there was no bus and there were more than 20 of us, then we decided that all those living along Mulifanua to Apia will pay for the van, whereas those living in the offside areas like Vaitele, Aleisa, Vaiusu and past Faleula will be dropped off by myself. My request your Honour, if there is no licensed shuttle service provided, why not put a shuttle van by the Shipping Services at a cheaper fare to transport our village members.

Furthermore, I have read the Finance Committee Report where they recommended a measuring scale for weighing heavy load trucks. I live in Aleisa East where I often encounter issues with large trucks in the morning, afternoon, and evening time. Large trucks with load carrier are not a problem, but the ones without carriers for carrying dirt and boulders is a problem. After our meeting last night, we encountered five trucks, three had good lights, one had no working lights and the other had lights that are too bright when turned on and none if turned low. I will leave it alongside your Hon Minister as another issue noted is the increasing traffic queue in Malifa, Lelata and Vaivase stretching up to University in the mornings, afternoon and evening due to the unfixed bridge in Lelata.

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I believe that there is a set regulation in place to preventing heavy load trucks from travelling in the morning. As of now, these trucks are becoming inconvenience jamming the traffic from 6.00am to 9.00am. I also know there is specific time allocated for these trucks to travel on the main road.

Mr Speaker, I convey appreciation to all Government Ministries as standard of services provided is well noted. The meaning behind my comment is that most of these services provided by the Ministries are also available in the rural areas avoiding people from travelling to Apia. I notice the service delivery by the Ministry of Revenue to individual villages in assistance to their small businesses in Tumua. We have also received announcement by the Ministry of Health that their staff have conducted health checks visits around district hospitals in Upolu and Savaii for males aged 18 years and over. Thank you for providing these services, as I am aware that the Ministry Women, Community and Social Development and the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Store have long carried out this initiative. I also wish to thank the Prime Minister and Cabinet in supporting the programme of the Office of the Legislative Assembly in conducting awareness programmes for Parliament. In truth, most of the events and happening around Samoa is not known by the students.

During the official opening of this program yesterday, I asked the students who the Speaker of the House was, a child raised his hand and I asked him who is it? It's Laauli Michael Jones, as you see, students are unaware. Students lack knowledge on majority of political members as well as the country's internal affairs compared to song artists like JLo and movie stars, students are well aware of these people. Thank you for the commencement of this awareness program.

Two days ago, I participated in an awareness programme set up by the National University, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture and the Public Service Commission aimed at emphasising the importance of choosing a teaching career for students. This program was carried out for two schools in Savaii and this is the first program of its kind hence I extend great thanks to the respective people who initiated the idea.

Two main issues obtained from this programme was first, lower the number of teachers. Secondly, very few students prefer mathematics and science subjects.

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Mr Speaker, what's certain about this awareness program given the small number of mathematics and science students commences from the primary to tertiary level, no student have very low preference in these two subjects. As known, from during Pastor's School (Aoga Faifeau) is all part of Samoa's education system in the past, and is no longer in place, so what should be done to fill in this gap? If a child reaches Primer level or standard one, they begin to learn additions from 1 plus 1 and 2 plus 2, they also learn how to write A, E, I this is the Pastor's Education most reliant basics on education.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity is now given to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development): A point of order Mr Speaker. I am of the opinion that the Deputy Speaker is speaking about his Congregation, but the Christian Congregational Church of Samoa (CCCS) still holds exams and Pastor's School (aoga le Faifeau), it was carried out last year and will be conducted again this year. This part of Congregational services has resumed pursuant to the elders of the church and the Church Annual Conference to encourage children who lack general knowledge in the subject of Mathematics. That is the situation lest this does not avoid the students from learning Bible Studies.

For the information of the House with all due respect especially the country listening in, I am an Elder Deacon of the church and this matter must be corrected.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Thank you Hon Minister or Elder Deacon, I am appreciative of the Congregation Christian Church of Samoa (CCCS) leading initiatives on this endeavour. The decreasing number of teachers is not new, it is unavoidable given the frequent move of Government employees and am convinced that teaching profession is the gateway to obtaining job opportunities in the future. I disagree with the notion behind teachers leave due to low income earning, there are other factors such as job security if students produce positive results in the end.

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Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, if my time runs out here it does not matter. Mr Speaker, the programme concerning children's school fees should be reconsidered.

I believe you are aware of the heading in the bible by a man from my village titled "the fence has ears" ("e fai taliga o aupa"). I have evident information on the cause of some teachers' movement in this situation. Our Education Committee and the Assistant Principal met in Savaii to discuss these issues including school grants. I now know that in 2010, 2011 and 2012, 60% to 70% of fund allocation goes to school building, whilst 20 to 30% of funding is allocated for children's education. I advise the Ministry to monitor a follow up procedure on the use of these funds.

The statements issued by the Ministry's Chief Executive Officer on extending school hours until 4.00pm must also be looked into. As said, I have no complaints but all views matters, Government is already compensating school fees for all government schools and children leave their families from 7.00am until 4.00pm, I plea your consideration into this matter if it is still appropriate. I guess this move is appropriate for people living abroad as most go to work, whereas for us, children should be home at a suitable time.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member but let's hand the opportunity to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for his clarification.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu Magele: Mr Speaker, we are getting too many concerns, this is the first time I have heard of the misuse of SSFLS, the initial year had issues. And if it happens again, that is the main concern.

I respond according to the important matter raised by the member to determine whether 7.00am to 4.00pm is appropriate and I ask for his input before I reconsider it. The decision of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture is based on the Committee's research in finding out if appropriate for schools to have extended hours. We are also developing our extra curricula activities to encourage and develop students on areas they lack knowledge in. The longer the school hours the better it is for our students.

This is a short reply to the raising matter but I will clarify further when I have my turn.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your clarifying comments Hon Minister in assisting the comments of the Deputy Speaker. I call on the member to continue with his comments.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: Your Honorable Minister, as mentioned earlier through the chair, I do not intend to lodge any complaints but submissions made raises views and concerns upon other members. I recall a submission presented last year on the matter of using Year 13 students who did not make it to University level and instructions made directly to Principals of these tertiary education level to leave the classrooms open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm that is simply not happening until today.

These considerations can trigger others views for further educational developments given the importance of the works done by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu Magele: Mr Speaker we cannot implement major changes before submission to Cabinet for their approval, hence the delay. Submission is currently before Cabinet and changes of this sort cannot be expected to happen tomorrow. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your clarification Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

I now call on the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: I don't intend to argue with you on this matter but will lay it beside you. I congratulate the Hon Minister on the many changes taken place but let us be hopeful of the efforts by the Ministry and the National University in obtaining students interests in pursuing teaching profession.

I am appreciative of all your work Honorable Minister of Health. I have noted a number of positive implementations at the Motootua Hospital especially the swift construction of the new hospital.

I went to the hospital last Saturday to see a doctor and saw the effectiveness of health service delivery. By observation, I noticed the rise in service standard in the dentistry division. I am very proud of the dentistry services provided mainly by Dr Soon and his team for the efforts well done.

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I believe that there has been a division in the dental health team in Malifa and other areas which pose the great improvement in the dental service provided.

I now conclude with the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. The seawall submission is now before your Honour. Our Committee House should've been used last Friday by the services of the navy and army who went around nevertheless this could not go through due to damages to the house caused by the strong sea current. I beseech the Honorable Minister to look into this matter.

I wish to conclude with the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. I thank you for the soon to be completed efforts on the availability of water resource. Our village of Salailua has witnessed the assistance of the Ministry and the Private Water Scheme Project particularly to the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and the Minister of Finance.

The comments of Palauli West will now come to an end Mr Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity and forbearance. I wish to retract any comments that were disrespectful to the hearing of the Hon Ministers as well as Parliament, do forgive me. Let our proceedings take us to its conclusion. May the Prime Minister, Cabinet, Leader of Opposition, members of Parliament, Heads of Government Departments, the Clerk and the office of the Legislative Assembly be blessed. May the support of Samoa listening in at this hour be blessed. Farewell.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comments Deputy Speaker, I take it that all views and concerns expressed before the Ministers and Prime Minister today have been well taken.

I call on one of the senior members for Aana Alofi No.1, Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi for your comment.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I stand with all due respect as I initially intended not to provide any comment on the Main Budget beforehand given my full consent as presented by the Minister of Finance. Despite all, I feel that my constituency and the country are still listening in at this time of night. Hence is the appreciation rendered to the support of Samoa from the highest to the lowest peak.

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In the presence of His Highness, the O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady as well as the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, the three pillars of Government and the holy Messengers who are praying for the wellbeing of Samoa and her Parliament.

I greet the support of my constituency, Faleasiu and Fasitoo. I feel warm given your support from dignified members of Faleasiu and Fasitoo uta, but also the support of God's servants, the Elder Chairperson and the various denominations around the country.

I convey my compliments and appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and dignified members of Cabinet and Government. I commend your efforts and achievements on the developments established in all constituencies. Thus I believe that if it were not for the incapable hands of the Hon Prime Minister and his Cabinet, this would not have been possible which has enhanced and improved our economic development. Despite the global financial crisis we have now, our Main Budget is still based on the sensitive conditions of these economic circumstances. Nonetheless, what's pleasing is the raising standard we will achieve after six months given our economic status. I convey gratitude to the Cabinet, the Hon Prime Minister specifically the Ministry, Heads of Ministries and State Owned Enterprises for their diligent work in incorporating the advice given by the Government and Cabinet to which prosperity is now achieved by the country.

This Main Budget is based on our economic sensitive issues. This Budget is caused by...this is similar concern as mentioned I fully support the Main Budget beforehand as noted by the Hon Minister of Finance. This is because it is well prepared and well implemented. This is noted when in times of good governance and leadership, it bears better economic development and prosperity worldwide, whereas in times of poor leadership reflects days of turmoil and inadequate resources. This is why I fully accept the Main Budget. Although not all of the member's appeals could be fulfilled, Rome was not built in a day. Such is a development that is implemented on a yearly basis says the Hon Prime Minister. The Prime Minister further stated yesterday to, "Give priority to what needs to be implemented first".

This is to my belief, we should prioritise and develop what needs to be developed first, because despite our financial growth and our know-how knowledge, it does not fit the House, but if priority is well established then time is not wasted.

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In addition, with insufficient resources, but if priority is well set, that is knowledge to a person who can resolve mishaps, a statement issued by another person. A clever person is one who knows how to deal with today's issues. This is why I take my hat off to the Hon Minister of Finance on your foresight and courage. Cabinet should stand up fearlessly. We were also there in your positions and it was not easy but all efforts and endeavours depended on the Prime Minister. Teamwork no matter how hard it becomes, we can overcome it by working together. I plea that there are devastating views on some plans transference which aims to assist our Main Budget financially. No country in the world is fully satisfied with the funding assistance provided including America and China. If you travel in parts of China, they too are poverty stricken. The economic status of any country does not meet 100% knowing our Government's norm which states, what's good for the town area is also good in the rural area, but not everyone can benefit from this because the reward goes to those working eight hours a day compared to those who do not work.

There are all sorts of people in the world with different names, appearances, and behaviours. Some want to be spoon fed. Those are the kind of people who are never satisfied, you give them the fishing net and fish, they still disagree. But this does not affect the development of the Government and the country when changes are acceptable and in case we say anything that offends Samoa listening in. And despite attempts of taking a cow for a drink in the river, the cow will not take it. The worker will also do the work when you tell them to. Who gets the blame for this given this similar happening in the times of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Parents want to teach their children but rely on their pastors to teach their children good manners. I disagree, this is the duty of the parents, teach their children good behaviour, respect, love and do house chores in the morning. That is the stance, because what's seen in families now is that teachers play most of the role. Teach your manners, teach respect, teach you to be knowledgable whilst your mother attends the bingo, the father goes....it is just pointless.

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, what is it that you wish to clarify?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: It is good to have a break. In Jesus teachings, despite difficulties, we must learn to love, love your God with all your mind, soul and spirit. This means that we must love the poor given the low standard living we have today.

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I know that Hon Leaupepe is a very loving person, because the Chinese people love their own unfortunate people. China is building dwellings for the poor to live, earning them benefit to give for their poor relatives in China. Australian benefits are also given to the unfortunate.

MR SPEAKER: Palusalue, you started your comments with the teachings of our Saviour Jesus and now you have reached China.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Minister of Finance. That is what I am afraid of in your rise to preach the Good Word. I think you are in the wrong boat when you should be attending Malua.

I call on the Hon Minister of Finance.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: Mr Speaker, I disagree as the Leader of Opposition was clarifying the fruitful and instructive comments by one of the country's chief who lived and prospered.

I only wish to remind as it is unfortunate that Proverbs was mentioned in the teachings of Jesus, which says in Psalm 23 "the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." The person who relies on the Lord is diligent in planting taros, seeks work and does not rely on others.

With all due respect.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I wish to correct this sermon given that it was not Jesus who said the lord is my shepherd, but is the Song of David in the book of Psalms. It isn't by Jesus. The teaching by Jesus is reminded by the Hon Leaupepe.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that this argument should not press forward as we have the Church of Nazarene believer and you are an EFKS advocate Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: Mr Speaker, this is one thing that makes the Assistant Pastor (Aoa Fesoasoani) incomplete himself. It says that, "God created mankind in his own image." Which means it would have been a clump of dirt if the God did not breathe life to it.

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This is why Satan is jealous of the people created by God because they were created in His image, holy people. Jesus states, “Your acts will exceed my own if you were to do it according to my will.”

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Palusalue, our time is prolonging given your deliberations on God’s Good Word when we have.....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I have one more statement. We must love our country. This is God’s law, we must love our country.

MR SPEAKER: I call on you your Honour.....

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I beg tolerance Mr Speaker for an opportunity?

MR SPEAKER: This is what I have been trying to avoid. Now the Assistant Pastor is again upstanding.

I call on the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Thank you Mr Speaker. I noticed that the Leader of Opposition is given an opportunity of five or six times “We must love our God.” I believe that the Leader of Opposition overlooked something. But my question is, whom did he love, God or did he love money when he won the Lottery in Australia when he had the call from God to fulfil?

With all due respect.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Are you allowing this Mr Speaker? Pay attention Hon Minister! I did not state to love God. But the country! There is a huge difference between God and the country. As you stand up and say...those are not my words. That is what happens when you sleep, you did not hear what I said.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition, the Hon Minister will now conclude.

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Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatua: I only wish to correct the member. That is the statement he gave at first to love God, his last statement referred to the country. If official records were submitted and if proven correct, the Leader of Opposition must be sacked as he is deceiving the country.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The book that these three are talking about is the same one that Tofilau used when he first entered this House and due to the several interruptions by the Opposition side to avoid the speech by Tofilau. Tofilau reiterated the meaning behind love as generally spoken by Paul. This means, if you had love in you, you would not be interrupting Toleafoa's speech. No matter how you interject, but your frequent interruptions against Toleafoa's speech shows us that is not love.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to continue with his comments as I believe that everyone is aware of the member's concern.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Thank you. I will not take note of the Leader of Opposition's comments as he is not anybody, he is an in law relative from my village. On this exception, do be mindful of the villages' men.

The reason behind my statement is due to the government set plans and its developments. What's good in Apia is also good for the rural areas. In truth, that is the endeavour we have for our set plans and developments. However, if these developments are not acceptable in the town area and the rural areas, I have already compared it to the cattle I beg the pardon of Samoa listening in and Parliament. If we reach the water and they do not want to drink, what else can we do?

That is the real essence, but love is always present, which is pertaining to Jesus, "Those who follow me, will bear much fruit." He who bears fruit will benefit in spiritually and physically. It is unfortunate as this core matter is quite extreme.....

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This is the essence, pardon Parliament aims to a seek solution for the country's to work together particularly with the village chiefs. They must work together collaboratively with Parliamentarians to enforce government laws and regulations. Similarly with the Church Ministers' services provided so that our country has a secure and pleasant environment.

Those are some of the submissions from my constituency. As conveyed before, I am appreciative of all matters including our access roads, except for one more, our water at Faleasiu-uta and Fasitoo-uta which situates our plantation in support of our economic status. Electricity would have been an optional service but water is a basic requirement in people's lives. Such is my submission through your Hon Minister as I believe there have already been set plans by the Ministry in place for this to take place. You are also the Elder Deacon which needs no description, but your fair decision makings will be remembered in this Parliamentary Term.

I only wish to remind, the frequent power outages. Although all matters, but the frequent outages affect refrigerators, pardon Samoa listening in. Such affects a number of electric appliances, and it would be good to get pre-announcement on the affected areas before power is cut for the information of the public. I only wish to pose a reminder because it is not an easy task, but a solution must be in place to prevent future issues. Because if a fridge worth of over \$2,000 is damaged, what can we do about it? Those are some of the reasons but your tasks are also not easy to undertake.

Those are the only submissions I have apart from our water supply request given the set plans and program in place. I also wish to congratulate the hard work of the Honorable Minister of Police and Prisons, his Ministry and the Commissioner.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, may you gain strength and knowledge. I also wish the same for the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

To the Hon Magele, the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. Most of the times we are not present in office, as you tend to your plantation and if there is time we will provide you with a lunch. For whatever you and the Ministry wishes, just call us but thank you very much for the opportunity granted to us. You are a loving father and a dedicated worker, we offer ourselves wholeheartedly to work alongside you

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I also congratulate the Minister of Health. I do not wish to trouble you as you are my brother and you are the man, thank you.

The same goes to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development especially the Tapaau, Hon Tuisugaletauatele, may you gain more knowledge. Do mind the complaints. Even the miracles performed by our Jesus Christ yet he still received complaints? Until the end, people will still complain, because if a person does not complain he is not a real person? But do not worry about it.

To the Hon Minister of Finance and the most senior member Tuiloma, congratulations. To the only single Cabinet lady member and special individual members, may God bless you. To the Hon Deputy Prime Minister may your gain knowledge to support the Prime Minister and Cabinet. May the Hon Speaker of the House be blessed. May the Heads of Ministries and Parliament members be blessed, and may we find good health, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Is there any other matter member for Faleata West? *

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Never mind, the old man's comments is now finished.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for respecting our senior members. I call on one of the last Jews of the House, the Hon tama a Aiga and Sa Asomua. You are Parliament's one and only good looking where pigeons of the shrub flock to. Do rise and comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker. The traditional Honours of today will remain forever because the Honours of Samoa has already been divided. Samoa's salutation is everlasting from the beginning to the end. These are the salutations Mr Speaker, but I wish to firstly greet the whole of Samoa listening in from high to low, as well as the support from church ministers of various Samoa denominations who are praying for Samoa's blessing in the future.

I also wish to touch on the support of my constituency, to the dignified Sa-Asomua and their two Families, the Orator Tuuu and your Family Sa-Tuuu, the Falelua of Tulafale, the Fofoga Alataua, Utaileuo and the esteemed Faletolu, the support of the Holy Servants of God who are seeking blessings for the constituency. I ask for your continued support as I voice my opinion according on the deliberating matter.

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I also wish to take this opportunity to greet Reverend Namulauulu Samaoso Papalii and his wife Sara especially the Assembly of God group from Sydney Australia who have arrived in Samoa. We will meet sometime today. Your assistance during HRPP's fundraising in Australia in the previous year is unforgettable.

I wish to acknowledge the Speaker at this hour of the night and the dignified members of the Samoan Parliament. You were chosen amongst the majority to take Parliament's seat, as Parliament serves our Government for the benefit of the whole of Samoa. Our call as districts representative benefits us and country through our sound and constructive decision-making. As members of the Legislative Assembly, we make laws.

Mr Speaker, this is a rising standard for our constituency, the process to earning this position was not easy, you don't ordinarily enjoy a good time and automatically become a member, no, you now fully aware of our journey to the House which is also known as the House of Faautugatagi of Samoa. The strive of our passing ancestors for these positions were also unsuccessful.

Mr Speaker and the dignified Parliament, let us move forward seek prosperity for Samoa through service as members of the Legislative Assembly. I now wish to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013/2014 as this particularly provides financial statement reports. The Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee states that normal revenue allocation stipulated in the Main Budget for this financial year 2013/2014 is \$538,290,566. The rising revenue earning of \$470,272,390 collected from imported tax by the Ministry of Revenue has been taken into account by the Committee.

Mr Speaker, I wish to extend appreciation to the Honorable Minister and Ministry of Revenue in carrying out this tedious service. The Committee noted that its expenditure is in relation to fixing the standard of the global economy, especially our vulnerability to natural disasters but it has observed developments and plans are set by the Government in relation to its revenue. The total expenditure of the financial year 2013/2014 is equivalent to \$746,901,013.

Mr Speaker, that is an overall view of the Main Budget, but there still is an increase in developmental requests from the general public and districts.

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I believe that we should approve this budget, and Government should prudently measure its development and plans accordingly with its earned revenue. I have no further comments as I fully support the Main Budget.

However I rise in response to the established programs that are affecting my constituency. This Parliamentary Term marks my 20 years of service in Parliament as a member for the constituency of Siumu, and recollecting back in 1996 we had one inland road repaired for our district, in 2001 there was another one, even the previous Parliamentary term.

Your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I plea for only two road access since the start of this Term, one in Maninoa and another in Saaga. We held a discussion on this regard and you avowed to maintain the road from Tiavi to Siumu and connecting to Safata and Lefaga which leads up to the East of Falealili and Aleipata, with all due respect I beg of your consideration on this development for my constituency. I am appreciative of the water availability at Alataua West which has catered the people as mentioned by the member, and is being compared to Moses who struck a rock, however, my constituency is still at thirst. Your Honour my village of Maninoa is still collecting rainwater as there is not enough pressure in the pipelines for water to reach the village due to high altitude which runs from Safata, and with all due respect if you are able to mill water from the top of Maninoa, I believe that a positive sign will be reached.

One of the members has also mentioned the power cuts by EPC and the Minister's clear clarification, but do be mindful of the swift remedy to this problem, as I am worried in case another letter is obtained from the Hon Prime Minister such as the one delivered to the people on the solar matter which mentioned a horse and such which the Prime Minister clearly elaborated that such statements were quotes from the Bible, nevertheless, this simply affects the many resources of the country.

A seawall construction from Maninoa to Mulivai Safata is required your Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, with all due respect.

Then I come to private water source, your Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, what is the current status of the water in the sub-village of Sagaga or this constituency.

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Towards the end of the previous Election taken by some government officials which took six months before implementation, the Term is nearing an end and none has turned up, hence this is no different from the undertaken by the member of Gagaifomauga No. 1 and the Committee, a pig was used on a traditional ceremony whereupon nothing was being done about it, your Honour please do not send any more people to deceive this constituency with all due respect. I also take it that there is funding under the Ministry of Women which is set to be allocated to the victims of Cyclone Evan, covering the most affected areas like Vaimauga West, Safata and this district, hence I query the distribution of this funding given the growing number of our constituency. I recommend and advise that if members of the affected districts are also included, they too can assist by obtaining a victims list which involves the village majors and government representatives, for this funding to be distributed directly to these victims. Similar request is also put forward for the whirlwind victims that destroyed three or four houses last week your Honour.

I conclude my submission Mr Speaker with a proposal to the Hon Prime Minister relating to students wishing to pursue further education or second degree qualifications. I believe that this is one way to build a multi skill workforce is through these first degree holders to obtain a second one with great belief that this can be achieved. Your Honour, this is difficult and is not affordable to some families, but in belief, there are lawyers and accountants who have gone back to pursue further qualifications such as Pharmacists or veterinarians which are in need at this point in time. There is another belief which states that majority of these graduates have gone back to pursue higher qualifications do not return, but in opinion, most of these academic achievers earn higher positions with higher pay abroad that we also earn in return by way of remittances. Those are the recommendations your Hon Prime Minister that is in comparison to our children pursuing successful careers in sports, so too is our children pursuing further studies on the academic level for our to prosper and achieve a better living.

Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker, may the Parliament and Samoa be blessed.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comments and thoughts the ear for Alataua and member for Siumu, we shall not countdown the months and your set view as you are an experienced member of the House Well done, I commend your contribution for the constituency.

The opportunity is now given to the Hon Tuiatua Faanofonofu, you may take the floor. We are now giving opportunity to our Finance Committee members before we proceed with our final reading this evening, the final comments will be given to the Deputy and Leader of Opposition. I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Thank you Mr Speaker. Pardon me as it has been a long day for the dignified Parliament. I firstly salute the three pillars of government, the Chief Executive Officers of Government Ministries and Heads of Private and Public Enterprises gathered today, to the Clerk of the Assembly, although you have placed me on Economy Class, but blessings be upon you. May all our members bear the same privilege when flying abroad.

The dignified Samoa in salutations to the Tama ma Aiga and Aiga ma Tama, Ituau and Alataua, Aiga I le Tai and Vaa o Fonoti, as well as our neighbours in Tutuila and Manua. I extend greetings to the Hon Governor Lolo and the Hon Mr Speaker Savali and his Good Lady Satala. The dignified Samoa gathered today and the support of the church servants.

I was present today at a family service of Lufina Faatui Levi, hence I firstly wish to convey sincere sympathies and condolences to our Pastor Samusutai and the passing of his late wife. I convey condolences to Tago and Family, and the elder Amoa, the orator Samusu and Faleatua. Not forgetting the passing of his Hon Toagialelei who shares the same salutation as that of Tuiavii and Usoalii, Valai and Sua and the dignified Saleaamua.

The support of my constituency Alaalamalae, Tane o le Itu, Alii o le Itu and Pule who was leader and the dignified Saleaamua. These are the constituency's salutation, thank you for your support. Although we do not meet often that is how things are. At this hour Mr Speaker, I extend appreciation to the member who spoke and is now sitting next to me. This is the first member who has made a reference on the report that has taken us two weeks to work on.

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We took a site visit to Savaii and Aleipata, and this is the first time a members' comment is being heard. This specifies that the Committees reports are not being read after distribution. Nonetheless, thank you for accepting the Committee's report.

The first clarification your Hon Prime Mnister, this Finance Committee does not encounter any issues when visited by Government Ministries. I have heard your comments some times in the past on the Finance Committee, they go to RSA in search of members to make up the quorum. I speak for this Committee alone with all due respect, the number was always complete only when members are unable to attend given a specific reason. This is highly noted by the Heads and Assistant Heads of Ministries and Private-owned Enterprises there are times when they attend an hour late, this is similar investigating matter by other Ministries who were there before them. With all due respect. Hence I will now endeavour to make some comments. The Main Budget is very well in my belief, given its nice scent today but when night arrives, it becomes unpleasant. That is the meaning of our Main Budget comes this period in time. And as widely spoken by some, the budget is becoming a very sensitive issue. How can a small island nation like Samoa in the entire Pacific be of comparison to larger nations like Germany and America given our Main budget, this duly will be a major issue. This time in America currently has \$16 billion in debt in their main economic estimates. Not much can be done as President Obama endeavours to hold meetings with his congress, but fails to do so by other government agencies. This includes natural disasters like the recent cyclone, which took many lives and adding more burden to the President and the American government. True is the Prime Minister's comments which poses that China's financial status is improving and is holding various sustainable developments.

I wish to comment on our revenue earning of \$760,398,859 and expenditure \$651,781,927, as clearly stipulated in our report. As well noted we have our Government policies and procedures in place. If say our GDP reaches 1 billion, this means that we have a portion of this fund for thos who queried [this and their reply if 50% is borrowed by government for our expenditure](#). This means that we still have enough up to this stage.

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MR SPEAKER: Pardon me the Finance Committee member who is currently taking the floor, we have now arrived at our recess time of 20 minutes. We will now rest and recommence upon our return.

I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now set aside for normal evening recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for normal recess at 9:20pm and recommenced at 9:44pm.

MR SPEAKER: I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have now recommenced. Before we had our break, one of the members for the Finance Committee was speaking. I call on the Hon Tuiatua Faanofonofu to continue with your comments before we proceed with the remaining speeches of this evening. I call on the member.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I am also appreciative of the dignified House as strength has now been regained.

Mr Speaker the matter I strongly recommend and support as stipulated in page 45 of the Finance Committee Report, to advise Government to set up conditions and requirements for improved services in developing government buildings and assets. The reason behind this recommendation is that most of the Government Ministries and Private-owned enterprises are in dire need of a maintenance plan and set code building to be brought into the House for comparison. This was witnessed in some governmental dilapidated buildings during our site visit to Tuasivi given small fund allocation to fund the water plaster and some paints to repair and maintain the building. In viewing government buildings in New Zealand and Australia, most have gone over 70 to 80 years old, but are in monitoring maintenance process after every five to six years which lasts up to 7 years. However, if government buildings undergo no maintenance at all in a few years time, government will have to spend so much on maintaining these buildings.

Nonetheless, we have visited many other beautiful buildings including the huge project in Fiaga where \$103million was spent whilst \$18 million was spent on four electric generators, other than the expenditure used for purchasing electricity instalment and lights, that are installed underground and the ones lining along the electricity posts.

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Congratulations on these good developments as well as the one in Vaiaata. Plans are already in place for two electricity generators that are stronger than kilowatts used in Savaii. This is positive feedback given our visit that was conducted along this area.

We also visited the pulling boat at Satitua wharf. I thank SPA for the consistent maintenance of this wharf, despite its rare operation but we must take heed of government assets. The wharf is valuable for us travelling to Tutuila. We still intend to make good use of this wharf even if other members of the general public disregard it. I convey gratitude for this good development. However, I previously gave a recommendation with all due respect that a tarpaulin must be in place to pick up falling sediments from ship washing as the paint used by the ship are quite heavy, and workers themselves are none other than the constituents alone. Not to mention the washing away of the bottom ship painting destroying all our seafood. That is the advise with due respect.

One of the important matters is an establishment of an environment court house such is the question for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. By this, if the House and Government officials were to consider the church proximity opposite the Tofilau Eti Alesana building, the extended roof over the footpath area poses significant risk for the travelling pedestrians and vehicles. Similar effects can fall on the choir singing in church given the unsafe location to the main road. With all due respect.

The member for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lefau Harry Schuster commented on the recent flooding at Vaisigano which I fully support given that we were one of the victims from this flooding. Due to the flooding, I affirm that most these houses from Matautu to Vaisigano have been dismantled and road inaccessibility. I request with all due respect to the Government to seek funds from the World Bank or any other monetary institutions to assist us in building new bridge and a dam in Vaisigano, Lelata or Loto i Samasoni to secure families from future flooding. Similar request is put forward by my neighbours Salanoa, Pulepule as well as the Honorable Chief Justice including villages of Moataa, Matautu, Vaiala, Vaisigano and Leone. Many families were affected and it is important to protect our people. I wish to extend congratulations to DMO and the cleaning efforts carried out after the flooding including donating assistance to the cyclone victims.

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Just to note, I have not seen the victims' names of Matautu and Vaisigano in your list. I guess the list hasn't been made official given the collective efforts of both government and international officials. I also take it that a grant of million is being donated to assist the victims. Those are my submissions with due respect, hence it is good to consider these investigations particularly the most affected ones have stayed at Samoa College for two weeks, in fact government should have allocated funds for these people. With all due respect.

I convey sincere appreciation to MNR or the Ministry of Environment for collecting our rubbish, pardon me. I am pleased with the monitoring services provided by the rubbish truck collection around Aleipata, every time rubbish is placed on the rubbish shelves, they always make sure to clear them in time. I commend your efforts and I thank you for your loyal service.

I query the Hon Minister with all due respect on the matter pertaining to Independent Water Scheme. For instance the village of Sao Faapito have their own independent water whilst Government supplies water for areas in Saleaamua, Aleipata and the Prime Minister's constituency. The two notable water supply has separate connection. But they seem to overlap the other according to Government policies, how can two water connections be made available for the village. What is the situation with these two main water sources with all due respect?

Based on the Minister of Finance's comments on the tabled Main Budget, he stated the main purpose of this budget was to serve for the economy's revival. As known, our country was greatly affected in December last year, which serves our economy's revival based on my district's production of 30plus sack of taro sold at the market. Hence our district is another one which caters for consumer needs in Apia particularly people who are selling taro produce in the market. The cost of living made available for the country through the production of taro, breadfruit and banana crops reflects positive sign for the Ministry of Agriculture and God's abundant blessings including frequent queries upon the Director of Agriculture to measure the market price of vegetables. The Main Budget is very important as it swiftly picks up the economy of Samoa.

I extend sincere appreciation to the people of our country who are listening in as well as the Government including those who raise these matters.

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As mentioned by the Prime Minister, we establish building code conditions to sustain the improvement of government infrastructure and assets. I guess such issued statement is true given in the development of our banana plantation.

In conclusion Mr Speaker, the main objective of my explanation this evening is emphasis placed on government building maintenance programme This is in due belief that Government will incur higher costs if Government disregard this area. All respective authorities implicated in this area including SROS must take heed of this request. Words with the Head of the Ministry affirm that his office is widely made available for inspecting water and consumption. This includes the Ministry of Health who carries out inspection twice or three times a week. Hence is the appreciation extended towards this area and the importance of water access for Apia and the rural area and conduct regular water inspection in case our water contains ecoli bacteria which can cause spreading diseases as indicated by doctors in Savaii and Upolu. The non communicable diseases like diabetes, respiratory problems, obesity and kidney failure are issues that must be considered. Mr Speaker I believe this Budget is also significant given the greater portion of fund allocated for the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture presses a statement, “train a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” That is the intention with all due respect hence I am very appreciative of the Budget given the greater fund allocated to educating the children of the country.

I conclude with deepest gratitude to the Honorable Prime Minister, Cabinet, Leader and Deputy Leader of Opposition as well members of Tautua Party, Associate Ministers, the Hon Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Heads of Ministries and Private Owned Enterprises, the Translation Team and dignified members of the House.

I extend appreciation to the support of His Highness, the Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, Council of Deputy and his Good Lady and the dignified Samoa, God is merciful tonight. Farewell.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for the message who is one of the members for the Finance and Expenditure Committee otherwise known as the Hon Tui Atua Faanofonofu who is also the member from the constituencies of Matamatagi in Aleipata. Thank you for your comments this evening.

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The opportunity is now given to this side of the House, we have three remaining speeches before we conclude.

I call on our Parliamentary doctor of economics, finance, revenue and expenditures, one of the members for Salega, the Hon Afualo Wood Uti Salele.

Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE (Salega): I extend greatest gratitude Mr Speaker for the granted opportunity to the constituency of Salega. We have lost our guiding light as the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and this side of the esteemed Parliament especially the members of our House strives hard to seek views and thoughts, seeking elsewhere in finding exactly Parliamentary intention lies for the wellbeing of Samoa tomorrow pursuant to the Main Budget 2013/2014.

Salega cannot steer off immediately as we should beg tolerance of the Speaker, Parliament members, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader and Deputy leader of Opposition, the orators and chiefs and those offering their services within the various Government Ministries.

Particularly the support of His Highness, the Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good lady, the support of the Chief Justice, the Ministry of Court and Justice. I cannot proceed without acknowledging my constituency first.

To my dear constituency of Salega, your dignitary salutation has been laid commencing from Tapapa in Matalili to Vaimoliai and Fetoliai, I shall not touch on as you are fully aware of our constituency's salutations including the support of men and women.

The support of the various churches Ministers to strengthen and build good relations amongst the village chiefs, families and Parliament representatives such as I and his Honour Tapuai Toese Ah Sam to voice your views and concerns for the districts' developments.

Mr Speaker, I will speak on our Main Budget, hence I begin my submissions with the ongoing undertakings required for my constituency including past requests.

To the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I believe you have often heard of the electric post request from this district. We will conduct a site visit in Savaii at the end of the week to settle the instalment of this post on a set location provided the village men's consultations. Set plans by government are fully supported by the constituency in ensuring safe and security for both islands as well as collective efforts made between the village councils and the Ministry.

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By observation and based on database records, not many shops are affected with crimes in the district. The positive side for the chiefs and members of parliament is through working alongside with the Ministry in ensuring that we live in peace and harmony. I humbly put forward that I fully support the post in Salega which should be located near the hospital. The hospital is located in Fualalo and should be near Sagone so that if an emergency rises, they can use this pole to set up easier communications with the Ministry of Health.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure thank you for the implemented works. I believe that your set duties are not easy. All 48 of us plead on the submissions of the constituencies especially in ensuring to complete the set work amount within the five years we now represent. However I humbly put forward a submission from the past on the improvement of inland road at Sagone. These include inland road in Fogatuli, Samata and Fagafau. Other villages in the district are fine with the raising matter including as roads constructed in the previous Parliamentary Term.

For water access, Salega is showing positive sign given water drill, and for this undertaking to be installed for Sagone village given the long distant drill from the village. A submission was put forward by the old men to drill water further inland to obtain good water supply for the village. Other water drills is accessible by the villages in the district with connecting pipelines which is connected to Sagone which makes water available but additional drilling is required for Sagone to ensure the availability of clean water. Hence water pump in some parts of the constituency is in good condition. Thank you your Honour.

The work carried out by EPC is not easy which strives to provide and maintain efficient and effective services particularly with the new power generator.

The power generators we inspected in Savaii will be relocated internal to Vaiaata for effective operation purposes and for easier accessibility to other energy generating sources such as solar and hydro energy to assist with electricity costs. Nonetheless, the consistent power cuts was also inspected by the Committee and located some of our local workers working alongside the Japanese experts in ensuring that power generating activity is well maintained. In the past, this was easier to explain, given the availability of improved resources we have now, this requires maintenance and upgrading in the future.

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To the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, I extend sincere appreciation to the listeners of CCSP on the positive response to my village's request submitted on road access constructed in lieu of the footpath which stretches down to the beach. A small reminder to the land owners of the Congregational church and village councils, there is dire need for water catchment efficiency given complicated negotiations with these land owners to obtain their agreement in permitting land plots for governmental development purposes for the village's benefit.

I wish to thank the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and Mr Speaker, for the presence of our children the last two days. This is a very positive move in the development of Parliament members. Although these programs are mostly conducted overseas but as affirmed by the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Leader of Opposition, this encourages children in the nearby future given the saying, 'we represent today and they represent tomorrow' which makes the selection of good leaders easier when they take over in the future. Even though all calls are from God, but the call is preparing our environments first before we undertake our call. Thank you for this important initiative.

In collaboration with our partners from overseas, Government now has set plan for students' school fees beginning from Year 1 – Year 8 and Year 9 – Year 11 and I acknowledge them for this aim. My only concern you Hon Minister of Education is whether you have considered the same for Years 12 and 13 for the benefit of parents.

I believe it is not easy as we already have a lot of economic investments but education is the key priority for future development of the country. Most parents are grateful for Government initiative as well ties with our overseas countries, yet when children reach Years 12 and 13 and parents are asked to pay their school fees and children suddenly don't go to school. This all becomes a waste given Government and partners collaborating efforts in achieving this objective. The main aim is educating our children so that we have well educated citizens who will not have to worry about our economy and abide with the set down spirit by God which enables us to move forward if we depend on our current and future plans.

I wish to acknowledge the Government for setting up the Year 13 level in my constituency, despite talks with the village men, nonetheless, this is the second year since its establishment and we are very grateful. Although no student made it to University level last year, but I reminded teachers and students not worry for this is the initial year.

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This year has an additional year 13 with Science teachers request next year especially for those who are graduating this year in ensuring that Government achieves its set standard.

With the matter of rugby field, Salega currently holds an international rugby field which is regularly maintained by Sagone village but I plea that this be in consideration. This is currently being used by our College and this initiative must be considered.

Despite the standard now obtained by Years 12 and 13, I believe there is strategic plans set out for special vocational fields apart from Don Bosco and Pesega College nevertheless, these particular fields would've been available in these schools...hence I believe majority of these Year 12 and 13 classes consists of 50 plus students will end up raising families after this level. And if they do not reach University level, at least they are equipped with skills such as raising families but also general developments which assists and promotes the economy of the country.

I do not have any comment on agriculture sector given very few earning generated from it but this is one important sector that contributes a lot to our economy. Do take note of the set plans particularly my district if there are available programs such as crop planting for Salega and other nearby districts to train and obtain knowledge from in filling out a form for this activity.

To the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development we are receiving messages from Savaii concerning our constituency in Savaii that they still working. Hence I extend appreciation.....with the intention to strengthen these initiatives through our government women representatives on the request that set plans are still ongoing. As I said, leave this with me as I will press it through together with an exercise activity to seek better health of constituents and the country as a whole.

In connection to the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology on the single request concerning TV. Our school now has computers but not internet access due to the cost. However, you have clearly stated that this is not easy but do take it into consideration and for the information of the Minister of Education, seek other ways so that our children are well equipped in their studies. Has the Hon Minister considered the new balloon technology that's now available in New Zealand last week and the whole world sold at a lower rate. Laupua need not teach Taumafaiga but let be laid beside you as there is a current progress with our broadband technology as this is our future.

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My appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance as all these deliberations would not have occurred if it wasn't the work carried out by the Ministry, the Chief Executive Officer, and staff in collecting taxes. Thank you for the difficult task deliberated on the Main Budget to increase levies on tax collection from the business sector. I am convinced with this alternate way which demonstrates the hardworking employees who are responsible for collecting taxes although there are irresponsible tax collectors out there, nevertheless gratitude to the work well done. Just to note there is a need for an x-ray machine to be brought in to make it easier to...although it is costly but it will be very useful and easier for staff members to perform their work.

The Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration is continuing efforts with their ongoing tasks however, given the poor standard of accommodations in Savaii for the judges stay, hence a plea to take heed of this matter so that quality conditions and security is achieved.

Thank you Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour as most of the legislations have been submitted to better and attract foreign investors to invest in the developments of Samoa. I noticed the positive trend in the list provided by the Ministry which ensures our partnerships with other business ventures.

To the Hon Prime Minister, with respect to tourists...whatever reports in newspapers given the concern of the industry hence I believe this is where wisdom is founded. It is good for us to work together which is reflected in our developments and the push for the tourism industry. Whatever achievements we combine our efforts in is all for the betterment of the country.

I conclude my comments with the Ministry of Health on the belief that the respective Minister is a person of experience. Thank you for our hospital in Foailalo and Palauli West. Maintenance work has begun for the hospital and a positive feedback was received by many on the services rendered by two special doctors in this part of the country. This has greatly eased the burden for districts like Tuasivi to ensure that they are taken care. I queried if the specialists could pay a visit three times instead of two, nevertheless the discretion is yours Hon Minister depending on the specialists availability.

MR SPEAKER: You have five minutes left.

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Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE: Thank you Mr Speaker.
According to the submissions of my constituency.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker, as the Hon member's mentioned the visiting doctors visitation and assessments, no I affirm that it was me who conducted this visit the beginning of the year. As for the member for Palauli West, I elaborated the raising standard of hospital services in your district since its establishment two years ago.

The conditions of facilities alone are up to standard. Broken chairs and beddings have been repaired and of the current...I wish to say as you mentioned air cons are installed in the medicinal storage room, the consultation room is 100% including the outpatient and operating rooms. Thus the hospital facilities and buildings are in better conditions. The same goes to the good health services provided by the nurses who work 24 hours both in the administration and maintenance area. Your request relating to doctors, that is the intention of the Ministry to increase doctors visits from once a week to two or three times a week. For your information, we have 75 doctors to a total of 200,000. Our trip to Europe, one with a developed economic status has a ratio of one to one hundred patients. To achieve this ratio is one of the Ministry's main objectives. If we are able to achieve this ratio, this will mean that all quality health services provided in the main hospital will also be made available in all district health clinics. That is the international standard our Ministry's is trying to achieve but the setback is the shortage health officials we have. As often raised we have a Medical School which consists of 45 students from Years 1 to Year 5. This Medical School takes up to years.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Minister as the opportunity is given to the member for Faleata West.

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Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I am saddened with the official Hon Minister of the House given his many replies all the time. This means that the Minister should not respond during Government Responses? This is prolonging our meeting this evening.

MR SPEAKER: Do bear with me and your posing comments dear member as I am still giving opportunities, there was no interjection during the comments by the member for Salega and given the serious issues raised to his awareness, the Minister would respond.

Do shorten your responses Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama: Mr Speaker and dignified members, all 45 students will graduate in the next five years. This means that we will have 45 doctors in the next five years. If all these doctors reside and work in Samoa, this means that each health clinic will have a doctor and the aim as per request by your Honour will be achieved in providing two to three doctors a week for the district hospitals. That is my clarification for the member with all due respect Mr Speaker and the meeting.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to conclude with his comments.

Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE: Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Hon Minister of Health for your clarifying comments. Do take note of the Medical University as Government is providing funding assistance for this project. For whatever initiatives and developments we have that requires funding are all good if Government allocated funding assistance. Such answers your submissions presented earlier today.

Mr Speaker, I now wish to comment on the Main Budget. I will not say much as most of our developments have been presented beforehand. Only this, I recommend the Hon Minister of Finance, your work is not that easy given the huge undertaking we had on our Main Budget. It is true that there are funding assistance provided but if we work together, then all our submissions will be granted. On another note, whatever amount of debts we have because this is where we opposing opinions, but on advice, we must ensure and maintain a collective effort in this for the future.

Mr Speaker that is the contribution from the constituency of Salega on the Main Budget. Let God be with us.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comments member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee. I believe that your comments have been clearly clarified as you are one of the pillars of the Finance and Expenditure Committee in your works as investigators for the last two weeks of the Finance Committee. I commend your comments comes this part of the evening.

The opportunity is now given to the Hon Deputy Leader and Leader of Opposition, the two will be forwarding their comments before we conclude with our proceedings this evening, each member has 15 minutes.

I call on the member for Falealupo.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. In the very essence of this House, I rise with all due respect. It has been a long night nevertheless, I have experience the rain drops...This is a very special evening as it is important that we are discussing the first Budget of the year. I will not touch on the salutations. The House is Honoured in the presence of the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and members of the House, the Heads of Government Ministries. I commend your support and service. This evening has been long and we should comment accordingly.

Mr Speaker, I firstly wish to comment and pardon me Samoa listening in. Your salutations will remain everlasting. Furthermore, I beg tolerance as I greet my dear constituency of Falealupo listening in the presence of Auvaa ma Aiga i le Toafa ma Silialaei, the various denominations and servants of God in and around the constituency. I commend your support and I greet you all with love and ask for your support as I contribute on the Parliamentary Main Budget that is tabled.

Mr Speaker, I firstly wish to comment on the works and developments by the Government for my constituency the last 12 months. Two years ago, this constituency submitted no development request nor improvement work your Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Cabinet. Why? Because the water project was an important implementation to us that was [launched by the Hon Prime Minister making water available to the majority of the constituents.](#)

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Now look at the length of this support? Acknowledgement to the Hon Minister of Works, Chief Executive Officer of the Water Authority, the orator Moefaauo, and staff of Samoa Water Authority in Savaii for the work carried out the last few weeks which has now connected us with our neighbours Alataua West.

We are pleased with your dedicated efforts and assistance which has enable our constituency to receive water which is the top priority for any development. Although water access ha not reached all parts of Falealupo, never mind our support and prayers are in your hands. The spirit of gratitude is present in us today, we and Alataua West know your reason, water pipelines are soon to reach us and should be undertaken tomorrow. Falealupo do not worry, the Honorable Minister and the Chief Executive Officer has spoken, it wont take long, so stay blessed. Thank you.

I now wish to press my comment towards the Hon Minister. The submissions mentioned two years ago will now be repeat them again if not I will see you again but its not much.

The repairing of our three inland road in Falealupo uta was meant to happen in that timeframe however – our support has taken far too long now for three inland road. Secondly, the connecting road out of the main road.....

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

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I note the appreciation of the member, but similar undertaking to Falealupo also stretches to Neiafu, Tufutafoe and Falelima. The issue was due to the remoteness of area which stretches along the shoreline, however only very few parts of Falealupo remains. This is one of the oldest Parliament members who should be happy that the constituency is almost fully connected but we are planning to...we have not reached Falelima and Tufutafoe but there is a continued plan for water supply. This is my notice with all due respect.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Thank you, but do consider this your Honour, we have two land plots, the stretch from shoreline to inner land is about 8 miles long, and another is about 8 miles distant extends from inland to the coastal area.

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I am unsure whether its the three road I am speaking about or the two connecting ones which stretches from the coast. A road was built during the former Minister of Works - Hon Tuisugaletaua time, pardon me for mentioning the name, this Minister built an outer road in case we get hit by a Tsunami.

Your Honour, the inland road stretch is roughly 8 miles different from the 8 miles road connected to the backside road stretching from the coastal area. In addition your Honour, thank you very much for the playing field of our school.

I now wish to make submissions Mr Speaker, our trip with the Deputy Speaker of the House gave us ideas on this unforgettable trip - the wharf in Asau that was constructed 30 years ago. There was a plan to establish a cannery. The district stretching from Asau to Falelima holds no Government development, we live by heart pardon the language, we seek living from the land and sea and if we don't work – the cost of living was too expensive given VAGST, there is a huge difference in the price of herring. If a cannery is established, note this down in your agenda, the cost of living will go well, we will eat well and job opportunities will be produced. In consideration, this can be applied in the distant parts of Aleipata.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as I call on the Minister of Finance for his clarification.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: Mr Speaker, the member is commenting on matters that fall under Government set plans and programs. When I met with the South Korean Minister of Agriculture, Agricultural Store and Fisheries in Pusan South Korea, he asked what agriculture development Samoa has so that they could provide assistance. I called the Minister and CEO of the Ministry to take note of the opportunity by the Republic of Korea as well as the People's Republic of China and the World Bank. I informed them that Samoa requires assistance in the Fisheries Division such as assistance provided to the Solomon Islands by the Government of South Korea. There is submission for a cannery development to produce and supply fish. The wharf in Asau is a good location if water is available.

This must be consulted between our Agriculture and Fisheries Minister and the South Korean Minister of Fisheries before set program and submission is before the Cabinet before it progresses.

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This is the Republic of South Korea's intention to provide assistance in the developments held in the Pacific. The Solomon Islands is currently progressing well with this fishing industry development. A scoping study has already been undertaken by Australia and SPA in Asau.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you for your clarifying comments Hon Minister, I call on the member as responses have been provided by this side.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA: Thank you very much your Honour, which of the two is quicker? China or Korea What is your answer? Fine the motion has been laid, at least.....

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga: According to the question, yes both countries are the same, they have different names but the people have similar features that you would not tell which is which.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA: My additional request if Korea is quicker, the solar system for my the entire district of Asau, pardon the House, we were taken to the biggest solar system company with the old men usual habits – when we arrived there were six men smoking next to the – where the attribution took place next to the silver bowl which boils and water is over flows, the kettle boils continuously but there is no water inside, it is quite remarkable to see the solar in action, to which I thought, It would be astounding if we had something like this. Had not any of you came across this experiment when you had your trips abroad? We took a trip to Nadi and Suva and solar energy was discovered hence the term solar energy and billions has been heard far too often but not is being done about it. That is the appeal.....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I wish to assist my fellow member.....

MR SPEAKER: A point of clarification or a point of order.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I wish to remind.....

MR SPEAKER: I don't have any reminder which implicates your comments.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The Hon Minister travelled to seek us a 15 storey building house instead of the solar energy and other vital developments. That is what I wish to remind in accordance to your query.

MR SPEAKER: We went on another trip with the Prime Minister and yourself Leader of Opposition where you saw the solar system and the like and recommendation was before Cabinet. We also undertook a study tour of the Pacific, but I beg tolerance, your time will come as have 15 minutes left of the Deputy Leader's time before you present your responses.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA: Thank you very much Hon Minister for your clarification. This set plans development is a plan that is fully supported by the member with all the required respect.

Firstly, the building under construction in Matagalalua, we are fully aware of the fifteen storey house will be in talks to speed up the process. There are two main areas in Samoa for all gatherings Matagalalua and Tiafau. In any village, there is cultural field or central area reserved for cultural purposes. We get funding, pardon me but we will not such land space – centre.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as the Government is giving clarification.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Your Honour I wish to assist the member. A fifteen building house is not provided in our Main Budget. Those are the strategic plans set forth by our Government whereas what Government is finding more job opportunities. As noticed in the comments of the member, it is not for Samoans to serve foreigners. Hence this is all done in hotels – this is arrogant. All these are provided but employment opportunities are sought by Government. Hence I do not object to development which creates employment. The statement issued yesterday by the member to place emphasis on education has no fate. Employment is sought after education! The reward of all children after education is earning qualifications before seeking employment to support the families. However the statement issued by the member is very unpleasant for Samoan people to serve foreigners.

This mean that we have underestimated our own people by serving visitors and foreigners from overseas. That is complete arrogance your Honour! You are filled with it.....

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Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Your Honour let me clarify this as you are unclear.....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: No I understand completely.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: No you are totally incorrect, if you will let me finish.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member for Falealupo your opportunity will be given for your comments.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: My intention are towards Government aims, whatever Government plans aims to increase employment – until your discussions are finished. So is the member for Falealupo tired of upstanding.

Palusalua, is the member for Falealupo getting tired of standing? That is the situation Mr Speaker. Regardless of whatever development set forth by the government, it all comes down to one main purpose, which is seeking employment opportunities for our children. What's clear now is that a son of a nation serves the people of a different nation, is of very low standard. That is just an obnoxious standpoint.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Mr Speaker with all due respect, there is a saying that goes, "He's barking up the wrong tree." My dear friend. It is very different. Please let me give my explanation.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Despite your intentions, I have been listening for a while. I've been waiting where this will take you. Hence the only thing you're after is that Samoans have gone down and that they live to serve others. We are seeking the future for the children of Samoa. Your viewpoint is disgraceful.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Mr Speaker, your views are totally different. Mr Speaker the issue on weighing pounds is important.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Your Honour admit it, it is not different. If it was a mistake, admit it! A mistake mentioned in your speech.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: No what you are after is foolish.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I disagree, this foolishness is yours.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Let me say what I know your Honour.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The point you expressed is not an example.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Do recall my comments please.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I only wish to assist the Hon Prime Minister, we are only connecting small but the essence of the member is.....

MR SPEAKER: Your point is taken Palusalua.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Seeking employment opportunities for Samoan children is not a small matter. By this, does this mean that you emphasise the importance of employment.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: That is my comment, you do not understand my comment. But pay attention I will explain it again.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I fully understand.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: You do not understand. Sit down and I will repeat myself again.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, let the member complete his comments before you are given the opportunity.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Even yesterday. Let me have your patience as I am trying to give an example. The doctor gave an advise yesterday for us to go and have our x-ray. I was following this matter. What now? The comments provided yesterday have been proven incorrect, the doctor accused me of mental head, he had no idea what he was saying, and given in records, I was right all along. Again, I am repeating the same process. Why are you being illusive? If you made a mistake, admit it!

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Why don't I comment first before you respond?

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Prime Minister. The opportunity will be given to the Hon member for his comments.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Very well. Your Honour, you are quick to respond. (.....). I will now comment. Let me clarify this as you do not understand.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am not a horse! Do correct this Mr Speaker, stop being impertinent, I am not a horse!

MR SPEAKER: I beg the patience to the member, let the Prime Minister finish with his comments.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: I speak on the English phrase.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Do not speak English. I speak as a Samoan chief to another Samoan chief. Do not speak English as it causes errors.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: Ok ok. I will speak Samoan. Very well, I beg your pardon your Honour. Please your Honour.....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to conclude with his comments.

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Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: I guess this is to do with the example I gave, part of the example. The building will be constructed here, the essence.....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the comment is not an example. The member is commenting and is not drawing any examples. If the case is over and there is nothing else to say, then conclude.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for your comments Hon Prime Minister. I call on the member.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: As indicated in my explanation your Honour, the building will now be established, and visitors will come. Then I avowed that the visitors will be visiting Samoa's visiting place (malae fonofu), which, implies that we will be serving these people, its ok.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, there is absolutely no set plans to build a hotel in Tiafau. There is no such plan.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: In Matagaialalua. Do you understand?

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: You are objecting to the works undertaken. Mr Speaker, I take it that it is pointless to continue with our discussion when he is at fault. If the mistake you pointed out was admitted, that would have been enough. Regardless of how you comment, your words are recorded.

MR SPEAKER: I believe your comments have been clearly clarified Hon Prime Minister, the Chair has also taken the concerns of the member. The chair has it that we have arrived at our adjournment time, whilst opportunity is given to the member to think accordingly before we resume our work for tomorrow until we have the official records of today's deliberations, in case your differences prolongs however.....

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is not a conflict, I am well aware of my comments and as I keep records of what's being said hence there is no need to cross check our comments with the official Parliamentary records. The comments provided by the member are clear in building a tourism complex whilst our people are there to serve otherwise defines a very diminishing value and status of our people. In other words, this specifies that all employment taken at the hotels and other tourism developments is very low and belittles our people. As such, this is a very stupid opinion.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA: It now sounds stupid as you have manipulated my statement but I was pressing on a different manner.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I disagree; we are discussing exactly what you have put forward. It is you who brought it....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member as our Meeting will come to an end. I beg tolerance Hon Prime Minister.

I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 1, Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Mr Speaker, based on Parliamentary principles and procedures, freedom of speech is expressed given that her valuable jewellery is not easy to obtain. Gold is sought from the earth's core and pearls are found in the stomach of the ocean. Thus I rise so the two can take a break pardon the dignified listeners of Samoa. I also wish to consider the comment on the word horse specified by the Deputy Leader of Opposition, pursuant to the House's orders and procedures; the Speaker has the final saying in this. Therefore, this statement must be omitted or withdrawn from Parliamentary records given that this is referring to the Prime Minister. That is the situation with due respect. Thank you for this debate, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Your point has been taken, I beg tolerance to the Hon member who has just spoken as we have different views on Government attempts and initiatives which aims to provide relevant information relating to the member's concern.

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The Prime Minister's comments are correct whilst the concern of the Deputy Leader intends to secure our land seizure by foreigner investors. However, this does not avoid Government from pushing forward to build and improve for developmental purposes. There is no difference.

The member's intention on word he used is clear on the phrase 'hold your horse' it is not a matter to ...but if it is a matter that we don't get, otherwise I....

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA: It is a saying, 'hold your horse' it means have a little patience. That is the exact meaning, not a horse? It's a saying.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: That is exactly why I rise to remove these words. I wish to keep the statement uttered by the member for Falealupo in our Parliament records for the information of our future generation to come. The issue raised on land is a matter that situates the Government building, what about Tusitala hotel? All these land plots are made available for hotel developments. There is no difference; even with areas stretching from there to here, they all cover tourism hotel development.

That is the reason behind my comment, such matter poses a very foolish opinion which diminishes our local employees working in hotels and the given tourism developments built alongside the town area. Yet, Government's main aim is to ensure that there is employment for our children. That is the real essence behind this motive. If the member does not remember, let it be, but as have mentioned Mr Speaker, we have reached the end of our meeting this hour of the evening.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA: Mr Speaker, the horse I commented on is different from the normal horse the member is used to which he relates to employees. However my horse is from a saying whereas the horse that he put forward....it is finished.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member; I have respectfully given the order to have patience and have peace in our Meeting. The Hon Prime Minister has also clarified.

I will give the opportunity to the member for Aana Alofi No. 1, Honorable Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

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Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Mr Speaker, a person need not advised or Laupua to Tamafaiga as often hear around the country. For your information your Honour, this is the Government and HRPP leader. It is our job to protect the leader of the HRPP and the country from harsh accusations and deliberations inside Parliament. This is our duty as Party members. This is why I raised the motion. As was also part of that Chair, we do not question the member's integrity; the final decision comes from the Speaker. With all due respect, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member. I beg tolerance Saleaula as the opportunity is given to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker, I believe we have come to the end of our proceedings today. But what concerns me is the matter from yesterday. By going through the writings in the Observer, they are quite severe and they are from the same member. Again he has spoken a foul language, I plea your Honour. The words from yesterday doesn't matter, but your discretion must be used. The offensive language written in the Observer are very shameful. For me as a Samoan chief who maintains and uphold dignity, oh my! This is very shameful! But the newspapers reporters are very alert in publishing these news items for the whole world to see. There is no respect!

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Leader of Opposition to.....

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I move a motion, *That the words used today and yesterday be removed from Parliamentary Records.*

With the spirit of respect.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: You have taken this offence as a heavy matter. Whenever you speak on horses.....

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Hon Leader of Opposition, take a seat as I am not talking to you. You are small and young. Your bulk is only a bump. You do not understand.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Do not be inconsiderate. I rise to make right the subject.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatatau: That means you are only big in size but your stomach is empty.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I will come and punch your mouth! You are very inconsiderate, I rise to correct the raising matter.

MR SPEAKER: The motion has been moved and seconded with my approval. I beg tolerance to the member for Saleaula. Our meeting is steering towards the wrong direction, when I am trying to calm our meeting. Look at the amount of work we have achieved today, and we are suddenly disrupted comes the end of our meeting?

These deliberations were left until speeches were complete for the day. There is no intention to examine the comments of the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, pardon me as I was unclear of your comments. Uncertain claims cannot be recognized before the Parliament.

I beg your pardon; I could not obtain the essence of your comments and you are fully aware of the newspaper issue. Explanations cannot be brought forth and they are not in official Parliamentary records. If that was the case I would have already made a decision in line with procedures. I respected the comments provided by the member for Aana Alofi No.1 who was former Speaker of the House, incase changes returns anxiety. I believe you have set the correct path for us to follow.

Nonetheless, the standard concerning these comments require utmost attention as it concerns the Honorable Prime Minister, the Leader of Government. I do not need to repeat this to you as well as the Hon Deputy Leader. Instructions have been made to remove these comments and it is by standard that you cannot change it as it concerns the Hon Prime Minister. I order that the following comments be omitted. I feel that we have entered the house of God this evening. I believe we have gone over 10 minutes since matter has just been resolved.

I beg the pardon of the Hon Deputy Leader, the brave shall rest until tomorrow, there is a purpose to your speech, let the new day come with new views, ideas and thoughts.

(The Speaker ordered the removal of the following words from the member of Falealupo's comments: "Hold your horse, ok.")

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MR SPEAKER: I wish to extend sincere appreciation at this hour of the evening to the dignified sitting members. I believe that we have come to the end of our work for today. I believe that whatever deliberation taken forth today, do pardon me as I endeavour to set straight our proceedings despite the different views and concerns, they are left to be spoken. I also pity the many attempts as I feel that you are full aware of our orders and procedures in the House.

I beg your pardon Samoa at this hour of the evening. I believe that night has advanced and I fully respect your support. Despite the unnecessary comments, do pardon my mistake. The essence of today's proceedings and Parliamentary procedures, success is not easy to find and terms expressed should be mixed up because your valuable support is not easy and lest we do not fully carry out our so called duties, hence is our mistake upon you. Hence I congratulate you all, we will take a rest today, and be sure that we will rise in good health and spirit comes a new day for us to continue our work.

Before we rest, I call on the presence of the preacher; let us give Him praises in our final prayer this evening. Let God hear our prayer this evening before we conclude for today and reconvene again tomorrow.

I call on the Hon member for Saleaga, Tofa Tapuai Toese Ah Sam to conclude our Meeting with a prayer.

Prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were now set aside at 11:10pm until 9.00am tomorrow, Thursday 20th June 2013.