

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2015

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

MR SPEAKER: With all due respect I greet the dignity of the House this new morning. There are no words to describe our Lords love and grace upon us. What can we do if we slept and did not awake this morning? It is a beautiful morning seeing each and every one of us present; Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and all the esteemed members. To the Heads of Government Departments, I acknowledge your presence as we continue our work – to God be the glory.

I am content as I believe that Samoa in all its honorific salutations supports us. I must also acknowledge the support from His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I suspect we are all in good health and spirits.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 190, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 112, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons Committee on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 105, Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration Annual Report for the Financial Year 2010/2011.
2. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 191, Samoa Law Reform Commission Annual Report, July 2013-June 2014.

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MR SPEAKER: We adjourned yesterday and the member for Samoa Aoao had the floor.

I call on one of the members of the Individual Voters Roll, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him to continue from yesterday.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM (Individual Voters Roll): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I greet the House; Leader of the Government and the Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and all the members of Parliament. Also I acknowledge His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

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My dearest Constituency, bear with me as I make this speech and I will speak on our constituency matters.

Yesterday, before we ended our day, I was commenting on the airport. I will not speak long on the matter. We have read in the newspapers and heard stories going around that the airport was to be bought by the Chinese. It is now clear that it is not true. I thank the Government for this because I was concerned. Thankfully it is clear that the contract is for China to construct a new airport for the benefit of Samoa but not to purchase the airport.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, I interrupt the members speech.

MR SPEAKER: I beg leniency of the member while the opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I recall in 1950 to 1960 or 1970, there were Chinese. At that time, the first Chinese that worked our farms had almost all but gone.

Usually the old men were seen in Saleufi and Taufusi with loads of eggs and cabbages. When they roamed around in those days, they would sound off loud horns alerting people that they were coming with goods to sell. This is what I observed when I was living in Saina and attending school.

These men were mocked and belittled; this was the same attitude towards the Melanesians. There was discrimination towards these men.

China has assisted Samoa in many ways. Without them, many of the infrastructures we see now exist because of them.

I recall in 1983, the Speaker approached other Governments to build a Parliament House. If China had not accepted, we would not be in this House. These contributions are being hidden.

Just recently we opened the hospital. Other villages have pride in their schools built by China and Japan. They are very hospitable.

Yesterday, you heard of some in the Opposition that are in partnership with Chinese companies. There is a sore we should be rid of and that is discrimination. If a leader does not have vision, they are discriminatory. This same attitude is festering in this House being hidden behind assumed sympathy for our land and country. These comments veiling a discriminatory view easily influence those weak minded people.

Looking in this House, there are descendants from Chinese immigrants; those who helped develop this country. There are descendants from Germany, Britain and America. We are fanning the embers to cause controversy preventing the Governments efforts – developments to create employment opportunities. Also in this House are descendants from Fijians and Tongans that immigrated to our country in 1200 and 1400.

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Mr Speaker, we are attacking others and as you are all aware we are heading towards our Elections. We should be talking about developing our country and children but not do it by making discriminatory remarks.

Mr Speaker, this is why I stood yesterday to reprimand those who are feeding information to the newspapers who just want to make sales. Stop exuberating such weak attitudes of discrimination towards the Chinese, Melanesians and others from overseas but consider who is running the State. They are descendants of immigrants who have contributed to the development of our country.

I stand to acknowledge this member for addressing this matter. There is no foolish Government that would purchase the airport of another country. They would only become bankrupt and gain nothing. That is the assistance Mr Speaker.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of Opposition): Mr Speaker, a point to be clarified and a point of order.

MR SPEAKER: There is nothing to clarify. The Hon Prime Minister was commenting on the speech by Afioga Maualaivao. There is no point of order to be made.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Ministers comments were general and affects everyone.

MR SPEAKER: It is a non issue. There will be a time when it will be clarified because a point of order cannot be done on another point of order. The Hon Prime Minister stood to make a point of clarification.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: What of the boil mentioned?

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Hon Palusalue, we are trying....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: That is the only matter. We are trying but you are....

MR SPEAKER: You will have your opportunity to speak.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You are protecting the Hon Prime Minister and his remarks.

MR SPEAKER: This is my duty. It is also to protect you Afioga Hon Palusalue, both of you. If I see that our Proceedings are straying, I must intervene. The speech was clear and understandable....

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: With respect Mr Speaker, listen to the remarks by the Hon Prime Minister, it has double meaning....

MR SPEAKER: The remarks were clear.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: It was not clear....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Afioga Hon Palusalue, be seated! We are straying from the matter at hand. The remarks were clear. I call on the member for the Individual Voters Roll, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota (Siumu): Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Tuuu....

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Just a minor point of order. The Hon Minister mentioned horns. I also lived in the Taufusi, Lalovaea and Saleufi area. It was not a horn as told by the Hon Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: Your comment is noted.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is the problem with members who are veterans but foolish.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: It was a saxophone, not a horn.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: A point of order. A point of order is not permitted on another point of order.

MR SPEAKER: Be seated.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Do not continue with such comments.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Sit down.

MR SPEAKER: Be seated.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Do not make such remarks.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I was commenting on the speech.

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MR SPEAKER: Tofa Hon Tuuu sit down.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: It is the usual.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Do you read your Standing Orders?

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Be considerate.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Stop being arrogant.

MR SPEAKER: I ask the member to be seated. I was trying to calm our Meeting earlier pursuant to our Standing Orders. The member had the floor, the Hon Prime Minister stood to make a point of order and a clarification on the members speech therefore a member cannot make a counter correction or clarification. This is the fourth year of our Term and I am still making a reminder of these provisions. It is not as if the opportunity is not being allowed.

I call on the member to continue with your speech.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker. I forgot to mention in my foreword that we should have patience for that is the will of the Lord during our deliberation. We should work joyfully.

I thank the Hon Prime Minister. I will not touch on the airport as it has been expanded on with the explanation of the Chinese and Melanesian migrants by the Leader of the Government. I was at a funeral of a Chinese man, Ah Chu, where the Hon Prime Minister made a eulogy and it was humorous. It was about Chinese men and Samoan women. The Hon Prime Minister shared that the Government of Samoa did one mistake, it was to allow the marriage of Chinese men and Samoan women, and everyone laughed. In my personal view, this is a good combination. I will move away from this subject but thank you the matter is clear.

For the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. The only matter is the sheep. After the last shipment, I wanted to start my own sheep farm but I only got one sheep. I do not know when the next shipment would come but I have already built my fence for the sheep.

Also Hon Minister, the taro was cheap but now, it has become a bit costly. Perhaps there is more taro being exported but there is still some left for our local markets.

I have one more matter with regards to the Hon Minister of Health. This is the only Ministry that has increased their salary to 100, 200% and also when you go to visit the doctor it is affordable. I applaud the Management.

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We have just completed phase two of the hospital and it is pleasant to the eye, so I thank you again. Looking at the Ministry's promotional programs, the only thing left for them to do is to go to the person limping on the footpath and take them to the hospital then everyone will be healthy. My recommendation to the nation during these sunny times, use an umbrella or a hat to prevent illness. Look after your children and your elderly and buy a fan. Look out for the next time the project by the Government is carried out for the sale of air conditions and apply for one. There is not a member in the House that does not sleep in an air conditioned room. Maybe some have four air conditions per room. Anyways, that is the recommendation to the Ministry, but for the Hon Minister....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.

Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealailautolo Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii (Minister of Natural Resources and Environment): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Just a minor matter I wish to explain. The air conditions are not just taken by anyone. As mentioned, it is a project. The focus is only on those that are able to implement the project. The Ministry checks the units, records it and prepares reports to support the project. It is not as if anyone can come and take the units without a purpose in the project. All the air conditioned units are recorded.

Also, concerning the units used in the SIDS, thankfully they were received under this project. That is the clarification this morning.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu (Gagaemauga No. 2): Mr Speaker, a point of order please.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: I apologize to the member but none of us sleep in air conditioned room, but if he received ten for free, then he should share it with us....

MR SPEAKER: I apologize to the member, I will give the opportunity to the member for Alataua West followed by the member for Falealili. Is it a point of order or point of clarification?

Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiatuaalesa (Alataua West): A point of order. The Hon Minister has clarified the matter but for the comments by the member that we are sleeping in air conditioned rooms. It may be humorous but the country is listening in. At least the explanation by the Hon Minister was clear in case the country is of the view that we are taking all the units but that is not the case. Those who applied are being prioritized. With respect.

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MR SPEAKER: One of the members for Falealili, Afioga Tusa Misi Tupuola, do you wish to speak? It is ok. I call on one of the members of the Individual Voters Roll, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him. Conclude your speech and do not mention air conditions again. The matter is clear.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: Thank you. I did not mention it for any other reason but I respect the Hon Minsiters explanation.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, many of our comments are in jest so as to liven up our Proceedings. For myself, I wake up at 5.00am because of the heat; I do not own an air condition. I heard that this is the hottest it has ever been in 50 years. I walk around with a hand fan. There is nothing more affordable then to buy a \$4.00 fan from the market.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to conclude his speech.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM: That is the end of this matter. I apologize but I did not say that you are using the air conditions from the project. The truth is one of my friends told me to purchase an air condition from Le Well or wherever they were selling. I will conclude.

To my constituency, I thank you for your support. At the moment there is uncertainty of the intention of the Government about our constituency. My fellow member and I were elected by you to join HRPP and so we are on this side. Despite us being on this side, it does not interrupt the implementation of projects to the constituencies and country. That is why I ask the constituency for patience. Wherever the current flows, we will flow with it. With respect, I wish the constituency and the country well. Thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I thank the first member to speak this morning for your remarks. I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER (Aana Alofi No.3): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I greet you all this morning, Mr Speaker, *Leader of the Government and the Cabinet*, Leader of Opposition and all the members of this House.

I also greet the country listening in this morning, His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo, Chief Justice and members of the Judiciary. I also acknowledge the Heads of the Government Departments. I recognize also the traditional setup of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I wish to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation on behalf of my constituency. Before I comment on the Bill, I present the requests of my constituency.

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First, there is a Government program for the distribution of buses. The Aana No. 1 College is a large school covering three or four constituencies. Currently, it is difficult to travel home after school with the change in time. I ask those responsible for the program to consider a bus for the school to travel from Faleasiu to Aana No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. This school also teaches the science subject and there are also students from Falelatai and Samatau and Aiga i le Tai. The intention is to prioritize the students and their educational lives for the future.

Mr Speaker, I again persist with the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture regarding our sports field. It has been many years since we requested its repair. The work has started but the problem is that the school cannot use it for sports because of the large boulders in the field. There was a first request and the Hon Minister responded that it would be considered. I ask again if this could be implemented in this financial year.

Now I come to the roads. There is an access road, from Fasitootai to Faleatiu and Satapuala that leads to plantations but is in a poor condition and hard to travel. I request the Government to repair this road. Also there is a road in Satuimalufilufi used by the Primary School. This road is also used by the Samoa Water Authority to get to their water pump and it also leads to Oloamanu. I ask if the repair of this road can be considered because it is not only being use by the village but it leads to important Government assets.

I now come to the Supplementary Appropriation. I support the Hon Minister and the Cabinet as well as the heads of the various Government departments for their outputs in this Supplementary Appropriation. There has been improvement in the collection of revenue that could not be collected in the past. This is a great addition enabling the implementation of some outputs within the Supplementary Appropriation. I note that many of these are new requests which were not mentioned in the Main Estimates. The only request is to reduce the requests in the Budget for developments that were proposed a long time ago.

Mr Speaker, regarding the developments of our country. I believe that the Government and the different Ministries have prepared to implement their duties. Just a few recommendations for the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet in repairing some of the roads. If some of the work has been done perhaps we can assist further.

I begin Mr Speaker with solar energy. The Government should consider establishing a Corporation responsible for energy. At the moment there is only EPC. There are more components to it; there is production and energy efficiency. I believe there should be a Department or a Ministry specific to energy because there are different Departments currently managing different parts of the sector. If there was a Ministry created...

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member while the opportunity is given to the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.

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Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I want to comment on this matter before someone else mentions the same thing. There is a National Energy Coordinating Committee chaired by the Hon Prime Minister with the Deputy Chair who is the Hon Minister responsible for EPC tasked at reviewing the policies in relation to the managing of the energy project. All the Departments under the energy sector connect in this Committee and there is no need to set up a new Ministry to deal with this. That is a clarification on the matter with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the member to continue your speech.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Regarding the assistance from the Hon Minister, I am aware of the Coordinating Committee and it been there for a while. This is the reason for my advice. If there was a central body, it would be simpler to implement certain projects. If it is as the Hon Minister stated that four or five departments meet here, there will be conflict. Another will lead the other. I believe this is an important proposal and should be considered by the Government for bio-diesel, bio-fuel and renewable energy. There were always proposals to improve energy efficiency but they were not realized in our country. Also I recommend....

MR SPEAKER: I beseech the honorable member, I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, there are programs specific to these and perhaps you are not aware of them. As for the matter you mentioned, they are being reviewed but there are influencing factors for instance the economy. There are rumors that an application from a company to use old tyres to produce renewable energy and oil has been approved. There are many issues to these new innovations. There are many such applications being made but have not been decided on because there are still details that need to be collected. Some companies come with sufficient funding like Levaopolos company. Other companies on the other hand only come with dreams. They wait for the approval and then they search for the funds after. Some such companies flop after their applications are approved because the request for finances are denied. There are many programs. Solar energy is now being used but that is the status for the other programs.

Mr Speaker, all the views are being recorded. The comment made stated that there are no programs, but there are programs.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to continue your speech.

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Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: I thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister for the explanations.

Another matter Mr Speaker regarding the preparation of the agreements with these companies attempting to produce renewable energy from the sun and other sources. I assume the intention of the Hon Prime Minister is to reduce the cost of electricity. However, when I look at the proposed tariffs by the companies to buy electricity from EPC I believe there will not be a reduction in electricity costs in the next 5 years. The meaning of my statement Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member while I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): I did not intend to interrupt Mr Speaker but there was a mention of energy efficiency. This is one aspect being considered under the Power Sector Expansion Project which started in 2008 and it is currently in progress at Fiaga. The generators used at Fiaga are all fuel efficient. These changes are all a part of going energy efficient. Electricity lines are still being connected. I am trying to explain the Corporations projects. These are not implemented instantly but in stages.

The National Energy Coordinating Committee is working with EPC and it is not specific to just one department. The overall plan of the Government is to cooperate with others so that it is well implemented for the benefit of the country.

As for the electric tariffs, we are working with the Regulator to prepare the tariff charges for the next three years. Imported fuel costs are slowly increasing. There is a lot of assistance in the way of renewable energy. Let us await the tariff costs. It goes hand in hand with the change in the cost of living everywhere, not only in Samoa. Leave the work to the experts and they will present their findings to the Cabinet for the future. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: In the interest of time, I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: An additional comment. There are two parts to the renewable energy program. First, it is the stop the increase of tariffs. We cannot stop the increase of the fuel prices and electricity costs. As we are all aware, there has been a decrease in the fuel prices and the cost of living recently in the country. This is due to the available fuel from America known as shale gas. This has stabilized the costs but it will increase.

The plan at the moment is to keep the fuel costs from increasing as we progress to switch to renewable energy. The plans are currently in place and we should achieve these plans by 2017.

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There are some issues as the Hon Minister mentioned that we are trying to solve at the moment. There are many interested parties with different plans but the truth is that the Government is trying to allow everyone an opportunity. The more the energy producers, the greater guarantee that we will get electricity but there are one or two applicants that can supply electricity for all of us. We want many producers so there is competition and the cost of electricity to EPC and our people is affordable.

Mr Speaker, that is the addition to the Hon Ministers speech.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker. Just an example, currently, the electricity bill comes with a .50 cent fuel charge. The tariff charge to companies proposes to implement our solar power at .50 cents or .60 cents per unit. This means that the solar power sold to EPC will be cheaper than the fuel. This is the recommendation if it can be considered. The intention is that the cost of electricity is reduced.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister to shed light on the matter. Please stand Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: The new structure of our tariffs is as follows. There is a fuel charge, user charge and debt service. These are the three categories and they have percentages. If there is an increase or decrease, there will be a change to the fuel charge percentages. The fluctuation is only in cents. There are experts that deal with this with respect.

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

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): A point of order Mr Speaker. There is confusion. The member for Aana Alofi No. 3 and Gagaemauga No. 2 own Green Power but I hear that solar power is more expensive than fuel. It should be reviewed again and the venture stopped and return to....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I should remind the country of the economic state we were in before this Party took over. One issue was that these fuel companies made money they could not use overseas. It was then that plans were laid out to allow for competition in 1993.

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So it was done, there was British Petroleum, Mobil and another which made it three companies. So there was competition and BP and Mobil lost to that third company. Mobil was shocked because they owned the underground pipes and they should have been affordable. That was how the fuel companies worked in those days and they would raise their prices. This competition went on for one year and after that year that Company also left because they were bankrupt. It is unprofitable to supply fuel to a small country. This was why their tender was cheap because their branch in Papua financed the operation in Samoa and carried the debt.

In 1985, a decision was made to promote the remaining companies. So it continued with Mobil and BP until BP left and it was only Mobil remaining. Mobil brought fuel and small tanks but the tankers would leave and return in a short period because of the small size of tanks that were here. This is why the Government loaned USD\$5million from OPEC which was used to build larger tanks. Samoa then took ownership of these tanks as well as the small tanks and the competition was again done in 1997. I stood here and explained at that time how the competition was going to proceed and it is similar to our competition for our seats to sit here for five years and then we return and have another competition. That was how the competition was. For five years they would supply and structure a cost estimate. Then we were the cheapest in the Pacific. These were the procedures the Government had to go through to make it affordable for our people. Every now and then others from the Pacific come to study our system to adapt it to their countries. I recall in 1997 there were many writings in the news that the Government was involved in bribery. These same foolish accusations are being made today. What is the case now? We have affordable fuel costs. This is why we also use bunker fuel for Fiaga because it is affordable. The Government tried to lower the cost of electricity. Our fuel is very affordable and we do not know that we are more affordable than other Pacific nations. Compared to if we use solar power, it will decrease because renewable fuels cost less especially when generated from water. I stood in 1990 and explained that almost USD\$100million was loaned specifically for this project. We made a request in 1967 just for \$1million but it was rejected because it was too much and diesel was cheaper.

Mr Speaker, this was why the Government encouraged this initiative instead of waiting for 50 years like the Afulilo project. By the time it was repaired, it was costly. It may seem expensive now, but everything increases in costs. This is the only way the cost could be stabilized and perhaps decreased. It is to use renewable energy which is slowly becoming a global trend.

This is why I stand to clarify your comments because I do not know where you are getting these informations from. Just like yesterday, I mentioned salaries and one member stood and made incorrect remarks. Leave aside your cheap politics and let us think of the development and future of our country.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, just a point that needs clarification.

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MR SPEAKER: Will you be addressing the speech by the member for Aana Alofi No. 3? Ok, address one of the shareholders of the company.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Referring to the speech by the member for Aana Alofi No. 3. The truth is that the cost is very affordable. It seems a bit expensive because there is only one supplier at the moment. But listening to the Hon Prime Minister, there will be a competition because at the moment we do not have competitors. The Government is slacking in bringing in the competitors and we will see who will first leave. That is what I am waiting for. The programs planned are good but they have not been implemented.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the member spoke yesterday about the instability of the system and I did not respond. I only corrected the remarks about the potholes in the road. It is true that there are potholes. Endless efforts were done to explain the work to the contractors. We went and did a visit and I walked around to look over the machinery. I found they do not use their compactors and I asked them why and they responded that they are waiting for the person that was going to get the parts. But the machine is still parked at the work site.

The contractors are listening in, the work is not up to peak. I guess it will only be so if only the Ministry stood there while they were doing the work. The Cabinet is trying to make them report back every three months because when there are complaints they are made towards the Ministry and Minister responsible. As for the comment that he examined SCADA and it was 1 megawatt. That is the capacity because of the cloudy weather but when the sun shines it would be 2 megawatts. I assumed that owning a solar power company, he would understand these concepts but it seems he does not. Ask the Chinese you are working with and then you will understand (*Refer to the member for Gagaemauga No. 2*).

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Gagaemauga No. 2 followed by Susuga Papalii.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: That day I was talking about, I was being burnt by the sun. It was sunny from 7.00am to 12 noon. If it was cloudy, I would not have mentioned it because I understand these concepts very well.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the Hon Minister, I will give the floor to Susuga Papalii.

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Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No. 2): Mr Speaker, a point of order because our remarks from yesterday are being labeled as cheap politics. It is not cheap. The truth is Mr Speaker after the Meeting yesterday I asked the Ministry and they said it is true that it was not paid. These are the facts not cheap politics.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The problem with the member is that he is receiving inaccurate reports from his children in the police force. Go straight to the Commissioner. See how your children are now being involved because you listen to them instead.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau: Mr Speaker, I spoke to the Manager of the Finance Division and confirmed what I said in Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: Do not persist on the matter as the Government has explained that it has been resolved.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I cannot leave this unanswered Mr Speaker. We only receive authorized written information to the Cabinet not other information from outside. I will say it again. Do not listen to your police children.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: A point that needs clarification Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: What do you want to clarify Afioga Palusalue.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: There is great impact to this Side because you are assuming incorrect information.

MR SPEAKER: It is understood and it has been....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You have heard it being said that accurate information should be brought into this Parliament. These are correct informations. The Hon Minister of Police and Prison is present.

MR SPEAKER: It has been clarified.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: We also do our research and there is no cheap politics. We do our research and present it in the House for the Government to consider. That is a fact Mr Speaker.

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MR SPEAKER: The Government has responded Afioga Hon Palusalue. If we were to continue pursuing this matter and weigh your research against the research by the Government there would be conflict. Do not mind the term ‘cheap politics’ and refrain from being offended. The members matter has been clarified.

I call on Tofa Lealailepule.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: We are arguing about the word cheap but that is exactly what the country wants to hear ‘cheap’. That means that the politics are cheap meaning the standard of living is good and affordable. We should not be shocked by the word cheap. Thank you Hon Prime Minister that the standard of living is cheap and consequently so is politics.

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

Afioga Hon Tuisugaletau Sofara Aveau (Minister of Communications and Information Technology): Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise with all due respect because I assumed that we had passed this particular matter. I stand because I am confused. When Tofa Levaopolo stands, I do not know if it as a member of his Constituency or as the owner of the solar company.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker, it is both.

MR SPEAKER: The opportunity was given for you to explain it to Toeolesulusulu. I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 3 to conclude your speech.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker. My time is almost up but there are many things I want to put forward. The Corporation is very important because they stand for the country. They stand for the interests of the individual by providing them with affordable electricity and other energy products.

Mr Speaker, a few recommendations for the Ministry of Justice and Court Administration. Consideration should be given on how to utilize the national broadband. The speed is faster and should be used especially for the Land and Title Court. Many of parties involved have family members overseas and after travelling all the way, the court cases are canceled. Perhaps Telecourting can be done like teleconferencing. When there are court cases the broadband should be used and it will be cheaper and simpler which will also speed up court cases where parties cannot attend.

Mr Speaker, regarding the national broadband. I query if it is ready to be used as we are currently preparing for the registration in the electoral rolls. One issue for families is when their birth certificates are not returned. Now there is the national broadband and the Ministries can coordinate.

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If a person comes to register and they do not have their birth certificate, they can pay a fee of say \$5 and it can be received instantly simplifying the registration process instead of the voter having to walk around.

Also for the hospital, the national broadband was launched with doctors conferencing between Upolu and Savaii. I assumed that we could use it in the rural hospices like at Leulumoega and other hospices but there are no doctors but only nurses. The use of this technology needs to be considered for the hospital for efficient service. If there is something needed in the service, broadband can be used so a doctor in Apia can diagnose the patient from the hospital or inside his clinic. Also, this improves efficiency in carrying out tasks.

Mr Speaker, I lay great importance with education and I have witnessed that there has been improvement and progress in this sector. One aspect of this which I think can lead to great success is sports however, there is no indication of preparation in this regards with respect to trainers, fields, equipment and the Management of the Sports Association. I humbly ask that this be considered and this be emphasized in schools. As we are all aware, many of our children play in overseas clubs and they get paid a lot of money which assists not only this country but their families. Perhaps if a local player is awarded an overseas contract, 1% can be contributed to the sporting bodies for sports development. There should be a review if sports are given the emphasis it deserves because it is within the Ministry of Education but perhaps it can be independent of the Minister and then focus can be solely on encouraging sports.

Mr Speaker, there are some recommendations I wish to make on foreign policies. To the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and the dignity of Parliament, it is heartbreaking to see our neighbors in West Papua suffer as they strive for independence. Perhaps we can firmly stand and recommend in the Forum and the General Assembly to stop the oppression by the administrators of this nation and assist in their road to independence.

Another matter Mr Speaker....

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Regarding the matter on the Forum, there is a saying that union gives strength. When there is a matter that needs a harsh decision, there is strength in the unity of the region but a lone voice in the wilderness has no impact on those who need help. Leave that matter with the seniority to handle.

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MR SPEAKER: Your time has finished. Please conclude your speech.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:
Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.
God bless this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: There is time for another member. I call on the member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: I humbly greet the esteemed House Mr Sepaker and honorable members of the Parliament of Samoa as well as Samoa listening in support. I stand with all due respect to also greet the dignity of my Constituency in all their honorific salutations.

Mr Speaker, I did not intend to speak on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill however there is a brief matter on behalf of my Constituency. Before I touch on that, I apologize Mr Speaker for the breach of our Proceedings earlier while sharing an opinion. I will now clarify what I was trying to clarify.

There has been a great change in our climate. Others mentioned the use of a hand fan to use at night when it is hot. I believe that there are certain factors that may impact our views.

The Hon Prime Minister was hasty in his response. What I was trying to explain, because I witnessed it too, it was a saxophone and not a horn as mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister. That was why I interjected.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: A point of order. We have Orders and he is a senior member. The Chair has constantly reminded that a point of order cannot be made on another point of order. I stood to make a point of order on the member for Individual Voters Roll but you stood to make a point of order which is not permitted. The only thing it would lead to is conflict. Mr Speaker is trying to do his job. Perhaps you did not grasp the gist of what was happening. This just makes the Speakers task difficult. I was talking about the horn and I know what you were talking about. I would know because I only live 2 minutes from where these old men used to walk and smoke near Amau. I am not oblivious of these events because I witnessed it.

Mr Speaker, that is the assistance on this matter.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member to continue.

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Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you. I want to speak on Tourism. The Government has emphasized that we strengthen our developments in all the sectors for the success of Samoa because there is no other avenue save this.

First, aviation. I believe good connection with the overseas countries for tourism will help. It is difficult because we cannot compete with Fiji and other countries and their airlines. I witness with the Fiji Airways, there is always a delay and it has become the norm. It is as if the pilots are making up for their extended flying hours but they do not consider the travelling tourists. The same with Virgin Samoa. There is not a week that goes by that there is a delay in the flights. Also, we have friendly relations with Air New Zealand but they do not care about the people and their travel. The Apia to Auckland route generates profit. The recommendation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government is that perhaps it is high time that Polynesian airlines be returned to operate routes such as Hawaii and America and perhaps China should the Government decide to develop this venture.

Mr Speaker, I then come to....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The matter mentioned by the Member concerning the partnership with Virgin and Air New Zealand is correct. There was a wedding and now they are a couple and they have pillow talk and have a good relationship. Next year this partnership will be reviewed. These have already been considered for the future of this country. Negotiations are underway. The nature of airlines depends on competition and so revamping the facilities at the airport was carried out such as what was done to the departure lounge. If we want to open up the opportunity, the future outlook needs to be estimated and whether larger vessels can land. This would mean there is a need for walk ways from the top incase of rain and to prevent delay when VIPs are helped down the stairs. There was one instance when an elderly man was being led down the steps and the Air New Zealand door was damaged. That vessel left without taking any passengers. There were also many other instances during that time when Polynesian Airlines was operating. This was when there was a strong resistance against Polynesian from other Airlines because the work was not done efficiently.

Also, in regards to road contractors, we give first priority to our local companies but if negligence is still noted, the Government will not hesitate to employ overseas Companies. We need good workers. Yesterday I mentioned the population numbers because no mater how we try to hasten the development of our economy, there is always a need for educated workers.

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If the number of the educated population is insufficient, we will not hesitate to employ from overseas to develop our nation at the speed of the modern world. The views shared this morning are important.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the member to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Hon Prime Minister. This matter has been clarified.

I now come to a brief matter regarding our access roads. Perhaps Mr Speaker is aware. Since the beginning of this Term, I stood to request improvement to this road at Saaga and Maninoa. Not only have I mentioned it in the House but also during our caucus meetings which were complimented with letters to the Hon Minister. I met with the Hon Minister last month, as did my Constituency and the response was to leave the matter with him. I only remind the Hon Minister that this Term has almost ended and I have not had an access road constructed.

MR SPEAKER: I beg lenience of the member, perhaps the Hon Minister has a positive reply. I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, I assumed the member would not mention this again after we met. There were many that approached me which included the Associate Minister, women and youth. What I told them on that day was that I envied them for the roads at Tiavi and the schools, but leave that matter with me. I remind the member of this and I ask for your patience.

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Hon Minister. I will have patience. You mentioned the road from Tiavi to Siumu but this is not a road specific to Siumu. It is also used by Safata, Falealili and Aleipata. But our Constituency needs the access road for Maninoa and Saaga. I hope it will be repaired because some constituencies have two to four access roads already opened. Safata has perhaps three or four....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: A point of order. The member is incorrect. They do not have four roads. Road works are being distributed for the entire country with respect.

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

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MR SPEAKER: I call on the Leader of Opposition also the member for Safata.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Do not forget member for Siumu that there are two members for Safata but there has only been one road done. The Hon Minister shows no favoritism. However I advise the Hon Minister that our roads should be done soon because there are two of us, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Tuuu, the House has heard your request for the road as well as the response from the Hon Minister. Leave it with him, there are 12 more months until the Elections. I call on the honorable member to continue.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you Mr Speaker and the Hon Minister. Along this road from Siumu to Falealili, perhaps 200 yards in, there is a stream that overflows during heavy rain and it impacts on travel in this parts. I request the Hon Minister consider this because it is also beginning to flood now with the rains.

I think that is the end of my speech. Thank you Mr Speaker. God bless this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: I thank the member for Siumu for his remarks. We have come to the hour of our usual recess.

I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for its usual morning recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 10.45am and resumed at 11.21am.

MR SPEAKER: I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly has resumed. I firmly believe that we have rejuvenated in strength from our meal. I thank the House for your patience. We have come to the second part of our day. I thank all the members and the Government for responding to the remarks made on the Supplementary Appropriation before the House today.

Before the opportunity is given to a member, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister to move a motion.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF SITTING HOURS

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Standing Order 31 be suspended to allow for a change in Sitting hours to be as follows, 9.00am to 1.00pm resuming at 3.00pm to 7.00pm until our Orders set out are complete.*

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Before the question is put Mr Speaker, I remind the House that the Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) is a small part added to the Main Budget which was passed. Speeches were also made on it. There is no serious matter that needs to be commented on or responded to. These are not major changes, they are only to allow the continuation of projects.

I stand because I witnessed Mr Speaker yesterday coaxing the members who took the floor despite us all knowing that the House has many orders to progress with. Some members mentioned not only here but outside of Parliament that there are delayed projects not yet implemented by the Government. This is the reason for the Bill. I spoke in the December Sitting on the Supplementary Appropriation now being deliberated that we should be prepared for this Sitting. This was another opportunity to have another explanation. We have come back from our long break in efforts to complete our orders in the House because this is the last year of our Parliamentary Term.

Mr Speaker, after the question is put, give the opportunity for the Government to respond on the Supplementary Appropriation and we can continue with our other orders of the day. We have 10+ Bills in the House aside from the Bills with the Committees. In addition there are 20 Committee Reports and 50 Government Responses before the House. That is the motion with a humble request to progress with our orders. There are other Sittings coming up and as per normal, all the business will be lapsed. That was how we proceeded before this new change. There was not so much work in those days and after the Meeting, all the business would be lapsed. This was how we did it in the past Parliamentary Terms but this Term is different. With the load of work incomplete, there is still more additional work especially with the majority of the work being from long ago. We need updated Reports for new initiatives instead of dealing in delayed work.

Mr Speaker, that is the motion.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the motion. I will put the question for extension of our Sitting hours.

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

Motion approved.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for the clear speech and the recommendation Hon Prime Minister before the House this morning. These are my exact sentiments yesterday. As we are all aware, we have passed our Main Estimates and the speeches made on it were clearly understood. This is our Supplementary Appropriation which is only an addition. The intention of the Chair is to keep our time brief and not cover ground we have already covered. This is only a little addition to the Main Budget. Yesterday, only three or four minutes into our Meeting, I was attempting to conduct our Meeting pursuant to our normal procedures.

You have now all heard the speech by the Hon Prime Minister regarding our remaining business including Bills, Amendments, Reports and Committee business. There is a large backlog and I am respectful because of our policies. The question will be put. Those who wish to speak on the Supplementary Appropriation please stand? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. I have noted that there are 12 to 13 who want to speak. As per our normal procedures, we do not want to restrict the opportunity but to use it to complete our work. I have made my recommendation. This is the final lap of our Term so be specific to what is appropriate to the Constituency.

I beg tolerance of the Hon Prime Minister, but there are members who wish to speak. We have additional time for our work and I believe that this Appropriation will be passed tonight.

I call on the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, just a brief addition to the speech by the Hon Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: That is also the highest intention of this Side. There are many crucial Reports and I believe common sense is key when making our speeches. However Mr Speaker, the reason we have a backlog is a result of our previous Sittings being rushed and now we are faced with this issue. But we are supportive of the recommendation by the Hon Prime Minister. Give the opportunity for the members to comment on the Bills and Reports because this is the final year of this Term and our Constituency is listening in.

That is the additional comment. It was the rushed Sittings in the past four years and now we are faced with a problem this year. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, there was no rush. Recall that there were other Sittings that adjourned early because there were no matters to be deliberated but we were awaiting Committee Reports?

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Before that, the Leader of Opposition would plead for the Meeting to end. I heeded that recommendation.

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

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA (Faasaleleaga No.4): First of all, on behalf of this Constituency, I greet the House; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet. I extend greetings also to the Leader of Opposition and that side of the House as well as the Associate Ministers and CEOs of the various Government entities.

I am grateful Mr Speaker for the opportunity to make a contribution. Before I do that, I must address my Constituency of Faasaleleaga No. 4 which I hold in the highest esteem. If I were to acknowledge your honorifics, my 15 mins would be up and I would not have finished addressing all the salutations. Therefore I will not mention it but as we are all aware this is the final year of this Term and this is when the Constituency is most vigilant with our work. I ask for your support while I attempt to reiterate some of our requests to the Government.

Mr Speaker, the Leader of the Government stated that this Supplementary Appropriation is in a state of urgency but this Constituency deems it very important. This is why I was not in a haste to comment on it. I note that each Ministry has appropriated funds to take them through to the Main Estimates in June. I therefore extend my gratitude to the Hon Minister and the CEO of the Ministry of Finance as well as the heads of the Sections of the Ministry for the preparation of this Supplementary Appropriation. Well done.

To the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you Hon Minister on behalf of my Constituency. I have persisted in the previous years for an access road. There is one village that has one access road but the other village is still waiting for an access road. I mentioned this access road in Puapua from the beginning of this Term. As I said, since Independence, Puapua has had no access roads. This is why I thank the Hon Minister for the works that are in progress for this village. There is one village that is still waiting though. If it cannot be done in this Term I will again mention it in the next term. In addition, I plead with the Hon Minister for our road in Asaga.

Regarding our seawalls Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, I have mentioned the seawall for Puapua as you are aware Hon Minister during the last natural disaster, the Mormon chapel close to the road was destroyed and it has been removed from the main village and relocated inland. I ask the Hon Minister whether the Ministry has considered a seawall for this part because not only has the chapel been relocated, the road is eroding from the waves. Families near the shore are also being affected. Also consider the seawall in Asaga and Lano. In addition to that there is the road in Lano.

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Although there are insufficient funds, I will leave it at your discretion. When we have enough funds, this road should be repaired because when the Maliolio river bursts, this road is affected as well as one of the villages in Faasaleleaga No. 2 because all these streams connect at the Maliolio. I leave that request with you Hon Minister if not in this Appropriation but another in the future.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture there was no request presented for a school in our Constituency but the village of Asaga requested a school. As I mentioned in the past, Asaga, there was aid from overseas countries to build schools in many villages but that assistance has been ceased. To my village of Asaga, do not worry. There is a program set out for April when the work will commence on the school. There are many requests but we know there are insufficient funds.

Mr Speaker, these are just a few remarks on behalf of my constituency. God bless the esteemed Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.
 I call on the member for Gagaifomauga No.1 for your Maiden Speech.

MAIDEN SPEECH

Tofa FAIMALOTOA KIKA IEMAIMA STOWERS (Gagaifomauga No. 1): Mr Speaker, I stand with all due respect.

I am grateful for this opportunity to contribute on behalf of my constituency, Gagaifomauga No. 1, especially with this being my first time as a member of Parliament being elected from the recent by-elections. As the Hon Prime Minister stated, there is a load of business before Parliament but I have been bestowed this honor to make my Maiden Speech despite this therefore I am humbled for this privilege.

The dignity of the Parliament of Samoa and honorable members of the House; Mr Speaker, Leader of the Government also Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, I greet you all as well as the Leader of Opposition and all the members of the Human Rights Protection Party and the Tautua Samoa Party.

I acknowledge the support of the Heads of the Government Ministries and Corporations as well as the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office, the media sector; newspapers, radio and television service providers and all those supporting the work of the House, well done.

I also humbly acknowledge His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies, Afioga i le Tama a Aiga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and Masiofo.

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I address the traditional setup of Samoa; O le paia lava lea i Tama ma o latou Aiga, o Aiga ma a latou Tama, o le mamalu ia Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, likewise our brothers in American Samoa; Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saelua, le Laau na Amotasi ma Auvaa o Tootoo ma upu i le Manuatele. I greet the servants of our Lord in the various congregations preaching the word of the Lord for the success of Samoa not only physically but spiritually. These are the honorific salutations of Samoa that I have laid out. These honorifics have already been engraved and despite the complexity they are the foundation of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, I stand but am still cautious for my own hand can prick my eye. I will first start by addressing my dearest Constituency of Gagaifomauga No. 1. This is a great honor that I adorn with great respect after succeeding in the by-elections.

I make a special mention of the Holy Servants of the Lord within my Constituency. You have prayed day and night for blessings upon our Constituency likewise Samoa not only for now but for the future. Thank you Susuga Tanielu and faletua, Susuga Tifi and faletua, Pastor Jerry Sialau, Susuga Faafeagaiga Tolutasi and faletua as well as the Bishop and faletua.

I also greet the EFKS Reverend of Manase, Susuga Filipino and faletua. I salute your support and extend gratitude for the encouragement and words of support before the by-elections which gave me warmth during that time and even after the by-elections with your words of congratulations and best wishes. I cannot forget the prayers and living offerings by those from our Constituency who preach the gospel locally and overseas especially the Chairperson of the National Council of Churches, Susuga Kasiano Leaupepe. I appreciate and appreciate your support and prayers which soothed the soul even after a successful outcome was reached.

I thank and applaud also the residents of Safotu and Manase and acknowledge your honorific salutations; Sao e Fa ma Aiga Sa Umalau, le Atipouniu ma le Faasau ma le mamalu ia te Oe le Pule. Le alaalatai o lau Fetalaiga i le Alii o le Itu lau Fetalaiga Lavea na e mua i malae, na e tausivaatele aua le tupua i Finao. Susu Taito ma Aiga Sa Umalau ma le Fetalaiga ia Tauasa. A word of gratitude is also extended to the faletua and tausiva, the aumaga and those 21 years of age that were able to vote. Your work in serving our families and churches including this Constituency cannot be forgotten. Thank you for the respect, honor and privilege.

I wish to also use this opportunity to thank the candidates that vied for this Seat; Susuga Gaina Aukusitino, Fetalaiga Lavea Natoe Ieti, Fetalaiga Lavea Peseta Lua Nafoi, and Susuga Taito Vaea Muese. I applaud the respectful manner in which our by-election was conducted and I congratulate you all for a peaceful contest that has ended in success. I pray that bygones will be bygones and let us move forward for the benefit of our Constituency. We are all connected as family. As the Apostle Paul said “Let us forget the things of tomorrow, and strive for the future”, the Lords days are endless.

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Our dear Constituency of Gagaifomauga No.1, again I extend appreciation and gratitude for the honor you have bestowed on me to sit in the House of Samoa. It is a great honor that I have been awarded such a prestige to be your representative in Parliament. The honor is yours and I will never forget this great privilege. It is true that a journey supported is a successful one. To my beloved Constituency of Gagaifomauga No. 1, I will continue to persist on our requests put forward by our dearly departed Tuiloa Anitelea. On his behalf, I ask that any transgression of his be forgiven and whatever service he rendered while in this Seat, may it be only to glorify the Lord.

Our esteemed Constituency, I will work according to your wisdom and discretion as well as your advice and I will need your support and prayers so I may have courage. I will never forget the words communicated to me after the by-elections by Lavea Loia, “Faimalo, do not have fear but be courageous and always remember the support of your village and constituency. Cherish your constituency.” I will not forget these words. What time there is left of this Parliamentary Term, I will strive for what can be done for our Constituency and we should trust in the grace of our Lord. I believe you will show your support in this short time remaining as we come closer to our upcoming General Elections.

Mr Speaker, I wish to use this platform to extend a word of gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Leader of Opposition and all the esteemed members of Parliament with special mention of the HRPP Party for the support during our by-elections. I am especially grateful for the deepest respect and honor given by the Government and this Parliament during the final services of Tofa Tuiloa Anitelea, the previous representative of this Constituency. Although the spokesperson of our family expressed gratitude on the day, we cannot move forward unless we reiterate our gratitude that made the day grand and full of dignity. May the Lord bless you for your contribution in whatever way, shape or form. Any offense during his time in Parliament in the Committee or as an Associate Minister, let us make this house a house of the Lord and cast them out with forgiving hearts.

I thank at this time also the Government for the good work implemented during the time of Tofa Tuiloa as well as the members before him. As such, I will use this golden opportunity to again lay out and remind the House of some of our much needed developments for the general benefit of our Constituency specifically in the tourism industry.

Mr Speaker and the esteemed Parliament, I applaud your patience and tolerance. I will not take long now but I feel this is the perfect moment to present the needs of this Constituency because I know that there is no member that will interrupt. The Word says “knock and it shall be opened”. Mr Speaker, I am new at this but the requests are not. I begin with the access road for our sub-village going to Safee, a playing field that we have long dreamt for and an access road for Manase not only to access plantations but a escape route during natural disasters.

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Other requests include seawalls to protect our villages and a road to Matavanu, the volcanic crater, to be used by the locals as well as tourists. Continuing, there is a need to repair the road connecting Safotu and Manase as well as buoys for the harbor in this Constituency which we persisted on. Other members mentioned yesterday the Maliolio River; Saipipi and Lano. Another member mentioned the Christmas week prayer service of our Constituency which was broadcast in the following week because of this very reason and I pray for a time our travel woes will be resolved not only for our part but all of Samoa.

Mr Speaker, my Constituency and I are well aware that all our projects cannot be implemented in one year or within a Parliamentary Term because other Constituencies also have many requests and we have a limited budget.

I wish to thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. I knocked and your door was opened. I came to you seeking an explanation regarding projects planned for our Constituency that were long laid out. I pleaded and you responded positively “Do not worry, we will see what we can do this year”. Hon Minister, well done! I pray and remind you to prioritize the sub village opposite the road to the Vaisafee and if there are enough funds left, please consider our access road in Manase. Hon Minister, the request has also been presented on paper.

I thank also the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. I requested a meeting to discuss the playing field that we have long dreamt for because there are many youth in our Constituency which would probably fill half of the Manu Samoa positions if we had a field. But thankfully our request has been accepted and will be considered for this year.

I thank all the Cabinet Ministers in case I am assumed to be bias with my gratitude. Thank you for the various projects implemented under your different portfolios. I beseech you that if our Constituency should happen to knock, please open your doors.

An extension of appreciation is offered to the Hon Prime Minister for appointing me as an Associate Minister of the Minister of Communication and Information Technology. I did not imagine that I would be blessed with an appointment with only one year left of this Term but I am truly grateful for the thought, the recognition and the honor bestowed on our Constituency.

This appointment is relevant at this time Hon Minister just for the record but when it is implemented is at your discretion unless we have the Budget. There is a Bluesky cable connected up to Manase. I humbly request if it can be extended to the end of Safotu. I know there are many benefits to be had if it reached or extended after the Alofi o Taosa School. I am grateful and this Constituency supports the speech by the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. Students from this Constituency will not travel to Apia but remain with their parents and not stray because of the realized issues from separating parents and their children. I know, correct me if I am wrong, in the near future, a schoolnet program will be accessible in committee houses.

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I ask that our students can be connected to this program not only for rapid research responses but it can also be used for the hospital. There are also many business owners that will use this for faster and easier connection. That is the request to the Hon Minister. The motto of this Party is ‘what is **good** for Apia, is also good for Savaii.’

I believe that is enough for now. There will be more to say in the future. As is known, I am a new member and I should listen intently to the deliberations and attentively note so as to be effectively able to comment on the matters discussed as well as Bills.

As for the Supplementary Appropriation, I congratulate the Hon Minister of Finance, also the Hon Prime Minister, the CEO, the Management and the Ministry. This Constituency supports the Supplementary Appropriation we are deliberating on.

Mr Speaker, this Constituency will retreat, we are eager for the yam but fear the large boulders, we are eager for the bird but fear the snake. Despite our eagerness, we are mindful of the work of the House and the opportunity bestowed.

May the good Lord bless you with health Your Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga i le Tama a Aiga, Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and Masiofo, Member for the Council of Deputies and Masiofo. Good health to you Mr Speaker, Leader of the Government and the Cabinet as well as the Leader of Opposition and all the members of Parliament. Blessings upon the support of Gagaifomauga No. 1 and Samoa listening in and long life to this humbler servant, thank you.

Members of Parliament applauded the maiden speech of the member for Gagaifomauga No.1.

MR SPEAKER: Well done Tofa Faimalotoa, I believe that the House as well as Samoa have heard your speech in its entirety. I will not say anything further for the representative of the Constituency has spoken.

I applaud the member for her speech. We cannot forget Tofa Tuiloa and remember him and his life in service. We pray that you will be blessed with the wisdom and knowledge for this is not a simple task as you represent your supporters in Safotu and Manase.

I call on the member for Sagaga le Falefa, this is your opportunity to speak on the Supplementary Appropriation.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I assumed I would be last as I am under the portfolio of the Hon Minister responsible for this Supplementary Appropriation but I am grateful nonetheless.

Before I begin, I must address the dignity of this House in Tiafau. Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers. Leader of Opposition and all the members of Parliament.

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We are also present with the Heads of the various Government departments who are the right hand of the Government in serving the country. I greet also His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo, Chief Justice and the Judiciary. We cannot forget the support of Samoa and its traditional setup; Aiga ma a latou Tama, o Tama foi ma o latou Aiga, le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. I acknowledge also the support of Tutuila and Manua. I wish to also recognize and greet my dearest Constituency of Sagaga le Falefa; Aele, Nu'u, Tafaigata and Aleisa from the youngest to the old as well as the Holy workers of our Lord preaching His word.

I acknowledge my village of Faleula in all its honorific salutations; Afifio ai le Tautoefanua a le Malietoa, susu ai alo o le Malietoa, afifio Maopu o le Tuiaana, ae a lau fetalaiga i le Tagatafou o le Malietoa, le mamalu i le Faletolu ma le Tapunuu, thank you for your support.

I also greet Saleimoa from Paepaemagigi to Satomai, and the sub-village of Levi; susu ai lau susuga i le Alo o le Malietoa Leiataatimu, e te afio i le Fagava ae pola puipui e oulua Nu'u ma Pii o tuua i ai le Gautaala, lau fetalaiga Umu na matua i ai le faletolu ia ma Satilialo.

Also, I address the sub-village of Alamutu that has had its own village council for over 70 years; O le paia i le fuafua e afio ai pe susu ai le Alo o le Malietoa lau susuga Sapau ae pola puipui lo oulua toalua matua o le Gautaala o Vaaulu ma Taga, ma lau fetalaiga Tuato oe le faletolu ia ma Satilialo. O le paia foi i Falesoa e afifio ai Sa Pula o Toetaufanua a le Malietoa, afifio Usoalii ma le nofo a Maopu, e alaatai lau fetalaiga Luatua lou Gautaala ma le faletolu, faapea foi le paia i Aveavai e afio ai le faasaosao o le aiga Satilialo le matua ia Toleapai, ia le Gautaala ma le faletolu. Paia foi le Niuvai ma Mataale e afifio ai le aiga sa Luatuanuu ma le latou tama i le aloalii, o Usoaliitaufeagai ae pola puipui ma tausi vaatele le Gautaala ma Siuolefanua, those are the honorifics of our entire village.

I cannot forget the support of the Holy Servants of the Lord in all the various denominations within our Constituency praying for blessings upon our Constituency and our nation. Well done and thank you for the support in this final year of this Term. I firmly believe our work would not be successful otherwise.

I ask for your support as I try to contribute to the Supplementary Appropriation 2014/2015. However I will first present the projects requested for our Constituency *incase my time ends before I am able to. I thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the works that have been implemented such as the road at Faleula. We are well aware that this road is constantly used to travel to Nu'u and Tafaigata and I am grateful that it has been repaired. As for the water at Nu'u and Tafaigata, thank you. For Levi, we have just completed our road and the water is available further inland but there is a request for the connection of the water which has not yet reached all the families and we are still waiting. However we are still thankful for the implemented projects.*

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We continue to persist Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure on other requests. There are sub-villages with access roads in need of repair because there are many that travel these roads. I begin with the Utumoa to Aele road travelled by the Assembly of God and Methodist congregations. I leave that request with you if we have sufficient funds. Also there are the roads in Lotosoa, Nonoa, Utualii and Tufulele, I plead....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I apologize to the member....

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: For these requests that need repair. This bald man is disruptive.

MR SPEAKER: I ask the member to continue. There is no reason to interrupt.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Do not worry. Your electors are not included. These are different sub-villages from yours.

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

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I did not want to interrupt by the member mentioned the honorific salutation for Tafaigata and Nuu but these are under my jurisdiction. He has honored his entire Constituency and now I do not know what the honorific saluation of Tafaigata and Nuu are. If he wishes, I will read out the salutation because these villages are under my electorate....

MR SPEAKER: Do not ruffle the situation....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I stand Mr Speaker because the Hon Minister has left for other commitments and the request for the roads are not being heard but leave that request until the Hon Minister returns, with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am recording the requests, present all the roads including the Oppositions.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member. Speak directly on your matters and do not heed the interruption.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you for raising the matter of the salutations. The truth is I called one of the sub-villages and asked who the Tuua was and when they showed me, I asked the Tuua were the honorific salutations of the village. He responded that I should not address the salutations because it has been banned by the Government. So I do not know what salutations that bald man is talking about.

As for the Hon Minister being absent while I present my list of requests....

MR SPEAKER: The Hon Minister has just gone out to have his photo taken outside. He has now walked in.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: This is the only Minister that walks around with a remote. He knows everything.

I ask the member for Faleata West to stop interjecting.

Mr Speaker, our Constituency is in need of access roads. The requests have been presented. Thank you Hon Minister.

I will make a brief comment on the Supplementary Appropriation for this year. Sagaga le Falefa accepts this Bill but there are a few remarks.

I thank the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the various programs in both areas, especially taro export.

I travelled to New Zealand in Christmas and I saw the decline in the Fijian taro and I queried the shopkeeper. Our Samoan taro is available and it is increasing. I assume that we should be encouraging the purchase of our taro because our people are the ones buying the Fijian taro. But now their taro quality is declining. Thank you Hon Minister and the Ministry for the work.

To the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, thank you for the programs set out for the education sector. As I heard, educated citizens leads to a successful nation. Thankfully the program to establish schools in the rural areas including Savaii will progress and it is a good venture allowing parents to know where their children are. The request is that it should be certain that there are teachers available. I believe that this program by the CEO, the Ministry and the Hon Minister is in progress. The program on TV is also useful to upgrade and improve teaching.

The Ministry of Health, thank you for the many proposals in place. The hospital is exceptional. Thankfully, I hear there are changes to the service offered. The service has become specialized and the number of patients in the A & E have reduced. Well done. I know that the hospital is affordable, thank you for that eased burden. People want efficient and affordable service. There is a need for a system to link the doctors in the urban and rural areas. It will enable my personal GP to access medical history records making it easier. I spoke with the Hon Minister and thankfully it is in the pipeline. Thank you Hon Minister.

Finally, I thank the CEO of the various Government Ministries which includes the Assistant CEOs, Principals and all the public servants who are the hands and feet of the Government. I extend a word of appreciation to you all for your work. If there are problems, you will have much to do. I only ask that you are sympathetic with the work of the Government. Honesty is very important. There is no value to having many qualifications and yet there is no honesty.

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There is a large difference between the salary grade of a Principal Officer and the other Officer levels. This salary wage gap, I believe is where evil thoughts may grow tempting others to work dishonestly. That is my take with respect on that matter.

Mr Speaker, with that I wish to thank you for the opportunity. May the good Lord bless you, the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and that side as well as all the members. I also express gratitude to the CEOs of the various Government Ministries and Corporations. If I have offended in my statement, I ask for your forgiveness. The overall intention is that we cooperate for the improved development of our country. God bless and thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Sagaga le Falefa. I give the floor to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the member mentioned the moment I stepped out of the House. It was to relieve the natural excretions of the body but the PA system was operating well and I heard everything. I wish to state that this member has been recorded by our Office as approaching us the most times for requests for their roads and other projects for his Constituency. If they are listening in, your member is insistent on your behalf.

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Do not worry, everything is being recorded.

I call on one of the members for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Aana Alofi No.1): Thank you for the opportunity to stand and make a short statement on behalf of my Constituency on the Supplementary Appropriation. I wish to record my gratitude and support of this First Supplementary Appropriation now before Parliament.

I greet the dignity of Samoa listening in support; His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, as well as the three arms of the State not forgetting our traditional councils and the Servants of our Lord preaching the gospel and praying ceaselessly, day in and day out for blessings upon our Government and nation. In addition, our prayers as leaders of this country should also be offered so the grace of our Lord may find favor with Samoa at the beginning of this year.

I extend greetings also to my Constituency in the beginning of this New Year. I greet you all in all your honorific salutations and traditional setup. I ask for your support as I attempt to comment on your behalf.

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A word of gratitude and applaud is extended to the various Ministries and Corporations for their service to this Government and country with the objective to develop our people. To do so we must cooperate and collaborate. Such is the adage in sports, it is not the player that scores or has more conversions, but it is teamwork that will result in success. I do not address one single Government entity rather all of them. There is one Ministry I want to mention specifically. I heard from a member that had the floor that our produce is becoming expensive perhaps because we are exporting our taro. I however believe that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries needs to be recognized for their well preparations leading to the smooth development of our country. In the past, this is what our forefathers depended on. It was the crops from the plantations. Well done. We need to proceed to progress forward. I have contacted the Ministry to express my gratitude as I have witnessed the crops being sown. In the past, my Constituency relied heavily on the cocoa tree. The seasoned members should remember that despite the many crops, there were only two that were profitable; the cocoa and coconut. The taro aside, cocoa, coconuts and breadfruit were the main staple, but there was the fungal disease that spread on the cocoa. This pest has not been eradicated as I see that it is again returning. There has been a solution by Dr Seuseu Tauati and team that worked towards a solution to the fungus. I know that in the past, this tree would grow and suddenly die out. We have assistance now for the rhinoceros beetle with the programs currently in place. The farmers still need to collaborate to regulate these various diseases and pests and find a lasting solution. There is no reason to encourage the sowing of these plants if there are no solutions to the pests and diseases. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member, the floor will be given to the interjection by the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the member mentioned that there is a solution for the fungus affecting the cocoa, lemon and breadfruit which was found by Dr Seuseu. Perhaps this is the best time, while the entire country is listening in, to explain this solution.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Thank you. I am uncertain as to the request of the Hon Prime Minister but I wish to express my profound gratitude to this son of Samoa. The gratitude is not for me personally but it is an issue that affects our economy and so it is general. There is no use to keep growing cocoa, breadfruit for flour while this fungal disease kills of the plants. My expression of gratitude is not to boast of our achievement but it is a general expression of gratitude.

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If there are others that are dealing with this pest, go to the Ministry of Agriculture and see Dr Seuseu for the solution. Who are we to thank when the knowledge is from overseas and adapted in our country. A financial reward is not of value but rather the feeling of appreciation and acknowledgment.

To the Ministry of Police, I am grateful that the beginning of this New Year has gone off without a hitch. As our Saviour said, ‘the wheat and chaff grow together’. No matter how peaceful it may be, there will always be conflict because not all the youth are the same. There are those who value life and others do not. Gratitude is therefore due to the Hon Minister and the Ministry for the policing early into the night while others are having fun, you are working. I pray for strength upon the Ministry to continue their service to Samoa.

I express gratitude to the Ministry of Education as many changes have been witnessed. A country with an educated population is a great nation. Only one educated person in a family can lift their status. Knowledge cannot be stolen like coconuts; it is a gift from God. Therefore I deem it necessary to express appreciation to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture.

I make note of the Samoa Tourism Authority because they are the source. Tourists come to climb the Mt Vaea track and I still hear that it is not safe and it needs to be looked at in case a tourist gets a sprained ankle and never returns to Samoa. I only put forward that reminder.

In regards to my Constituency, we give thanks to the Hon Minister responsible for the Samoa Water Authority. I am aware that the programs are in place for the drinking water in Fasitoo and Faleasiu. We only mention it again as a reminder while your preparations are in progress. We are aware that the project has reached our water source and the works are dependent on climatic and financial factors. If the preparations are ready, let it begin. Thank you.

For the roads, I am uncertain but I will only reiterate that there are roads that are in disrepair which should not be costly. It is not only a request for us but also for the country. Those are the only matters I wished to present at this Meeting on the Supplementary Appropriation.

May God bless this Parliament. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I applaud the speech of the honorable member from Aana Alofi No.1.

I believe that we have come to our usual recess hour this afternoon as per the motion.

I remind that House that we are still having our photo session in front of the Electoral Commissioners Office and we will gather again at 3.00pm until 7.00pm.

An expression of gratitude is due to you all for your patience. I humbly ask that we meet at 3.00pm as there are still those that wish to remark on the Supplementary Appropriation and then the Government will respond.

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

Second Reading Debate on the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2014/2015 resumed.

MR SPEAKER: It is with the highest belief that we have gathered in health and strength to continue with our orders of the day. Before we went on recess the member of Sagaga le Falefa addressed the House and the Chair noted more than 10 members that wished to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation. We are cautious of our time therefore we will begin.

I call on the member for Anoamaa East.

Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU (Anoamaa East): Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I address the dignity of the House; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader of Opposition, Associate Ministers and the esteemed members. I greet also the Heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations present at this hour.

I also acknowledge the support of Samoa and its traditional setup; Aiga ma a latou Tama, o Tama ma o latou Aiga, Usoga a Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. I also extend recognition to the Lords Servants praying for blessings on Samoa. I also wish to use this opportunity to wish my Constituency of Anoamaa East a Happy New Year. Thank you for your support.

The Supplementary Appropriation has been tabled and I believe I will not comment on it as it is transparent and understood. I thank the Hon Minister of Finance, also the Hon Prime Minister, especially the Ministry of Finance responsible for this Supplementary Appropriation, well done.

I will use this time to thank and address the Ministers. I begin with the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. This is an esteemed position relevant to your time in this House. I believe you are aware of the requests of this Constituency made in the previous years. The access road for Falefa now has street lights connected but the only work left is to tarseal the road. This is the only thing left but everything else is complete. The tarseal is a must as [this road leads to the school and there is a need to reconstruct the road for the students and the villagers, with respect.](#)

I also request on behalf of Manunu as they are in need of a reconstructed road as the current state of the road is very poor. I mentioned this in a previous Meeting. If you were to travel from Manunu to Saoluafata, upon returning, your car would have broken down because of the rugged state of this road.

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Now to the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment. Foremost, I express gratitude as I have heard that there are now funds for our project and perhaps it will be implemented this year. I understand that it is not an easy project especially when the river in Lalomauga overflows it affects Falevao village and we are truly grateful. I remind the Hon Minister of Falefa as I have mentioned in the previous years of this Term. In the previous Term, a seawall was approved for the village however in the beginning of this Term, it was said that it would not be a seawall but a ditch. It was announced to be a seawall and yet the construction company started the project for a ditch. There is a need for a seawall here as well as for Sauano and Saletele as you are all aware these villages are along the shoreline and hinterland is mountainous. There is no protection against floods.

Mr Speaker, those are just some matters I wished to reiterate in this Meeting for the consideration of the Ministers and I hope they consider the plight of this Constituency. God bless this Meeting. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you for that speech member for Anoamaa East. I believe that was clearly heard by the House.

I call on the member for Falelatai and Samatau.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai ma Samatau): I am grateful Mr Speaker for this opportune moment. To the esteemed Parliament of Samoa, Mr Speaker, Leader of the Government Deputy Leader, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and all the members of Parliament, I greet you all and wish you all a Happy New Year.

We acknowledge and extend greetings to the dignity of Samoa, His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo as well as the Chief Justice and the members of the Judiciary. We also greet the Clergy praying endlessly for our Parliament. Samoa, we recognize and acknowledge your traditional setup.

Mr dear Constituency, I salute and address your honorific salutations; Paia o le Aiga Tauaana ma le latou Tama, le afiō o le falefitu o le Ati a Tagaloa, afiō Faasavalu o le Matua moepo ia ma lou aiga Salu ma Auvaaipau, Tausoalii ma tama a Tausala, faapea foi Taiivao na falefia i ai Aiga, Tonumaivao o lo outou Matua Aiga, alaalatai Falelatai ma Tagata o le Vaau. I also address and acknowledge my village of Samatau in all its honorific salutations; afiō o le Falefa o le Usoalii ma le Gafa Fiamē ma le Tamaitai, saofaiga ia te oe Leulumoega.

I greet also the leaders of the various congregations in our Constituency, Pastor Nikolao Douglas Fido, Pastor Peniamina and Pastor Tuli. Also to the Chair of the EFKS Church, Susuga Toeaina Faatonu Tautiaga Senara and the various parishes as well as the Bishops of the wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Mr Speaker, I am a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee and I support our Report also before the House. I assumed we would speak after everyone else had taken the floor however your intention is that we complete our orders therefore I will begin as a member of the Committee.

Mr Speaker, I live in my Constituency and listening to the speeches this morning, I think about my Constituency. I live, sleep, awake, eat, pray, council each and every day with my Constituency. After our Sitting, I will return to my Constituency. We do not need air conditions or fans because the breeze in the Samoan fale suffices. When my leg does not caress my spouses, it strokes the mosquito net restraint, most likely a stone. The breeze is cool everywhere in the Constituency.

There is not much to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation but as my Constituency is listening in support, I will make a general speech.

Mr Speaker, gratitude is due for the close to \$4million funding this Supplementary Appropriation. I applaud the efforts Hon Minister of Finance and we could collect this from the Ministry of Revenue. There are many requests within this Parliament but we rely on the Ministry of Revenue and thus I am grateful. This is not a small amount which is why gratitude is due. Every Constituency requests roads, seawalls and other infrastructure. We should persist and wait for the distribution of funds so that every Constituency will have at least one project per Term. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, in all of Samoa, the worst roads are found between Mulifanua and Falelatai. There are parts of the road that are travelable because they are filled in from time to time but they are still not in a good condition. I ask the Hon Minister for your consideration so that this part of Tumua can have access to what many other Constituencies have. Continuing from Falelatai to Faleaseela, there are parts of that road that are in need of repair especially in Faleaseela where the road has completely eroded. I only present that for your consideration Hon Minister but the discretion and wisdom is with you.

Last week, I visited my relatives in Salafai and I only offer a recommendation not a complaint. During the busy season, when you book a place on the ferry to Savaii, mornings are not available and you will be lucky to even have a place the next day. When I finally got a booking, I went to Mulifanua and saw that there was a ferry coming from Savaii and it would dock at Mulifanua while the loading ferry left and the same happened in Savaii when the ferry docked on the side while the ferry at the wharf left. It is from this incident that I make this recommendation. During the busy season, the ferry schedule should be planned well so that the travelling public can have trouble-free access to ferry travel to Savaii especially considering this is when those from overseas travel to Savaii and stay at the hotels. I was travelling at that time with an elderly relative of about 90 years of age and at Mulifanua, the duty officer instructed her to walk on to the ferry because passengers are not allowed to go on the ferry in the vehicles.

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Despite having to walk with crutches, she adhered to the instruction as well as many other elderly passengers I saw. I mention this because from Savaii, they do not do this. The passengers can go onto the ferry in the vehicles. There is no consistency in the procedures in the two ports. I encourage this part of the service to be improved.

There is a road to the Aana No. 2 College. The request has been presented on paper to the Hon Minister with emphasis specifically on the need for this road. The College is not located on the main road, it is located inland and this road is travelled everyday by hundreds of students on foot as well as in vehicles. At the moment, only lorries and buses can tolerate the condition of this road and some families opt to park at the main road and walk to and from their destinations inland. This road does not only lead to the school but it is also a plantation access road for sub-villages of Aiga i le Tai. I only reiterate that request Hon Minister but as I said, the power of approval is with you.

Regarding the crossing in the town area between the flea market and the NPF Plaza building, it is a major concern of safety. I am sympathetic of the Police that patrol this area, the pedestrians as well as the drivers on the road because it is not safe. The pedestrian crossing in front of RSA is far which does not prevent pedestrians from crossing at this unsafe area because it is easier to cross in front of the flea market as it is nearer the bus depot. The majority of the public still cross here. If there are to be traffic lights, I am sympathetic of the drivers because the traffic lights will be too close to each other. If a solution cannot be found on the ground level, perhaps consider another solution which will still allow the smooth flow of traffic and enable the safety of the pedestrians.

Before I move on, I wish to express appreciation for the many reforms to improve the service. Hon Minister, regarding the Electric Power Corporation, did you not review the 50 units to the domestic users which would shift to the commercial users rate after that 50 units is used up? Not including the couple living in a Samoan fale who would still have remaining units from this 50. There are many companies and contractors supplying units.

MR SPEAKER: I beg leniency of the member that has the floor. I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Thank you Mr Speaker. I was listening intently and recording the recommendations being presented. These are all in the pipelines. The Land Transport Authority is looking into the crossing as you mentioned. Despite the close proximity of the lights and the RSA crossing, the pedestrians still cannot use either. If there is to be another crossing between the two, the traffic flow will be congested while the pedestrians have free flow. A simple solution is being sought. As for electricity and the 50 units mentioned. There was a restructuring of the costs which means we are reviewing it.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you for that assistance to the member. I call on the member to continue.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: Thank you. As I said, if a solution cannot be found on the ground level, another solution should be considered perhaps an overpass. I leave that with you as you are still continuing with your survey and investigations on this matter.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and the Minsitry. I am grateful as it is no secret that good governance of our schools is still continuing to now. There are changes to the Year 8 examinations. I applaud the initiative for Samoa to localize the School Certificate and SSLC formerly the PSSC from Fiji. We are now able to administer our own examinations. An extension of gratitude is offered to the Ministry and the Hon Minister. I am a member of the school committees for the primary and the secondary. There is a difference between the operation of the Primary School Committee with each village having a primary school and the Secondary School Committee with only one school for the Constituency serving a certain number of villages. The Ministry should consider equal funding for the school committees because since the school grant scheme, the financial assistance has decreased or been ceased thus the committees are hesitant in continuing their usual tasks.

The Ministry has also become accustomed to singing the tune that there are no more school fees therefore all the students should be in the schools. Thankfully birth certificates are no longer required and as a result many of our young are now in schools because it was a hinderance. Hon Minister, please consider a process to allow the school committees to effectively implement their duties especially for the secondary school committees. The members have to travel a ways because there is only one secondary school and it spans a number of villages with many councils. For the primary school committees it is easier as they are central within one village council. Some villages do not fundraise because there is the school grant and I again reiterate for a review of processes. I heard some members mention an allowance or do away with committees and have a board comprising members of the Constituency achieving the objective once held by the committees. Now that parents are familiar with the tune of free education, they are hesitant to pay the \$10 school fund collected by the Committee. I also ask that the advertising of the scheme be reviewed and add information allowing these fees for building maintenance and the like. There are many challenges faced by our committees and I seek your assistance.

Hon Minister, our request for the Aana No. 2 college has been presented. We met during the opening of the school hall in 2011-2012 which was constructed by way of a loan. The Development Bank allowed it with the roll of 500 students estimated to pay fees which would repay the loan.

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In 2013, the school grant scheme began and there was no more funding received by the committee to repay the loan. The money from the school fees covered the stationaries as well as maintenance of the school buildings however with the school grant scheme, there were restrictions and funds were withheld and now the committee has no refuge in relation to this loan. I will leave that with the Hon Minister as New Zealand and Australia are currently administering the scheme....

MR SPEAKER: I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister. I beg tolerance of the member.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The matter is a simple one. Appoint trusted members to your committee. Our College also has a committee and we have sufficient funding because the villages involved appoint a member they deem trustworthy. It is well that you do the same. This committee at one point chose a member from Fasitoo but now the current member is better. Issues arise from appointing the wrong people. Useful appointments should be encouraged for the Government to depend on.

Even for these matters you do not need to rely on the Government. If the Government has rendered a substantial amount of assistance, it is your duty to try and do something and not depend on the Government. You want us to also pay allowances when a great burden has been lifted with the assistance already provided. The villages should appoint trustworthy, fair and just members to make the decision making. The member will present the decision to the village council and then they fundraise. Not everything should be referred to the Ministry of Education and consequently the Ministry of Finance when we are trying to seek funding for other services you are labeling as expensive. The only solution if we were to do what you want is to raise the service taxes.

That is the response. Your Constituency is not the only one with a committee. We all have our share of committees.

MR SPEAKER: In the interest of time I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Thank you for the floor Mr Speaker. The Hon Prime Minister has responded to the matter but there are still differing opinions on this matter. We had a meeting last year and all the school committees were invited to attend. Other committees supported an allowance but the majority disagreed stating that this was a voluntary service. There was no mention of the members opinion that work could not be carried out because the committees did not have an allowance. There are many committees working vigilantly and honestly.

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On Monday, I listened to a presentation by the Chair of the Faleula school committee. If only you had the opportunity to listen to it. It was an exceptional speech. This committee is well organized. They had the plan for the building, fundraising estimations and a report to the village of the needs and the response from the villages. Not all the committees are supportive of an allowance. Most disagree. That is the assistance. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call on the member to continue.

Afioga TAEFU LEMI: The intention is that when meetings are called, the committee members are able to attend. There are some committees that have to travel from hinterland to get to the meeting unlike a meeting for a primary school committee which is centered in the village.

As for the loan I mentioned, I did not ask for the assistance from the Government, I am talking about school fees which was the reason for our approved loan request. Now school fees are no longer paid and there is no repayment to the loan. This is the challenge we are trying to deal with. Myself and others have walked the length of Aana Alofi No. 2 looking for members and support. The members appointed are the elder orators and they draw in support. As for the allowance, as I said, I leave that at your discretion. In the end of the last year, there was a couple of thousand left in the school grant scheme. The balance should be brought forward while the committee fundraises or perhaps it can be withdrawn to repay the loan with the Development Bank. As I mentioned, these are the difficulties and restrictions. The land the school is located on is also leased to be paid by the committee. We are doing our duty but those are the current challenges for your awareness. Hopefully New Zealand and Australia will move away from the administration of the scheme then we can have fewer restrictions and committees will be able to access the grant.

I move on now to the Ministry of Health. The request of our Constituency has been forwarded to you regarding our hospice. Each time I mention this, I use the example of oxygen respirators for the young as an immediate relief from breathing problems. The closest equipment is at Leulumoega or Faleolo. There have been two deaths including the Moseniolo who served in the Constituency because he needed oxygen and the small pump would not suffice. On the way to the Leulumoega hospital, the priest took his last breath. *Just recently in the end of last year, an elderly woman passed from the same problem.* I humbly ask that this be considered. There are buildings available which would help save a life.

I address the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. This Constituency has long given in its request and we have received a response but I only reiterate it because it was supposed to be implemented this year. The seawall proposed is in the exact location where the hospice was, if the hospice should be built, it would be good that the seawall is established as well. I only remind you because we are waiting.

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Those are some of the requests for the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I was in New Zealand in the end of the last year to the beginning of this year. I applaud your efforts with the taro. It has been mentioned in the House but I only add to it by emphasizing that we should not decrease our efforts in the export of our taro. This will be our success. We should carefully monitor our existing markets in case it is taken over by other suppliers and we should lock down these markets.

There is also a creeper that was mentioned in the House. Despite the tall growing trees, the creeper slithers up the tree and stunts its growth until it dies completely. I do not know what the Ministry is doing about this. The coconuts are very important trees but are being stunted by these creepers.

Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. God bless this Constituency for their support and this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the member for Falelatai and Samatau for the speech. I call on the member for Aiga i le Tai.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I foremost greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. Thank you for your work done in the previous year. This year has also commenced and it is the final year of this Term.

An expression of greeting is also extended to the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry for the Supplementary Appropriation this year. I acknowledge the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, as well as the Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo, the Chief Justice and members of the Judiciary.

I greet the heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations, well done for the work and contribution through various ways.

Now to my Constituency, I greet you all and ask for your support as I comment on behalf of our Constituency on the Supplementary Appropriation. I address your honorific salutations; Susu o le Toafa ma le Toalua, susu o Leiatuaalesa ma Leiatuaaletaua, susu lau susuga Mulipola ma Taupau, lau tofa Futi ma Auapaau. I also recognize the support of my village of Apolima and their honorific salutations; Susu o le Aiga Sa Sau ma Sauma, to Mulifanua; susu o Alo o Malietoa, susu foi Fuaolefau ma le Pouli, faapea foi le Usoalii ma si o tatou aiga, le tofa ia tuua ia Vaatiuola ma Ati ma Lautolo.

To the honorable Ministers, this Constituency will be brief as it has forwarded all its requests and applications for matters ranging from roads to water. I will however use this opportunity afforded me.

I begin with the lands. Thank you Hon Minister for the response and we hopefully we will have an opportunity to meet in the near future. Thank you.

For the roads, the member from Aiga Tauaana has mentioned the Aana No. 2 College. I reckon I will not address this matter in length.

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There are three or four constituencies with students attending both the Aana No. 1 and Aana No. 2 colleges. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, I only again emphasize the road to the Aana No. 2 College as well as the road at Satuimalufilufi and Mulifanua. Perhaps there will be an opportunity for you to witness the poor condition of this road. If not to fully repair, perhaps earthmoving machinery could just level it for the students. That is the request Hon Minister regarding roads.

Gratitude is due to the Hon Prime Minister for the response on the road at Manonotai. If we were to compare the roads, after a road has been repaired for Upolu and Savaii, Manono should be next because it is another island. I pray that it will be done with respect. The survey has been done for this road but there are others still waiting. There are 7 villages in this Constituency and each needs a road. The requests have been put forward whether it is to begin in Mulifanua or Salua that would suffice. The 7 villages are Salua, Faleu, Lepuia, Apolima, Lalovi and Fuailofo. I listened intently to the speeches by the other members and they all have had a road but Aiga i le Tai is still pleading for one. I cannot recall the last time we had our access roads repaired. Perhaps at least one project can be done within this Term for our Constituency.

As for the water, there is adequate supply for Mulifanua, Apolimauta and Manonouta but Manono has a great need. The underwater pipes were connected to the island but I believe that there is no consistent monitoring or maintenance of the pipes. The water reaches Salua and then the rest of the pipeline lies useless because the water supply is not strong. There is a great need for Manono especially during the dry season, there will be no water.

Regarding Cyclone Evan or rather the disaster relief program, the Hon Minister came to Manono to investigate and report on the devastation. There were about 12 of us that travelled with him. I spoke about the destruction to the plantations and the shoreline. There were no houses destroyed, these were the only two heavily impacted areas; the boats on the shore which are a necessary form of travel, and plantations. The Hon Minister spoke to our secretary and when the report came out, Aiga i le Tai was not awarded any relief under this program. I beseech the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries...

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member, I give the floor to the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.

Tofa Hon Faamoetaulua Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii: Thank you Mr Speaker. There was no intention to interject the members speech. I was trying to listen to what exactly the member was trying to clarify because he spoke of boats and bananas. This is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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I therefore ask the member to mention which specific Ministry he is addressing. Perhaps this is why they were not included in the relief program with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Respond to the question by the Hon Minister member for Aiga i le Tai.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Thank you Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment. The Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure was the Minister that visited but I am unaware of any program under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The only response I recall was that Aiga i le Tai was not affected except for a small part of Falelatai going westward. It is correct that boats are under the Fisheries Division. This matter is very important if there should be enough funds remaining. The boats are essential assets as are the plantations.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries): Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, I was not in a hurry to stand but I was listening until the member completed his remarks. Regarding this matter, it is true that there was a list but I assume it was not under the incumbent but the previous Minister and that list included Upolu and Manono. The donor was FAO but the listed damage after the visit was different from the actuals as you know these funds are audited in the end. The list that was made included engines, vessels that were written off and the vessels that had dents which were paneled up again. The new engines were also distributed. During the visit, the listed damage was substantial but these are audited and that list from the audit is the one that the Ministry uses and fishing gear, engines, panel beating was supplied.

That is the assistance to the member. There was an audit of the damage and funds were allocated accordingly.

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. In the interest of time I give the floor to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker thank you. It was mentioned that we went on the visit. Thankfully there was not much destruction thus the reason for it not being in the report. However going towards Lefaga, Falelatai and Safata, there was major destruction to the plantations but Manono Tai and Savaii were not heavily impacted during the 2012 Cyclone Evan.

With respect.

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MR SPEAKER: Perhaps you were fishing palolo. I call on the member for Aiga i le Tai to continue your speech.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Thank you Hon Minister. No this member is truthful.

First, as I said, the island was not heavily impacted but there were vessels that were completely destroyed and two of them beached inland in Apai and the visit witnessed this. If there is no assistance to be gained by our Constituency, I only mention it for clarification of the Governments service to each individual constituency and village. The report was factual incase it is thought that the boats are not as important as the houses and vegetation but they are very important to Manono. I will move away from that matter Mr Speaker, thank you.

I applaud the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure in regards to the safety of the travelling public at the Mulifanua wharf. I extend a word of gratitude also to the head of the Shipping Corporation for the crossing being used which now eases traffic congestion in that area. I applaud the work being done in the Shipping sector. I wish to add to the comments by a member from Savaii regarding safety within each Ministry that deal with risky situations such as the EPC, SWA and other various services. Do not ease on safety programs when using facilities but also other areas of the service.

Those are some of the comments at this time. I thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet not forgetting the Leader of Opposition and that side of the House. Thank you Mr Speaker. God bless the support of my Constituency and this Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you member for Aiga i le Tai for your speech. I call on the member for Vaa o Fonoti who is also a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee. This is your occasion.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity awarded this Constituency. I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers. I also recognize the presence of the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and that Side as well as the Associate Ministers and heads of the various Government departments. I greet the dignity of Samoa listening in, His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tupua Tamasese Efi and Masiifo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiifo, Chief Justice and members of the Judiciary. I salute also my Constituency listening in support while I contribute on their behalf on the Supplementary Appropriation.

Before I present recommendations, this Constituency of Vaa o Fonoti supports the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014/2015 and we share the opinions and recommendations in the Report now before the House. I first extend my gratitude to the Ministries and their Ministers.

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Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the road in our Constituency. This Constituency had no access roads. For Fagaloa, that road is a public road and for 53 years no construction work was done to it but it is not an access road. I am grateful to the Hon Minister and CEO that work has commenced on this project at Uafato. Thank you for accepting us when we come to visit you about the other roads from Fagaloa to Musumusuu. I understand there are limited funds especially since this road should be complimented with a seawall as it is near the shore and a substantial fund is needed for this project. I will leave it at your discretion and I will present a solution to raise funds at a later time. On the other side of the Constituency at Faleapuna there is a need for a road. There are plans to relocate the school inland because it faces the sea and behind there is a river. When both waters rise, it is on both sides of the school. Thankfully there is now a seawall but the relocation is being planned when the family agrees to offer their land then it will commence. The road leading to the relocation site is the one in need of repair. It is used as an access road but I measured it and it is 1,600 metres in length and connects to another public road. The families with lands to be dug for these projects have been consulted and there will be no interruptions to the work. For Matautu, the road was approved in the 2007 Budget but it was not implemented because of land issues but now they have been resolved. The length of this road is 400metres and altogether, the total length of roads that need construction work is 2km. This road at Matautu is used by myself, the Leader of Opposition and the member for Falelatai and Samatau. As I said, Faleapuna does not have an access road and it has only been requested.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Point of clarification Mr Speaker.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA: Should I continue?

MR SPEAKER: Have patience. The member has only mentioned the road you both travel.

I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes but there was no need to mention me. Now you will never know the year that road will be done. But this road is in a very bad condition and it leads to an isolated village in the hinterland. I am worried that the Hon Minister was ready to record the request to be completed and then you mentioned me and so I have become sympathetic.

MR SPEAKER: The member is only being mindful of your Safata connection and the road should be done. I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the Leader of Opposition has supported a road for Faleapuna instead of Safata.

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MR SPEAKER: The recommendation is with you and it is your discretion which one to accept, whether Faleapuna or the Leader of Opposition.

I call on the member.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA: Mr Speaker, this is why I mentioned the Leader of Opposition because he would support this road but I will leave the decision to the Hon Minister because of the limited funds.

I extend my appreciation to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for the seawall in our village but the work is incomplete. It began at Falefa and then there is a missing section. I leave that with you and if it can be connected, thank you.

Applaud is extended to the Board and Management of the National Provident Fund. The amendment is before the House for the 1 sene contribution this year and another 1 sene next year to the contributors. Thank you for this initiative, I believe they are all good initiatives. As for other programs by the NPF, you are aware that our Samoan way of life is centered on investing everything we have in our children because they will care for us when we grow old. It is different for overseas countries where they put their elderly in homes. For us, I am 61 years of age and am still looking after my 95 year old father. No matter how old we are, we still have love. I am not worried at my old age because I know my children will take care of me. I leave that with the Board and Management to consider in relation to their delayed programs. As for other matters, they are mentioned in the Report.

To the Ministry of Finance, listening to all the requests from the members, I request Hon Minister and the Management that in the Main Estimates in June, \$1billion should be used for all the roads that are requested. It will be affordable to have it done in the 2015/2016 financial year rather than in 2022. We should seek other revenue generating schemes for the upcoming budget to implement all the needs from the members. They say not to make loans but the needs are endless.

Those are some remarks Mr Speaker. If we cannot implement the projects this final year of this Term, I believe they will be implemented like the road at Manono and elsewhere especially the road in my Constituency. I want a substantial amount of money to fund these if not in this Term but in the first year of the next Term.

God bless this House and the country listening in especially my Constituency of Vaa o Fonoti. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: I thank the honorable member for his speech. I deem the recommendations useful to the Cabinet and Government.

I call on the Associate Minister also the member for Faasaleleaga No. 1 Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow to take the floor.

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Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (Faasaleleaga No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity allowed to my Constituency to contribute to the Supplementary Appropriation now before the House.

This is the first Sitting of the year and I wish to greet Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers and also the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and the dignity of the Opposition.

I acknowledge the presence of the heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office servicing the House.

I also greet the dignity of Samoa, His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tupua Tamasese Efi and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and Masiofo, the Chief Justice, President of the Lands and Titles Court and the members of the Judiciary.

Recognition is also extended to the clergy that pray endlessly for blessings upon our country. I believe it is your prayers that have contributed to the safe passage of Samoa into this New Year.

I acknowledge my Constituency of Faasaleleaga No. 1 listening in support from the east boundary to the west and I address your honorific salutations; Susu o lau Susuga Ti"ā ma Luamanuvae, Sua ma Tinousi faapea le malelega a Malietoa, le mamalu i le Falefia ma le Falesalafai ma upu ia te oe Salelologa. Susu foi Sua o le tupu na tausī, Tusani ma le Aiga Sa Tusani faapea le mamalu ia te oe Sasilafaiga. Le paia o le Aiga Salevalasi, le susu o le Tootoolii ia Tofilau ma le Matua ia Asomua, lau fetalaiga Leauanae ma le nofo a ituaiga ia te oe Sasulu, ae tainane le afio o le paia i alo o le Tagalooa faapea le mamalu ia Safune ma Taulauniu. Afio lau afioga i le Tamaitai, Afioga Gatoloaifaana ma le falefa o Atiulagi ma le Aiga Sa Gatoloi. E faapea foi Taito ma le Usoalii ma le latou matua ia Tanuvasamanaia. Afio le Gafa, Soanai ma Patane, tainane le afio ia Tuioti na Toainafa, le mamalu lava lea i Alo o Tamaalelagi. Ia, o mamalu na o le tatou faletolu o lo o polapuipui e Safuamua ma le nofo a ituaiga, faapea le Tapaaufanua ia Tevaga ma le Faleono ma le mamalu ia Salemuliaga ia Fuga ma Mauga.

I cannot forget the support of the Susuga Toeaina and faletua as well as all the Reverends serving in our Constituency and preaching the Word for the spiritual wellbeing of Faasaleleaga No. 1.

Mr Speaker, I only have words of gratitude and support for the Hon Prime Minister who is also the Minister of Finance for the Supplementary Appropriation. Despite the limited funds, I see from the Chairpersons clear Report that emphasis is being given to priority areas. I must also applaud the Ministry for the preparation of the Budget.

There are some areas that I wish to address as our work is a collaborative effort. The thinking is to present them to the Minister responsible and they will be considered.

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I wish to begin with the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the situation in Savaii. I am grateful for the cashpower which is a cost saving initiative for the Corporation. The previous process of printing out and distributing the electric bills was costly. The issue however is that there are often problems with the cashpower service and their connection to the National Bank. When these mishaps occur, Savaii has no other option for cashpower. At least Upolu has the Vaitele office with its 24 hour service but for Savaii, when there are technical glitches with the National Bank service, there is no other outlet. Sometimes the problem continues for two days but I believe that if it is down for more than half the day it is unacceptable. We are ones to only look for cashpower when the power goes out because it is human nature and so the service must be available at all times for the general public. I request a 24 hour service for Savaii at Salelologa while National Bank solves their glitches; there will still be assistance for the island.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I was at the Mulifanua wharf and the K9 Unit was there sniffing out drugs. There were many that were caught and I request that this be done once a month because I believe that Upolu is supplying this drug. I plead with the Hon Minister as you are also from Savaii. Protect our island.

In another area, this is a recommendation Hon Minister to save resources and time. There are minor offences involving the use of profane or obscene language in public and they take up resources to deliver summons and it also takes up the courts time dealing with these matters that could be mediated between the involved parties. Perhaps discretion can be exercised by the Police in these cases and only refer serious offences to the courts so that time and resource are saved. These funds can be allocated elsewhere.

Mr Speaker, those are just some additions to the Supplementary Appropriation debate. The view of this Constituency is just one of gratitude. Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, we pray that you are blessed with the wisdom and foresight from the Lord to carry out your duties in this New Year. God bless you Mr Speaker and this Parliament. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you to the Associate Minister who is also the member for Faasaleleaga No. 1.

Afioga Tuiatua Faanofonofu, this is your occasion. I call another member of the Committee also the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo to stand.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Thank you Mr Speaker, I assumed that the other members of the Committee would have emphasised the Report because the Recommendations therein are the exact sentiments of this Constituency but thank you for the opportunity. I greet the dignity of the Parliament and Samoa listening in as well as the clergy praying endlessly for the success of our duties.

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Mr Speaker, first, the road at Tiavea where four citizens lost their lives last year is made of the same material as the part of the road with a sharp bend near the Catholic cathedral where another life was lost. The reason is that the iron that these two roads are made of have rusted and sunk. I only mention that for your consideration. Many from the village have approached me about this road. It is on the way to Lalomanu after the Catholic cathedral.

Second, since the 2009 tsunami, many have moved hinterland. I thank the Hon Minister that there is water in the main village but hinterland there are still problems. If there is an opportunity for this to be done, thank you. We are also grateful for the road from Samusu to Lalomanu. We extend appreciation to the contractors for this exceptional road. There has been a death and at least four accidents on this road. When the road is exceptionally constructed, many tend to drink and party along that road. I humbly beseech the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons for a Police patrol along this road. That is the request with respect....

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am looking at the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and his eyes are closed as if in a confused state. Some stand and say that there are roads that need to be repaired but this seems to be the correct view that we should not repair the roads because it causes deaths. See how essential your speeches are? Others say to repair the roads while others say do not. I see the Hon Minister trying to mentally sort what exactly is being asked but I suggest it be left with the Cabinet to consider. Present all the sorts of roads while we listen.

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

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Incase we are lumped into the Hon Prime Ministers generalization. There is nothing wrong with the roads, they need to be of good quality. It is not the road. The reason for the accidents is the vehicles. If the Aleipata driver is weak, we should not be included in this generalization because we are strong drivers.

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance there is another interjection. I call on the member for Aana Alofi No. 1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Mr Speaker, I also mentioned the roads in Aana. The roads of Aleipata are of very good quality which is reasoned to be the cause of the accidents.

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Perhaps the Government policy should be amended and the Aleipata roads should not be constructed further because they do not know how to use the roads. Save funds or redirect them to water or electricity. That is the request with respect. Thank you.

Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: We have reached our recess hour and we will continue when we return. I announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are set aside for its usual recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 4.47pm and resumed at 5:29 am.

Second reading debate resumed on Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2014/2015.

MR SPEAKER: I announce that our Proceedings have resumed. Before our break, the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo had the floor. I deem the members remarks very important despite it having humorous connotations. It is also essential that those that travel this road are safe. The smooth road has resulted in some abusing the road thus resulting in accidents. It is crucial that the member has brought this to our attention. To those that travel this road, please be cautious.

I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo to conclude your speech.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: We have been rejuvenated from the meal. I thank the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Office for the meal.

I am disappointed at the view expressed stating that my constituents do not know how to drive. Member for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi, we started driving at the same time, I assume some time in the 1960+. For your information, the ones that were involved in the accident were from Faleata West. I will move away from this matter.

I think the Government missed the point I raised. The contractors did the roads and it is 100%. I bear witness to this Parliament, if the contractors are listening in you should visit the Saleaamua to Utufaalalafa and Samusu road which is of good quality. I am not praising the work but gratitude is due because of the well monitoring of this road. Despite there being drains dug on my land and the flooding from it, I accept it with gratitude because they water the vegetation and provide water for the cattle.

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I mentioned it because we should acknowledge the contractors for a job well done. Perhaps the interjections were hasty but I had not reached the gist of my remarks.

Perhaps it was the beginning of the year, I had a calf that was stolen. I called the Police to find the calf and to this day, I do not know what the status of the case is maybe the calf has made it to heaven because no one has called to say “Tafua, men have been imprisoned for stealing your calf...” and whatever else there is to report. Hon Minister, I am seeking information from the Ministry regarding my case. I assumed the complainant should be informed of any progress on the case or a decision made. I humbly request whether there has been a decision on this case and if I am to be compensated.

On another matter, I hear that there are plans for a Fire Service post at Aleipata. I am grateful for this assistance to our Constituency especially if we are to have an airport and for the wharf. The Government has continued its work on the wharf. I therefore thank the Ministry and applaud this venture.

Finally Mr Speaker, to the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, I wish to make a request for a drainage system in front of the Assembly of God church building where there is a small bridge next to it with mangroves in the back. It was devastated by the tsunami but this is where many fish varieties breed. It is an important marine reserve but now there are hardly any mangroves left. I ask if mangroves can be regrown for the breeding of various fish species.

Those are just some views and I thank and applaud Samoa for their support, especially the Servants of the Lord. I conclude now with gratitude to my Constituency for their support during the past four years and we are progressing into the final year. God bless you all this year, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I thank you Afioga Tuiatua Faanofonofu. Deputy Speaker, you will be the last speaker for this side and then the floor will shift to this side to the Leader of Opposition.

I call on the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Palauli West): Praise be to our God for the sun has set and you Mr Speaker are still able to conduct our Meeting in health and strength. I also believe that we are gathered in health and strength, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as the Leader of Opposition and all the members of Parliament. The dignity of Tiafau is and will always be now and forever. I acknowledge the support of His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and all those listening in at this hour.

I make a special mention of my Constituency and acknowledge your honorific salutations. I greet the Reverends in our Constituency, Susuga Tavita Roma and faletua, the Reverend of the Methodist synod, Susuga Ioane Tolai and faletua.

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I recognize also the other Holy Workers in our Constituency from Faga, Taga and Foalalo to Gagaemalae. I ask for your patience as we attempt to contribute to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2014/2015.

Mr Speaker, I will comment generally on this order of the day. I begin with the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons. The member for Faasaleleaga No. 1 has mentioned the concern about the drugs coming in at the Mulifanua wharf. Before Christmas, I went to catch the early morning ferry but our journey was delayed as the Office was announcing that there were still bags on the wharf and whether anyone had forgotten their luggage. The ferry left and there were at least 10 bags still on the dock. It was as if everyone knew that the moment they picked up one of the bags, the Police would rush in. Last Friday, there was another incident on my way to Savaii and thankfully no life was taken. The incident occurred because of a passenger that was taking drugs on the ferry but thankfully again when the ferry reached Salelologa, the Police were waiting.

I recommend, as one of the members from Savaii mentioned, perhaps the searches should not be monthly but continuous not only for Upolu but Savaii because I have suspicions that Savaii also has supplies. I suggest that it be done just as it is done in the airport where you are startled by the sniffer dogs without warning. That is the request to the Hon Minister for the work of the K9 Unit to be consistent.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, I will not go in to detail because our request is with you both for your kind consideration. To the Hon Minister responsible for the Shipping Services, the Mulifanua wharf has improved as one member mentioned. There is a separation in the areas for parking and the area for vehicles to board the ferry. At Savaii, the area on the west side of the wharf has been locked not allowing any vehicles inside. As for the area where the vehicles are parked and buses load, there are now small shops there and the area has become crowded. If you go to pick up someone, you will have to wait in a long line behind the buses until they leave and then you are able to leave.

I say this because I witnessed this last Saturday. The parking is crowded unlike Mulifanua which has a large area of land. I ask whether the locked area can be opened for the passengers that do not take the bus.

I come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. I know that *there are times when we differ in opinions but it has been four years in to our Term* and I wish to extend a word of gratitude to the Hon Minister and the CEO of the Ministry. This is the first time I have heard of the students exact grades being given to them. There is no upscaling or downscaling that the teachers do using the mean and median. Now the raw marks are being used and I support this because I believe that scaling the grades confuses the student and parents. The student thinks that this is the exact mark and so they are confused but now the Ministry has clarified that the mark from the exam is the accurate mark.

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If there is a student that is unsuccessful for a scholarship because of this, there is scaling in UPY which misinforms the students and it can be seen as window dressing which hides the injustice. The problem with mathematics I will not comment on again. I know that there is no immediate solution. Last year the new program for mathematics was implemented in the primary schools. Seeing how this program is set out, results will only be seen in the next five years. I mention this because there is one primary school in my Constituency that is part of this program. It has now become encouraged in mission schools.

Hon Minister, I have also heard that the Principals will be rotated. The Principal for Palauli West will rotate with the Principal of Savaii West. For the information of the Hon Minister and the Minister, the Palauli West College has never had any problems with their Year 13 examination results. In 2014, there were 30 in the class and from that, 12 made it to FOE and 15 went to UPY with only 3 students missing out. The past Principal was from our Constituency and is now employed by the Ministry of Education. The current Principal is also from our Constituency but now he will be transferred to Savaii West and the Savaii West Principal will come to our school. I do not intend to intrude on the Ministries work but my only concern is that Savaii West will benefit and Palauli West will be left out but I understand that these changes are for the improvement of the schools.

By way of the Chair, Hon Minister, the villages in our Constituency are far apart and Salailua has only one College and the distance between it and Taga I need not explain. When school finishes at 4.00pm, there are no buses running and if the student walks from Salailua to Taga, they will arrive at night. If there is a time the Government allocates the buses to the Ministry, I ask that you consider a bus for our school. As for the playing field, the site visit has been completed and I will not address that matter again. Regarding other programs the Ministry has for the education sector, I will leave it at your discretion and I wish to extend gratitude for the realignment of the teachers salaries.

Hon Minister of Health and the National Health Services, thank you for not restricting our nursing graduates as they have come back to work in our Constituency and not being made to work in Apia. On Friday last week we met in Savaii and you have witnessed the state of the nurses housing and buildings as they serve in the hospital. My question to the Hon Minister, when will a permanent doctor be stationed at our hospital? Some constituents have asked me if this will eventuate.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by way of the Chair I extend my appreciation for the progress in this sector. SACEP and the Cyclone recovery program funds have been distributed and perhaps in April we will receive this assistance. I see in the Supplementary Appropriation that there is no funding for a freezer for Salailua but I will leave it at your discretion Hon Minister and maybe it will be appropriated for in the Main Estimates.

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Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, you are aware that I usually raise the issue of the 2AP coverage. We are all aware now of the airwaves and difference in the AM and FM frequencies and it is now understood that this is the reason for the issues with coverage.

As for the Supplementary Appropriation, this Constituency fully supports it. To conclude, I assumed that the Samoan subject was a considered subject when choosing successful scholarships but I found this year that it is not compulsory for choosing scholarship recipients from UPY. Again, I do not intend to intrude upon this decision if it is controlled by overseas parties funding these scholarships. My question is if it is not considered, why then is it a compulsory course for UPY? If the student does not pass Samoan, they cannot graduate so why bother if it is not even considered for scholarships to New Zealand, Australia or Fiji? Why waste time making it compulsory when it can just be an option.

That is all for now Mr Speaker. God bless our Meeting this evening, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Deputy Speaker. We will not move to this side of the House. I call on the member for Palauli le Falefa. Comment on the Supplementary Appropriation.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA (Palauli le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker, I did not intend to make a speech but I heard many speeches touch on the matter of energy.

Before I also comment on that, I first thank you for your patience in conducting our Meeting. I also greet the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as the members of Parliament including the Leader of Opposition and that side. It seems that because I am sitting on this side that I am seen as being on the Opposition.

MR SPEAKER: It is the member for Faleata West that is spreading the word that you are moving to their side. Continue your speech.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: I will address my Constituency and acknowledge their honorific salutations which remain unchanged and no word can ever be amended.

The only matter I wanted to remark on was energy. Energy generated from wind is only 20% which is a small amount and there should be broader energy policies. The reason I say this Mr Speaker is that energy is not only used for electric power but other things including transport. The challenge Samoa faces at the moment is transport as we are aware of the goal set out that by 2017 fossil fuel will no longer be used to generate electricity because it destroys the ozone layer.

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As for transport, I humbly recommend to the Hon Prime Minister who is also the Chair of the Energy Committee that there should be broader energy policies to prepare us to access funding from the Green Climate Fund to be administered under the Ministry of Finance. The total annual Fund is \$100 billion to fund global efforts against climate change. For Land and Maritime there is 45% to 15% of fossil fuels being used and for electricity there is 60% which means 70% to 80% is used for land and maritime transport and that does not include aviation.

What is certain is that the OPEC countries will seek compensation because the market will reduce and costs dropped if the majority of the countries opt for alternative renewable energy sources. Should these donor countries decide to enact such a decision because they are the greatest contributors to the impact on the environment, this means that there will be little left of the Green Climate Fund. I again beseech the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Energy Committee to consider a consolidated legislation with these policies because that is the solution to these challenges and we need stronger energy policies. This is just a request for the Governments consideration. I spoke with some CEOs and stressed the need to have project proposals before other countries dig in and as you all know, first come first serve. We are so used to hearing that there are no funds. Donors will be hesitant to give to recipient countries because they feel our hands in their pockets. I am familiar with these because I used to be involved in this. I again recommend that energy policies be reviewed for electricity and land and marine transport.

Mr Speaker, that is the humble request before the House and the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. God bless our Meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. The House has heard your clear recommendation presented.

I call on the member for Faleata West followed by one of the members for Salega.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you. I intended to sit out this Meeting and not make a speech because I am filled with gratitude and joy that we have again made it to a new year, also the final year of our Term under your Speakership. I know that at the end of this year during Christmas, all the children will be singing merrily but a member will not because the close of the Term will be a little bit closer. But the person that is joyful and listens to the Lord need not worry but be comforted every day and night.

I humbly greet the House, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet including the Associate Ministers. To this side, Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader as well as the members of Tautua Samoa I greet you all as well as the heads of the various Government departments present today, I applaud your patience.

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I address the dignity of Samoa, His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and the esteemed nation in all its honorific salutations as well as the Holy Workers and the nation in its entirety.

I am truly grateful for the projects implemented within my Constituency in the past few years. There have been many changes with the roads, buildings, businesses and many other infrastructural works going up in the Constituency and for that I extend my greatest appreciation. I applaud the efforts currently in progress for our four lane road from Lepea to Puipaa.

Also for the relocation of the prison to Tanumalala, it is a necessary venture leaving the land available for other projects including the Police Academy. This is a very important project and is relevant for not only the Police but our youth to provide training that can be utilized locally and overseas. There is still the road at Falelauniu which connects to Aleisa that is in need of repair. This is a well travelled road. The Hon Minister responded that after the cement road was done then it would be repaired. That project is complete and so the road must be repaired because there are many residents in this area including the Deputy Speaker. In addition to this road, there is the road at Falelauniutai where there is a new settlement and if you visited it you would see for yourself the poor condition it is in. I spoke with the CEO of the Ministry and the clarification was that these lands are under the Samoa Land Corporation. I believe that there can be readjustments and negotiations within our Government regarding these roads for the benefit of the residents in this area.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, our school has a substantial roll. There are many students but there is only one Faleata College and one primary school. We have taken the necessary steps and presented our research and findings to you for your consideration.

I will now comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Mr Speaker. I will not comment in length because I am a member of the Committee that investigated this Bill. A substantial amount has been appropriated to continue our work for the remaining Financial Year. My only query as some have mentioned, the cost of fuel has decreased and we know that it will again increase. But for now, it has reduced therefore it should be reflected in the cost of products, petrol prices and electricity costs. We are quick to blame the cost of fuel for inflated process but the cost of a barrel has dropped dramatically by 60%. It is as if it is easy to increase the costs but then become ignorant when there is a need to reduce costs. There is a connection between the cost of electricity, the cost of living and the fuel prices. I ask that this matter be reviewed. The Hon Minister mentioned that the surcharge will be removed but there is still a fuel charge. My electricity bill from December is \$117 usage charge and \$182 fuel charge with the fuel charge more than the electricity used. In addition to this there is another charge and the bill is almost \$400, it is \$356. These are some aspects that should be considered Hon Minister.

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MR SPEAKER: I call on the Minister responsible for the Electric Power Corporation.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Perhaps it is well that the member have a break while I clarify the changes in the tariff and our electricity bills. There are three separate charges; the debt charge, usage charge and fuel charge. For 50 units and less it is 20sene but 100 units and less cost 39sene per unit. There is also a difference between domestic consumers and commercial consumers. In regards to the fuel charge, if fuel costs decrease in this month, it will only be reflected in the next month because we are working with the Regulator. It is not the sole task of the EPC. The proposals for the next 3 years are progressing well with the intention to begin in May this year.

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Conclude your speech.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Minister for the clarification. I will move away from that matter.

I visited the Hon Minister....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Is it clear? The process is, if the fuel is purchased at a high cost, it is stocked for three months and when the global prices drop, it is dropped, but we purchased at a high cost. Do you understand? Which means they are at a loss. If the prices increase again, we effect it in the following month so that there is coverage. So if we purchased at a high price, we keep it for three months and then the fuel prices drop, they will be at a loss.

Mr Speaker, there is a time lapse in the trade. We store our fuel in the large tanks and when the global prices drop, they will be at a loss. Do you understand Leala?

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the transparent clarification of this matter. It is stored for three months. This means that if the fuel prices decrease, after three months the decrease will be effective but if the overseas prices increase, we increase our prices tomorrow. I am in doubt. If the fuel prices increase in January it will probably increase again in April. Well Hon Minister, my electricity was disconnected.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is why our current policies are essential to allow for coverage in the increased price period. This is not done by other countries. When there is benefit to be gained, we profit, but when they are at a loss, we are not affected.

Mr Speaker, that is the structure. Sometimes we profit as the markets fluctuate but the sun will always rise again.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you. Mr Speaker, as I was saying, my electricity was disconnected and I asked my children why and they showed me the bill with a footnote that the reconnection fee was \$50. My logic is, if a family's electricity is disconnected because they cannot pay their bill, this \$50 is added and it just adds to the bill. Consider our resources but at least I have gone through the ordeal.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the Corporation has encouraged the use of cashpower but this member does not seem to want it installed but prefers metered electricity and as a result there is a \$50 reconnection fee included. If he had opted for cashpower, it would be simpler and there would be no fees. It is because he has not followed the policies that he is affected with respect.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you. This is one Minister who has had many good policies but they will be redundant because of this one. There is a new process with the EPC and SWA. I bought land this year and I went to pay the connection fee for the electricity and the cashier said that I had to pay \$4,000 arrears on the land for electricity. I asked why and they said that was the process because I had bought the land and thus inherited the arrears. I asked who made such a ridiculous policy and why I had to pay another person's arrears and the response was that it was how it was. I said that by 4.00pm that day the electricity should be connected or I would take it up with the Minister. Thankfully it was connected. First of all, the arrears should not have been allowed to reach \$4,000. I went to the SWA and I was told that the arrear was \$280. I asked why and the response was the same. I told the cashier if they thought that as buyers we would automatically know that there are arrears. These are not laws, they are internal policies. Why should Lealailepule pay for the water that others used? I ask the Hon Minister to review these policies. It may be humorous to the ear, but they should be reviewed. Perhaps the lawyers and buyers of land should insist on conditions for the arrears to be cleared first.

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I now come to the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. During the heavy rainfall, Siumu was flooded and we were cut off. Perhaps you could note in your calendar when the wet season is and coincide it with the clearing of the drainage. I witnessed that this was the reason for the blockage. I tried to seek out a member for Siumu to show them what happened but they were nowhere to be found. Perhaps they were safe in Apia. Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Siumu.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Mr Speaker, I do not know where exactly this member was because I was there and such statements impede on the reputation of a member while the Constituency is listening in. I was there but I do not know where the member was with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaioi: Mr Speaker, this drain mentioned by the member for Faleata West was also mentioned by the member for Siumu and this is not the first time this has happened therefore the Ministry should investigate.

It has long been a problem with the drainage being very narrow so there should be a bulldozer to dig and deepen the entire length of the drain so that the water does not overflow. I know this because I was there on Sunday when this happened. I looked at the wind direction and the rain. I got in to the car at about 3.30pm and 15 minutes after I had passed this part, I received a call saying that it had flooded. You need to try and determine nature. Some only look at the skies but not in all directions. When I returned at 6.00pm, the flood had dissipated. When there is flooding, you only need to wait for 30 minutes and it will disperse. I do that with the drainage at Siloi and Lepa. This is the same for the water in Savaii. The problem is that we cannot wait 30 minutes.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member. I beg tolerance while the....

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: I only have a question for the member. Do you understand now?

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: To be honest, I went to Siumu to find a candidate for our Party to run against you but could not find one because they said Tuuu is number one.

I will now touch on the matter of air conditions. The Hon Minister mentioned the bilateral projects but the only issue is the distribution. Also, perhaps there should be a single entity to deal with public lands.

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If it is to be the Samoa Land Corporation then all the lands should be transferred because sometimes the lands are either under the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment or STEC....

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, after Cyclone Ofa in 1990, in the year 1991 we went to the Trust Estates to get coconuts. For five years we had not exported any coconuts and the Vaitele oil factory was closed down as well as the cocoa ventures. In 1990, the lands were divided. I mention this because this has been the division for a long time and the Cabinet has reviewed whether this could be reformed. I make this known now incase the time comes for these plans to be implemented and the member for Faleata West would say that these were carried out from their recommendations, especially the Leader of Opposition. I am now making this known. The Minister responsible for the lands and the Cabinet have discussed this matter.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: It is exceptionally appropriate if it is in progress.

Mr Speaker, I listened to the member for Aana Alofi No. 1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi also a senior parliamentarian mention the track going up Mount Vaea. Even though he has not been to the peak, he understands the importance of the track to our tourism. The Hon Minister is aware of this because we hiked up the track. He took a while but he made it. There are many people that use....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I ask whether Tusitala is buried on Vaea or Vailima?

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker, I climb up Vailima and come down Vaea.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I ask because there are two tracks because we have also been up those tracks.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon Faamoetaulua Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii: Mr Speaker, I did not intend to interrupt the member but I followed the member and reached the top while the Ministry was working to clear the track but I do not know if the member reached the top. The clearing was for the long track and the short track. I went up the track and took photos on the track and up the grave as a record in case you doubt my remark.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Minister. There is a difference between exercise and taking a stroll. I am talking about exercise. If it can be considered, there are many passengers that come on the cruise ships and we need to maintain the Vaea track. The cruise ships never dock for 24 hours so people will have time to perhaps walk 200 meters for a small fee. This is a revenue generating scheme because there are many that want to visit the top. Some cannot reach the top because of the condition of the track.

Regarding the Land Transport Authority, I am concerned about the road maintenance. The legislations should be enforced to protect the workers and the safety of the travelling public.

For the NPF, I believe I will not go into detail as there is a governing legislation. I am grateful that the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet has made the decision to cease the initiative. If we make harsh decisions for NPF, it should be in the best interest of its contributors. I suggest that an additional 10% should be added to the contributors for their families. At the moment, the interest rates on the personal loans is 9% and if the contributors best interest is at heart, it should be reduced to 4% or 5%. Thankfully the proposed scheme has been set aside.

I now address the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. I applaud the Hon Minister for the milestone achieved in food security. However I have noted an increase in the coconut beetles as I recall there are three varieties; brontisa, rhinoceros and a third I cannot remember at this time. Is this pest being dealt with because we will eventually depend on this crop?

I applaud the Hon Minister responsible for the improvements to the wharf both at Salelologa and Mulifanua as well as the head of SPA. The division of the wharves is better. The travelers are the customers so we focus on the domestic travel but we must also focus on the international **ports**.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, the Hon Prime Minister made a great speech at the opening of the Conference stressing mathematics. This is not the first time I have spoken about the need for Science teachers. Perhaps we can continue our partnership with India as was done in the past with the college teachers for the mission and public schools to teach physics, math and other science subjects. Most of the teachers are going back to gain higher education and this is exactly when this partnership should be utilized. I second the view of the Deputy Speaker to use raw marks from examinations because scaling grades is misleading and unnecessary but thankfully the raw marks will be used as it reflects the capabilities of the students.

I made a recommendation for Samoa College and thankfully the opportunity has been granted to continue its operation and the Old Pupils Association is prepared to make the necessary arrangements with the objective of developing the school as per the primary reasons for its establishment.

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For the Public Service Commission, there are many complaints regarding decisionmaking. In my opinion, there are two reasons for the complaints; it is either because of the process or the person. Personally, the role of the PSC is to facilitate and coordinate all the Ministries and their outputs. The expertise is within the Ministry in regards to their output, even when appointing an ACEO. I ask the Hon Minister to review this because it is not a new legislation.

My question Hon Prime Minister concerns the status of the Bumble Bee company? I have long waited to see the company as well as other companies to create employment for our people. Review our incentives and the process if it is simple for companies to invest and assist.

Hon Minister of Health, thank you....

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: Nowadays there is internet with facebook and twitter and there are complaints everywhere around the globe. There are companies like Yazaki that want to invest but there are always complaints. We are dishing out incentives but there are complaints assuming that there will be a stench. Such statements are being broadcast overseas and these companies see these reports.

Mr Speaker, the Government is trying to attract investors but when such writings are being broadcast, such a shame. We have not yet come to the Bill to attract foreign investors but now you say that we are selling passports but there are no passports or citizenships being sold. With all this rubbish being broadcast, who then would want to invest? Mr Speaker, we should be sympathetic especially the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I will allow you the floor as you were mentioned.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: A point of order. The only question was about Bumble Bee and we supported this venture but we do not know the current status of these negotiations and yet we are being blamed.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Point of order. I have at least four or five interviews on Thursdays trying to respond to complaints assuming that the stench would be like that at Tutuila. I responded “will you rather the stench and have a job and food on the table?”

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Mr Speaker, I ask for sympathy because these reports are being broadcast overseas. When the rugby players called for two members of the Union to step down, goodness the accusations saying they squandered all the Unions funds. As for the audit report, it showed no such abuse in the 2011-2013 accounts. There was no misappropriation.

Nowadays, social media has a stronghold. The reports being made on Facebook are unbelievable. I was surprised one day when the village of Sili came with a traditional apology because one of their men had made rash comments. There is so much disreputing going around in all corners of the world and they are being read by these companies. Who then would want to invest in Samoa? It is tolerable if the comments were by the general public but to be reported from within Parliament, it is damaging. Our efforts to attract large investors are being tainted. If we had 10 companies like Yazaki, there would be 10,000+ of our people with jobs.

That is the announcement for now. As for Bumble Bee, it is proposed that they will begin this year but it is because of the reports from this House that delay the progress. We should have word from them this week and the we will know the status of the negotiations. They have not said they would not come but they are in doubt because of such statements.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Ministers statement that we are the cause is serious. My concern is that this will be the excuse because the Government cannot attract any investors. I only inform the Hon Prime Minister that this Side supported the venture. Our intention is also to have many employment opportunities.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this response now being made in Parliament and the statement made during their interviews with the Samoa Observer are inconsistent. The country is listening in and they have read what you said.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: It is only you that is mentioned in the Observer, heard over the radio and seen on TV every night.

MR SPEAKER: The matter being clarified is different. I am aware of the situation because I have been contacted by the media overseas because of the comments made in this House. If your recommendations are accepted then let it end there but do not go out again and broadcast damaging reports.

If you are sympathetic then stop with these disreputable remarks. The Hon Prime Ministers comments were clear so let us cooperate. We should not do anything that would damage the good intentions we have for our nation. I am aware of the situation because I have been queried and I have attempted to respond these queries.

I call on the member for Faleata West.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, this is a fragile matter. With respect, you cannot restrict the Opposition from exercising their rights....

MR SPEAKER: I am only clarifying the matter and not restricting.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You have just told us to stop and that is a restriction.

MR SPEAKER: Palu, I am trying to explain the situation. I should caution you because of the damaging reports being broadcast overseas. It is your discretion who you speak to but it is the damaging reports that the Government is trying to reign in. The Hon Prime Minister was very clear. We are trying to negotiate with the Bumble Bee company but these reports are being reported overseas. Sit down while I clarify the matter.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Point of order. We are not disreputing anyone. We are only supporting. We called a lunch meeting to support.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down while I comment on the matter at hand. I am trying to clarify your actions outside.

How many projects have we initiated in the House? We are the mirror for the future. This is where solutions are made. The reason there will be strife will be us. From where? From our speeches. This is why I plead that we make productive speeches. If we know there are ventures that would benefit the country then we should support it. We should not be cautious because we will all be affected, it will not only be one person. You speak of your rights, well remember the rights of this Parliament that should be protected. When the questions come from overseas, they are directed to me because I conduct our Proceedings. It is the privilege of Parliament that should be protected but outside of this House, that is at your discretion.

I call on the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker. The Hon Prime Minister was very transparent. Personally, social media is of no consequence to me because I do not use it. Only Palu has a Facebook page. For this side, we support our developments 100%. We are only here for two things; to develop our country and to protect our assets. We are students of the present.

Continuing, I address the Hon Minister of Health. I conclude with your portfolio because when you respond you will take up all my time. I applaud your efficient proposals. My mother was ill during Christmas and she did not want to be checked out because of the exceptional condition of the hospital.

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Not only was it hygienic but the care was good. I am appreciative of the exercise program broadcast on the television. This should have been done long ago. It is appropriate that it is in Samoan because there is humor and it encourages the person to continue with the program.

I also applaud the efforts of SPAGHL with the lunch program that is being utilized by the LDS School. I congratulate the school for taking on this lunch initiative.

On Christmas night at about 12.00am my son called me saying that he was sitting for a long time in the queue because it was full and so I told him to wait there. I went to the hospital at around 1.30am and the person there said my son had just left and my mother was calling out that she had been there since the evening. I went to talk to the doctors and thanked them for their patience. They were senior doctors and their task is not an easy one. When we talked, they told me that they were busy because there was an accident at Taufusi involving a vehicle from the Prisons. I am informing the Minister and Commissioner of this.

As I was standing there a Police Officer limped past and I asked him if he was the driver but he said it was another Officer. Three vehicles were involved in the accident. I asked him why the car was speeding and he said that he told the driver to slow down at the lights but he kept speeding and the oncoming vehicles did not see them because there was no siren and all the passengers were injured.

Hon Minister, these drivers are not trained in defence driving and this should be a part of training.

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

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member. I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: I ask the Hon Minister because I know that the new hospital has separate services depending on the severity of the illnesses. It seems that the member is speaking about the old system. Is this the status Doctor? Can you elaborate?

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Health): Thank you for the opportunity to provide a clarification on the matter for the benefit of the member as well as the House.

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This is exactly the system in the new hospital. There is the A & E or the Accident and Emergencies Services to handle such cases. As for cases such as the flu, coughs or minor injuries they are referred to the Outpatient. That is the division of the new hospital. The intention is that emergency cases are not left waiting and that is the speciality of the A & E Service and the doctors servicing that section. As for the Outpatient, it is serviced by general medical practitioners that are on a rotational schedule. There are complaints regarding this rotation stating that patients are told to come back the next day but when they come it is a different doctor. The A & E doctors are more specialized to deal with cardiac arrest or cardiac infraction and other areas.

The hospital is designed in this way to separate the emergency and accident cases from the minor cases. I was not told of this instance where the Outpatient was not being served because of an emergency as mentioned by the member. Perhaps there were not enough doctors to serve because they also can get sick.

That is the clarification for the member.

MR SPEAKER: Conclude your remarks member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Minister for the brief but clear explanation. The initiative is 100% but there are times when there is inconsistency in the service. This was during Christmas and I spent that time observing the work of the doctors. It is not easy for patients to travel in the early hours of the morning to the hospital. The Hon Minister is also a doctor so when there is limited staff, he should use his talent as he is still young.

Mr Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. The objective is that we all contribute to the success of Samoa. Although we are on different sides, there is only one vision. I extend appreciation to the CEOs and the ACEOs alike for the service, well done. There are times we are harsh and I ask your forgiveness.

I express gratitude to the NPF CEO. I met her and greeted her and thanked her for using the recommendations.

God bless our meeting and Samoa, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I am grateful to the member for Faleata West, also a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee for his speech. I deem this the last speech for today. It is with great respect that I extend the warmest words of appreciation to the members of Parliament for your speeches and remarks made today.

I especially applaud you for your patience. The arguments and discourse we may have had are part and parcel of our deliberations. Our boat is built together.

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When the south is at fault, the north will direct but for today, I am grateful to the Government, the dignity of Parliament, Heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations and all those assisting in our Meeting. I thank the Lord for His guidance and blessings upon us this day as we continued with our work.

Before we conclude our Meeting, I call on the member for Sagaga le Usoga to end our Meeting with a word of prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 7.00pm until 9.00am, Thursday 22 January 2015.