

**WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2016**

*The Legislative Assembly met at 9:00am pursuant to the Parliamentary Sitting Program 2016.*

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9:00am.*

Prayer.

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

**NOTICE FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE**

*Mr Speaker read the Notice from the Leader of the House.*

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

1. Coroners Bill 2016.
2. Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016.
3. Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016.
4. Landing Limited Bill 2016.
5. Bankruptcy Amendment Bill 2016.

**GIVEN THIS** day 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**(Signed):** Susuga Hon. Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoloai Lolofietele  
Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi.  
LEADER OF THE HOUSE.

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** I will not elaborate on the honorific salutations of Samoa for whatever I may say will not add or diminish one iota of our ceremonial addresses, our heritage now anointed with God's word.

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### Presentation of Papers

I respectively greet the Leader of Government the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers and Members of Parliament.

I wish to extend these greetings to the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, on behalf of this Parliament I acknowledge His Highness O Le Ao le Malo, Members of the Council of Deputies, Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I must also recognize the support of the clergy in Samoa for their prayers for blessings upon Samoa and its Parliament. We ask for your full support as we proceed with our Parliamentary Sitting.

I am also delighted to warmly welcome students; teachers and principals present in Chambers this morning to observe the functions of the Legislative Assembly.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

*Clerk read out the list of Papers pursuant to Standing Orders 48.*

1. S.R. 2016/4, Ombudsman (Special Investigation Unit) Regulations 2016.
2. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 28, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of Territorial Constituency Urban West.
3. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 29, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of Territorial Constituency Safata West.
4. P.P. 2016/2017 No.30, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of Territorial Constituency Alataua West.
5. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 31, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of territorial constituency Falelatai and Samatau.
6. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 32, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of Territorial Constituency Faleata West.
7. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 33, Report of the Supreme Court on Election Petition of Territorial Constituency Aana Alofi No. 1 West.
8. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 34, Samoa International Finance Authority Annual Report 2014.
9. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 35, Scientific Research Organization of Samoa Annual report 2014-2015.
10. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 36, Samoa Trust Estates Corporation Annual Report 30 June 2014.
11. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 37, Samoa Trust Estates Corporation Annual report 30 June 2015.
12. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 38, Samoa Airport Authority Annual Report 2015.
13. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 39, Parliamentary Trip to Australia 23-27 May 2016.

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## PRESENTATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Clerk read out the list of Select Committee Reports pursuant to Standing Order 51(5).*

1. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 40, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Second Supplementary Estimates of Receipts and Payments of the Government of Samoa 2016/2017.
2. P.P. 2016/2017 No. 41, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Main Estimates of Receipts and Payments 2016/2017.

## SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2015/2016 AND APPROPRIATION BILL 2016/2017 –debate on second reading

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Orders 132 debate on the two Bills will progress and we should speak directly towards the Appropriation and the growth of Samoa and to any provisions related to the Appropriation. This is also the opportunity for Members of Parliament to speak directly on the budget now tabled. May I also add that your remarks shall be known as maiden speeches? I advise you to keep it short for we have other matters to press on. I now call on the representatives of this Parliament to take the floor while the country are tuning in to proceedings.

**Afioga TOLEAFOA KEN VAAFUSUAGA POUTOA (Lefaga & Faleaseela):** First I want to convey a word of thanks to the Chair for the praises voiced for another new day through the love of our Heavenly Father.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well. The member is taking the floor for the first time since it is his first term in Parliament, respectable member for Lefaga and Faleaseela. I call upon the member for his maiden speech.

## MAIDEN SPEECH

**Afioga TOLEAFOA KEN VAAFUSUAGA POUTOA:** First of all, I commend you Mr Speaker for the prayers this morning to our Almighty God. For his grace has enabled the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and Members to be here on this glorious morning.

Mr Speaker thank you for the opportunity accorded to me to address this House on behalf of my constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela to submit our contribution on the Appropriation tabled before the House and the concise statement by the Minister of Finance.

Mr Speaker on behalf of my constituency, we congratulate you on becoming Speaker again. May our Father in Heaven bless you as you guide this Parliament of Samoa.

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Before I convey my submissions, I acknowledge this House in all its honorific salutations. This is the principal court of Tiafau where our nation's issues are resolve.

With humility I acknowledge the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo of the Independent State of Samoa, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good Lady. I acknowledge also the Council of Deputies Afioga i le Tama Aiga Tuimalealiifano Tuitaalili Suatipatipa Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and his good lady, Afioga Hon Tuiloma Lameko and his good lady, Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati Mualia and his good lady.

I recognize also the Chief Judge and his faletua, and the Judiciary of Samoa. With respect, I recognize also the Hon Prime Minister, the Head of Government for Samoa and his Cabinet, Mr Speaker and all Members gather here today.

Not to forget also the Head of Government Ministries, Organizations, private sectors and also our partnership with Foreign Affairs and Trade. The support of our Samoan people in all honorary salutation.

I recognize also the support of Church leaders and their respective congregations within all denominations in Samoa. Our nation is one of peace and prosperity due to your prayers day and night.

Lest I forget the support of our brothers in the East, the Government of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice, Judiciary, and all representatives of the two houses. The honorific salutations pertaining to Tutuila and Manua.

Before I speak on the Appropriation, this constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela would like to extend our gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi. The leader of the Government and past Government for your wisdom and thoughtful thinking that has blessed an oldest serving member from my constituency with a higher calling. I applaud your appointment of Afioga Le Mamea Ropati based on his service to our people of Samoa. I salute you..

My sincere thanks to Afioga Le Mamea Ropati for representing this constituency in the past years. May our Father in Heaven bless you as you take on this calling? To my beloved constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela and all the honorary salutation. I commend the support of the orators, and high chief and their wives and the untitled men and women.

Least I forget the support of the clergy from all denominations within my constituency. The Roman Catholic priest the Father of the Congregation, the Elders and their faletua, to the parishioners and their faletua, and to all priests and their faletua.

I extend my thanks to the people of my constituency for the honor accorded me to be your representative. I have to say that I take my hat off to my fellow running mates in the election gone. I applaud you in your efforts, for you showed sportsmanship, commitment, and dedication. I ask that you give your support whilst I voice the demands of our constituency.

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Mr Speaker with the Appropriation now before us, I extend my appreciation to the Minister of Finance, for he is new to the calling but is very familiar with duties. I am satisfied with his address in allocating our capital and appropriating it properly according to our fiscal policies. I have gathered that you have prioritized Health and Education. This constituency supports your decision because the future success of a Nation depends on healthy educated people, this is important when it comes to the interaction with colleagues from abroad. I also understand that the Appropriations is our guide in the development of Samoa, it is a Strategy for Samoa, which begins now and the next four years 2016 to 2020. I am of the view that if something is well organized and it is equally implemented and it is transparent to the public it will eliminate criticism. I advise that if issues may surface do not be discouraged for our Father in Heaven will never forsake us.

The objective of the budget is to spent wisely in order to have control of the economy. We must have vision for the future and courage to continue with our developments for the prosperity of Samoa. This XVI Parliament is well under way, so I will now come to the demands of my constituency. My request to the Hon Minister of Health is a proposal for a medical sub center for my constituency which will be convenient for my constituents' medical checkups. A doctor and nurse can travel from town daily as its happening in other parts of the country.

My appreciation to the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for the new school building currently under construction at Savaia Lefaga and Faleaseela thank you for distributing. There is one thing I would like to bring to your attention a request from a parent at my constituency. This is about allowance for students at our National University whom are receiving local scholarship. I understand that the allowance is received at the end of the term. Is it possible for the students to receive this money early to meet the cost of registrations, course materials and their fares? Some families are struggling with the fees, it is really hard. My point is that they will be able to complete their studies. I will leave it to your discretion.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure of the Government, we have put forth our proposal and we do have several roads that need maintenance. We are giving priority to Tafagamanu and Faleaseela, reason being there is no access road to escape inland when a possible natural disaster strikes like the Tsunami of 2009. Hon Minister if you look at the map of this area you will notice the danger that the people of these two villages would face due to the poor road condition. Thank you for the new roads at the villages of Safaatoa, Savaia, Gagaifo, Matautu and Matafaa all it needs now is maintenance. I understand that you have visited Faleaseela and Falelatai road, travelling down towards Falelatai is ok but the outback road at Faleaseela is bad. Would you consider maintenance for this road? This road is always busy with people from Apia travelling towards the airport. It is also popular with tourist and the public making round trips along this route.

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I also request a modern tar sealed pathway or bridge for the Liua le Vai o Sina stream at Faleaseela to preserve this natural beauty, moreover when it overflows it becomes a traffic hazard causing delay in travel. I humbly ask the Hon Papalii to consider our constituency when distributing funds.

Hon Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Prisons and Rehabilitation Services, allow me to extend my appreciation to your Ministry for your service, we are aware of the Government initiative for the new Prison to Tanumalala. I am very concern about this as it will be within my constituency. When elections takes place it will be covered in our electoral boundaries. My concern is pointless as this is underway. I will advise though to really look at the issue of safety for the villagers nearby. I recommend that the structure should be like the prisons overseas and there should be a sufficient number of staff. For instance if there are 200 prisoners there should also be 200 guards to avoid prisoners breakout.

I want to mention the oil tanker that caught fire at Matautu. Thank goodness, if this had spread it the township of Apia would be wiped out. I am glad that the fire truck from the airport had a special chemical which contained the fire quickly. I think there should be a similar truck here in Apia since there are a lot petrol and diesel tanks as well as gas reserves within the town area. We must take this incident as a lesson.

I want to thank the Hon Minister of Agriculture, Scientific Research of Samoa and Fisheries for the bonuses made available for cocoa farmers. Would you please look into our taro, tomatoes, cabbage and other farming products to be covered by this initiative? In reality, the quantity of a farmer's production depends on its own financial source. Now if the government can assist in terms of a bonus schemes it will surely increase our production capacity consequently we will be exporting these products minimizing our imports of the same.

To the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the International water day that took place at at our village of Faleaseela. There are just two villages of my constituency that needs seawalls, Faleaseela and Gagaifo Lefaga. I want to remind you of our request for access roads for Tafagamanu and Faleaseela. I would really like for this to be done as soon as possible because of the looming possibilities of natural disasters due to climate change.

To the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development thank you for the assistance in promoting of weaving of fine mats. I ask that the program will continue so as to encourage this wonderful tradition.

To the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, there are areas of my constituency which do not receive television signal. This area is from Liua le Vai o Sina right up to Faleaseela. I humbly ask that this area be revisited for further development.

Mr Speaker these are some thoughts of this member on behalf of my constituency on the Budget. I beg tolerance if I may have uttered any disrespect especially to all of Samoa listening in this morning.

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The Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the duties of Pili is now set upon you all therefore may our Father in Heaven bless you all in your callings. I pray blessings on this House and our Parliament sitting for this week. Soifua

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Lefaga and Faleaseela for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I thank the Member for Lefaga and Faleaseela. An opportunity is now given to another member who wishes to speak. I am not forcing anyone....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister):** Mr Speaker I believe the Budget address was quite clear but this is enough speeches, so let us move onto the Appropriation.

**MR SPEAKER:** A ruling from the Speaker can be changed if speeches will stop with the one you have just heard. Anyhow the public are tuning in so I call on the member for Aiga I le Tai to speak, and I think members from both sides of chambers will take turn. This is the first Parliamentary term for the member, so please present your maiden speech. All the best.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Susuga MULIPOLA LEIATAUA LAKI (Aiga i le Tai):** Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. I believe you have already said our prayers to the Almighty God. Therefore, I will go straight to the content of my speech.

I acknowledge Samoa in all its honorary salutation. With respect, I acknowledge the dignitaries of this Parliament, with the Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, and Cabinet, and Members of Parliament. I respectfully recognize His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his good lady, the members of the Council of Deputies and their good ladies, Hon Prime Minister Tofa Auelua Fatialofa Neioti Dr. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and faletua. I recognize also Cabinet Ministers, and all respectable Members in this Parliament Term XVI. I also acknowledge the Chief Justice and the Judiciary, Head of Government Ministries, Organizations and the three pillars of Government.

I pay homage to our people Samoan tuning in from their homes, the senior members of society, the village mayors of each constituency, orators and high chiefs, and women committees, as well as the untitled men, the strength of the village and children. I acknowledge with respect the dignitaries of our country.

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I recognize also the servants of God and their spiritual role for a prosperous Samoa and its people. I must also mention our neighboring Island in the East, Tutuila and Manua, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, representative of the two Houses; I highly recognize their honorific salutations.

I would like to use this opportunity to greet my constituency of Aiga i le Tai which I am proud and delighted to represent for it is not a small constituency, and it is also the covenant of Tumua and Pule, mediators in times of crisis. The constituency that maintains peace. Such respects and regard derive from Faimata to Luatimu, the first pillar of Government. I humbly greet my villages of Mulifanua to Apolima and Manono. I respectfully acknowledge your status. May I also mention my beloved village of Apolima which I am proud of.

I acknowledge as well my village of Manono, the sub villages of Faleu Lepuiaia and Apai. My constituency your honorific salutations will forever remain and are sacred. The adage pertaining to that region goes; I stand here at Taumeasina and marvel at your beauty. With great humility I extend to you my constituency my heartfelt gratitude.

From the bottom of my heart and in thee, I am forever indebted to you. You have crowned me as your representative in the next five years through the elections' applaud your vision to elect this humble person A servant is one who serves just as Jesus did, "for he came into the world not to be served, but to serve mankind." My esteem constituency, I do not have gold or silver to compensate your kindness and this great honor bestow upon me. I pledge for your full support in delivering service to our constituency. I will not be complacent in my duties.

I must acknowledge the outgoing member of our constituency Susuga Ifopo Matia Filisi who held this seat in the past 5 years. I commend your determination. Thank you for the good work you have done for our district. May our Father in Heaven bless you, I ask for your support as I continue the service passed down to me. Realisticly Rome was not built in one day.

I must also acknowledge my fellow running mates in the election for a representative of Aiga i le Tai. Susuga Mulipola Oliva and Tautaiolevao. Thank you for your sportsmanship, as the saying goes "*e tau lapalapa tama a o le auso.*" We may have engaged in a battle game but in the end we are still brothers. I ask that you accord your full support as I attempt to fetch water and fire, metaphorically speaking is to say serving our constituency. I know that as long as you are behind me my role will be a success.

I humbly ask for your full support and I hope your support be heard throughout the country. I give praise to the Lord Almighty for he is good and his love is everlasting. It is also through his love that has given us strength to be here today.



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We are gathered here today in good spirits and good health due to the grace of God in which our country is founded upon. The salutations of our Lord Savior shall be accorded to his chosen servants, the clergy. I will now voice my contributions on the theme of today deliberating the developments for my constituency and the country as a whole.

I respectfully applaud His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good lady for your service to the people of Samoa. We salute your patience and vigorous determination in your duties. We admire your leadership for our economy has improved and our standing in the world is elevated despite setbacks and negativity over the years. As the bible says, “the male lion may be short of food, but the person who fears the Lord shall not be deprive of anything” God is the source of wealth. He will fill your vision and provide you conviction. I pray that the Lords spirit be with you during your tenure.

This is perhaps the right moment to congratulate the Hon Minister of Finance for the submission of this wonderfully prepared Budget. For it indicates a drop in expenditures meaning our economy is improving.

Mr Speaker and Hon Prime Minister I will now state the needs of my constituency through te Ministers of Cabinet. Afioga Papali’itele Niko Lee Hang, the Minister of Works Transport and Infrastructure with the utmost respect I would like to bring to your attention our roads. I do not need to stress the importance of this to the travelling public. It has been four months since work began on parts of our road. We are confused as to what has happened to the construction company. Since then our community and the public have faced dirt road dust which affects our health. My concern here is that our local community has resorted to sea water to contain the dust and consequently affecting our assets. Secondly Minister is our access roads, this is vital to our farming projects, and our school children when walking to school in the morning, and the senior people of my community. I understand that it is a huge undertaking but it has been 30 years since any maintenance work has been done to it There are two access roads at Lalovi at the east end it is next to Fua’iloloo, at west end it is next to Satuimalufilufi. Our road at Apolima Mr Speaker is really causing damage to most of our motor vehicles from the pot holes and bumps. Faleu Lepuia’i and Salua all have access roads. I respectfully submit to consider these roads for our developments.

Thirdly Mr Minister is our drinking water. I appreciate the service of the Ministry. Your contribution to service to the country and its developments is massive. However, the water supply to my constituency is scarce. With a lot of areas within my constituency, the water only comes late into the night when water usage becomes minimal at that time. It is only families alongside the main road and those living 60 to 80 meters inland.

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My community at Manonotai do not have water supply, accept for a few water tanks that our people are using to counter the drought. When there is no rain our local people will travel to Upolu. They have to find a boat a motor vehicle, there is preparations for going back and forth to the island.

This is the difficulties and costly reality experienced by my people at the island. I request the installing of water pumps at my constituency to improve this service. Sir it is a fact that water is plenty at the inland area of my constituency of Aiga i le Tai which is supplying Aggies Resort. I am only asking you kindly with no intention of instructing you.

My fourth request is a reminder for a wharf to serve our community and the general public. The current state of the wharf and the building on the site is poor. The cement is showing cracks and is no longer safe for the travelling public. There are several good tourist developments at the island but the problem faced by these developers is the wharf. While on this note I ask you Mr Minister there is a need for beacons as guides to the boats direction to ensure safety. I recall there were beacons in the past when travelling to school, and now there is no more. This is vital to direct the correct path for boats and to indicate the shallow areas to ensure the safety of the travelling public.

Before I voice my sixth request I want to accord through your good self my commendations to CEO of the Electric Power Corporation for the lights at some of the small wharves. The thing is there are more wharves so there is a need for lights at these areas to light up the area for the public. Problems will prevail when daylight savings starts again. We support the daylight saving concept if lights are in place.

**MR SPEAKER:** I do not wish to interrupt the member since it is your maiden speech, however I do note that you have quite a bit to cover. I beg tolerance of you, so I advise to keep it short in case you will not be able to say everything within 30 minutes allocated. Besides, it will make it easier for the Ministers to make note of what you have prepared.

**Susuga MULIPOLA LEIATAUA LAKI:** Thank you Mr Speaker but I will now conclude.

My other request to your Hon Minister is the state of the seawall alongside the road at both east and west ends of the Methodist Ministers home at Lalovi which has no seawalls. The seawall at the other end of my constituency is complete but not this end which is a concern as the water level is the same as the road. When the tide is in it affects the road and the community living around this area.

Another request is to the Hon Deputy Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment. I am grateful for the numerous projects completed at Manono. I want to point out this government's catchphrase, "what is good for Upolu is good for Savaii" I feel that what is good for Upolu and Savaii is particularly good for Manono.

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The seawall right around Manono is in a dire state, since most of the land area is eroded and consumed by water. The community is doing their part by piling rocks to protect our land area. If a tsunami strikes these rocks will become objects of destruction to assets and lives.

We had also requested land for our constituents to cultivate and as you are aware Hon Minister our land area inland is next to lands that belong to you. The people of my constituency will also have a place to relocate to in times of flooding and tsunami.

The Hon Minister of Justice, Courts and Administration, Electoral Commission, we humbly request consideration for another representative for Aiga i le Tai, since our electoral roll has reach 4035 in the previous election.

Another important matter I want to raise, now with all due respect to the Minister of Communication and Information Technology Afioga Afamasaga. I suppose my conviction will evoke a solution. I feel that the village of Satuimalufilufi should be within my constituency, the reason being is this. Paepaela within Mulifanua is next to the new settlement of Satui, then its part of Mulifanua again. Then another settlement of Satui next to Apolima and another settlement of Satui neighboring Manono. I feel that it could perhaps simplify the operations of the Electoral Office when dealing with these two constituencies

My last request is to the Hon Minister of Health Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama, would you take into consideration a Hospital for the Island of Manono. It's really difficult to find a boat, a vehicle especially in bad weather. Normally by the time transport is sorted the condition of an elderly man or woman has deteriorated. The Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, all respectable Members, all of Samoa listening in, and all clergy. That is the contribution of Aiga I le Tai. If I may have offended anyone I beg tolerance.

May our Lord bring blessings upon His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and to the Members of Council of Deputies. I wish the Speaker of the House wisdom in his role. I extend the same to the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and all respectable members. I pray blessings upon our people and my constituency for their support. Soifua and God Bless

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member for Aiga i le Tai for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, the constituency have heard the speech from the Member for Aiga i le Tai. The floor is open for another member who wishes to speak.

I call upon the Member for Falealili West.

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**Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO (Falealili West):** Mr Speaker and Members of Parliament. I want to site the legendary Ana's successful fishing expedition. It is a fitting metaphor to describe the completion of our general elections. We are gathered here today in good health and fine spirit through Gods compassion.

Mr Speaker I acknowledge His Highness Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and Good Lady, the Chief Justice and faletua, Hon Prime Minister and faletua, Cabinet ministers, Associate Ministers, all the esteem Members. I also extend my commendations to the leaders of all Christian denominations in Samoa. I appreciate the presence of the Heads of Government Ministries, Chief Executive Officers, and the whole of Samoa.

I must also acknowledge the Government of American Samoa and Manua, with their Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the honorific salutations pertaining to them. We must then exalt the glory to God Almighty for his love has brought us together today to deliberate matters concerning the country.

To my constituency of Falealii West from the village of Saga to Sapunaoa, I have the highest regard of the honorific salutations of Falealii West. I appreciate the support of my constituency in this year's election. I will keep within my heart the honor you have granted. I must applaud the respectable Members of Falealii from the previous term, Tusa Misi Tupuola and Tuiloma Pule Unasa Alaimoana Lameko, for initiating the goals for our Constituencies developments. Thank you, for a job well done.

I will now state my views on the Appropriations now before the House. After reading through the Appropriation for the year 2016/2017 I have noted that our revenue has jumped by 3.1% compare to the year 2015/2016. In saying that, I like to thank the Hon Minister of Revenue and the Ministry for their role in collecting this capital to develop our country.

Secondly, grants have increase by 76.5% compared to previous financial year. This does assist our people on seasonal work overseas. It also provides benefits for tourism industry and employment, it also boost our exports. Mr Speaker, the truth is, the government is still prioritizing the following, appropriations for the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture has increased by 10.2%, Ministry of Health by 9.7%, Ministry of Finance 8.5%, and Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure by 5.2%. Mr. Speaker I wish to put forth the proposals of my constituency.

To the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, we propose an improvement in children numeracy, and guidelines must be set with the provision of textbooks for children at primary and particularly those at college level. The capacity of teachers should be encourage and develop. On that note, I congratulate and commend the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, the CEO and staff of the Ministry as well as the Vice Chancellor and staff of the National University of Samoa.

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To the Ministry of Health, the Hon Minister we reiterate our request for a specialist doctor to be at Poutasi Hospital once a week. To the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure we humbly request electricity and drinking water under our community service obligations for the inland settlements of the villages of Sapunaoa, Matautu, Malaemalu and Satalo.

I want to record my gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet for tar sealing of our access roads at the villages of Vaovai, Satalo and Sapunaoa. On the other hand several access roads are of tar seal. For instance in Saleilua access roads number 3 2 and 1. Poutasi, Matautu, Tafatafa, Malaemalu and the one at Piu and Sapunaoa. We wish to request the construction bridges for the rivers at Satalo and the one at the sub village of Piu in Sapunaoa.

To the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, I respectfully remind you of our proposed project of growing mangroves at Sapunaoa, Satalo, Malaemalu, Vaovai and Poutasi. The implementation of the seawalls for the villages of Iliili, Saleilua, Matautu, Malaemalu, and Sapunaoa neighboring the river of Salesatele. Thirdly, is the tarsealing of tsunami roads at Poutasi, Satalo, Faleulu in Sapunaoa. To the Samoa Tourism Authority I request the application of tar seal to the roads of the roads leading to the tourist spots at Iliili in Saleilua, Poutasi, Tafatafa. There are 3 very good roads at the moment towards these tourist attractions and the new road at Malaemalu.

To the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, we recommend the promoting of our marine conservation. Secondly, we request farming materials for the replanting of coconuts, koko and coffee using the stimulus package. Thirdly, boost the provision of relative materials for the growing of the Salani talo, Fusi talo and Tanumalala talo. This will assist farmers to achieve record production for exports and sufficient food supply for our people ensuring food security.

To the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, with all due respect there is no mobile services coverage at the seaside settlements of Falealili west, from Iliili towards Sapunaoa. The only point where you will get good reception is at the main road when you go inland. We also request that the laying of the cable line for the internet be continued.

To the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labor we humbly request the promotion of equal opportunities with employment for degree holders from universities and non-degree holders. The Apprenticeship program should continue *so as to encourage those without qualifications but have skills and experience* in different trades eventually creating a successful business. Fourthly to seriously look at equal opportunities and reintroduce Government Exports Guarantee Schemes for entrepreneurs in farming, fisheries product manufacturing and garments to promote export at the same time improving their personal economic status.

We also urge the Public Service Commission to engage in dialogue with public servants in regards to the policies relating to benefits stipulated within the Labour International Act and particularly our Constitution.

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I conclude with the Office of the Electoral Commission, we request for the division of Falealili West as there are currently 10 villages, Iliili, Saleilua, Poutasi, Vaovai, Matautu, Matavai, Tafatafa, Malaemalu, Satalo, and Sapunaoa for the upcoming election.

I wish to take this opportunity to render my apologies if I may have been out of line in any way. To the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Associate Ministers and Members I wish you all the best of health in carrying out our duties. Soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Falealii West for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well said, this is what I call a complete speech detailing the demands of the constituency. It is not necessary for me to praise the member with his statement.

I see that another courageous member is prepared to speak; I call on the Member for Aana Alofi No.2.

**Tofa ILI SETEFANO TAATEO TAFILI (Aana Alofi No. 2):** Mr Speaker thank you for the opportunity. You have already glorified our Lord for love and grace. Which has brought us all here today in good health?

Mr Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Samoa, Hon Prime Minister, deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet and Associate Ministers and members in all your honorary salutation.

I stand with respect to convey the contribution of my constituency of Aana Alofi No. 2. I do not need to praise the esteem dignity of this House. For whatever I say will not alter the salutations and status of this place. I will not dare challenge or disrespect the significance of this principal court. For it is complete with vision and deep conviction. I rise with reverence and awe, and I hope my modest suggestions will be constructive to the debate.

This is the place where decisions for the development of our country and its people are made..

Allow me to record my acknowledgement of His Highness Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good lady, Members of the Council of Deputies and the whole of Samoa. I acknowledge our neighboring brothers in American Samoa in the East with all the dignitaries pertaining to their government and traditions..

Greetings to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and his staff. I also acknowledge the support from the Heads of Government Ministries organizations, and the media, thank you for your service.

I warmly welcome to this Parliament, the students and their teachers present to witness our proceedings today.

I cannot omit to mention the clergy and their prayers for the holy spirit upon Samoa.

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Mr Speaker, I must address my constituency of Aana Alofi No.2 listening in for I have the utmost respect of your esteem salutations. Thank you for your support during the elections. You have placed me on a pedestal of honor. I am much obliged.

To my beloved village of Nofoaalii in all glorious salutation, thank you for your endeavors. With this victory, let the glory be to God. For our existence is meaningless without him. I am in awe with the trust you have granted this humble person.

I also want to use this opportunity to pay my respect to Tofa Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua who had contested this seat. I am grateful to God for things have returned to normal. Our differences and negativity is a thing of the past. I congratulate you on your services to our constituency whilst you held the seat. Whatever projects that need be done I ask for your support and I will say now that I will make it a point to see that it is complete. To my constituents, render me your support, for the magnificent of Rome was not built in one day or within a year.

Mr Speaker I will now proceed to voice the request of the needs to improve the state of my constituency.

Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, I would compare your administration to a lake in which all rivers and streams flow to, it is like a burning fire which members of this Parliament turn to for light. In terms of matters that concerns our people. I believe that the one who keeps knocking will eventually be attended to.

Mr Speaker and to the Minister concern here, I would like to bring to your attention the access road for Nofoaalii. It has never been smooth or tar seal. This submission is not only for my villagers but there are government assets along this very road. Which are two water pumps and a water reserve tank which is property of the Water Authority? There are also power lines done by the Electric Power Corporation. I am sure once the road conditions are improved travelling will be more pleasant and convenient, and the transportation of materials for projects will be made easier.

My second submission to the Government and Cabinet, concerns the sub-village of Vaialua next to Fasitoouta. The seaside area is a real concern with the rising sea level. The safety of those living along here is in jeopardy. This is also the location of the traditional residence of His Highness the Head of State and Afioiga Tuimalealiifano. Papaliitele, you are at the helm of this Ministry, please look into this matter.

My third request is drinking water for my constituency, particularly for those residing at inland settlements. With Leulumoega the distance to the main road is about half a mile. These folks are able to access water, but not the families living further inland close to the cross road from Aleisa. These people depend on rain water. Thank goodness for the CSSP project and the Red Cross which provided water tanks for some families?

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I congratulate the Hon Minister for the access road at Leulumoega, other than the road built by marines which is well known. It's a wonderful project and a lot of families have settle there, the only thing is the electricity and water supply has yet to cover this area. I urge you to consider the demand for this part of Leulumoega and also the families living inland at Nofuoli'i, would the Water Authority please look into this.

Mr Speaker and esteem Members of Parliament, I think I have said enough. In due course I shall say more. With the Appropriations tabled before the House, I commend the Hon Minister of Finance. Your tenure has just begun but you are familiar with this field. On behalf of my constituency, may I say we support the Budget in its entirety.

Mr Speaker I conclude my speech with these words. May The Almighty God keep you in good health. I extend the same to O le Ao o le Malo, Members of the Council of Deputies, the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and the Members of Parliament. I pray that the Lord will shower my constituency of Aana Alofi No.2 with blessings. Soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Aana Alofi No.2 for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, my congratulations to the Member of Aana Alofi No.2. That is the style of oratory familiar to Aana. We have come to our normal recess. I announce Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are set aside for its usual recess of 15 minutes. Thank you.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for usual recess at 10:49am until 11:40am.*

*Debate continued on the Second Reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2)2015/2016 and Appropriation Bill 2016/2017.*

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

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister for a motion.



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### MOTION TO AMEND SITTING HOURS

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *To set aside Standing Order 31 (1) for new sitting hours so we will be able to prompt our work from 9:00am to 1:00 pm then recess and resume at 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.*

With respect.

*Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Scientific Research of Samoa.*

*Motion approved.*

*Debate continued on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015/2016 and the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017.*

**MR SPEAKER:** This is once again the opportunity for Members to take the floor while there is still ample time, it is best that both sides of chamber take turns.

I call upon the Member for Gagaifomauga No.3, and this is another new member taking the floor for her maiden speech. I wish you all the best.

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**Afioga FAAULUSAU ROSA DUFFY-STOWERS (Gagaifomauga No.3):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Morning refreshments provided has given us energy. I appreciate this golden opportunity allowed to the member for Gagaifomauga No.3.

I will firstly acknowledge Samoa in all that is sacred to this land and its traditions. I pay homage to His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and Good Lady, Members of the Council of Deputies and their good ladies. My acknowledgment also must extend to the Hon Prime Minister Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and faletua, Hon Deputy Speaker, and all Members of the House.

I must also duly acknowledge the clergy of all denominations. Such are the salutations pertaining to the royal families of Sa Tupua and Sa Malietoa, and the oratory group of Tumua and Pule.

It is only fitting that I must mention our brothers in Tutuila and Manu'a and all the prestige of salutations and honor which they hold.

Whilst you remain in your honored places, allow me to touch base with my beloved constituency. I duly acknowledge with reverence my village of Aopo in which my title Faaulusau hails from, and the dignitaries thereof pertaining to Aopo, Letui and Fagae'e.

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I must not forget the servants of the Holy God within my constituency. The honor accorded to myself will not be forgotten. I am proud and privilege for this momentous gesture you have cloth me with. It was not an easy undertaking but the Lord has decide and have put me in this distinguish place.

To my constituency, give me your trust while I strive for our prosperity in this five year term and Samoa at large. In the past Samoans seafarers sailed in two kinds of tides. One was Tai o Alo when the sea is clear and calm. The other was Tai o Tigilau whereby the water seems clear on the surface but murky underneath. I will go with the Tai o Alo, for it is the will of God that thine will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As David said unto himself, “My soul, bless the Lord, and all that is mine, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” This is what I am feeling right now Father God, this is your honor. I thank you for your integrity; after all it is you O Lord that hath elected me through your holy spirit to the people of this constituency.

I want to record my appreciations to the Hon Prime Minister and Government from the previous Parliamentary term for the legislation acknowledging the role of women in society and our rights which has resulted in my election to become a member of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, there really aren't any demands from us particularly the villages of Letui and Aopo. I am really excited to have been elected for there are now two representatives for our constituency with the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Laauli Polataivao Leuatea. I believe that if I may miss something he will cover it as he is in Cabinet. He can always whisper to his colleagues on matters that need be done for our constituency. That is how we must work cooperatively, in good faith. If at times he wishes me to address this house on certain matters I will gladly do so.

My view of the Appropriation tabled before the House is that our constituency are grateful and commend you for the vision and commitment to put in place strategic plans to strengthen the state of the economy. Whatever demands there may be to enhance or maintain any developments in our constituency. I will say that I am a new member and I believe God will provide us with good health and we can always share ideas with cabinet about developments for my constituency.

I want to address two ministries and such was the case in the previous term where priority went to Health and Education. I believe this government has held this vision for quite some time. Which is application of similar teaching standards for children in Malifa and Aopo? My advice to the Minister is to encourage your staff to create strategic plans and guidelines to ensure that this concept is achieve. This must begin from pre-school level right through to college. My thoughts were, why not set up a National Exam at various levels right throughout the country from time to time and conduct a audit check like system to find out how well the curriculum is being taught in rural schools and the in town.

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The outcome of a National Exam would make the ministry realize the capacity of teachers in the rural areas and Savai'i. I think the schools in Apia are fine but the concern is such that I want to ensure that the teaching of the curriculum in rural areas is spot on.

Hon Minister of Health, our district hospital at Safotu does not have the service of a doctor for many weeks. I am hopeful though since there is a proposal for a new health center which I am sure will be of great benefit. I thought I'll remind you of the need for a doctor for Safotu since this hospital caters for my constituency from Aopo right through to the constituency of my old man Faasootauloa at Saleaula. I guess that is all I have to say, and will conclude by conveying my commendations to the Minister of Finance and that I do support this budget. I am sure vision and commitment enabled its compilation. My prayers are that the Lords grace will see to its realization.

Mr Speaker, I pray the Lord may continue to bless you, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers, and all respectable Members. May the blessings of God also be upon our Samoan community listening in, to His Highness O Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo, Member of Council of Deputies. May the good grace of God be upon our proceedings.  
Soifua

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Gagaifomauga No.3 for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well said, my commendations your constituency and the nation are listening in. Thank you for your preparation. The floor is now open to any member who wishes to speak.

Thank you, I recognize the Member of Vaisigano No. 1. This is one of the new Members.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Tofa LOPAOO NATANIELU MUA (Vaisigano No. 1):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity to convey the opinions of this constituency. I rise at this moment with the utmost respect and caution as this place is filled with dignity and honor. A slip of the tongue would be disastrous.

I will begin by acknowledging his Highness Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and good lady, Members of the Council of Deputies, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II, Afioga Tuiloma Pule Lameko, Afioga Le Mamea Ropati and their good ladies. I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister, Afioga Tuilapea Sailele Malielegaoi, Hon Deputy Prime Minister Afioga Fiaame Naomi Mataafa, Members of the Cabinet Ministers, and Associate Ministers.

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I acknowledge also the Speaker of the House, Deputy Speaker, and all respectable Members of Samoa. I greet also the Chief Justice and the Judiciary, and Head of Government Ministries and the government private sectors.

I like to acknowledge also the Clerk of the Legislative Afioga Fepuleai, and staff, especially the anointed servants of God throughout Samoa. For their never ending spiritual support On the same token I sincerely recognize the role of the wider clergy group throughout the world.

My final acknowledgment is my constituency of course; I humbly pay my respects the people of Vaisigano No. and all the honorary salutations pertaining to them. I ask you to give me your support whilst here to deliberate on matters for the common good.

Mr Speaker I like to extend my appreciation to the Minister of Finance for his well-prepared statement on the Appropriation tabled before the House. Firstly, I wish to convey matters pertaining to the needs of my constituency.

Starting with the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture pertaining to...There are times when I reflect upon an English phrase “out of sight out of mind”, due to our distant location the government seems to have forgotten us. However since becoming a member, things are looking up. I am glad for that.

At Asau College 80% of its teachers are diploma graduates, and only 20% with bachelor’s degrees which is only four teachers. That is not happening here in Upolu. My question then, how these students will become smart if this is the case. How many engineers do we have? How many lawyers? How many auditors from our constituency? We cannot achieve this with the standard of teachers employed at Asau.

Our children will never achieve higher standards with the way things are. As I said earlier, it seems we are neglected because of our distant location.

Mr Speaker if such formation is introduced to colleges, perhaps more quality teachers can be contracted to rural areas and avoid having to attend NUS at a tune of \$15,000 tuition fees. There could be an avenue to hire quality teachers which will boost the number of students aspiring to become teachers. Currently students entering teachers training college are at 10 to 20 marks. The foundation level is 15 marks or so, which means students below are enrolled to become teachers. I certainly do not mean to speak negative of these particular students. After all some has progressed to universities to continue their studies. The point that I am making is to improve the standards of teaching at college level within rural areas. The answer to our financial problems is educating our children for their future. If we do not sort this out we will have problems. I don’t know about other constituencies but mine? Well.

To the Ministry of Health thank you Hon Minister for the report. I would like to raise a few things such as the shortage of medicine which has happened to us and the absence of a doctor. Gone are the days of Salausa. When he graduated he went and lived at Sataua. He experienced being bitten by mosquitoes. And was asked by other medical centers to relocate but stayed on.

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The treatment and care for patients was very good. The thing is now; they no longer want to stay in Savai'i. I suggest the construction of good standard residential homes for doctors to live, it would be attractive. There are already bible schools within this vicinity. There are also public schools which needs maintenance work done to it.

In the Samoan version of the Parliamentary Papers 2016/2017 No.2 on page 326 there are figures which are of concern to me. The total number of prescription proposed for the year is 356,400 but the number reached was 397,980 with the estimated number of 377,190. Hon Minister I mentioned this only because the shortage of medicine will happen again just like it did last year. My constituency was really affected by this. I have requested the Hon Minister and Ministry for a supply of medicine. The predictable number of prescription proposed exceeded the proposed number and yet it is the same thing again, I have a feeling it will happen again.

With this in mind Upolu is very fortunate because there is more than one pharmacy around, unlike Savaii the only medicine outlet is at the Hospital. I pledge to the Hon Minister to consider the submissions I've made. There are some other things I would like to touch on but considering the time I would ask those in authority to look at these.

To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure I ask for your consideration of the wharf at Asau, this asset has been ignore for a long time. Quite a few business people approached us about using the wharf to anchor their fishing boats but the problem is there is no water supply. Mr Speaker there is a way to obtain water, but the means to achieve this is inadequate. Beneath the land area of Asau is spring water all over and there is a reason for this. Mr Speaker I ask for your consideration in finding the source of spring water at our village and constituency.

Our access roads need upgrading, it is a fact that this part of the country has a lot of koko and the demand for this at the moment is fairly high. Therefore, we ask that a road way be cleared right up to the hills. It does not need to be tar seal; we are quite prepared to do the rest. We would ask for a road roller and motor grader machines be brought in every 6 months to maintain it. If we do not keep to our end of the bargain, you can stop bringing in the machines. It does not need to be tar seal as it is expensive.

To the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, there are many projects completed under the SACEP, and cocoa is really in demand by our constituents. As you are aware Wildercom is buying cocoa under their partnership with Tofa Saleimoa Vaai and Afioga Aloalii. We have the biggest cocoa plantations, but the feedback from my villagers is that support from the Ministry is inadequate. Some of my people requested cocoa in March last year, it is now June and they are still waiting. In other words if the Ministry would drop everything else for Asau and concentrate on supplying us with cocoa and taro, it would be the solution to the Minister of Finance many problems.

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The Ministry of Agriculture has contributed greatly to the economy and so as the farmers. I feel that the problem is the insufficient number of employees. If it has been a year since farmers waited for cocoa to be supplied then I guess their role is not up to standard. I have to say this or we will get nothing.

Looking at the Appropriation from the Minister of Finance we are \$78million in deficit. Whereas \$98 million was borrowed to meet our demands as stated in the budget. Now if the Ministry was receptive to the needs of farmers, this sector would be line to assist with the Minister of Finance.

I like to take this opportunity to congratulate the management of Women in Business, I am aware of the wide range of service provided such as exporting virgin oil and cocoa, and I know if we ask them to acquire coffee next month they would. Mr Speaker and Members, I am not aware of any assistance provided to this kind of organization. I feel that \$2million from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries should be given to this organization perhaps their operations would be a better option in the cultivation of our land, for we have been told the Chinese will teach us to cultivate our land. However, we know how to work our land and the people of Asau are experienced at growing cocoa, but we need the collaboration of the Ministry. The other option is to provide financial assistance to individuals like the matais I mentioned. I still recall hearing Vaai back in the days saying that money can be found under cocoa, bananas, and coconut trees. Indeed his saying is true, and with the support of the Ministry we can realize the Appropriation target of \$98million needed. The \$74million noted is our expenditure over revenue. Which is the reason why we borrowed \$98million? My question to the Hon Minister of Finance is where this soft loan comes from, since it is not indicated in the Appropriation s. I guess then there are other means.

Moving on to the Office of the Electoral Commission, what I will now say is the conviction of my constituency; we are the only Pule district within Salafai without a representative, Asau. It has been very annoying to hear afioga Aloali'I stating the removal of the Asau representative from our constituency. My suggestion is and subject to your discretion of course is to have 1 representative for Asau and another for the villages of Vaisala and Auala. I am coming to the end of my speech, and may I raise the township of Asau. Mr Speaker, I want to share with the government that if we do not have the capital, why not privatize the port at Asau and bring someone to use the wharf before it rots away. There has not been a steam boat there for a long time. There is a company interested in operating our wharf, but we cannot decide on the matter for the government holds the key. We are not asking to allow our village to administer this venture. The Hon Prime Minister understands as everything comes through him. I would think that there are other companies that have proposed the same. Another company that approached us man's 30 people. I am sure you are aware of this, would be kind to consider this for the economy of my constituency. It is the reason why I'm passionate about the development of agriculture and the respective ministry. The objective is to improve the level of prosperity in our district.

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To the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure the access roads at Vaisala, Auala and Asau are terrible. They need not be tar seal but apply only the base course so the nice cars of my people can reach inland.

This would also facilitate the numerous developments going on at our constituency. I have a lot more ideas to share but 5 years is a lengthy period. At this stage those are some of our requests for your consideration. Mr Deputy Prime Minister please look at a seawall for one of the villages at my constituency. To the Ministry of Revenue and Tourism some of us are a bit concern and have voiced the suggestion to separate the marketing of Savai'i and Upolu. I mentioned this in our dialogue before; "we can't see the tress through the forest" If this could be entertaining perhaps a lot of people will want to come to Savai'i.

Mr Speaker in conclusion may the grace of God be upon our proceedings, may his love be upon the Hon Prime Minister, Leader of the House, Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers, and this side of the house. Blessings be on His Highness O le Ao Mamalu o le Malo Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his good lady.

I extend these well wishes to the Members of the Council of Deputies, the Chief Justice and Judiciary, the anointed servants of God, all of Samoa, and my constituency of Vaisigano No. 1 from Asau to Vaisala tuning in may you receive blessings for your fervent support. Thank you.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Vaisigano No.1 for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Member for his speech, I now call upon...

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker since we are bound by our Parliamentary procedures, we cannot interrupt a members maiden speech. I want to notify members on the subject of matters raised concerning Ministries. In due course Ministers will elaborate on government actions which members do not fully understand. The member has raised borrowing that is not contained in the statement.

I want to refer the dignitaries of this House to our thick document on the Budget which concisely accounts on the pages marked in roman numerals, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI accounts for all the developments funded from overseas. It is not just soft loans for our projects, but also grants and the numerous appropriations for Ministries are all mentioned here in detail. It is the reason why our sitting was delayed, to allow members especially the new member's ample time to read through this document. Since we began borrowing right up to now, we are still paying them off. Such is contained on the pages XXI to XXVII.

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The reason we do this is because we are guided by the laws of good governance, transparency and accountability. So as to clarify every move by the government, since this kind of publicity spreads to the public and allegations towards the government come up every now and then. What is said outside parliament does not mention some of the clarifications presented here. Members must bear in mind that for one thing is the statement by the Minister of Finance on the budget. The other is this thick document which can be compared to the size of the bible which members have been allowed ample time to read through it. Mr Speaker, that is my contribution before other members take the floor.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you the clarification from the Government on the budget is understandable. To save time, do not address this matter again. The floor is now open for any member to speak.

I call upon the Member for Siumu. This is the members first term so all the best with your maiden speech.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga FAALOGO IOSEFA SOPI (Siumu):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this golden opportunity. I will now proceed to voice the wishes of my constituency.

I will begin by greeting His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and your good lady, Members of the Council of Deputies, the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Chief Justice and the Judiciary, Speaker of the House and Members of Parliament.

I extend these greetings to the Servants of God within all the denominations in Samoa listening in. I also acknowledge the Heads of Government Ministries, the private sectors and Organizations.

I recognize also the support of my constituency in all its honorific salutations. I appreciate your support and encouragement, may you continue to put your trust in me in the next 5 years as I strive to do my best.

I extend my appreciation to the Government leaders for the work done in the past 5 years. Thank you for your patience and hard work.

Mr Speaker I will now address the Cabinet Ministers. Let me begin with the Hon Minister of Finance by saying that I fully support the Appropriation tabled before the House.

If only we have adequate funds I probably would not have made this speech. I am reminded of the saying that goes, “if you know what you are supposed to do, but yet you do not do it that becomes a sin”. In saying that I will go ahead and state the needs and concerns of my constituency.



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Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Siumu has sent you a letter regarding our public roads. It has been two years since no maintenance had been carried out. Another aspect is access roads; only one access road was completed in the last 5 years. I had asked for a concrete road near the school, due to extreme damages to school properties caused by the water during flooding. The cross island road must be upgraded it would be nice if this could be done within the next five years. This road is convenient for school children and tourist. My other request is street lights, for we only have about four at our area.

Hon Minister of Health its really great to hear that our people will no longer be sent overseas for medical attention. It saves us money and we do now have the expertise in our own doctors.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, I request a ramp since after seawalls were done people can't take up their fishing boats to shore. This constituency is serving the public through fishing. I want to draw your attention to the fact that a lot of my people are growing crops around their homes, instead of using the land in the forest area. Could it be the state of access roads which is putting them off from cultivating their land.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture you played for Manu Samoa, would you look into the state of our team for it seems we are falling behind a bit. We can't compete with Fiji like we use to. We should all be behind our team against Tonga this Saturday. Would you consider the sports field of our school at Palalaua, it just needs to be level. I think that is the entire request I wanted to voice, perhaps as we go along, I will submit more.

Mr Speaker may the good grace of God be upon our proceedings, and if I may have offended anyone, my apologies, my prayers for the country and our proceedings, thank you.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Siumu for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well said, I admire your consideration of our role, and the manner of a senior gentleman in which you delivered your statement, the representative of the fourth house of Atua.

This would be the time our senior people are tuning in rendering their support.

I call on the Member of Safata East to deliver his maiden speech. He is also the former CEO of the Accident Compensation Board. All the best.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Tofa NONU LOSE NIUMATA (Safata East):** Mr Speaker and Members this is my maiden speech. I will firstly record my acknowledgement of our people and my constituency. I recognize with respect His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, the Council of Deputies, the Hon Prime Minister and all Members of Parliament.

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I also extend greetings to the Speaker of the House, respectable Members, Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I respectfully pay homage to all the honorific salutations of our people. I extend my respects to our neighboring Islands of Tutuila and the honorary salutations thereof. For our sacredness will remain. I will take this moment to acknowledge my constituency of Safata and all the salutations and honor accorded to them. I want to thank you for the trust and support accorded to me, particularly the clergy within our constituency for your prayerful support. With all sincerity I want to congratulate my running mates that were in the race for Safata East. As the saying goes, “the sun will rise again and the Lord provides opportunities.

Mr Speaker, allow me to extend my commendations on the budget. The main objective of the Bill is to strengthen the foundations in preparation for tomorrow. This means, the projects currently under way and the ongoing ones are indicated in the accounts of revenue, expenditures and borrowing, projects to be prioritize and the percentage of wealth. This constituency of Safata East supports the Appropriation for the year 2016/2017. Mr Speaker we have quite a few developments such as the maintenance of school buildings so as to provide a good environment for our children.

We also request the constructions of seawalls and access roads to encourage farming developments. The main road is fine apart from the need to widen the bridge at Tafitoala. Mr Speaker, may the Lords guidance be upon us all and may thee grants us wisdom to fulfill our duties according to his will for the prosperity of our country, Soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Safata East for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well said, thank you for supporting my role that is the objective here. Cooperating to ensure our responsibilities is done so as to allow Cabinet and the Heads of Ministries may engage in completing developments stipulated in the budget.

Opportunity is once again given to members, and please understand that your constituencies are eager to hear their representatives. But as far as our obligations go, we must continue asking in your own time, and the door will eventually open for you. These are rare occasions that those before us wished they had, for there are two. When we go to recess you may complete your statement then.

I call on the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga, who has been in Parliament for some time now.

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**Tofa AMITUANAI FAGAIVALU KENRICK SAMU (Aleipata Itupa i Luga):** Mr Speaker I am grateful for the opportunity given to convey the opinions of my constituency on the Appropriation tabled before the House and to share input regarding the general election of leaders for the Parliament Term XVI.

Mr Speaker, I firstly greet the House of Parliament in all its honorary salutation. I greet also the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Ministers of Cabinet.

I recognize all respectable Members gather here for these proceedings. I recognize also the support of Heads of Government Ministries.

Mr Speaker I acknowledge the support of our people, and His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Council of Deputies, Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I acknowledge also the support of Tutuila and Manua in all its honorary salutation. I recognize also the holy servants of God in all of Samoa and off island who are constantly seeking spiritual guidance.

Mr Speaker, we are here as representatives of our nation to this significant place our ancestors established at the beginning of this Parliamentary term. These are blessings we did not know and it was said in the place of kings, that this is our heritage and our principal place. Let us not look back but embrace the opportunities for my constituency and the country. I will now endeavor to share my contribution in this XIV Parliamentary term.

Mr Speaker before I convey an opinion on the Appropriation 2016/2017, I like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts to my constituency of Aleipata Itua i Luga from Lalomanu, Vailoa and Ulutogia for their support. To my village of Ulutogia, I acknowledge Reverend Korua Matamu and the honorific salutations you hold.

To my village of Vailoa I recognize Susuga Sea Iose Mapusegi and the honorary salutations pertaining to Vailoa. My beloved village of Lalomanu, I acknowledge Reverend Etisone Tile Taligafa and the dignitaries of Lalomanu. Your salutations and status is my cloak as I stand here at this distinguished place as your representative. I am lost for words to describe this huge honor which you have bestowed to this humble person. You are conviction and foresight safeguards the dignity of our people and religion. I realize that as long as I have your support my term in Parliament will be a success. I will strive to achieve positivity for you my people.

**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East):** Mr Speaker a Point of Order... Mr Speaker I have noted that...

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**MR SPEAKER:** My apologies to the Member speaking, let me allow... Before doing so I have beg leniency from you I am hesitant to intervene as the Member speech is going smoothly whilst the constituency are listening. I now announce proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be suspended for its normal recess and will resume at 3:00pm.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were suspended at 1:00pm.*

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3:18pm.*

*Debate continued on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2015/2016 and the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed. We went to recess while the Member of Aleipata Itupa i Luga was speaking. I call on the Member to continue with his speech.

**Afioga AMITUANAI FAGAIVALU KENRICK SAMU:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe we have regained energy from the refreshments prepared, on that note I extend my appreciation to the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Speaker there is a proverb originated from the sea, which goes “Not all boats take the victory”, I extend my appreciation to all my brothers who contested this past election. We have run alongside each other, as the nation makes its decision. The constituency has agreed and has chosen this individual. Grant me your compassion for friendship. To be honest, it is best to have a compassionate friendship without this post, than being friends because of the post and yet there is no compassion. I want to especially thank my families in Samoa and abroad for their support, and prayer during the campaign. Moreover, my gratitude to my committees in Ulutogia, Vailoa and my beloved village of Lalomanu for your support and sacrifice during our preparations. I am not a man of riches and can never repay your time and effort. God will grant you blessings for your sacrifice. With that I am grateful, thank you so very much.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member there is an interruption. I call on the member for Faleata West.

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**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** A point of order Mr Speaker. On the morning of Election Day, as I was at Vaigaga to cast my vote, the Member called out to me from inside his vehicle in a teasing manner. May I remind you that this very member did not cast his vote but reported on the guys that were intending to run. Just saying...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the member, do not react to it.

**AfiogaAMITUANAI FAGAIVALU KENRICK SAMU:** To my constituency, your blessings will bring in a lot of fish in the fisherman's net. In other words, your blessings will bring me success. It will enable me to deliver constructive ideas. I will endeavor to do well as you have bestowed me this honor in which I will relish being your representative. May I be filled with wisdom so as to please you? Above all may the grace of God be with me during this Parliamentary term.

Mr Speaker I take this opportunity to congratulate the Hon Prime Minister and company in your journey in the previous five years. I understand that some have not made it back, but their contribution to the development of Samoa is great. I know this term will bring problems but let us leave things to God for he will guide us in the developing of our country.

Mr Speaker this constituency with delight supports the Appropriations. I believe it is the Appropriations for the ongoing projects from the previous 5 years to the 5 year term now started. I will start with the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I suppose I will have to harp the same tune I did during the previous term.

We have had the same water issues since the Tsunami of 2009. I think the Government have laid out plans to relocate people onto higher grounds. Is it not appropriate to lay water pipes along the new road from Samusu to Lalomanu. Since 2009 most of my constituency have relocated inland and are relying on the water truck which does not turn up at most times. Secondly, are our access roads at Ulutogia, Vailoa and Lalomanu. Five years has gone yet nothing. I urge you sir for your consideration for these access roads. The road in Tiavea also needs attention since several accidents have occurred on this road in the past years. Could the Hon Minister look into the time frame and how it can be done. A lot of tourists use this road and their lives are at risk when travelling along here due to the poor road condition.

My third request is for a seawall at the sub-village of Lata in Lalomanu. The tsunami of 2009 destroyed the newly built seawall back then.

With electricity I was glad to hear you state at one time that electricity cost will drop. Will you consider this notion as wind power; a government project is located at our constituency.

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I will now come to the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the Hon Deputy Minister would you spare a thought for the seawall towards Tapaga at Lalomanu. This is an unfinished project, please consider completing it as a lot of our community reside along here.

My second request to the Deputy Prime Minister is consideration for a rubbish dump location in this region of Atua to save trucks from travelling all this way to collect rubbish. It would also be an advantage to the tourism businesses around d there.

I extend my appreciation and job well done to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. The issue we are facing is the limited number of teachers, could you boost the number of teachers at our area. Another aspect is the prevailing number of fights between students in town. I suggest promoting the policy to have students attend schools at their respective area of residence. I ask myself, why is it that this does not happen in Savai'i. There are now colleges in every district, so students should attend their respective college.

To the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, my commendations to you, I do however would like to know what the story with our cattle is. A number of my constituency has been waiting for some time for a response regarding their applications for cattle.

Secondly, I appreciate the state our taro production is at, but I wonder if this is not the opportune time to reintroduce the talo Niue. Let us see if the blight is really gone and we can plant this type again.

Now to the Hon Minister of Electoral Commission, I extend my thanks in regards to this past election to the Hon Minister as well as the Ministry and staff. I have noticed a great improvement in the service during the previous election. My submission on elections is this, people should vote at where they reside. I have notice on our roll the names of people who do not live at where we are. In order to move forward I propose the compulsory obligation of voters to register at where they reside. Other than that I applaud your office for your service to the country, for we have notice a huge improvement in the conducting of elections.

My final submission is towards the Hon Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Services. I appreciate your decision to appoint me yet again to be your Associate Minister. In the same token it is having regards to my constituency. Thank you for the allocation of a police outpost at Lalomanu, I know that in the previous term I had been perhaps annoying with my constant asking for this to be done and you have finally done so.

To our Ministry of Police, my commendations to the Police High Commissioner, and staff for a job well done in regards to your service to our people. My advice is to serve with integrity and you will observe success in your service.

Mr Speaker, I will now conclude, but before doing so I wish to congratulate you on your role as Speaker.

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May the good grace of God be upon the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet whilst you engage in steering Samoa's ship during the next 5 years. I take this opportunity also to extend my appreciation to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and your staff for your support. God dictates our path and where it will lead us. I applaud your wonderful cheerful manner of service is a delight to us when we attend this place during the previous term and the one now beginning. Mr Speaker that is my statement, Soifua and God bless.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, thank you. I acknowledge the preparation of the Member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga who is also the Associate Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

I call on the Member for Urban West, whom is also a new member. The floor is yours.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga FAUMUINA ASI PAULI WAYNE FONG (Urban West):** Thank you Mr Speaker for today. I am grateful to our Father in Heaven for this opportunity to gather once again this afternoon to continue our work. Thank you for the refreshments prepared to rejuvenate our strength to continue our work. I am grateful for the opportunity given to this constituency to voice our contribution to our proceedings today.

Before I do so I must convey my acknowledgement to the constituency. I also understand today will be the day that all maiden speeches are to be said.

Mr Speaker, I convey greetings to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers, and members of this Samoan Parliament. I acknowledge also His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, and the three Council of Deputies. I recognize also the Chief Justice and Judiciary. I recognize also all the Clergy who are constantly praying for a prosperous Samoa in all honorary salutation.

I acknowledge also the Government of Tutuila and Manua in all honorary salutation.

I recognize also my constituency of Urban West. I suppose the constituency of Urban West now represents all of Samoa due to its diversity. Nevertheless the honors of Faleata shall remain. With respect I acknowledge the salutations pertaining to Faleata.

I want to acknowledge my beloved village of Vaigaga, my family at Laloaoa where the Sooalo title hails from. I must also mention my village of Lefaga and the salutations that hold them in esteem. I acknowledge also my family in Matanofo, Falelatai, where Afioga Tuimalealiifano resides.

I cannot forget to omit to mention the many business owners and the Chinese people who live there among us at Urban West. I will now attempt to voice an opinion to the Appropriations on your behalf.

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First of all I wish to acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance for his clear defined work, it is a bit disappointing that there is not enough money to meet the required needs requested by each constituency, but I firmly believe you are a wise. I comprehend also that we are at the beginning of this new term, with most of us requesting needs, nonetheless the funds are limited. Anyhow thank you for the work well done.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I firmly believe you have been chosen because this is our new constituency Urban West, and you are a man of compassion, honesty and courage.

Despite limited funds allocated to you, I know that you have the experience. You were selected because this constituency Urban West is crucial to the Hon Prime Minister. I ask for your consideration into Urban West and the plans in the pipeline for our constituency.

For your information, I will start with Moamoa, which the Hon Minister served for many years. Where people were relocated from Apia to Moamoa and there were no roads and water supply. But I think the law stipulates that roads and water supply should be done first. Hon Minister I humbly ask for your consideration, I know there are funds available, would you kindly consider this situation as there is also the Catholic Church school for lay preachers. We have notice that during heavy rainfall the river overflows its banks and with the old bridge people can't get across and so they stay back at Moamoa.

I had thought with the Supplementary Appropriation and the company responsible for the construction of the road in Faleata, starting from Malifa to Saina, which is great and I thank the Government. We are near the end of the year but the project is incomplete due to the fact that some villages and families assets were affected and there is no money left. My request is that additional capital is provided for the completion of this project which covers my village of Vaigaga where the gate is incomplete.

Now I come to the Hon Minister of Education, your Afioga Toetaufanua the brave one. Your appointment as Minister is perhaps the most appropriate. Would you kindly look into the grants for primary schools currently withheld, much to the school committee's dismay as they do not know where to turn to in funding school projects? They are trying when it comes to fundraising for school buildings. Sir, please consider the situation with these grants if changes could be adopted to meet the school committee requirements, as their hands are tie. I acknowledge the presence of a long serving member from Faleata West, but allow me to voice this matter. There is a parcel of land at Vaitete which has not been use for about 20 years. I suggest a school building to be erected here as smart children is better than grass growing there which nothing comes out of. I urge you Minister to consider this, if your budget can meet this why not the new year and by the end of this term it will be complete and it could be name after yourself.



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To the Hon Minister of Health, you sir hold the key to Samoa's survival, at the same time our demise. This is your second consecutive term and so I would think that you are fully aware of the problems faced by your ministry I want to bring up the funds put aside for overseas treatment. Why not consider insurance for employees to allow individuals to prepare for themselves before sickness afflicts them.

If people can pay a small amount whilst the government contributes a bit employees will have coverage and not be hindered to seek medical attention in such cases. Moreover such insurance cover will facilitate cases of those to be sent overseas.

To the Hon. Minister of the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, your salutation is "*pae ma auli*" meaning you are responsible for putting things in perspective and aligning them accordingly. There are so many problems from village communities stemming from the objectives they pursue. I believe things are looking up since your appointment as the first lady to hold this post. In saying that, I am really excited with your role.

Hon Minister of Police, I know you don't rest but your staff do. This constituency have been stress out with numerous prisoners breaking out. I am really grateful with governments plan to relocate the prison to Tanumalala, it will relieve us of the stress from prisoners escaping. I also support the notion to employ 200 officers to man 200 prisoners to alleviate stress from the general public.

I want to thank the Police Commissioner and staff for a job well done in curbing the drug problem making the public safe from it and also those who have possession of unlawful weapons. Thank you for the job well done. I humbly ask the Hon Minister of Samoa Tourism Authority to assist in this as you have experience.

To my colleague the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, we really do not have a lot to ask for as we do not have land to work on. But if there may be minor programs where we could hold competing projects in people's backyards that would be nice. It's great to see you appointed again.

To my other colleagues in Cabinet, I applaud you for your complete effort. You are yet to have faults as you have just begun your tenure ship. I guess as we go along that will eventually happen. I thank you for today.

Thank you Hon Prime Minister for your courage in the appointments you have made, it has given us the same courage to be here on this side of chambers. I want to commend those people who ran this race with me I shall not forget you. Your support has given me the opportunity to be a part of this Parliament of Samoa.

Those are my thoughts, may the Speaker of the House be blessed physically and mentally in the conducting of proceedings. I also commend all members for being here. May the Lord bless us in our work to be done. Thank you.

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*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Urban West for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, I acknowledge your preparation. This is another opportunity for another Member who wishes to speak. Thank you once again to the Member of the Urban West.

Thank you, I call on the Member for Salega West. All the best with your maiden speech.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga TOOMATA AKI TUIPEA (Salega West):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted to this constituency to voice our opinions on the Budget Report and Appropriations 2016/2017 tabled before the House. Before I convey my thoughts on the Appropriation, I acknowledge in respect all attending today. I greet His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo o Samoa Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and good lady, the Members of the Council of Deputies Afioga Tuiaaana Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa, and good lady, Afioga Tuiloma Pule Lameko and his good lady, and also Afioga Le Mamea Tuiletufuga Ropati and his good lady as well as Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet.

I recognize the Chief Justice and Judiciary, all respectable Members of the Parliament, Head of Government Ministries, Government Organizations, and Head of private sectors working in partnership to develop the Government of Samoa.

I extend greetings also to the representatives of foreign countries in partnership with us through financial assistance to develop Samoa. I cannot omit to mention the support of our people throughout the Islands of Samoa, Manono, Apolima, Salafai and Upolu in all its honorific salutations. I must not forget to mention our brothers in the Islands Tutuila and Manua, with their Governor, Luetenant Governor, and Representative of the two House, in all its honorary salutation.

I must greet my constituency for they are the reason why I am now here in this House of Parliament, Salega West from Fagafau, Samataitai, Samataiuta, Fogatuli and Faiiai in all your honorary salutation.

I recognize also my cherished village of Samataitai and Samataiuta in all honorary salutation. Thank you for your support and respect, in allowing me a servant of little importance to be your mouthpiece in the Parliament of Samoa. I ask for your full support whilst I attempt to convey an opinion on the Appropriations table before the House.

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I do not have much to say on the Budget Report for we have a Committee Chairperson, who will further elaborate on the report. But I will congratulate the Hon Minister of Finance, thank you for your courage; I also thank the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry and everyone who played a part in preparing the Budget. It is not easy as we have very limited revenue in Samoa. We desire so much and then we ask ourselves where we will get the means to meet our demands.

We do not have the economic base in Samoa unlike other countries who have vast sources of wealth. We on the other hand have to resort to appealing overseas for loans to fulfill our needs.

Hon Minister of Finance, you are very experienced at your field and you are familiar in the international arena of finance. You have the experience to sort capital sources to finance our developments. Despite the limited capital available to you, I encourage you to apply your expertise to seek avenues to acquire funds for our country. Once that happens 50% should be allocated for Upolu and the other 50% to develop our island of Savai'i. We do not have a lot of demands although there are serious submissions which I will state.

Firstly Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I trust the request of this constituency in regards to access roads from Fagafau, Samataitai, Samataiuta, Fogatuli and Faiaai has reached you. I received word you have visited the area. Could you inform me when you do go as I would like to come along to show the affected areas of our community? There is assistance available from the government but the trouble is our community is unable to upkeep and maintains it. There is the objective of HRPP that what is good and beautiful for Upolu is also good for Savai'i. Why not tars seal our roads? Coconuts, taro, cocoa and other crops grow well here. Our community is eager to work, but times have change. This new generation desire to be transported to the plantation. There are cars but only 4 wheel drives can reach the ridge inland. The road needs improvement and to be tar seal to allow all sorts of vehicles to get there.

Another request please to the Minister of Health, I suppose other Members have mentioned the hospitals poor condition. The first problem with our sub-center is medicine shortage at most times and the unavailability of a doctor. I hear that a doctor and his spouse from overseas are there now, but I would think it will not be for long. It is crucial that the ministry try to entice doctors to serve permanently in Savai'i. There are good schools for their children to attend and a good salary package should convince them to stay there permanently.

The majority of the community at my constituency will find at Foalalo ther are no medicine, they would then catch the bus to Tuasivi which is far. By the time they get there the patient is dead. I want to remind you of the strip of road between Taga and Gataivai was known back in the day as poverty road. As long as people keep dying due to the fact Tuasivi is quite a distant to travel, it should then be called death road.

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I appeal to you with respect to seriously consider this issue. The wellbeing of my community and the people of Savaii is of importance.

Hon Prime Minister there are times when our community is counted under aids being distributed, but the thing is they have to fill out paper work and apply. Why not distribute these donations to everyone so that all communities are covered.

Hon Prime Minister on behalf of my constituency I congratulate you and Cabinet for your leadership until now. A lot of changes are now visible not only to us here but people from abroad. When we ask tourist if they like Savai'i, their response is, they prefer Salafai than Upolu.

On that note I ask the government to seriously consider the development of the tourism industry in Savai'i. Hon Prime Minister I do not need to praise you but a lot of changes has taken place in our country during your time in office. May you have courage and good health with the strength from God and also to the Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet in leading Samoa for this next 5 years.

This I say, may the Speaker be blessed, and all respectable Members of Parliament, soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Salega West for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well, I thank the Member. This opportunity is open to another Member who wishes to speak. That is how our work proceeds with 11 Members who are done with their speech and with the Cabinet to respond to matters raised and to the Minister of Finance to start working on requests put forth. It is why the chair is eager to move our work along.

I call on the Member, who is from one of the strongest family. I call on the Member for Safata West.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga LEANA RONNIE POSINI (Safata West):** Mr Speaker, firstly I acknowledge and extend my appreciation for this opportunity.

I acknowledge the support of O Le Ao o le Malo o Samoa, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese and good lady, Council of Deputies, Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and good lady, Tofa Tuiloma Lameko and good lady, Afioga Le Mamea Ropati and good lady. I recognize also the Hon Prime Minister Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi. "O oe o le siapo na lautele i Atua". Meaning your genealogy in Atua is far and wide. I greet also the Hon Deputy Prime Minister Afioga Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Cabinet Ministers, Chief Justice Afioga Patu Tiavaasue Falefatu Sapolu and the Judiciary.

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I recognize also the Speaker of the House, all the elected respectable Members of the Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa.

I cannot omit to forget to address the distinguish support of Samoa and its ceremonial salutations. I acknowledge also the clergy from all denominations for their constant prayers for a prosperous Samoa. Your prayers have made this day possible.

When Faleata accepts the ava it pours a libation behind for their god, in the same token I recognise our brothers in Tutuila and Manua. With their Governor and his government and the ceremonial addresses pertaining to them. To my admired constituency of Safata West. Despite us being divided into Safata East and Safata West, our status and dignity remains.

I would like to make special mention of my constituency of Safata West from Vaiee, Niusuatia, Lotofaga, Sataoa, and Saanapu in all your paramount ceremonial honors and protocol.

I duly acknowledge the clergy and faletua for their faith in prayers which is the fountain to the prosperity of our constituency. This modest individual shall be your mouthpiece carrying the dignity which we are all proud of, into political affairs.

Mr Speaker and Members, I want to make note of our appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance for the Appropriation tabled before the House. I applaud the Ministry of Finance and staff in the preparation of the Budget Report. Allow me now to convey my conviction on behalf of the people I represent on matters that need be improved at my community.

To the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture I congratulate you on the developments of our school system, which you have prioritized. As long as our children do well the country will benefit. The school roll at my constituency is going on to 500 students with just 10 teachers. Compared to other schools with the same amount of students to about 40 teachers. I believe if teachers are accurately allocated around it will minimize the trend of students having to attend schools around town. My plea to the Minister is to kindly consider more teachers for our school.

The primary schools at Vaiee, Nuusuatia, Lotofaga, Sataoa, and Saanapu all have 6 teachers at each school. Currently 1 teacher is responsible for 2 classes. I appreciate the new school building but we need teachers for I believe that as long as there are enough teachers the our children will come right.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure I commend you for the major developments seen, and the several demands from my constituency. I want to point out the road at Sataoa which leads to the seaside and heading inland. This is in a very poor condition particularly the way inland. If you visti the area cars can barely make it through this road, yet this leads to the majority of this community living around these parts.

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This is the same situation with the access road at my village of Vaiee, it really needs upgrading. It is important for our people having farms and crops there for their livelihood.

Mr Speaker, with the road leading towards Sataoa there is a bridge crossing the river there. Due to climate change the water over flows its banks and flows right through to the village settlement. We will leave it to you minister but the bridge needs to be replace for a lot of families have been affected.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure in regards to the road to Saanaputai where a movie is currently being shot. This is the third movie being done along here. One of the problems encountered by the overseas company is the terrible condition of the road which they do assist in maintaining it. It is vital that the road is maintained in good order for my community and tourist.

My village of Vaiee badly need street lights for it is very dark at night. It will also be beneficial for our college nearby to ensure the security of its properties and buildings.

Hon Minister of Health, I am delighted with the way things are going regarding the sub-center at Saanapu. It is like the hospital in town with a lot of people there. I believe this sub-center will be very busy with the Lefaga and Safata communities when it is complete. I trust you will look into its completion.

Hon Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, I understand there is a seawall in Sataoa, but it does not cover the whole village. This is amongst the largest village in my constituency. It is desirable that it is complete for a great part of the shore is without a seawall. This is a similar situation at Saanapu with its seawall not yet finish.

Mr Speaker such are my thoughts on our general services for the wellbeing of the public. Hon Minister of Education, education particularly primary level is very important. I have notice at our constituency children coming home from primary schools with their school reports being prepared by the teachers themselves. My suggestion is that the ministry prepares the same school reports for all primary schools. If you look at subjects like English and Mathematics students are given a straight mark. We are now in a time where these subjects are categorized and so marks should be given on that basis. For instance the reports shall specifically indicate the areas in which the child is at. The other striking thing I have notice is year 1, 2 and 3 has one teacher tutoring seven subjects. There are no class periods because there is only one teacher he or she does what she pleases. Once teachers are allocated to teach a single subject, be it English or Mathematics they would have better time management to teach. Perhaps this is why some students will excel in a single subject like Samoan and do really bad at other subjects. As long as primary level is well establish they would be well equip when they attend college. I know, as I worked at NUS and a year 13 came with very low standards. At one time there were criticisms aimed at the administration but the problem originated at primary level.

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Mr Speaker the other subject matter I want to address is the rights of a child. Who knows, this could be the factor that is causing the poor performance at school. About 30 years ago the level of respect from children was above standards. But with rights now being exercise there is a lot of changes in behavior at schools especially university. Therefore it should be taken away if it unsuitable. Let us make our children of importance but as far as rights are concern, well we have seen a lot of fights going on at school.

Hon Minister I will now speak on the University of Samoa. I like the merging of the university and polytechnic which has been 10 years now. Is it not appropriate to set up a committee to look into its operation whether changes is necessary, my motives here is for the students to do well. With this in mind the program should be measured to the Australia apprenticeship program called APTC. The APTC program is a well-known Apprenticeship program in Australia and New Zealand, and they are located here in Samoa.

That is why we see the apprenticeship program in Samoa, because it is separate from the University. The partnership is necessary, and I am grateful for the partnership we have with them for 10 years now. I ask for your consideration Hon Minister in evaluating and making necessary changes for the benefit of our children. Apprenticeship is something our children can rely on, and I believe when they are well educated, the hiring of contract workers from abroad would not be necessary.

Thanks extended to the Samoa Qualification Authority. This past year they awarded \$300,000.00 to the National University of Samoa apprenticeship program. I am grateful to the Government in executing such organization to help qualified all forms of education on Island. It helps our children get the education they need and makes it easy for them to obtain a job overseas.

Mr Speaker and Hon Deputy Prime Minister Afioga Fiame I convey an opinion with the matter related to the signing of land contract with your Ministry. I understand the majority of this constituency village is part of it.

The agreements with the Ministry is first signed, and down the line the Samoa Tourism are in question of why a certain agreement was signed with specific Company before bringing it up to their understanding. I am stating....From my own understanding, the Office of Samoa Tourism Authority should be included. Because these are binding contracts with Samoa owned land, and I highly recommend the Ministry of Tourism to investigate overseas company who wishes to construct hotels on Island or any company with lots of money. Another aspect Hon Minister is the sand. Taking of sand from this constituency is a problem, would you look upon the matter with compassion in having a permit and how much an individual can take.

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Hon Minister of Justice Courts and Administration, I acknowledge the Ministry for all the work done so far. I merely wish to recommend the process by which appeal cases waiting time. As a request, is it possible for the Ministry to speed up the process of appeal cases? Another aspect Hon Minister is the waiting time for court case decision. Some families wait for a year to hear the court decision, and this causes delay in family and land matters.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I acknowledge the Ministry for all the work done to our roads. The road in Saanapu Hon Minister, part of the road is tar sealed and as if half tar sealed. This has an effect, with the other side being narrow and one being wide; it allows room for drivers to speed carelessly causing an incident.

This is the problem, but I will leave the matter to the Hon Minister to tar the whole road making it smooth for all to travel.

The registering of vehicles at the Land Transport authority, I am aware of how insufficient the spaces especially with the increased number of cars pass monthly. I ask the Hon Minister in considering allocating the task of passing vehicles to outside Company who are eligible for the job. Another aspect the machine is out of date. Nowadays there are new machine, I deem it will help with the work. Other times vehicle brakes are in good condition, somehow it comes back faulty.

Another aspect the taxi incident this passed Independence Day. Hon Minister I ask for your consideration in investigating reports on taxi drivers, for it brings shame to our nation. Luckily, it was not a tourist from off Island. I ask the Hon Minister of Police and Ministry for their thorough consideration on background checks before issuing a taxi driver license. This is the offender second crime; his license privilege should have been suspended. This matter is crucial Hon Minister, but I will leave it to your consideration.

The Hon Minister of Finance, I am grateful for the allocation of limited funds as seen in the Appropriation. Thank you for the Appropriation, I only have one question in mind to the Hon Minister of Finance in regards to the surplus seen in the budget year 2016/2017 in \$23million. Thank you Hon Minister for this surplus, a thought came to mind there should be a decrease in our loans with \$23 million in surplus. Another aspect with the surplus is it possible to allocate these funds for another Government development.

Mr Speaker, I take into account the work done by Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet in relations to developing our country and this constituency supports the Appropriation tabled before the House. With this I conclude, my dearest constituency I still remember the words Fonoti said to Toleafoa, even though my words are not heard anymore I will still speak in your name.

The respects put upon me I will cherish in my heart and will not forget. Whatever the struggles I will face, I do it in the spirit of God and together with the silent prayers of our constituency on decisions made for future development.



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I pray for blessings upon the Chair, Mr Speaker may the Lord assist you with administering our proceedings, also to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Associate Ministers, I pray for the best in all decision making and hope the vision be implemented for the development of our future.

Respectable members of the Parliament of Samoa, it is on our shoulders that the trust of our people have been entrusted upon, therefore whatever decision or action we make it should be for the prosperity of Samoa. We must praise the Lord Almighty which Samoa is founded upon. I pray blessings upon His Highness Le Ao O Le Malo, the clergy and all of Samoa, lastly blessings upon this Parliament. Soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member for Safata West for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, thank you. I do not need to praise the wonderful maiden speech by the Member. Thank you for your preparation, and to the constituency for their support. I call on another Member to take the floor. I believe we are nearly on our recess. I only suggest it is best to start when we return from recess.

I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga, the Associate Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Susuga SEIULI UELIGITONE SEIULI (Sagaga le Usoga):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I was waiting for the opposition to complete their speeches as this is the opportunity for maiden speeches. After all I made my maiden speech a while back. Since you want me to do another one I will gladly do so. I have received frequent text messages from my constituency, urging me to speak already. I responded not to worry as I gave a maiden speech last year." Not too, long an orator of my village text again saying, "The Member of Aleipata Itupa i Luga ha spoke, I replied, then I should speak. We do not have a lot of demands but a few proposals. This constituency is not of the habit to repeatedly ask once we submit a request, prayers are offered for Gods spirit so the Government will respond accordingly. For God did say that, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

This constituency will be brief. Mr Speaker, I stand with respect to convey an opinion on behalf of my constituency of Sagaga le Usoga regarding the Appropriation tabled before the House. I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers and all respectable Members of Parliament.

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I duly recognise the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo of the Independent State of Samoa and his good lady and Members of the Council of Deputies. I acknowledge as well the Chief Justice and Judiciary, and the clergy representing all denominations. With Samoa's ceremonial addresses, it will forever remain. I acknowledge your support, I have made this far due to your endless support. I acknowledge also the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and staff. The support of all Heads of Government Ministries, and Government organizations and the media, thank you for your support.

Mr Speaker I now come to the Appropriation tabled before the House...

**MR SPEAKER:** I interrupt the speech of the respectable Member; I was waiting for you to conclude acknowledging your constituency. Since you are about to address the Appropriations I think it is the opportune time to take our recess.

I beg leniency of the Member but you may continue when we return. I announce that proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for usual recess. Thank you.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was set aside for its normal recess at 4:46pm and resumed at 5:25pm.*

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed with the second reading debate of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016 and the Appropriation Bill 2016/2017.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we have regained strength thanks to the refreshments prepared by the Legislative Assembly and so we may continue with our work. Before recess the Associate Minister of Works Transport and Infrastructure and member for Sagaga le Usoga was speaking. I call upon the Member to continue.

**Susuga SEIULI UELIGITONE SEIULI:** I extend my appreciation to the Speaker of the House, and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for the refreshments prepared to rejuvenate our strength. Mr Speaker, I come now to the Appropriation tabled before the House. I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry and Management for their efforts to ensure the stability of the Samoa economy. Not only do they look at the present but at many other aspects. This constituency supports the Appropriation tabled before the House. Mr Speaker I wish to speak to my constituency of Sagaga le Usoga for they are listening in.

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To my village of Tuanai, *i le afifio o Saena ma le Aiga Sa Saena, susu Luafatasaga o le alo o Fuatino, afio Tuitea na tofia pāpā, lau fetalaiga Tupai le fale ma le afu o le Alataua.* Also my village of Afega *afio o le Aiga Sa Gauifaleai, lo oulua toalua Fata ma Maulolo o tu'itu'i o le Gatoaitete, le vagana i tulafale ma upu ia te oe Tuisamau.*

Least I also acknowledge with respect my village of Malie, *i le susu o le Tapaau Faasisina le Malietoa, e susu i lona nofoa vaevaeloloa, i lona tala na atoa, a malele ua faafofoga Samoa. Afio Maualaivao ma le Matua ia Faamausili, susu Seiuli o le ulu na taulata a le Malietoa, susu Taito o le Foalii ma le Aiga sa Maualaivao, le mamalu tele i le paia o le Toafitu o le maota o Malietoa, ma lau fetalaiga Auimatagi. Le upega o fetalaiga ma le lautu na laulelei, le alo o Leului ma Salapo.* I humbly acknowledge your support; I firmly believe a supported cause is a blessed one. I am at this position because of your faith, and trust. I take this time also to thank my brothers who competed with me, Tofa Togatalima Faafouina, Maulolo Tavita and Fata Meafou. My thanks is to the almighty God for he has calm the waves and have ceased all storms, thank you for your sportsmanship thank you for your efforts and determination.

Sagaga o le Usoga I ask for your support in regards to concerns and matters from previous Parliament term, I ask for your trust upon the Government in allocating and completing all propose requests. I will be reminding the Government to accept our proposed requests.

Mr Speaker, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, especially Hon Minister Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang, for my calling as Associate Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. Who would have thought I would be seated on a high mountain, thank you for your consideration, and putting my constituency on such a high honour.

Mr Speaker that concludes my thoughts, although this is a golden opportunity, yet my time is limited. I pray that the Lord grants upon His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his good lady strength, and also the council of deputies and their good ladies. May the good Lord bless the Speaker of the House, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers and all respectable Members of Parliament. May the constituency of Sagaga o le Usoga be blessed, and all of Samoa listening in, and the grace of God to be upon all. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done, thank you. Opportunity is again given to another Member to comment.

I recognize the Associate Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour from Palauli East. This is his first Parliament term and his maiden speech. I call upon the Member of Palauli East.

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**Afioga TUIFAASISINA MISA LISATI LELEISIUAO PALEMENE (Palauli East):** Mr Speaker, Members of the House and Samoa tuning in, I stand with respect to voice an opinion by this Constituency to the Appropriation 2016/2017.

Not only that this is a maiden speech of Faasisina, Sā-Lilomaiava, Sa-Faleletaua, and all Palauli for this Parliament XVI term the Independent State of Samoa.

I acknowledge Samoa in all honorary salutation.

I acknowledge the House in all honorary salutation, the Speaker of the House, the Government Leader, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers.

I acknowledge also that side of the House to all respectable Members, chairperson and vice, and all Committee Members of Parliament.

I greet with respect the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and staff of Parliament, Heads of Government Ministries, representative of Ministries, Government organizations and all gathered here today.

I recognize the support of the Chief Justice and the Judiciary and everyone who made today possible.

I acknowledge Samoa in all honorary salutation. His Highness O Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo o Samoa and his good lady. O le paia lava lea aua Tama ma Aiga, Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.

I fully recognize the support of Tutuila and Manua in all honorary salutation.

Lest I forget the support of Holy Servants within all denominations of Samoa, for their spiritual support.

I extend my gratitude to the Speaker of the House, with any sailing voyage it follows a strict passage of guidelines and procedures with prayers and support in order to reach its destination, and with this in mind I voice an appreciation to the Speaker.

To my dearest constituency of Palauli East, I am a humble man whom you've entrusted with this honor. I have never served you traditionally such as fetching water for you yet, you have put me on a pedestal. I am grateful, for your consideration, thank you.

I acknowledge the support of Vaitoomuli and Reverend Feleti Sefo and faletua of the EFKS, Susuga Alosio and Faletua, the Catholic Priest, Pastor Pagaemaalii and faletua, and susuga Bishop Tapusoa Faafia...

I acknowledge also the support of Tapaau, Aloalii, Alo o Lilomaiava, Tulafalealii, Fiso, Seumanufagai and Sa-Faleletaua.

I acknowledge the support and prayers of Faala village, with Reverend Uili and faletua of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa, susuga Ioane and faletua, the Catholic Priest, Bishop Savea Levini and faletua of Faala.

I extend my appreciation to the support of Lilomaiava, Sa Laulu, Sa'o Fetalai (Lagaaia), the brother Tui and Tapusoa, and Tofa Manusina.

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I acknowledge also the support and prayers of Vailoa village with Reverend Leleimalefaga and faletua of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa, Afioga catholic priest Falaniko, susuga Sio and faletua, Catholic elders, Pastor Iosua and Faletua of the Assembly of God in Vailoa. I acknowledge also the support of Faasisina, Aloalii, Fofoga o Lilomaiava, Faleao, Sa-Letaulua, Toluono and family of Falelima, and the support of Nofoalii, tofa Savea and Lemoa, Tui, Misa, Ulumea and the support of Matua, tofa Mai and Latu. Palauli you are known for your Nofo a Pule, and your relationship with Tumua because as you the original ancestor of all of Samoa. I applaud your respect and the honor you have given me, thank you very much. I pray for the courage and strength to fulfill the role you have accorded me which I would compare to a beautiful garland around my shoulders.

I acknowledge and extend my appreciation to my sister and brothers who competed against me for a representative of this constituency. Realistically speaking all Palauli are related. Thank you for your sportsmanship. Let us all pray, because tomorrow will bring new meaning, and a new day will come to pass with the good grace of God every day.

I acknowledge also the support of my family members, not just in Palauli, but in Samoa and off Island to all my sisters, brothers, cousins, children, friends, and also to the Carmelite Sisters in Samoa, Auckland and New Zealand. Thank you for your love, thank you for your prayers.

Mr Speaker, now that I am in the spirit of gratefulness, and since maiden speeches are a point of reference for the government when a member passes, It is the reason why I want to say this despite the possibility of members mocking me I will go ahead and thank my wife.

Talosaga and our children I do not care whether members will mock me but I want this parliament and the country to hear me thanking you my beloved and children. Whatever Gods will shall be done this maiden speech will be a testament to the government's eulogy of my expression of thankfulness to you and our children. For this has been a dream of mine, but with your support it has made this possible to achieve.

Last of my thanks is to my dearest mother Faimafili Moefaauouo Leleisiuaou, thank you for your support and prayers. Your love is recognized, and your kindness is acknowledged. My heartfelt gratitude is beyond words to my constituency, and family for your trust in me.

I turn my attention now to voice concerns of this constituency to the Leader of the House and cabinet Ministers for this next parliamentary term.

Mr Speaker the explanation by the Hon Minister of Finance in regards to the Appropriation 2016/2017 "Strengthening the Foundations: Building for Tomorrow". This topic relates to the Main Estimates 2015/2016 which states "living within our means" emphasizing the importance of Appropriation 2016/2017 "Adjusting income and expenditure to create a solid economic foundation for the future."

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Mr Speaker I do not intend to explain the situation of our economy, we do not have minerals or natural riches to sell in order to increase our revenue and to develop our country unlike other countries. This the reason I extend my appreciation, not only for the main estimate put forth to “strengthen our economic policies” and 'to prepare for tomorrow" with the purpose to fulfill the strategies laid out. Realistically speaking, the state of our economy cannot meet our needs, but we depend pretty much on God, through our Leaders, to lead to manage our demands accordingly, and to prioritize what needs to be done from time to time.

With this in mind, Palauli East will state its submissions to the Leader of the House, and Cabinet Ministers regarding the demands of my constituency for this next 5 years. Hon Minister of Finance, the constituency of Palauli East asks for your consideration in developing the township of Salelologa to create employment for the people of Savai'i. To avoid them from moving to Apia but remain in Savaii to cultivate the land for agricultural export and to finance their daily needs and support families and the church. Hon Minister of Works, Transport, and Infrastructure we request the upgrade of access roads for the villages of Vailoa, Vaitoomuli, and Faala.

I understand that exporting taro overseas is opened up once again. I trust that when these access roads are fixed, it will motivate people to work and cultivate instead of looking for work opportunity in Apia.

Access road in Afu Aau and beach road in Vailoa needs improvement for tourism purposes. It will not only provide income for families but also the economy.

The access road in Aganoa, Faala where there is great surf needs maintenance as well as street lights. It will be of great benefit to workers, tourist, and the local community when they commute.

Mr Speaker one last matter to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure to take into consideration is the wharf in Vaitoomuli. When this structure was in operation it was very safe for travelling. We can also look at developing it for fisheries and tourism purposes.

To the Ministry of Education Sports and Culture, Mr Speaker every parent in Samoa shares the feeling of dismay with the problem occurring with students around Apia. The truth is any parent would be concern if their child is involved in a brawl. We as leaders are feeling distress at the disturbing scenes which is humiliating for our image as a country in the view of the outside world.

Mr Speaker I strongly support making the law that prohibits the corporal punishment of children void. I think we have all experience this from our parents, teachers and even the church ministers. Yet we are healthy and strong. There is big conflict with our beliefs and Christianity and this law that prohibits corporal punishment.

In Proverbs 13 verse 24 it reads “he that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that love them him chasteneth him betimes.” What is Proverbs teaching us? The principle is Chasteneth.

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In schools children are more prone to misbehave towards teachers because of the no hitting concept. Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture Afioga i le Toetaufanua a le Malietoa, in the bible Mordecai spoke to Esther saying “who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this”. I know you are not Esther, but what I’m stressing here is your serious consideration so as when this term is over the problem is no more because it is so humiliating to families, villages and the country.

The recommendation of Palauli East is to reintroduce the smacking of school children. I say this because 90% of our people are living in the true Samoan way in the rural areas and Savaii. and yet most of the children are living in this modern era of westernization whereby it allows them the freedom to do what they please. My other suggestion is to enforce the compulsory attendance of students at their college of residence, to avoid those attending schools in Apia. It is not only cheap for the parents but it is important that they are near their parents for direction and guidance rather than allowing them to Apia where they have no idea of what they get up to.

Mr Speaker I know the reason for parents to bring their children to attend schools in Apia due to the belief that all the good teachers are here particularly with science subjects. Our recommendation is why not establish a television for schooling. I recall back in the day, there were school programs on the radio every day that ran consecutively for different classes. This was done by Meki Stewart and Palagi Faasau and others. I would think that only a few of us in this House have not danced or sang along to the songs and mimicking the lessons that were taught then. I ask for your consideration in implementing similar programs to teach Science due to the limited number of teachers, that way, students in rural colleges and Savai'i can join in the learning. This is one way to handle the shortage of science teacher, and to keep children in their families, villages and constituency. It will also fulfill the purpose of the National broadband now in place.

Mr Speaker I now come to our demands in relation to schools and sports. First request is making the sports field at Palauli and Satupaitea College bigger like the ones in Apia in order to develop the talent and sport. Secondly is the construction of a Mini Gym to cater for sports such as netball, volleyball, and boxing since Palauli is where all college sports are held in Salafai. Thirdly, I ask for your reconsideration in opening up a school for those with special needs as there is currently no such school in Salafai and this constituency needs service. Fourthly, to the Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration and Hon Minister of Justice I humbly ask for your consideration because families from Savaii have to travel to Apia for court hearings. This service was once in Savai'i. Some families have to find a place to stay when there matters go on for days and it is not cheap.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well. The member has five more minutes.

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**Afioga TUIFAASISINA MISA LISATI LELEISIUAO PALEMENE:** A situation that has become an issue is the constant delay of court cases and a lot of people are from overseas. Could a system be put in place to minimise the occurrence of matters being put off to later dates since airfares are expensive.

**MR SPEAKER:** Did the member hear that he has five more minutes.

**Afioga TUIFAASISINA MISA LISATI LELEISIUAO PALEMENE:** Mr Speaker there are crucial general matters I wish to address. These are matters this Parliament must consider because of its effect and to ensuring peace and the development of our country. Collective rights verses individual rights: This matter was raised during a symposium we attended after being sworn in at the opening of this Parliamentary term. It was a matter in which there was an exchange between the Leader of the House and the Chief Justice.

What I gathered here was when a matter goes before the court decisions of village councils are never successful when it is in conflict with the right of an individual covered in the Constitution. The bulk of decisions made by village councils is for the benefit of the people within village communities. My immediate thoughts are, the Constitution prioritizes the individual rights rather than the collective rights. It has become a very challenging issue to me and it begs the question whether there is an avenue whereby the court will have equal consideration for both cases. So as to give a decision based on the reasons behind a final ruling by the village council. As of now there is no way a decision by a village council can win over an individual right. This is very similar to corporal punishment.

With 90% of our people living under the umbrella of our matai system and yet being dictated by foreign ways which prioritizes the individuals rights defeating consensus rule. Despite democratic system which our government is based on, there is regard for the right of the individual and the majority's will is done. It is similar to this parliament, although this opposition is not official our rights as members is uphold. When decisions are made consensus rule.

I will leave that with you hoping it will be thought provoking particularly in keeping the peace within village communities. The reality is the police will never be there in time, but it is the conviction of matais which ensures peace and tranquility keeping people safe. For that reason Palauli East supports the amendment of the Constitution to allow the court to view collective rights and the individuals in equal terms depending on the grounds of a decision.

Samoa is a Christian nation, and the conviction of the Leader o the House in regards to these matters, and also debate on the matter related to human rights of an individual has been made known. Mr Speaker a famous Samoan proverb – “*E fua le kupa i le tai kupa, e saili le u i le tologa, ae fana le manu i le au-fue-ta.*” (work is measured by what happens from time to time).



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**MR SPEAKER:** Very well. I ask that you conclude with your speech your time is finish.

**Afioga TUIFAASISINA MISA LISATI LELEISIUAO PALEMENE:** A famous saying by Napoleon Bonaparte the French military leader – “After analyzing the enemy then select your cavalry and measure the field.” In truth, nothing comes to pass without a reason, and thoughts occur because of what has happen. Mr Speaker, this is where Peter reminds us as he has stated in 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 8 and 9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, do resist knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that in the world.”

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries):** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member for Palauli East, I call upon the Hon Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker I have no intention to interrupt the speech by the member. However out of sympathy to the Member he has stated his speech is also his eulogy. Therefore I move a motion, to extend the time of the member for a few more minutes to conclude his opinion.

This is the motion with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** It is the intention of the Chair to prompt the work of the House, a motion has already been moved and seconded.

*The House has not given unanimous consent to the motion.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I advise the Member to conclude, for we have not yet reach Consideration of the Bill in which you will receive yet another half an hour, which is equivalent to two 15 minutes. I have regards to our deliberations and the fact that it is a maiden speech. No is above the rules stipulated in our Standing Orders. The thought is to our work, because it is a maiden speech. No one is above the law, but these are my thoughts put forth.

I apologize to the Member, your preparations is well organized but I am considering our work, but please do leave other matters for your two 15 minutes, I ask that you conclude.

With all due respect, thank you.

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**Afioga TUIFAASISINA MISA LISATI LELEISIUAO PALEMENE:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I comprehend that maiden speeches are only done once. So I will abide your ruling. I have put forth request to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers for their consideration.

Mr Speaker may you be blessed with wisdom in fulfilling your role. May the good grace of God be upon the Government Leader and Cabinet, and may you all be blessed with sound wisdom in fulfilling your role.

On that side of the House, to the Chairperson and vice, and Members of the Parliamentary Committee, may you all be blessed with health and wisdom? To the Heads of Government Ministries and all government organization may you all be blessed as well.

May the good grace of God be upon this House, and the support of Samoa, and to the work of all clergy in Samoa.

To my admired constituency of Palauli East, Faasisina, and Sa Lilomaiava, Sa Faleletaua, and all of Palauli, thank you for your support and prayers. May the Almighty God bless this constituency, and may his good grace be upon you. May the Clerk and staff be bless as well.

That is my contribution, with all due respect. God bless, Soifua.

*Members showed their appreciation by applauding the Member of Palauli East for his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Well said, I applaud the speech of the member. Like I said before, it is not my desire to interrupt, nevertheless it was remarkable. Your preparation is well acknowledge. I note the audience listening in. My intentions are to get our work done quickly.

The floor is open to other Members who wish to speak. I recognize the Member of Faleata East who is also the Associate Minister of Health and it is his first Parliamentary term. All the best.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING (Faleata East):**I stand with respect to the opportunity given. I will firstly acknowledge with awe and reverence our God in heaven in which Samoa is founded upon.

My compliments also to the clergy within the country for it are your solemn invocation to our Lord Savior which is evidence of the grace of the Almighty.

I humbly pay homage to his Highness O Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good lady. My acknowledgment also of the support of the Members of Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies.

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I also realize the three pillars of Government, the Chief Justice and Judiciary. The Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet as well as Associate Ministers and the office of the Prime Minister. Finally the Speaker and the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Samoa which is the House of representatives for each constituency. These are the chosen few called upon by Samoa to serve this Parliament. This is the principal place to resolve issues pertaining to our people. I also recognize the Clerk of the legislative assembly and staff.

I must also bid recognition to the prayerful support of our beloved country Samoa. Hail the ceremonial salutations of our country. *Tumua ma Pule Ituau ma Alataua Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti, Aiga ma latou Tama, o Tama foi ma o latou Aiga.* My recognition also of our brothers in the east. American Samoa and the three pillars of their Government and the honorific address pertaining to them. Thank you Mr Speaker for allowing me do so.

Before I submit my views on the Appropriation tabled, I would like to express my feelings of gratitude to my constituency of Faleata East. In saying so I bid respects to my community at Lepea and all the salutations accorded to them. In the same token I would like to pay tribute to my village of Vaimoso and their ceremonial status. My final recognition is towards my community in Vailoa with its honorary distinctions.

May I say to my admired constituency, now that the election is over and you have bestowed upon me this honor. I want to say that my stance on the status you have granted me is that I will be the representative of every person in our constituency.

In which I will be committed with all my knowledge for constructive ideas for the constituency and the country at large.

I must not forget the support of the clergy within our constituency. Moreover, the high chiefs and orators and their wives, the young men and women. Least I forget are the elderly and the such at home. I want to especially convey my gratitude to my village of Lepea and our family, Sa Faumuina, for your perseverance in electing me as your representative in the recent general elections. I am very grateful to respectable representatives of the village, Tofa Vaitagutu, also to the dignitaries of Usoalii and Tamapaa, thank you Tauaitu and the council of Atua. I also thank faletua and tausi, Afioiga Telesa and the young women, thank you to you Afioiga Tuimavave and the untitled men.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our election committee and all my families, brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues for the kind support given in all sorts of ways, I pray the Lord Almighty may grant you blessings for your love. I will strive to serve our village and constituency to the best of my abilities.

I also want to thank my beloved wife La Tanuvasa Salausa Ah Ching, and children for your patience and support shown for such endeavor has not been easy.

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Mr Speaker I will now address the Appropriation now tabled before the House. First, I want to thank the Hon Minister of Finance and Government for preparations undertaken in putting together this information, I applaud the foresight and deep conviction that went into compiling this Appropriation 2016/2017. I also compliment the previous Government for your leadership; for it may have faltered the economy would be in a disaster. Yet our economic growth has surged by 1.7% within the last three years despite the effects of cyclone Evans. How wonderful is that? Now I am sure that we all desire our economy to continue in this manner and for us to commit to improving the economy every year. The guidelines set out by the Minister of Finance to regulate our economy in the coming year are simply great. As long as these guidelines will be on the same par as our dedication and also all government employees there should not be any obstacles to hinder our economic growth.

The report tabled by the Hon Minister of Finance on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2016 outlines the overall economy of Samoa. It seems our economy is doing well at the moment as well as our developments.

However, the state of our economy from time to time is deeply affected by global economic changes. A report from the International Monetary Fund will indicate the global economy to be slowing down in the 2016/2017 financial year. Therefore, we must prepare now, to protect ourselves from the effects of global fluctuations, so when it does happen we are prepared for it.

In saying that I congratulate the Hon Minister of Finance and the Government, for plans outlined to develop our economy so it may continue to grow. My view of the general preparations, it is appropriate for this time period, the quality of performance is measured by revenue, reducing unnecessary spending, encourage the development of private business and to improve the quality of government ministry services. Therefore, Mr Speaker, the Member for Faleata East gives its full support to the Appropriation 2016/2017 tabled. So what is the next step? We should all agree to commit to the strategies now in place. The motto that we should be harping on now is, perform, perform and perform. I like the initiative adopted by the Office of the Electoral in their public notices promoting their message to register and vote, register and vote, register and vote. I think it is the same spirit that we must follow now, plan and execute, plan and execute. This is the kind of motivation that should be shared within all Government Ministries and Corporations in light of the Corporate Plans and Strategic Plans, we will benefit from it if we carry out the work. There are times when there is too much planning then by the time it is executed the financial year is nearly over. There are also many other programs which have already been drafted and printed but it is put on hold because the person in charge will only launch it when he/she is satisfied. We cannot discipline the elite, Mr Speaker preparations are already in place within Government Sectors, which involves many stakeholders within each sector.

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Therefore it is important to seriously hold regular stakeholder meetings within each Sector, to negotiate and implement all the planned activities, so that all matters are coordinated and in collaboration also to plan for better things in the future. We all know delaying what can be done now means further costs for future implementation. Every time a plan is implemented, that quality of service improves. The matter is for all of us to perform the public service as well as all the members, we have to be strong, our work is not easy also there is no one else we can be dependent on to do it, it is up to us. Now at the start of this new Parliamentary term there are less matters I want to comment on, especially for the development of our economy each year.

There are many Government developments but these are developments whereby the community and our economy's development is dependent on, which is our agriculture and tourism industry. I am aware that the Hon Minister and the Chief Executive are well aware and have the knowledge to tend to such developments. I just want to voice a word of encouragement and give blessings for the development of such areas, which is not easy, have faith and let us work together with the wisdom of God.

The development on our agriculture, Mr Speaker I know the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries have already implemented guidelines. Nevertheless I have a few recommendations I want to voice that can be used if not it is all right if they are returned. I know the initiative already took place and the answer was, it is quite difficult to carry out. Even though I know it is difficult but there is a reason why I have raised this matter again. If there is a chance to execute this matter this could mean another opportunity to revisit and consider this project. This is a reason, I talked with one of the elders from the western side of Upolu, he told me, we are very poor, and then I asked how about your land and your marine resources? He responded, 'we are not poor with food because we have a lot of food crops and fish.' The problem is, when I go and sell taro in front of the road there will be another person there selling his or her taro. Then we will both sit there and sell our taro together. The issue though if either one of us sells any taro one would have to exchange their taro for the others. This is the same if we were to sell fish; we really need the money so we can buy other goods needed for the family. We need to buy sugar, salt, soap, toothpaste, tooth brush also to pay school fees, cash power and for church donations. We cannot take a basket of taro to the church in exchange of money. We need money to give for such occasions for church and family obligations.

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The main perception is, if there was a Government store or any other organization where farmers could sell their crops, in return get their money, then the corporation can sell these produce locally and exported directly to overseas market.

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I think previous discussions undertaken considered something called export authority but at that time the implementation of the matter was quite complex. There are a lot of new things now also the knowledge and skills of Government officials have greatly developed. How about changing this difficult situation to a much easier progress that will encourage farmers and fishermen to do such work, this will greatly assist us as well in increasing our foreign reserves.

The Ministry of Health first I want to thank the Minister, I apologize to Mr Speaker but there is one more matter I want to add to the matters mentioned for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

**MR SPEAKER:** The member has five more minutes.

**Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING:** Another matter is our **mobile abattoirs** to butcher cattle in a safe and hygienic environment. Our first market when this was done in the open was Tutuila. I believe we stopped the exporting cattle to Tutuila because of a Federal law and also because of the method used but now it is safer with these mobile abattoirs.

This is reason enough to review this matter and seek a market in Tutuila, which is close also with the exchange of the American dollars that will increase our foreign reserves. These minimal things will be added and eventually increase our foreign reserves. Let us not be tempted with bigger investments because if we add all these small profits it will accumulate to something big. The development of our health sector, first I want to thank the Hon Minister of Health, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet in choosing me as an Associate Minister for the Ministry. There are a number of new health systems that are being developed and if implemented, all will improve the quality of service especially in improving services of district hospitals. This includes first aid assistance be received within families and villages through programs such as primary health care. The main objective is to have the service close to where people reside. I am grateful to the Hon Minister and the Health Office on for initiating these plans all that is left to do is to implement these plans. One of the major problems seen within the services provided by the Ministry is the shortage of staff especially those with the knowledge such as nurses and doctors. This is the issue with such developments is the need for trained specialists also undertaking such courses takes up to seven years before you can become a doctor.

**MR SPEAKER:** I ask the member to conclude for your time is up.

**Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING:** Thank you. I will set aside the Ministry of Health. Lastly, to conclude I am grateful for the opportunity although I wanted to speak on our tourism sector but perhaps another day. I want to voice sincere thanks to some Ministers whereby some requests were voiced towards the Minister of Works...

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**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the Member, there is an interjection. I call on the Member for Falealupo.

**Afioga Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta:** No...

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, it seems the Member took the floor to speak but unfortunately, the previous member has yet to finish. I ask the member to conclude his thoughts.

**Afioga Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta:** Is there an opportunity because this doctor...

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member but there should be no interruption except from the Chair. This is the reason why the Chair is constantly trying to clarify but since you are the Associate Minister for Health, this is one reason why I was hasty. However, I ask that you conclude with respect the Associate Minister of Health. The member has spoken about the Ministry yet you are the Associate Minister.

Your time has concluded this is also why there have been queries made towards you. Therefore, with respect I humbly ask you now conclude.

**Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I will now conclude. I will set aside these five papers for another day. I want to conclude with thanks to Mr Speaker and the whole of Parliament. I pray the Lord give you strength to administer this Parliament. I pray the Lord show his love to the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet, to all the duties that you will face each day. May the Lord show his love on the Parliament of Samoa, and hope to gain alot from this Parliamentary term and in future. Soifua.

*Members of the House showed their appreciation by applause after the Member for Faleata East concluded his Maiden Speech.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Member for his preparations voiced in his speech. Nevertheless it is important to note that each member is given a time of 30 minutes. Maiden speeches are carried out as a form of social etiquette, as for the orders of the day the first matter to consider is the Bill. Therefore I call on another member who wishes to speak. Perhaps we need two more members before we conclude with our time. Opportunities like this were usually pursued by senior members in the past, to speak last and then the next day at the start of the next sitting. These two opportunities are rare. Perhaps the Member for Salega East wants to take the floor.

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**Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East):** Mr Speaker the Finance Committee are silently showing its support and await the member to conclude his speech, then Salega East will take the floor.

**MR SPEAKER:** Alright I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Aiono Neioti Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker we are trying to speed up the progress of our work since the country awaits the passing of the Appropriation so developments can be carried out. It would be best if the Chair chooses the member to speak, you have already called upon Salega, if he does not want to speak then his time is finish.

**MR SPEAKER:** Perhaps the Hon Prime Minister has reminded us of our Standing Orders, although nothing will restrict the Chair from making a decision to progress straight to the Government response and enough with member speeches, or the Chair choosing the member to take the floor.

I will give the opportunity to members I am concerned that I might change things but we should abide with our Standing Orders. It should be noted that this side of Parliament including Associate Ministers whether they speak or not they are all part of Government which is the Executive, and Board. After speeches are delivered it will make it easier for opinions to be referred to Government. I believe we only have the member for Falealili East left who seems to want to take the floor. I call upon the member for Falealili East.

**MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUELU TEO (Falealili East):** Obedience is an important moral Mr Speaker. I thought you were going to elect a Pastor to start proceedings tomorrow nevertheless I am grateful for the opportunity. My colleagues were telling me to take the floor, but I wanted to wait awhile before giving my maiden speech nevertheless once the day is over there is nothing more I can do, however I am grateful for the opportunity.

Perhaps the House has heard the opinions voiced together with maiden speeches from other members. I was sitting here listening carefully and I was hesitant to take the floor to speak at this hour, unfortunately I must obey the instructions from the Chair administering proceedings.

I believe the respects of the House together with that of Government have already been addressed.



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However I cannot move on without addressing the dignitaries of my constituency. I do not have to find a place of refuge since I am safe within our borders, I am proud to be a son of Falealili. The village whereby the boy named Manusamoa is known. Even though our team Manu Samoa did not do well, I strongly believe that it is the Manu Samoa that has made Samoa well known. This makes everyone proud. I am proud as well to be a Samoan as we are now acknowledged within political affairs around the world. My beloved constituency of Falealili East, it is a great honor to represent your salutations within Government. I stand before you all with humility and I want to convey reverence to our constituency and I pray for blessings as I take on such duties given to me.

I acknowledge the support of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, a son of Tumua and Aiga Sa Fenunuivao and his Goodlady. I also acknowledge the support of the Members of Council of Deputies, Afioga i le Tamaaiga Tauaana, Afioga Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano Eti Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and Good lady, and the son of Afioga Tuiaana Sagate, Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati Mualia and your Good lady. I humbly greet the respects of *Afioga i le Manu o le Tuasivi*, Afioga Hon Tuiloma Lameko and your Good lady.

I acknowledge as well the Honorable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti, Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi. Also the respects of Madam Deputy Prime Minister Afioga Fiame Naomi Mataafa. Respectable Ministers of Cabinet, Associate Ministers and all members of the XVI Parliamentary term of the Parliament of Samoa.

I take the opportunity to acknowledge the Chief Justice and Judiciary of Samoa. I humbly greet members of the clergy and church denominations within Samoa, thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers which has resulted in blessings upon Samoa.

We pray for the spirit of the Father Almighty for life upon our people in Samoa especially to our children fighting wars overseas to maintain peace within this world also to our children who reside in different parts of the world to acquire a good education to become the future leaders of Samoa for tomorrow.

I humbly greet the Heads of Government Ministries, Directors of Companies and private businesses organisations within Samoa, these are the respects and dignitaries of all Samoa, *Aiga ma latou Tama, Tama foi ma o latou Aiga, Aiga o Tupu, Aiga o Nofo, Aiga o Papa, Aiga na Tafaiifa, Tumua ma Pule, Itua'u ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. I acknowledge as well our brothers in the Eastern Islands, *aua le nofo a Maopu ia Sua ma le Vaifanua, Itua'u ma Alataua, Fofu ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saelua, a o mamalu aua le Laau na Amotasi, Faatui o le Motu ma Tootoo o le Faleula ma Tama a le Manuatele*. This is the dignity of Samoa which I voice with utmost respect.

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I humbly greet my cherished constituency of Falealili East, I apologise if I have stated our salutations wrongly, I am not perfect, why? How can I use words to change your dignitaries? I cannot. As for the matter of voicing new terms on our honorific salutations well it is a no. I pray if I have forgotten to mention a part of our salutation, forgive me, this member is not all perfect, no I am not. Although our constituency has been divided it is impossible to deduce the sacredness and dignity of *Alaalagafa ma lo lua nofo a Tulafale ma le Tauagaeseese ia Falealili*. Nevertheless the warmth will remain the same within every part of Falealili, as we meet and greet one another cheek to cheek.

With utmost respect, I humbly greet my beloved village of Salani and my extended families of whom I am proud of in Salani. *Tulou ia le afifio o Aiga Sa Fenunuivao ma la outou Tama, tulou le afio o lau Afioga i le Gafatasi, lau Afioga Fuimaono ma ou alo tutusa, afio Leasiolagi o le Saoao, afio Sifuiva o le Matuaalii, maliu mai oe le Tofa i le Matua Tofuaiiofoia ma le mamalu ia Sataeleava ma le Fuaiala.*

I acknowledge with respect the humble servants of God residing within Salani, I humbly greet faletua and tausi, Tamasailau and young women, Tupua and untitled men especially the families by which our village is kept safe. The dignity of Salani I gladly acknowledge *o ou paia apoapogata na, ia ao ia ma sunui i le tupua i Salani ma Alofisula, o Tuani ma Pitovaoaiga tainane Lotomua ma Fogavaiuta.*

*E faatulou atu i le afifio o Sa Alaalatoa ma le alo o Samalaulu, alaalatai lau fetalaiga Faatili o le Tapunuu, alaalatai lau Tofa Gaopo'a o le Tulafale a le Tuiatua, alaalatai lau tofa i le na faialaga, lau tofa Letoga Ulupuua ma le mamalu i le Faleono.*

I humbly greet Susuga Elder Director and Deputy Chairman of the council of churches, Susuga Tunumoso Iosia, to the respects of all pastors on that side, faletua and tausi, tamaitai and saoao and the strength of our village of Sapoe. Least I will not forget my beloved families.

*Tulou le afio o lau Afioga i le Aloalii Muagututia, afifio Tufugafale ma Seugalii ma le mamalu i le faletolu ma le lauti na laulelei. Susu susuga i faafeagaiga taulagi i lena itu o le vai, le mamalu i faletua ma tausi, tamaitai ma saoao, Tupua ma le aumaga ma le fuaga o lalovaoa ma lo tatou nuu pele o Utulaelae ou te nene ai.*

I acknowledge the dignity of my other village of Salesatele *i le afio o lau Afioga i le Alo o Salamasina, o le uluai tupu na Tafaiifa ia Samoa, lau Afioga Tapusatele ma ou alo, Faleafaga ma Alaifea, afifio alo o Leilua o Fonoti ma Sialega, afio le Aloalii o Paitomaleifi, susu Leota, alaalatai le Aiga Talimalama, alaalatai le tofa i le matua o le tama a Malaelua lau fetalaiga Faleafaga, le mamalu i le nofoala.* I humbly greet the servants of the Lord and wives who are serving within the village, pardon faletua and tausi, saoao and tamaitai, Tupua and untitled men and our children of tomorrow, especially my families in Salesatele. The respects of *Taoaluga ma Taoalalo, o Faga ma Siuofaga o Tuavao ma Maota, o le tupua i le Malaeoletalu.*

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I humbly greet my beloved village of Siuniu, you may be small but you have done great things. *Tulou le afifio o le taofia a Moetalalelei, Teo ma Meleisea ma Togiailupe, alaalatai le taufa Salalemosooi, Taelega ma Lauvao ma le nofo a ituaiga.* I humbly greet with respect our Pastor especially the President of the church and his faletua, who are serving within the constituency, I thank you for the prayers and fasting. I also thank Faletua and tausi, tamaitai and saoa, Tupua and untitled men and young children of the district, the dignity of our traditional grounds within my beloved constituency of Falealili East.

In humility and heartfelt thanks I want to voice my sincere gratitude, thank you so much. The stars have sung praises as the moon and sun shine bright in the sky, as the waves dance within the surf, why? Because of such decisions made together with results, I have been crowned and anointed with your trust. I am only a humble person and with your vision I am kept safe. Who is this feeble person that you have chosen to undertake such responsibility, you have carried me to the high mountains like the word of Asomua. The water I always wanted to taste now I have drank it and am now satisfied. I only pray for your good health and my life, I pray the Lord give us love and guide us through these times. My beloved constituency put your trust in me. I strongly believe that you will give full support in the duties that will be given to me, in voicing our requests and recommendations for the development of our constituency. What is good for Apia is also good for Falealili East.

The constituency of Falealili East voices its sincere gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister, in his wisdom and good faith in choosing of his Cabinet. This constituency gives their support on the members chosen into your Cabinet. I am grateful to our Government in prioritizing what is best for the future of Samoa tomorrow, I am thankful for the decision made in dividing this constituency, it is an act of significance to this constituency. It has enabled our people to make a decision freely and decisively based on the person who is serving their family, village and church.

I pray the Lord give you strength and a life of longevity, may he bless you with the wisdom and knowledge to aid you in the decisions you make especially with your great contribution which had elevated the development of Samoa apart from other countries. These are prayers of blessing from this constituency Falealili East to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, hence I emphasize a matter to our Ministers.

Before I commence with voicing an opinion I would first want to thank my elections committee for the hard work in obtaining these results, we have achieved our goal. To all my families residing in different parts of Samoa and overseas, friends and colleagues, brothers and sisters and to the companies who showed their support, to my beloved wife and my twelve children who showed their support for this endeavor.

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From the bottom of my heart and soul I want to thank everyone for the support shown. I especially want to thank my wife who has been a source of strength and encouraged me to be part of this election. Thank you.

I want to convey a request perhaps the books of the Ministers have already been filled with several requests made already, but a humble request of Falealili East, please add another page for the requests of this constituency.

I want to voice an opinion to the Hon Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure Afioga Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang. I was so happy when you were chosen as Minister; because you are a Christian person your love has no boundaries. The roads within the villages of Salesatele, Salani, Siuniu, Sapoe and Utulaelae, as requested the only thing this constituency wants is for the Minister to visit and see for himself which areas need development. I am not just saying this but it is a fact, as the saying goes, Toma will only believe something if he goes and sees it for himself. These roads have not been tar sealed for over 30 years, these include access roads of Siuniu, Salesatele, Salani and other five villages, no roads have been upgraded or tar sealed. As we all know this is one constituency well known for its taro produce, the taro is collected every two weeks to be taken overseas the only concern is farmers cannot carry the taro to far places, because there are different days.

Our horses that were used to carry such loads in the past have slowly perished over the years with respect, now people have gone back to carrying these loads to the main road to wait for the cars for pick up. Even if the roads are not tar sealed, I humbly ask that it be upgraded so that cars can be able to access these areas within the constituency.

**MR SPEAKER:** The member has two more minutes.

**Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUEL TEO:** The escape road as noted, this is one constituency that was affected by the tsunami and its seawall has been built, a humble request to the Hon Minister, the seawall has yet to be completed for Utulaelae Sapoe and Salesatele. It was noted during the time of the tsunami that those mostly affected were the tourists.

I pray with the spirit of humility to the Hon Minister to look into this matter especially during times of natural disasters, for an emergency road or route that can be used by people to escape inland. The access roads, I will leave this to your discernment to assist with our farmers. We also request consideration of our street lights that are used by our children why going to school in the early mornings to catch the bus especially for the elderly, we really need another line of street lights to light the way.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I apologize to the member since we have arrived at the end of our work, you can continue with your speech for another five minutes tomorrow.

There will also be a lot of time for the member to speak more during tomorrow's sitting.

Since we have come to the end of our work for the day before we adjourn I call on the Deputy Speaker to conclude our proceedings with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 7:03pm until 9:00am  
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*The Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.*

Prayers.

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR SPEAKER**

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

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**MR SPEAKER:** In all respect, the esteemed member will continue his speech with regards to government financial policies and procedures on the second reading of the Bill carrying on from yesterday's debates. During adjournment yesterday, the Member for Falealili was speaking.

Before I call the Member to resume his speech, I shall advise the dignified accord of this Parliament. As you all know, the Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers are considered as the Executive, one of the three arms of the State while other members of this Parliament are Committee Members; therefore I think it is best if I give the chance for them to speak first. Hopefully, the executive will get a chance to respond later on before proceedings adjourned. With that being said, I will grant the opportunity to this side of the Chamber and Cabinet will respond later on to enlighten some of the concerns and issues raised in members' speeches regarding our economy and policies in accordance to the Bill.

With due respect, I call the notable member for Falealili East to resume your speech, you have five minutes remaining.

**Afioga FUIMAONO TEO SAMUEL TEO (Falealili East):** Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe proceedings adjourned while I was speaking to the Hon Minister of Works Transport and Infrastructure, to remind him of the access roads within our districts covering all five (5) villages for your information, there are tourist developments in Salani, Sapoe and Utulaelae, which is why these roads needs upgrading. I will not speak on this any further, as a matter of fact Mr Speaker you have already extended your warm welcome to all parties and thanksgiving to our Maker. I thank God for his guidance upon us all and the gift of life and reason why we are all gathered in this Chamber.