

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2016

Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

SPEAKERS GREETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Adjournment

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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Furthermore, I also voice appreciation to the Honorable Chairperson and Committee for the reviewing of the Appropriation and thus providing appropriate recommendations for the Parliament. Mr Speaker's only words of gratitude can be expressed this morning. Why? It is because we are nearing the end of the XV Parliament and all is well with the Parliament of Samoa. It is why praise and thanks is expressed to our Lord for always guiding this humble servant.

I thank the Speaker of the House, as I believe the task you have been facing in the past 5 years has not been easy. I acknowledge the passing away of some of the Members and not to mention the times when Members of the House voiced their concerns raucously. I acknowledge the Speaker's patience and tolerance during those times.

Mr Speaker, I wish to relay my gratitude to our overseas partners assisting in the development of our nation. I believe the support and prayers of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady who have been the cause for our blessings; therefore I acknowledge His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his Good Lady, lest I forget the Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies.

I thank the support of the Chief Justice, the President of the Land and Titles Court and the Judiciary. Furthermore, I acknowledge the supporting prayers of the servants of the Lord for Samoa and also the Parliament. I also acknowledge the support of all of Samoa for this Parliamentary Term to the distinguished Aiga ma a latou Tama, Tama ma o latou Aiga, le Usoga a Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.

Mr Speaker I now come to acknowledge my constituency of Faasaleleaga No.1 and all its honorific salutations. I especially give acknowledgement to the Elder Solomona Tuatagaloa and Aleli. I thank you both for the years of service in the last 40 years that we were together and I pray the Lord continues to bless you both.

Furthermore, I acknowledge my village of Salelologa and all its honorific salutation. I applaud your support from the past Parliamentary Term of 2006-2011 and 2011-2016. I believe our bond and fellowship will always be strengthened and I pray the Lord will always bless the duties sacrificed for the Members of Parliament.

To my new constituency Iva and Salelavalu and Lalomalava I wish you all the best in your decision for the upcoming elections. I pray the Holy Spirit whispers the just decision for the benefit of our constituency.

Mr Speaker, I pray the Lord blesses the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the remaining duties and especially in maintaining the peace within Samoa. I wish all the very best for the upcoming elections as I am sure we will all be returning. I wish the best to the Leader of Opposition and respective Members of the Parliament and all of Samoa. Soifua.

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MR SPEAKER: I acknowledge the Associate Minister and for all the good work and service provided for the Parliament. I pray that all the glory and praise be unto our Lord for the service that was provided.

I recognize the Member for Sagaga le Falefa Tofa Tuisa. I call on the Member to stand.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I would like to add on to the thanksgiving and praise relayed by the Speaker to our Lord for His everlasting love upon each of us. Furthermore, I wish to express gratitude granted to this Member to share thoughts on the Appropriation for this financial year. Nonetheless, before I proceed to share my thoughts on the matter, certain addressing must be made. Tulouna Lepea ma Vaitagutu, o le Malae ma Maota e fia e afifio ai Aiga ma Tapaau, Afio ai le Tupufia ma le Tamafale, ae alaalatai ai lo outou Toafa, le mamalu o Nofo i Pule ma le Faiga, ae a le Tauaitu ma le Saofaiga Atua. This Chamber encompasses the leaders of the nation gathered together to discuss and consult on the future and wellbeing of Samoa.

I greet the Speaker of the House, the Hon Prime Minister the Leader of Government and the respective Members of Cabinet. I also acknowledge the presence of that side of the House and the Leader of the Opposition. I also acknowledge all the respective Members of the Parliament of Samoa. I also recognize the presence of the Chief Executive Officers and General Managers of various Government Ministries and Corporations. I also greet the Clerk and the staff of the Legislative Assembly and all those in service to our Government; greetings. I respectfully greet the audience of His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies I also greet the Chief Justice and his Good Lady and of course the Judiciary. I also acknowledge the support of all of Samoa for their valuable contribution to the development of our nation.

I greet the distinguished all respective families of Samoa and all its honorary salutations. I greet and acknowledge the servants of the Lord in continuous prayers for the wellbeing of villagers and of course all of Samoa. I also acknowledge the audience of our island neighbouring all its honorary salutations. I believe Mr Speaker today is the day for comments on the Appropriation Bill and therefore would like to add my support of the Appropriation Bill. I must also acknowledge the patience of the Speaker during times of our Sittings while in Chair.

I gave special thanks to the Leader of Government for all the work and sacrificed ensued for the success and future of our nation. I acknowledge the Hon Ministers of Cabinet for their support to the Hon Prime Minister. The nation is stable when our Government is collaborative and supporting each other. Furthermore, I acknowledge the input and duty of the Leader of Opposition and that side of the House.

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I acknowledge the distinguished Members of the House for all the duties carried out and also the Parliamentary Committees and the important procedures carried out. I trust it is not always an easy task but I acknowledge the effort and hard work completed these years. Thank you for your sacrifice for our nation.

Mr Speaker, I now come to acknowledge my dear constituency. I shall be brief and as I have stated before, the glory and thanksgiving cannot be contained for all the praise and glory to the Lord for everlasting love upon my constituency.

Thank you Sagaga le Falefa, for the support and continued prayers. I salute my constituency in all its honorific salutations. Furthermore, I greet and acknowledge my dear village of Saleimoa and all its honorific salutations. I greet and acknowledge all the distinguished and respective families. Thank you all so much for the continuous support and prayers for your Member.

I ask forgiveness of my constituency, if however I was not able to live up to the expectations of the constituency in fulfilling my duties. I suppose we are all aware that majority of the constituencies were not able to have their infrastructure also completed. Nonetheless the Lord is good and we will wait for the next Term for the work to be carried out in our constituency. I wish all the blessings of the Lord upon the decisions for the future of the constituency in carrying out what is right for the future.

I continue to wish many blessings upon the constituency of Sagaga le Falefa and the Chamber. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you honorable Member. I acknowledge the maiden speech of the member this morning. And I believe it is not the beginning but the end is important. It is the observation of the Chair and I wish the Member the very best and may the Lord bless the Member and constituency.

I could see the Member for Faasaleleaga No.4 is ready to take the floor. I call on the honorable Member to stand.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA (Faasaleleaga No.4): I thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I acknowledge the Chair of the Chamber on behalf of my constituency for the proceedings throughout these five years. We are nearing the end of the Parliamentary Term.

I take this opportunity to greet His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and Good Lady, Council of Deputies and Good Ladies. I greet the Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I also greet the Hon Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, distinguished Cabinet and also the Associate Ministers.

I greet the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and the Tautua Party. I also acknowledge the respective Heads of Government Corporations and Departments of Government. Lest I forget to greet and acknowledge the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and your Deputy and of course the support and audience of all of Samoa.

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The theme of my speech this morning is from the Book of Colossians Chapter 1 verse 16 which reads; “*For by Him and all things were created that are in Heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*” I have incorporated this verse to theme the speech of my constituency this morning.

My constituency acknowledges the Foundation of Samoa and as mentioned by the Holy Bible that Chiefs which appear to be directed at the Three pillars of governance inclusive of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo and the Chief Justice. It states that the Lord created Chiefs which were made for this Chamber. Before the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet Members were chosen, we were Chiefs first. Therefore we should not fear whether we return as Members or not, because the Lord created Chiefs to carry out His work. Therefore, we should not be saddened but have joy.

I take this opportunity to greet and acknowledge the Speaker of Parliament and distinguished Members of the House because 5 years is a very long time. Despite the loss of some of our Member colleagues during our journey, praise and worship must be voiced to our Lord for safeguarding this Parliamentary Term. Thank God He has called a few and left many of us to continue our work as observed the number of Members present in today’s Sitting. Nevertheless, I will share my thoughts on the Appropriation Bill sometimes later on, but for now I wish to address my constituency of Faasaleleaga No.4. To my constituency of Faasaleleaga No.4 and the distinguished Satuala le Aiga Faalagilagi o oe o le Aiga na masaesae ai le lagi; I believe you have all been praying considerably and consistently. I acknowledge the prayers for the past 5 years so that your Member may carry out duties. Therefore, I wish to greet my constituency in all its honorary salutations.

I come now to my dear village of Puapua in all its honorary salutations. I wish to voice once again my acknowledgement to my constituency for all the support for your Member. Therefore, I wish to share a brief story of the history of my title. It is stated in the Bible that David sung his praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. To my constituency the song of David is very important as it is to the history of the title of your Member. First of all I wish to relay apologies to the Members of the Chamber if one takes offense to what I am about to explain especially in regards to the Hon Minister of Women. It is said that when Ulumalae was in labour the Tuiaana and all the mothers of Aana waited and sung songs like that of David in the Bible. The songs soothed the wife of the Tuiaana Taimalelagi and thus gave the title Peseta Tamalelagi. Therefore my distinguished colleagues, further queries can be discussed afterwards. Nevertheless, I take this time to encourage and also explain to my constituency the importance of the title your representative holds. It is very important to understand the history of the *Suafa*.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister who wishes to explain the matter.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: The Member is also the Associate Minister to the Prime Minister, and we often consult on matters concerning our culture and such, however this is the first time I have heard of the Tuiaana anticipating with only the mothers and not the fathers of Aana. Therefore, I ask why were there no men waiting with Tuinaana?

MR SPEAKER: I call on the honorable Member to continue.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Well this is the problem with the interruption of the Hon Prime Minister because I am sure only the Leulumoega are aware of this and also Hon Tolofuaivalelei. Only the singing of the ladies of Aana can reduce the pain of labour.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: I wish to ask the Hon Tolofuaivalelei whether he can confirm this?

MR SPEAKER: Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development do you wish to confirm the statement because the Afioga Peseta has many relatives in Samoa who are in audience.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatua (Minister for Women, Community and Social Development): I thank the Hon Prime Minister for the question in regards to the statement made by the Afioga Peseta. Afioga Peseta was born when the Tuiaana was with his tenth wife.

MR SPEAKER: Well that was the reason why it was important to query the Hon Tolofuaivalelei as the Peseta family is in audience. Nonetheless I grant opportunity to the honorable Member to reconfirm his statement.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I wish to assist in the matter as I believe Afioga Peseta is right. He is very similar to David who enjoys singing just like the Afioga Peseta as is the origin of his name.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member.

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Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Mr Speaker, I dared not voiced the origin of my title so carelessly as I am aware of not only my family of Peseta in audience, but also my constituency, therefore I speak truthfully. The title Peseta is derived from the covenant with the Tuiaana which bestowed honor and prestige upon Peseta to serve with in Savaii. Therefore, I take this moment to acknowledge my constituency for electing me as their Member. I trust you have been listening in on the many developments so that assistance can also reach our constituency. Nonetheless, I beseech our constituency to be grateful for whether the Government was able to assist in one or two developments in our area, we need only be grateful for the work carried out with such limited funds. Mother Theresa says, ‘a true loving servant does not reveal on how many works that you have done, but true love reveals from what heart that motivate the servant to do that work.’ Hon Prime Minister and also my dear constituency it is not the quantity of the work...

Afioga Afualo Wood Uti Salele (Salega): Mr Speaker, I beg the Member to converse in Samoan the nation is listening, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well I believe I voiced my concerns already regarding the disruption and the need to move forward with our proceedings, nonetheless I grant opportunity to the Member to translate in Samoan for our non English speakers in audience.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Well I believe this is also the reason why the constituency elected me as their Member because I am skilled in both Samoan and English. Mother Theresa states that, a servant does not reveal how many works have been done, but the heart in which the work was completed. I believe the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet carried out the works of the Government with love and discretion in regards to the persistence of the Members of the House. It is what the Hon Minister means in that we should not be boastful of the quantity of work but the heart of which those works were completed. I acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and also the Hon Ministers of Cabinet for the great work completed. Thank you.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, Point of Clarification. I apologize to the Member for interrupting your wonderful speech.

MR SPEAKER: I beg the Leader of the Opposition to refrain from questioning the Biblical quotes of the Member.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, no I merely wish to ask the Member in regards to the themes mentioned on the works carried out at the moment. So I ask the Member what is the motivation behind the work carried right now?

Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati (Minister of Police and Prisons): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I grant opportunity to the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons before the Afioga Leaupepe.

Afioga Hon Sala Fata Lisati Pinati: Mr Speaker thank you for this opportunity. I stand to voice my gratitude to the Afioga Peseta or Tuala as your constituency is in audience. Furthermore, I wish to voice my support and acknowledgement for the statement voiced by the Afioga Peseta and I am not sure if there has been any work that Peseta has carried out that was incomplete. Therefore, I urge the constituency to vote for the Afioga Peseta because all Peseta thinks about is the constituency. Vote for the Afioga Peseta. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I believe a relative of yours from the Sa Tuala is in support of you Afioga Peseta. This is what I admire about the Aiga Sa Tuala because they help each other out.

I now call on the Afioga Leaupepe before I grant the Member to continue his speech.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi (Aana Alofi No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I stand to voice my support and second the notion voiced by the Hon Minister of Police and Prisons. We are all of the Tuala Tamaalelagi and thus we stand by our own in support of the Member.

Although our family genealogy has been displayed for the Parliament and audience to critique I believe it does not matter now. Therefore the Chamber has grown confused to which direction the Afioga Peseta is heading; whether it is the Government, election or the Financial Statement. I beg the Member to be brief so that we can understand. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Peseta the Chair reminds you that your family of SaPeseta and SaTuala have your support. Nonetheless I urge the Member to be brief. I beg your pardon but I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I have observed the whole speech of the Member which has started off with Biblical quotes. It is also why I felt glad of the remarks voiced by the Chair in regards to the speech voiced by Afioga Peseta that no one must question any speech with the mention of the bible.

Therefore I wish to congratulate Afioga Peseta for his tremendous efforts.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I grant opportunity to Afioga Peseta.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Well, we all know that brothers fight every once in a while. I wish to convey my gratitude to the Hon Minister Afioga Sala and also the Afioga Leaupepe not forgetting the supportive comments made by the Hon Minister of Women, community and Social Development. I believe these are perhaps our final moments for us as Members to acknowledge our constituency. I say once again that it is not the quantity of the work, but of course the quality. It is why it is important that I reiterate to my dear constituency the many developments needed to be carried out in our constituency. Although it is disappointing that we could not complete them these last few years, I promise that I will ensure the Government will work towards completing them in the next term. Have faith and be thankful that things are set in motion.

I wish to propose to the Hon Prime Minister through the Hon Minister of Works for the irrigation granted to my village of Puapua. Puapua has been without proper access to water for over 50 years. Therefore I convey my gratitude to Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister of Works and especially the Cabinet. Thank you for my village has gained something important. Thank you very much.

This Member acknowledges the many duties and developments in need and is very grateful for accepting my pleas to assist my constituency. I vowed that I will humbly resign if by the end of this term nothing has

been developed in my constituency. Therefore to my dear villages of Asaga and Lano I beg your patience and faith in the Government. We have very limited funds and we shall always be grateful and thankful to the Lord that everything even small things are able to be completed. Thank the Lord we have a stable education building for the education of our children in Lano.

My village of Asaga as I have promised that at the end of the nations general elections will be the starting date of our project for our children. It is difficult because I am from the village of Asaga and also Tofa Lealailepule even though he is not supporting this Party. Nonetheless, to my village of Puapua I believe I have voiced the completion of some of our developments.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon Afioga Peseta but you did mention the name of the Member.

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Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I observe the Member's speech appreciatively and although I am not in support of that Party, I am always in support of you Afioga Peseta. This constituency prays for the development of your constituency through the selling of all the machinery and lorry's in your possession.

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Member to continue his speech.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: Tofa Lealailepule you are right. But I do not know how else to for the loans at the Development Bank and... Before I conclude I wish to formally apologize to my constituency for the insufficiencies your Member may have carried out. I believe the nation has observed the case with myself on the radio and also on the TV and thus I ask for forgiveness. David from the Book of Rome states, "*My God is with me, whom then shall I fear?*" To my constituency have faith. All my insufficiencies...

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker I would like to point out to the Member about his speech as he started with the Book of Colossians and now he is concluding with David with the wrong quotations of Paul. Afioga Peseta David passed away before Paul was born.

MR SPEAKER: Afioga Peseta I urge you to pay no attention to the comments of the Member for Faleata West; conclude your speech.

Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA: I acknowledge the interruption of my brother Tofa Lealailepule who has changed beliefs. Nonetheless I hope to seek the forgiveness of my constituency. I have wronged not only the constituency but also the Parliament. Therefore I pray for the Lord's forgiveness and wish to assure my constituency my willingness to continue to serve as their Member.

Mr Speaker I thank you for the work and efforts in leading of our proceedings from the beginning of the Term to its end.

I also acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet and also the Leader of Opposition and all the esteemed Members of Parliament. May we have faith in our Lord as our nation prepares for its general election. I reiterate the theme of my constituency speech, "*For every creation of the Lord, be it of worldly things or not, be it of tangible or non tangible thins, be it of kings or dignified persons God created all things for Him.*" I have firm belief that the Lord has already chosen Members for the next Term. Bless this Meeting, bless the Chair. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Member for your speech this morning. It is wonderful to observe the support of the Members of the House for your speech. It reflects the nature of the relationship of Members in the House.

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I appreciate your acknowledgement of your constituency. Like the Member expressed leave all things to God and have faith. The Lord sees all things and all His people and their work each day, so well done.

I observe we have two more Members before we proceed to the Finance Committee. Susuga Seiuli I grant you this opportunity to make remarks in regards to the past six months of your service. I call on the Member.

Susuga SEIULI UELIGITONE SEIULI (Sagaga le Usoga): Mr Speaker I first apologize for my absence in the last Meeting. I was away on a business trip for our Government. I had just arrived this morning so thank you for this opportunity.

Mr Speaker, I stand with all due respect to voice the thoughts of the constituency of Sagaga le Usoga on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill currently being tabled in Chamber. Mr Speaker we are nearing the end of this Parliamentary Term and I express gratitude and acknowledgment of the tolerance and effort shown in the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon us for the betterment of the nation. I acknowledge His Majesty Le Ao o le Malo and Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies. I also acknowledge the Chief Justice and of course the Judiciary. I acknowledge the Parish Minister and all the servants of the Lord in Samoa. I greet Samoa in all its honorific salutations. Lest I forget the audience of our neighbors in the East in all its honorific salutations; thank you for the continuous support for your Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I now come to Supplementary Appropriation Bill on the Table. I first acknowledge the Hon Minister of Finance the Hon Prime Minister and your CEO and Ministry of Finance. I express my support of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill. Furthermore, I acknowledge the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for considering the humble proposal to upgrade the roads of the constituency of Sagaga le Usoga.

Mr Speaker I feel it is very important for me to greet and acknowledge my constituency of Sagaga le Usoga in all its honorific salutations. I believe it is not unknown that I am the only Member who still new to the Parliament; therefore I apologize for failing to proceed to the developments of our constituency. The Lord will always provide for His people.

MR SPEAKER: I must apologize to the honorable Member for the interruption but we are nearing the time for our break. Opportunity will be granted once we get back.

I now declare that the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will now be set aside for its normal morning recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 10.47am and resumed at 11.35am.

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Debate on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2015/2016 continued.

MR SPEAKER: I now declare proceedings of the Legislative Assembly has now resumed.

I wish to thank the Chamber this morning for we are almost done with today's Sitting before we adjourn at 1.00pm. I trust all have had their fill of the refreshments from the food provided. We must be thankful to the Lord for the food prepared for us.

We took our break whilst the Member Susuga Seiuli was in speech. I call on the Member to continue.

Susuga SEIULI UELIGITONE SEIULI: Thank you Mr Speaker. I acknowledge the refreshments provided for the Parliament this morning. I express my gratitude to the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff for the food well prepared.

Mr Speaker I shall not be long as I merely wish to address my constituency.

To my constituency you all know of my place in the Parliament. I had little time and I wish to acknowledge this opportunity granted to me. I wish the constituency all the best in the upcoming elections. Whatever the decision is may it be for the betterment of our constituency and for the praising of the Lord.

I acknowledge the Speaker for leading the Legislative Assembly of Samoa. I acknowledge the effort and the commitment for the duties required of you. I also acknowledge the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the distinguished Members of the House. I beg forgiveness of the Member for any shortcomings witnessed in the past eight months that we worked together. I pray the Lord blesses the Speaker of the House; the honorable Members of Parliament, all of Samoa and of course my constituency of Sagaga le Usoga. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you honorable Member for Sagaga le Usoga. I wish you all the best for the upcoming elections. Trust in the Lord for the upcoming preparations. I acknowledge your support for the short time you were working with us. May the Lord bless you in your duties in the future.

I recognize the Deputy Speaker of the House. I grant opportunity to the Deputy Speaker before we proceed to our Committees for the response of the Chairperson and Government.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVA (Palauli West): Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. There was a man who wanted to ask the King for his daughters hand in marriage. The King replied that the man's bravery must first be proven because any man who wishes to wed his daughter must be very brave. How will my bravery be defined then? The King replied, cows will be brought forth for you to wrestle.

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Three cows will be brought in individually but the rule is that you can only touch the cow's tail. The wrestling commenced and the cows were brought in. The first cow was brought and the man saw that it was a huge beast that was for the rodeo games. The man passed this cow and waited for the second cow. The second animal which was a bull was brought in and the man thought his end would come too soon with this animal too. The second animal has large bull horns. So the man waited for the third animal.

The third cow was brought in and the man noticed it was small and looked like a weakling. So the man ran towards the cow and hoping to catch the tail but there was none. So instead of the tail the man had caught the cow's pancakes. Mr Speaker thank you for this opportunity, I shall not waste this opportunity in case I am caught with the cow's pancakes.

Thank you for the opportunity granted to the Member for Palauli West to share thoughts in regards to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill and also to express acknowledgement to the support of my constituency.

I formerly greet the Speaker of the House, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. I also greet the Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Tautua Party. I acknowledge the Associate Ministers of this side of the House and all the distinguished Members in attendance.

I further greet the support of Samoa and His Majesty O. Le Ao o le Malo and Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and Good Lady. I greet the support of Samoa in all its honorific salutations. The Member for Palauli West greets you all.

I will address my constituency in due time, but for the moment I wish to express my gratitude to the Speaker of the House for the past five years that we have been working together. I believe we have each had our moments where we had failed to support one or the other in our duties. Nevertheless I acknowledge the Speaker for granting me the many opportunities to be a representative of the Parliamentary Committee for 2015-2018. Thank you for this opportunity.

I thank the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet. I suppose you all have grown tiresome of seeing this Member constantly appealing and seeking the implementation of the sports field for my constituency. I thank the Hon Minister of Education for I now know the reason for the delay is the implementation of the sports field for Safotu. I acknowledge that that is done now and therefore would now proceed to the development of the sports field for our primary school at Salailua.

Thank you Hon Minister of Works, for the consideration of the proposal to upgrade the tourist road at Taga. I also thank the support of the Associate Ministers of this Term.

I also thank the support and the deliberation of the Leader of Opposition, the Deputy Leader and the Tautua Party for the speeches and remarks towards the Government and the development of our nation.

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I greet the support of my constituency in all its honorific salutations. I take this opportunity to thank my constituency for electing me as your Member in 2011. I am grateful for without your support and prayers this Member would not have carried out duties as I have in this past 5 years. I dare not forget the support of the servants of the Lord in all the villages of my constituency from Taga, Sili, Salailua, Gagaemalae in Satuiatua, Foailalo and Foailuga. Thank you for the advice during my time as Member of Parliament. I give special thanks to the Susuga Tavita Roma the Chairman of the CCCS. I apologize for you once voiced your request to perhaps one day exercise on a seawall at Masinaanale to Samalela.

Well Afioga Chairman of the Church I hope you will have no worries for the Hon Minister will indeed keep to his word and hopefully by June or perhaps before that; you will have had your seawall. I further acknowledge the shifting of the Afioga Sea Ioane Tolai. I thank you both for the support and the sacrifices over the years. I also acknowledge and give thanks to my Methodist Church; the President and Class of Sea, the ordained Ministers and also the President of the Auso. Thank you to my Church for the consideration of four Members of Parliament for the Executive Committee of the Methodist Church. We acknowledge the prayers offered for us. Palauli West I ask forgiveness of the Member for all the shortcomings of the past 5 years. The Government has limited resources and whatever our developments are in need of addressing, I trust the Lord will bless that day.

Mr Speaker I am concluding my speech but before that, I wish to address my constituency of Palauli West for we are champions; in 1976 the Member for Palauli West was a deputy. In 2011 the Member for Palauli was also a deputy. I believe it is a must to remove this deputy and I promise you that I offer my services in doing so. I pray that the constituency acknowledges and understands that there are numerous backlogs. However it does not mean that I intend to imply that I alone can do all this; no it is my honest desire to serve our constituency. I pray the Lords blessings be upon the Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and esteemed Members of that side of the House. I also wish the best of the Associate Ministers, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and Deputy Clerk and staff for the support in regards to the requests of the Members from Savaii. Thank you.

I thank the support of the CEOs. I believe you are also sick of seeing me coming to you for appeals so that my mind will settle in knowing the truth of the matter. Therefore I pray you have understanding as it is all part of the game of seeking the truth and whether the response I was given was accurate. Lastly, I acknowledge the audience of His Majesty O Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa and Good lady, Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies the respective families of Samoa in all its honorific salutations. The best thing is that God is with us, so have faith. Soifua.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, Point of Clarification.

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MR SPEAKER: I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I did not wish to interrupt the speech of the Deputy Speaker but I had thought he was aware of the deliberations of the Chamber. It appears that 5 years of being the Deputy Speaker and yet he still does not know the accord of the Parliament. I am very disappointed with the last statement of the Deputy Speaker. In the Parliament and its Chambers the sitting is that of the Government and the Opposition. It is the reason I voice my concerns for this disrespect.

MR SPEAKER: I understand your concerns, therefore I call on the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: In regards to the mention of the Leader of the Tautua Party I had thought it was what you desired whence we conversed outside of the Chamber. Nonetheless, I apologize to the Leader of Opposition for this.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker he is a person who is not only high minded but also stupid. Where did we say Leader of Tautua? We are the Opposition and you are the Deputy Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: I note the concerns of the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You are the Parliamentary representative for overseas nations and yet you are very high minded.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Leader of the Opposition...

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA: I apologize Mr Speaker but I am not high minded because I firmly believe this is what you the Leader of the Tautua Party wanted. If I am wrong to voice this in Chamber then I apologize. However I wish you would remove the word stupid. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg pardon of the Deputy Speaker but I believe I have noted the concern of the Leader of the Opposition. I also acknowledge the Deputy Speaker's statement in regards to the voiced opinions outside of the Chamber. However I believe the Leader of the Opposition that the Deputy Speaker has sought forgiveness on the matter therefore...

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker it is the reason why...

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MR SPEAKER: Well I would still finish my concerns. The matter which was voiced by the Deputy Speaker in regards to your conversations carried out outside the walls of this Chamber. Furthermore, the Deputy Speaker has indeed voiced his apologies. Leader of the Opposition your place and status in the Chambers has not been belittled even by the voiced statement of the Deputy Speaker. I note that the concerns are or were in regards to conversation mentioned outside of the Chambers.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I have accepted the apology of the Deputy Speaker but I hope it does not happen again.

MR SPEAKER: So why are you still mad? I beg the Leader of the Opposition to adopt our Lords teachings in forgiveness. Bear in mind we are nearing the end of the Parliamentary Term and once again we will return to the nation with which lies the authority. Well, I recognize the honorable Member Tofa Lealailepule.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): Mr Speaker I will now do my speech.

MR SPEAKER: Let me first address the Deputy Speakers speech. Deputy Speaker it is important to stress that the works we have done whether it's the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker we are one in the same. Our work is carried out together; when I am absent you take on our duties with the full power. The Deputy Speaker is no different from the Speaker. I am sure you know full well that our Ministry is constantly being reviewed and I truly believe that when I am absent you have the full power of the Chair. Nevertheless I believe the Lord will set things right. I call on the honorable Member Tofa Lealailepule.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I believe we should no longer be here in hatred but instead in giving thanks to the Lord, thanks to our nation for the support and acknowledge those who deserve it. As leaders we should not be the source of discomfort and disagreement. Therefore thanks to the Lord for every opportunity and also to the Speaker of the House. I greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and that side of the House. I also greet the dignified Members of the Chamber and the Heads of Government Departments and Sectors. I also acknowledge the Clerk of the Assembly, the Deputy Clerk and of course the staff; lest I forget the audience of Samoa. Furthermore, I greet His Majesty O Le Ao o le Malo and Good Lady, respective servants of the Lord and Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

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I wish to start off with the words by Toeolesulusulu yesterday which is a wonderful saying that was given in the English translation, I will read out the Samoa version by Paul to the church of Phillipi, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Mr Speaker, it is the Chinese belief that the year we are at which is the 823 year. It is the year which all the days of February are fourth and it is the year we are currently in and it is considered a lucky year. It is why this year which the end of our Term is because it is the year for Samoa and its general elections. It therefore means that God is good, all the time. Amen. We are nearing the end of our journey and as the Samoan saying goes, ‘*ua po ni aso ua, a o asofolau e le taua*’. We must congratulate ourselves for over the past five years we have tabled and approved nearly over 140 Bills. We have achieved a lot and I believe Samoa is now more than ready for its next journey.

At this moment I express gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet for the hard work and service provided. The Lord has chosen you for this work and the government reflects its measures and so does the nation. Let all the praise and worship be unto the Lord for He has granted the strength and wisdom to carry it out. I make special remarks to Afioga Tuiloma Lameko and Afioga Le Mamea. I applaud you on your service; blessed is Samoa for the services you have provided. In the words of Paul, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race. May God bless you both on your break and may strength be instilled in you to serve and fulfill more obligations that are yet to come.

I heed appreciation to the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and your Party, I don’t need to make known about your contribution for Samoa’s welfare. We intend to work collectively together for the benefit of Samoa. Well done on your perseverance, dedication and the many challenges encountered faced.

I specifically wish to thank my fellow member for Faasaleleaga No. 3, Tuileutu for the services and your advice to me the last five years. Great job on your contribution and I wish you well on your break. As for the public’s queries upon Lealailepule, let that be of no concern to us.

The member for Faleata has commented yesterday, wherever you go I will follow, but I say we go separate ways. Otherwise we can come back, never mind, let that be so for now.

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Mr Speaker I now come to our Chairperson. This is the most paramount seats in Parliament that is not easy to manage as most of the times there is disorder in the House nonetheless the Chairperson is always filled with patience, hence well done. As known, we have had three Members who have taken that role as Speakers which means that the current Speaker will go on for life in this Parliament. I wish you the best as you continue with that role.

I wish to acknowledge the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and your staff for your dedicated service for the Parliament of Samoa. Well done. To the heads of Government Ministries who are serving the Government. Samoa is well noted for one main thing, strong leadership. This is reflected in the leadership roles they play in the country. As former Chairperson of the Finance Committee I acknowledge great appreciation the last five years nevertheless we will fellowship with the Ministries every year. I am sure this is where the performance of each Ministry is based on whether they are moving forward or not. We have had several qualified persons in the country but not enough leaders. The grassroots is in abundance but a few flourish and succeed. In meaning do not be hesitant to look out for good people and make right decisions. To my belief, a Minister that people are reluctant to see is the one time where all of her/his Chief Executives are occupied most of the time. I am grateful to the many successful developments achieved this last ten years thus this is the encouragement I give to most of the Government heads. I have met with one of the Ministry and her legal advisor at the end of last year regarding one of their requests. During our discussion, Member for Faleata Sisifo then said that I should see the Minister or the Prime Minister for this matter. I responded why should we do that when you are the one who should be making the decision. If I were to approach the upper level this means that you should not be obligated to your duties anymore. That was an encouragement. Despite of everything, we should consider the formal process. Regardless, I believe that we have qualified and experienced people on board to manage the country.

I have to make a statement on the Budget because as I said as part of the Finance Committee, this has taught me many lessons, I have learnt and have gained more understanding in this expertise and its processes. I also extend acknowledgement to the Finance Committee which comprises of three Finance Ministers including the Leader of the Opposition, the Associate Minister from the Opposition Side and the Minister of Finance himself. This means that if the Budget is approved by the Minister of Finance then that is it. Such is the word of congratulations.

As for the Budget, I speak of three main things, revenue, expenditure and borrowing to assist our developments if the budget is short. If we were to talk about debt, I would interpret this term as assistance. When I was young I was always excited to go and do the shopping for my mum and dad and when I see them getting out money, I would go happy but when I see them taking out the debt book I would go sad.

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So whenever I go to the shop, I would wait until everyone with money is gone then the store owner would ask what I want I would pardon the store owner for the items we owe which was the life we lived back then.

To my own belief, living in debt is free living. We Samoans can never be debt-free and I thank the Opposition Leader for the reminder because in order to live we must live an affordable life and that we must be able to repay our debts. That is...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the speaking member, I recognize the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the member can take a rest whilst I say something briefly. Years ago when I was working in Europe, I went to make a loan to buy a vehicle to transport my family. I went with the mentality that if I wanted \$2000, the lady would say no \$1000 is enough. I would borrow knowing the vehicle I wanted to buy and the European would say how much borrowing do you want, I replied \$5000 because as commonwealth workers at the time, the duty fee was free compared to the value this vehicle is priced at \$15,000 for European people we worked together. I told the owner I wanted the vehicle for \$5000 and he would gazed at me shockingly, then he said that I would need to borrow some funds as the organization I was employed in had an account with their company. I asked if I can borrow USD\$200,000 he said no only \$5000. Therefore I do not have to loan \$100,000 that is unaffordable but \$5,000 is enough. The reason for sharing this talk is because the operations we have here is dissimilar to Europe. Never mind I wish to direct my talk to the statement of the Opposition Side and their reminder, no that is not true, the Opposition Side does not need to remind us as this is the Government's job, we make sure that we pay our debts. That is reason for this correction. We do not have to wait until we get the recommendations from the Opposition Side as we have policies in placeto guide us. That is the correction Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, I give the Minister, Leader of the Opposition, I call the Hon Minister for Women...

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Thank you Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister has also highlighted some of the corrections in regards to the member's statement, nonetheless I know this member very well because he has affirmed his education and success such as his parents who told him to go and make the debt. Mind you the elders have more years about life, so they know about wise spending, if money is treasured in an old woman's box that means the money is there for a specific reason such as a funeral etc, whereas borrowing can be used in the meantime to survive.

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So there is no reason to worry as the member's comment seems to derive from our viewpoints which means to say that he is faint-hearted about his debt when in my opinion, Paul is speaking directly about his book to Corinthian when he was young and his transformation when he got old. Therefore the member's view is like that of a child and his given example which in this case, he is ineligible to give advise on economic distribution when he is a matured person who knows well and has money at home however, he lacks knowledge about wise spending because if all the money is spent and family matter arises, where then will he resort to? That is common sense, it can be done and debt repayment is going well. In my personal experience according to the story of the member, perhaps the store owner has a daughter whereby this lad is shy off. Otherwise, the member could be cheeky to the shop owner's spouse. Yes that is reality. This means that the member is not matured enough yet he has given an example when again he was told to go and make debt. That is the assistance, Lealailepule is my brother.

MR SPEAKER: Your viewpoint is well taken Hon Minister, did you want to say something Palusalue? Pardon me Lealailepule I give the chance to the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Thank you I second the opinion of the member is correct, even when he was small he still went and made debt which is something to be shy off whilst the statement of the Hon Prime Minister he rejects all the recommendations we give, that is what he said. But please the dumb can go on but it will come true, in the living testimony of Chronicles 1.1 and 2 million.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker that is why I prolonged my talk yesterday, if it's our borrowing, it will take 40 years of repayment. This is what the Opposition Side lacks even with debt's repayments that take 70 years. There is nothing to worry about and no one is talking about these things, even if you want to borrow from DBS which you could not, why? There is too much debt. As for the World Bank it is easier as everytime we want to loan from them, we can because there is enough. That is the intention but I do not reject your recommendations that are absolutely wrong. To be clear we do not wait for your recommendations, we already have set guidelines to follow and in accordance to government borrowings. This is the same guidelines that international governments comply with. But do not be hesitant. The problem with you Leader of the Opposition is that you cannot recall our exchanges, try and pick up the words we are saying.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I only wish to note down a few things because he (Prime Minister) is saying that the country is not affected.

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MR SPEAKER: Palusalue, I take it that everything is now well versed. What else do you intend to bring up? I beg your pardon lest we drag further debates. I recognize the Prime Minister's clarification.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: I really do not get what struggle you are referring to do you really read the statements you are making? The costs of public health clinics is way low than that of Private Doctors.

What else is happening? People are seeing the Private Doctors and no one is complaining about it. *Although that is significantly high but nobody* is complaining, why complain when these are qualified professional practitioners who specialise in dental work

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: Point of order, this is not a business it is the service to the people.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr....

MR SPEAKER: I recognize Lealailepule.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you for your interjections, if you can thoroughly receive my speech, it is wonderful. Even with our debts, I call it assistance that is to say it we cannot bypass it rather it must be affordable. The Hon Minister refers to it in a childish way but I do not intend to respond to it lest we deliberate on it. As for the example I gave about me and my parents, I am not ashamed of it, you see why I make loans lest something comes up yet. I have something in my account to fall back on because we did not have any lands before, we lived on a leased land, then we bought it, build a thatched house then a European house, bought a vehicle and all that. That is how a Samoan makes a living through a loan he makes. I have already talked with my mother, she said Lealailepule...

MR SPEAKER: I beg indulgence, I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Lest the member's intention is affected, no I too went through the same experience. Whenever I make a borrowing, I would be shameful to approach the daughter of the owner, so I too had that experience before. If I had to think deeply into that, the Minister is correct that you were also trying to attract girls attention whilst it is also correct that your parents had faith in you.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: This is the difference between me, Prime Minister and the Minister, these two are *fia fai teine* whilst I am a womanizer, whenever my wife gets mad, she always calls me that, never mind that is not the issue here.

Thank you Minister of Samoa Land for reopening the opportunities to our business people. It is a miracle, 7 days, personally I think it is about time the burnt building should have been gone long time ago, nevertheless I hope more opportunities will be granted for our local businesses' establishments based on your sound wisdom and to beautify our township area further. The only problem according to reports I received is the contact information of the Fire Service Agency. I have given several reminders on this in the past, you had the emergency number 999 before when technology did not come through, and today you now have different numbers. Why not set up one emergency centre like before, that is the recommendation. This is what the European guy use to say, use the common sense.

Then to my constituency of Faleata West in all your honorifics, I salute you and your support for the past 10 years. Let us vote together with God whoever should you think is more relevant and qualified to resume this role, let it be so. As we met last Saturday with Susuga Seiuli and Ulugia and our families, the government cannot avoid the developments of Faleata, as these are the lands that the majority would flourish to and make a living. Therefore let us give thanks for the many developments achieved that prioritize the constituencies.

The Government has plans to relocate the prison and make space for other developments especially a new school building for our district given the increasing number which is good for the future.

Thank you Hon Minister of Works for the many developed projects particularly the current road undertaking that is bringing good access to the district. Right now during evenings, majority would stroll happily on this road with one written request we have already submitted Afioga Leasi of the Ministry. In query why has not there been a footpath area towards the airport starting from Lepea to Vailoa, Vaiusu and Vaigaga. I also request a fence to secure the lowly situated residential areas nearby. I also give gratitude to the Ministry for rebuilding road crossings and humps specifically for the speedy drivers along the adjacent road at the gas station in Vailoa and Vaiusu. Otherwise we will leave other submissions until after the Election. Because most of the people would ask me how the campaign is going, and I would respond the campaign is for new people and those who are willing to join the Parliament. Therefore if you did not do anything for your constituency for the last 5 years, you will not win the Election.

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Mr Speaker I wish to conclude by thanking the notable Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, the whole of Samoa and God's Ministers. The country is again praying for Samoa's leaders for the next 5 years. This is why we should not be troubled as we are a country of good faith and hope in God. As such I wish all the esteemed Parliamentarians the best for the upcoming General Elections. I plead that whoever will be chosen, you must take heart for Samoa.

It has taken all week and today since the name David has been mentioned, gracious, Peseta this is the only Member whom was mentioned in a speech however he did not succeed. Peseta you come to me with your machines and T9 whilst I come to you with the name of Jesus Christ, Peseta's T9 came and dragged down the Member.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Now that you have mentioned Peseta, therefore go ahead Peseta.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga: I have listened intently to the great speech of my fellow member Lealailepule, and this is why I advised him as his religion is now changed. Perhaps you have forgotten another one of David and Paul's covenants I made. It is Paul who owns these words you made, hence Mr Speaker I heed appreciation to my fellow member, Lealailepule I wish you well on your speech.

MR SPEAKER: You may resume Lealailepule.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I wish to conclude, to my district thank you. As known we have met in Faleata well done for all the good achievements for Faleata. Will the honorifics of Tiafau be removed out of this? I do not think so whilst the funds proposed to build the Parliamentary complex and just a recommendation, why not leave that fund for another project and continue our Sittings here at Faleata. What is the difference as Faleata can be a place for our Sittings as Samoa now has a Government and Tiafau fields can be the location for raising the flag in June. That is the recommendation Mr Speaker, Prime Minister and the Parliament, Palusalua I wish you all the best. I want you to succeed together with Manua, have a blessed day Samoa thank you for the opportunity, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done member for Faleata West, Lealailepule I know you are no easy person. Remember our graduation at the Assembly of God 2009 before we embarked with 2011. I noted the words of the pastor that he said to you however you disobeyed it. I am still giving you reminders yet you still and you still... well I do not know, whether you abide by it then I can say and forever????.

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Well we have arrived at our recess time, I heed appreciation to the House at this hour, the motion remains the same pursuant to our resuming business. In plead, we have come to the Committee's part, we have the Opposition Leader and the Deputy Leader before we have the Government responses.

With respect, I heed your patience as we briefly endure with our Proceedings before we resume with more business schedule and approval of our Budget as well as tabling Reports and Legislations before the upcoming event this Friday. Let us go to our break before we reconvene in this House at the hour of 3.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly suspended at 12:55pm and resumed at 3:00pm.

Debates over the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2015/2016 resumed.

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

The spirit of God is still felt at this hour, as we arrive at our scheduled Sitting hour. I heed appreciation to the esteemed House for your patience pursuant to our Sitting Schedule. There is belief that everything will be discussed as such, we plead your perseverance. In accordance to our lapsed business, the Clerk has put that in schedule which we must discuss up to evening today before we have our dissolution service this Friday.

Before our break the member for Palauli West was finishing off with his speech, hence we now come to the members of the Committee of Finance. I call Tialavea Fea Tionisio Seigafolava, who is one of the members, this is your time.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti): I thank God for bringing us back together in rejuvenated spirit. Greeting Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

I also greet the Leader of the Opposition, your Side and Associate Ministers.

I also greet the CEO of Government Ministries and Corporations assembled in our Session here today. Also I acknowledge His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, the Council of Deputy and his Masiofo as well as the Chief Justice and the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice.

Thank you Mr Speaker and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the entire staff, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, greetings to all your dignity, Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader and members who are present here today.

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Before I contribute I wish to render my support to this Appropriation Budget Statement which includes a portion of independent water source (vai tumaoti) for this constituency. Such is the appreciation to the Hon Minister of Women for the Water Source Unit and your generosity towards this initiative, the total funds allocated for the water source in Uafato and Samamea is \$80,000 which includes other completed water source projects. Thank you Hon Minister for the good works this term.

I also extend great thanks to the Hon Minister of Communications for the telephones posts installations in Uafato which has provided easier telecommunication links for the Atu Aleipata area and the entire constituency in particular easier communication network with overseas families and relatives. The only request Hon Minister for Communications given the Blue Sky generator if part of this funding could assist with the EPC power through the CSO. My constituency has been engaged with variety of projects this past five years. I heed the Hon Minister for Natural Resources and Environment for the water drainage completed for the entire seawall area in Faleapuna. Although I trust that we have a few more submissions to be achieved including the seawall request from Salimu to Musumususu that we had approved of before the road erection.

I trust the seawall submission should be constructed first before the road as this area is quite steep going up the mountains but we shall await the funds from the Environment for this undertaking. Otherwise thank you Hon Minister for all the completed works for this constituency.

I also heed great appreciation to the Hon Minister for Works for all the good achievements including the road improvement completion at Uafato. This road has come a long way for 50 years finally it has now been improved. This is not an isolated road but a public road.

Such is the appreciation to the villagers of Fagaloa especially the sub-villages of Uafato and Samamea whom were the ones accessing this road when going to the plantations... True is the saying, it is not in Parliament that you find success but relying on the shoulders of the Minister and the Ministry in the morning as the door will always be open for you. Hence I express sincere apologies Hon Minister if I have interrupted you several times due to improvement works for this constituency. I also extend gratitude to all the Ministers for all the undertaking duties including the opening of the market this morning. The roadside improvement in the town area also looks better for the opening event this morning for our locals and their businesses and the wellbeing of their families.

Mr Speaker I believe this is the last Session for this five year term that is coming to an end. Despite the many disorders???, difficulties you have persevered with patience and dignity in managing our businesses in this House. I also heed all the Ministers and the Prime Minister for leading us through for the benefit of the country as a whole.

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To the Associate Ministers, I trust we have met during our Parliamentary Committee sessions, well done. If I have mistaken you during our time together, I apologize.

I also acknowledge the Finance Committee that I have the privilege of working with this last five years. I appreciate the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the entire Committee for having me as part of your Committee which has gained me more knowledge about the country's economic distribution.

I trust we have been engaged with the Parliamentary Committees all for the sake of our country, great job and opportunities in this collaboration.

Samoa your significance and divisional status remains forever.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge my constituency for their great respects and support this past five years.

Tulou le paia maualuga i le afio o Ulualofoaiga, Afifio Aiga e lua o Salevalasi ma Sa Fenunuivao. Afifio Usoalii, Afifio le Toafa ma le Matua ia Talamaiivao. Alaalatai e na taitai faapea foi Atualefauono ma le mamalu tele i le atu Fagalao. Mai lou nuu i Faleapuna i le Afifio o Gafa ma Alosina, Afifio Suafa, lau Tofa Molioo o le Too o le Fua ma lo outou Aiga Sa Molioo. Afio le Ailaoa o le malu o Maauga ma Lalogafuafua, alaalatai Malepeai o le Aitu o le Nuu.

Afifio ma Susu le Auaigaluga paia a le Atua, i lau Susuga i le Toeaina Faatonu ma le faletua, afifio Patele ma Patele faapea le nofo a faafeagaiga e fia i Ekalesia eseese o le itumalo o le Vaa o Fonoti. Faamalo le soifua, malo folau i lagima, malo foi le tauatai. Ua moemanu nei le ata ua moe foi i fogafalefasa, ua tuanai atuava ma atuvasa. Ua se ese mala ina ua taunuu le faigamalaga ua le afe se atua o le ala, o lenei ua tatou aulia mai lenei tausaga fou o le siui foi o le piriota faale-Paeaiga a le Malo o Samoa, aua sa tu i Fagalilo le Tapaau o le Alataua, sa taumate i le ete lo outou soifua ma lou ola. O faailoga ia o le alofa ma le agalelei o le Atua.

I especially wish to convey great appreciation to the clergy of the constituency. The calling I had undertook is all for the glory of God given the joy and good services that was destined to serve the public at large particularly for the welfare of Samoa. I heed your apologies if I have not done enough for true as the saying *e poto lava le tautai ae le atoa atu i le liu o vaa* meaning the navigator is wise but can go wrong at times.

As for the next representative, well that is up to you as we depend on the whisper of the Holy Spirit, all callings are from God. We have a lot to achieve for our constituency comes the next five years let us heed God with our plans and a representative for us. Thank you Mr Speaker and the House for your prayers. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: I extend great appreciation to the esteemed member Afualo, who is one of the members for Salega. Your contribution with your dual representative Tapuai is no secret to this House. Well done.

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I also heed your farewell speech today and I wish you all the best. Tapuai's contribution will be a great offering to God. Those are the blessings for the next election. I call Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga. We shall proceed before we have the Opposition Leader and the Deputy Leader and the response by the Chairperson.

I call upon the member for Palauli le Falefa.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA (Palauli le Falefa): First of all I wish to thank you Mr Speaker. Already you have delivered our prayer of offering. We have also heard tons of good spiritual messages as reminders and challenges to us during our journey as we come to the end of this five year term. This constituency solely supports this Budget Statement, I observe that there is no loss given the wise budget distribution from God for our country.

I heed the prayers of God's servants. I believe we have been struck by three strong cyclones since the end of December up to this month. Then I recall our Foundation, Samoa is founded on God. This is the work of our Church Ministers for the goodness of Samoa and its leaders. We have prayed since the start of this term up this morning.

Mr Speaker, this is why I am in a cheerful mood given God's peace upon you and this Parliament. This peace has provided us freedom for our wise distribution from God that is abundant for us his children.

Thank you to His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and the Council of Deputies, Samoa from paramount ranks to commoners. To the Judiciary and the Chief Justice, thank you for your support. To all the Government heads working collectively together for the betterment of Samoa, well done.

Thank you Mr Speaker for God's peace instilled in you to manage our Sittings and work of this Parliament. Well done also to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk as well as the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Up to now I am pleased with the well mannered behavior and the cheery looks and services of this Office. This also goes to all the Government Ministries and Corporations who are serving us day and night for the benefit of Samoa.

I note one of the sayings by one of the members who said, that the things that are visible and invisible. The things that are invisible was not explained well however this is one of the practical things in life. It reminds me of the bird eagle which can stare directly at the sun which is something we cannot do. This is confirmed in the Bible. This is why it flies in space to seek its food given its powerful sight. This is how the psalmist compares a strong person or youth to an eagle due to its powerful vision. This is reason why we are making acknowledging speeches. I also give appreciation to the Prime Minister and the Government for all the good works for this term. This is also the beginning of something new.

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Mr Speaker, I judge that we have been influenced by the effects of climate change hence we must look at the next five, ten, fifteen years from now in preparation for resources to improve and counter climate change and its influences upon our country.

Some have mentioned water drainage and seawall areas. We must also look at road improvement starting from March to April in connection between the two islands. For our big island in Savaii, we must build a new one sided crossing road from Palauli le Falefa to Safotu or Sasina as well as Manase. This will also make good use of additional developments in the Asau area through Government assistance.

Mentally, to my belief if the future Government intention, we must establish a new Climate Change Office. This special unit will incorporate all the funding assistance that can be used for climate change issues. These funds are not small as affirmed by the Deputy Prime Minister. Rather these funds will help significantly with the country's developments and protection.

Mr Speaker, we must take heed of all this for our children and generations to come hence we must seek funds now for our protection and build roads to connect the two islands. We never know if time will tell when the island of Tokelau and Niue will come and live with us which means that our island could be a place of refuge for these tiny atolls like us.

Mr Speaker, we must also complete the Salelologa wharf. Most of the people from Savaii are moving in Upolu in search of jobs. We must ensure to create more job opportunities in Savaii to prevent people from traveling to and fro and to reduce the crime rate due to unemployment and issues like limited water supply, land and other requirements of life. Whoever will make it to the next term, keep Savaii in mind and make sure to build more jobs for the people of Savaii.

Another thing mentioned in the Ministerial Statement of the Prime Minister is the \$100million grant from China and the relocation of the Police headquarters from Tuasivi to Salelologa which has already been arranged with the Minister for Police. If assistance can be provided on this land, this could save the majority from traveling all the way Tuasivi as Salelologa is the central area for all available resources and transports etc. This 2 or 4 aced land is now available to build a new Police office. The main objective is for easier access to services and goods available for the public.

Mr Speaker, this constituency wholly supports this Budget Statement. I wish to acknowledge my constituency of Palauli le Falefa. Thank you for your support - *Lau Susuga i le Toeaina Leaso, o oe o le tama o le Pulega faapea foi le tina o le Pulega lau Susuga i le Faletua Makerita*. Well done Niulala Kupa who is the secretary of the Pulega and faletua Loreta. Thank you to all the Church Ministers in the constituency for your support and prayers although I am saddened that you have been called to serve and will not return to Faleula, never mind I will not be discouraged. Your work will be fruitful and grow for the Matagaluega in Gataivai and its youth. Thank you for your perseverance.

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May we meet on Saturday to farewell you to your new call. Although our fellowship was short but it was a close one before God, may He bless you and your call.

Si ou Itumalo e, lau Tofa Tiatia o oe o le ituala mavae, le lua vaa seelua Togiai ma Faalaa, le falevalu ma Salemuliaga. Susu le Tagaloo Aiga Sa Amituanai ma le Gafa, lau faautautaga Safume ma Taulaumi. Susu le Faasuaiau, afio le Aloalii, afifio oulua Suafa Ili ma Togoae. Lau fetalaiga Laumau le paia ia Satala, le Taufaaasisina ma alaala matuatala lo oulua vaa seelua Ulu ma Lemaota. Le paia i le Toiloto ma le tatou Nuu i Tafua, afifio oulua Suafa Faumuina ma le Silafau, lau Afioga i le Tamaitai, alaatalai lau Tofa Maui le paia ia Sauluitoga.

Those are the honorifics of our constituency, well done on your bearing and pleas. Hence I appreciate you Palauli le Falefa for your faith and trust in me. I pray that the youth of our district will become role models to other districts in the country.

I now conclude to the Government of the day for all the hard work and commitment you have achieved. Any good navigator is well known given its labour. Well done on all the good works done for my district, Rome was not built in a day thank you for all the achievements done for all the constituencies.

Thank you Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader and the majority on that Side, pardon me if I have taken away some of your members, we have about three or four who will be joining the Human Rights Protection Society Party (HRPP) which will lessen your number. In truth most of us Associate Ministers will not be coming back, I don't intend to deceive you but that is reality.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No. 2): Mr Speaker, I also thank the member, great job on your speech.

MR SPEAKER: Papalii what is it that you are upstanding?

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau: No I just want to question if I was included in your list, and is it HP or HA that your group comes in?

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you to the interjection of the member...

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I apologize the member as the Samoa is tuning in. He now notes that we have four members for this Side that is not how you should treat us to make up your numbers. If you have succeeded by one, then one is enough for you.

MR SPEAKER: That is exactly what is happening, never mind I heed your conclusion.

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Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I heed appreciation for your work. If we have note many words of thanks, let it be, have a blessed Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, greetings to the Paramount President of the Nazareth Church. Thank you Faumuina. I take it that you are one member who is stressed-free and speaks up for the benefit of the country especially for our island in Savaii. Thank you for your wide vision. You now give submission for our inland roads and bridge, well done. We hope that Manualesagalala will return in good health and deal with it.

Member for Palauli I see that you have just arrived after being engaged with the opening of your new school building. I call Afoafouvale since this is our last Sitting.

Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS (Palauli): Thank you Mr Speaker although I was not present in body due to constituency engagement, nevertheless my soul and spirit was here.

MR SPEAKER: Pardone me.

Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS: Firstly I exalt God for this rare opportunity.

Respectfully I offer a note of thanks to the Hon Government of Samoa for all the good works done as well as the public's support. Thank you also to God's servants for your prayers. I will not speak further on the Budget which has my total support as all are for the benefit of our people. Thank you Palauli in all your honorifics especially the preachers' pleas for the benefit of Palauli.

I thank you for the chance and support for me to represent you and our district. I guess I am no longer eligible to serve you. Regardless the main objective is the benefit of our youth in the district and in the country.

Let me tell a story, there was once a pastor who had three friends and his love for each of them was different. Once day the Court asked him to come and make himself known. The pastor then thought to take his closest friend along with him. The friend told him to go himself as he was pretty occupied and the pastor was quite saddened. He then approached the second friend unfortunately the second friend said that he will only make it to the door and he will wait outside. Feeling quite sad again, the pastor was astonished as the third friend welcomed him in open arms who said, we will go together and I will be your witness. In comparison, the first friend was money, if you have sufficient money you will be fine but if you don't, you will not be satisfied. Yes you can get it today but you will finish it tomorrow. Secondly is your property.

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And thirdly, the works and service you provide acts as your witness. That is the parable for you for us to reflect upon as the Seat we are called in speaks for itself. These Seats will tell whether we have done our job for the future of our constituencies.

Although I have minimal contribution for my district nonetheless, I have done what I can with the opportunity to serve you. Fortunately there is still strength and insistent to pursue the works for our district in the future. In the country's saying, action speaks louder than words which reflect a good, dedicated and persistent servant. Such is the word of acknowledgement to the Government as well as the Opposition side for the welfare of the country. No member comes in here not wanting to contribute something good for their district and the country. I believe we all agree on that. Let us all leave to God now, whatever calling he makes is that you have all did your part and I trust you have give it your all. Whatever the results will be for the next elections let us heed harmony and security all for the betterment of our people in the future. Let God be our first as we are all educated people through God's power. We have witnessed the many natural disasters in the past yet we still held on to fearing God as we are God-fearing people.

Mr Speaker, I wish you well for the upcoming Elections, I also wish all Parliamentarians the best and staff of the Legislative Assembly who have been engaged with the services of this Parliament day and night. I am a sole witness of this staff because there are times when they would come with mail deliveries in the middle of the night. May God bless you and your families fully for all the hard work you had done. I pray the Lord for His blessings upon us until the end of today. May God bless Samoa and His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo and the Council of Deputies. I farewell this Parliamentary term, blessings and soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you member for Palauli East, Afoafouvale. I also extend appreciation to you. I trust you paid great acknowledgement to your district as well as this House.

Your contribution has been immense, well done. I now ask the Chairperson Tafua before we have the last chance to this Side of the House and before we have the Government responses. I call the Chairperson.

Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Thank you Mr Speaker and thank you for managing our work. Thank you also to the Government and the Opposition Side. I greet and extend great thanks to the Judiciary and the President of Lands and Title as well as the Ministry of Justice. I also greet the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk and staff of the Legislative Assembly whom we worked with day and night in their endless service. Appreciation to the Government heads and the Assistance Chief Executive Officers gathered before us as well as Private and Public Corporations and the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

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I also welcome everyone here as this is the final speech for this constituency. Pardon me Mr Speaker I wish to acknowledge my constituency in all its honorifics. *E faigata le susu o le Alaalamalae ia faapea foi Susu o le na pule na Taitai Lalovi ma Laulala ia faapea foi le Susu o le Alii o le itu ia Tauiliili ia ma le Tala o le Itu i Amoa ia faapena foi le mamalu ia Saleaamua.* I also wish to greet Samoa and His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and Masiofo Filifilia, Council of Deputy and his Masiofo. *O paia o Samoa ua o se alao'o ia o paia foi mai le vavau e oo i le faavavau, le paia o Tama ma Aiga, o Aiga foi ma Tama, le mamalu ia Tumua ma Pule, Itua'u ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. E le faagalo foi nai o tatou uso o lo o alala ma papa aao i Tutuila ma Manua. Ia e molimoli atu foi ou alofaaga i si au uo le Afioga i le Kovana ia Lolo Mualiga ma le Faletua ia faapea foi le afio o le Peresetene ma le Maota maualuga ae tainane foi le afio o le Fofoga Fetalai ia Savali ma le Maota maualalo. O le paia lava lea aua Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofoma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na Saelua ia faapea foi le Tootoo o le Faleula, Tama Tau Aitu, Tama Tau Tagata, Tama a le Manuatele ia faapea Faatuiolemotu ma le na Amotasi.*

Lest we forget the pleas of the God's Servants for Samoa, thank you for powerful prayers. I trust this House is filled with God's spirit knowing His magnificent love and dignity. I heed gratitude for bringing us all back here safe and sound. I am emotionally touched by one of the speeches this morning and the proverbial expression which says that one of those significant things in the World is where you can feel with your heart but you can not see with your eyes. That is the joyful spirit here today as we arrive at the end of this five year term without any problem. I also acknowledge the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Speaker and this Parliament for your services and wise thoughts for Samoa's wellbeing. As for the Budget Statement beforehand, well we have \$8million surplus and I do not have much to say about it as I will leave it to our Chairperson to speak about it. As for the recommendations in it, well those are the thoughts from our Committee.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Chairperson of this Committee. This is one of powerful Committee which deals with finance and it is wonderful to have colorful thoughts in it. Hence I totally support this Budget thus I will have our Chairperson to respond to all the queries. Further on this Ministry, a lot have queried the forecast and the assumptions from one year to another. Everything is going well according to our set Government policies and procedures. In saying that, I speak specifically about our borrowings and expenditures. As such, I thank the Committee and the Opposition members for your courageous during our meetings and your support upon our requests through the Government heads and the Private Sector. I have also put up a request for our television coverage, water, roads etc. Never mind this five year term has gone really well.

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Thank you Tuisugaletaua for the television telecast which has enabled us to watch the latest boxing match. Thank you also Hon Minister for Works for the water supply and the seawall area construction from Satitua to Utufaalalafa and Saleaamua.

Thank you also Hon Minister of Police for the new police vehicle that is often seen now in Lalomanu doing its petrol rounds for the district.

On to the Ministry of Education, I acknowledge Magele and the Chief Executive Officer Falanaipupu Matafeo for reviving our Faa-Samoa Cultural Programs and our tradition. I read an article last week by a very well-educated person on Christian and Chiefly values/beliefs which teaches our children not to talk back to their parents— and according to the belief of this author in last weeks' paper, the expression of a Christian and chiefly person is like that of Hitler or pictorial which means to say that children ought to learn how to talk back to their parents. I have raised this very significant matter before, with respect, thank you to the Culture Division for reviving our old traditions which brings a very critical message which bears respect. I heed great appreciation to the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry.

We have earned \$400million from the Tourism sector yet we can never achieve anything if we are to convert into the European ways as people will not be satisfied by setting up its own business which bears no significance and value to our culture, hospitality is what our visitors is looking for and if we are to stand by our culture I believe our tourism sector will raise its standard in the future. That is the brief note of thanks and by request to the Hon Minister for Health, do note a permanent practitioner for our district in Lalolmanu in the future.

I also acknowledge Afioga Le Mamea, if we have 12 containers of taro supplies exported between 12 to 14 months, this will be a huge revenue earning for us hence thank you to the farmers for this development, well done Mamea.

On to the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, thank you specifically to those engaged with our fine mats weavers and the siapo making made from the u'a plant that is difficult to grow in my village. Thank you also Faamoetaulua and the Natural Environment and surroundings in the country, the only request is the Lemafa road during heavy rain as some people are causing mud slides from the mountain causing huge rock slides burying the drainage and cuts on the road. That is the request if the Minister for Works can deal with this too, I heed that contractors must take good care of this to prevent anymore future problems with respect.

On to Afioga Lautafi, you have achieved one milestone and record set this morning, great job on the tents in our market witnessed this morning after 7 days which has lighten the burden for our market stall owners. I have received one question from one person on the highlights for this term.

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The simple answer that came to mind is the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of our Independence which had Aeau Taulupoo raised the flag hence thank you Chairperson and Government heads who participated in this Committee for the well prepared service according to posts on the internet and the congratulatory comments on this fantastic event.

Another milestone event is the SIDS Conference which had about 160 participants which consisted of prime ministers and presidents that helped promoting our small island nation given our great hospitality. The Commonwealth Youth Games is one magnificent event that took place hence well done on the good service provided.

On to the question on the speed for this term? Well the match between the All Blacks and the Manu Samoa although our rank has gone down otherwise the most important thing is our hospitality and the beautification of our villages and roads without heeding any payment. This is one astonishing view I have witnessed since I got back. Well done village mayors and Tolofuaivalelei for all the good works.

Lastly, I met Professor Richard Herr of Australia this afternoon during our final Parliamentary Sitting who has visited us four or five times now to conduct workshops on the developments of upskill knowledge and good governance and as such, I heeded this great opportunity by the Australian Government for us new students entering politics for the first time.

In conclusion, the dress depends on the size of the fabric hence that is intention to my district, thank you very much for your patience in me. We have come to the end of this five year term, hence thank you to all the pastors in the district for your prayers, God is our witness who knows everything, our Election is not far off, the vote is your choice, I wish you well, that is your right. I wish you all the best with the General Elections.

I also wish our fellow colleagues who will not be returning comes the next five year term – Tuileutu and Alo, as well as the senior members Tuiloma and Le Mamea, who are the most senior members who have served this Parliament for a long time. Well done on your services and thank you for the good methods that you have educated us with, may God be good to you and your break and he grants you good strength as well as your families as go about a new path in the future.

I also reminisce the late Tuiloa who was with us earlier this term as well as Mataafa and other Members who have received God's calling. Condolences and sympathies to themlest I forget their love and wisdom during our time together.

Pardon me Mr Speaker, just a few minutes to deliver a few words to my constituency and it will be good if I will read out their names and honorifics which will only take a minute.

MR SPEAKER: Well let us do that.

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Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA: Thank you. On to the honorifics of the constituency -*Mutiatele, Malaela and Lotopue, e faigata le afio o le paia ia Alaalamalae, faapea foi le afio mai o oe Laupola o le saofetalai, ia ma lau toalima o le aiga sa Laupola. Afio mai la outou tama o le Saotalevalasi. Ia lau afioga Tusila, o oe o le vaa fauese o le tama a le Faasuaga ia oe le Matua, o le solosolo i savili, afio mai oe le Tuitogamotoe o le fauluuluga o le aiga Salevalasi, afio maia Fagasoia o oe o le alo o le Tuiatua, afio maia Lesatauanuu ma Luamanuvae, afio mai oulua o Aliiolefono, maliu maia Tiu ma Afolau ma le mamalu ia te oe Saleaamua.*

Ona ou oo mai lea i le nuu o Alii po o Utufaalalafa, afio mai Alaalamalae, afio mai Matautia o le Saopapa, afio mai Falele o le Fuialii, susu mai Ifopo ma Saumalu ma le Matua. Maliu mai le fetalaiga.....ma upu ia Saleaamua.

Ona oo mai lea i le tatou nuu ia Satitoo, e le mafai ona faagaloina lau Afioga Faliuila ma le Saota ia Teo, ia afio mai Faasisina ia Lesa ma Lesa. Susu mai Aigaelua o Uso ma Seupule, maliu mai Faleatua ma upu ia te oe Leatitofi ma Faiga.

Tiavea si ou nuu pele, ia afio mai Tuiavii ma Usoalii, susu mai Vagai ma le Tauso, Seiuli susu mai le Maopu ia Sua, maliu mai Faleulu lau tofa le Faleupolu, maliu maia la oulua Nofo le Falelua ia Fiu ma Malaesala, maliu maia oe Saleaamua ma le Fagaoolii.

Ona oo mai lea i le nuu o le Afioga i le Tamaaiga, afio maia lau Afioga Mataafa, lau Afioga i le Tama Aiga, susu mai le Matua Tauiliili, susu mai le Usoalii, afio mai Alotutusa ia Mataafa, Tupuola, Fonoti Faasuamaleaui, afio mai Tamapaa, Ilemaleota Tuimavave, ia faapea le afioga ia Luamanuvae, alaala maia oe aualuma o Fonoti.

Ia Samusu, e faigata lau afioga Tago ma le aiga Sa Tago, maliu maia lau fetalaiga Amoa, o oe o le Matua o le tane o le itu, maliu maia le nofo a vaega ia Samusu, ma upu ia te oe le Faleatua.

Ona ou oo mai lea isi ou nuu o Saleaamua, afio mai Tuiatua Faanofonofo, afio mai Matua, maliu mai Leifi ma Tautoloitua, mamalu maia le Nofoaluma ma le Nofoapule, mamalu maia le Tauanaeseese ma le Lautinalaulelei ia te oe Saleaamua.

Those are your honorifics, as of this hour I extend gratitude to you Mr Speaker and the duty that you take which is not easy well done on these last five years. In belief God is good he has many callings for us. Hon Prime Minister and the notable Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and that Side of the Government, fellow members, may God's love be upon us and Samoa, and may everyone be blessed, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you to the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo, Afioga Tafua or the Chairperson. It is good to be reminded given your speech on the Budget today thus let us bear with God on our journey where everything will go well.

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We have now come to our normal recess hence we shall take a break before we return to the ending part of our session where the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader will give their speeches before Government proceeds with their responses.

I now announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now set aside for normal evening recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now set aside for normal recess at 4:54pm and resumed at 5:26pm.

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

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

Well done this part of the morning, we have been regained energy from our tea break. We now prepare for the end part of our session this afternoon. Well done everyone.

During our break the Deputy Chairperson Tafua was speaking. I now call the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader to speak on behalf of our budget. I call Hon Aeau, before we have the Opposition Leader before we proceed with Government responses. I call upon Aeau.

Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA (Falealupo): Thank you for the chance Mr Speaker, with all due respect I rise with all dignity as it is a different feeling to see the esteemed members of Parliament this morning. The spirit this morning is with deep gratitude as this is the final Sitting for this term. Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunities granted to all members in the last five years of this term in essence to share and exchange thoughts on the current and existing events for the future. We must also reflect on what we have contributed to the country given our calling and whether we have met their needs as their representatives for Samoa's welfare, such is the word of thanks. I thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for all the works that you had done for Samoa. Why? Because whether you have done it well, that speaks for all of us. We only came here for one vision and that is to contribute for the country's wellbeing. That is unity for all as we set path towards the end of this five year term, hence appreciation to everyone.

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Such is the word of thanks this morning. I wish to acknowledge my constituency as they are ones who voted us in.

Tulouna le Maota, ae se i ou liliu ane i le tapuaiga a si ou itumalo o Falealupo. Tulouna le ee tapuai o lou itumalo pele Falealupo i le afio o Auvaa, Tupu na Faanofonofu, puipui Aunofo o le fetalaiga i le Soifua ma le mamalu i le tapuaiga. Ia tulouna foi le Matua o Lamositele ae alaalatai ai le fetalaiga Fuiono mamalu i le Lautinalaulelei. Tulouna le Maopu a Nafanua, Solia ma Foaimea, Peseta ma Tuimaoe, alaalatai ai le fetalaiga Taofinuu ma le mamalu i le Lautinalaulelei.

Tulouna Alo o Sina, aiga Sa Seumanutafa ma la tou Tama ma le Matua ia Sile, alaalatai ai le fetalaiga mau ia Siliatae ma le tapuaiga. Tulou Faleolo e afio ai le Naa, ae a Ugapo ma Faletagoai, ae alaalatai ai le fetalaiga mau ia Taii ma le Lautinalaulelei. Tulouna foi le itupa paia lea i faletua ma tausii, saoo ma tamaitai, e oo foi i le malosi o le nuu, e faasilisili ma faatulou. Well done to all the clergy in Falealupo who are praying for the benefit of the constituents. I am able to fulfill my duties due to the power of your prayers.

Thank you for all the excellent support you have given me as your servant. Thank you also to all the respective Ministers for all the utilities such as roads, electricity, water etc. thank you Hon Prime Minister for the independent water source at Falealupo although the cost for a generator is quite costly never mind, I have already asked my constituency to save up until I have something to convince the Hon Minister with and if we can get it in six months time, that's fine. That is part of the request for now.

We have one more request for our district this term and that is solar energy. We are prepared for land and labour costs and all other negotiations. If we are granted this request this will cover all our neighbors for solar energy which is cheaper. On to our Side and our contribution to the table, well pardon me but the aim is collective effort for all.

The intention is for the betterment of the public. Whether our contribution is small the aim is for the goodness of the public. The aim is to acknowledge all services across in collaboration with Parliamentarians for the benefit of the public.

That is all for now given our togetherness this last five year term. In plea, may God find us in unity and may we return after the next elections to resume our work for the prosperity of the country. If any mistakes, let us not look back but look ahead and strive to do good things to glorify God, thank you, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well it is with great pleasure to still have in our presence some of the senior members of this House for this Parliamentary term. You were not appointed lightly in that position as former Speaker and given the important roles and duties you ought to fulfill as current Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Thank you for your well wishes hence we wish you the same, may you find strength whilst engaged with your duties and calling, and may we rely on God for his next calling. Those are your strength.

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I call the Leader of the Opposition, Afioga Palusalua Faapo II, this is your opportunity.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. Respectfully I rise to make contribution to our Budget Statement as we near the end of this Parliamentary term. It is wonderful to hear different comments that seems to require the support of the constituency, yes. It seems that the House is anxious given its speeches. Why? I guess it's because we are nearing the Elections. I observe that we are lacking the true purpose of why we entered this House we are here to review the Budget Statement.

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

MR SPEAKER: I recognize the interjection...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: If you have observed, we have never interrupted your speeches, but we have no other time. This is the norm of the House. We must acknowledge those who must be thanked pursuant to our calling. If the Leader of the Opposition does not want to say a word of thanks that is fine, but I must say that some of these speeches have been well prepared. Therefore extending gratitude to the Constituencies is necessary for without the constituents we would not have made it to Parliament. There are times when we have our jokes but when it comes to expressing appreciation to our constituencies these speeches come directly from the heart hence we must not mock these speeches given our callings.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker no I do not mock these speeches, I said well done on all speeches because there are many significant issues in this Budget but I do not mock anyone, thank you.

Mr Speaker, as part of the Committee I only heed one thing and that is raising the pay for the Sui Tamaitai o nuu as this is what we have been raising as we draw towards the end of this term, the role of the Pulenuu is very vital and the duties they are performing is nothing compared to the salary they are getting.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I heed appreciation to Mr Speaker, I rise with respect given the statement by the Opposition Leader on payments for sui o nuu.

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I do not recall Palusalua speaking about the salary for sui o nuu or pulenuu. I wish to publicise the great response from the Sui o nuu and the alii ma faipule or pulenuu towards Government initiatives upon the awareness of new salary increment for the Sui Tamaitai o nuu. This reflects good governance for the sake of gender equality in the villages. The role of women or Sui o Nuu in the village is not light but critical. This is also the State's aim for both men and women to work collectively together although the salary of Pulenuu is still considered higher.

For the information of the House for every special occasion such as Mother's Day or Father's Day, the Sui o Nuu and the Pulenuu would gather either here or Savaii to have a listen to Government's perspective from time to time. For this reason Leader of the Opposition, do not push the benefits for the sui o nuu or pulenuu. The Government attempts to balance up the work for both the Sui o Nuu and the Pulenuu based on their work and performance. We are therefore leaving no one aside as the support seen today is magnificent. The Government through its wise distribution will one day pour out blessings from God as the sun will rise again tomorrow upon each village communities who are engaged and developing themselves to lighten the burden for the State with due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you, that is understandable.

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

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Well that is the clarification by the respective Hon Minister. I know what the member is referring to, this is corrupt practice at times like this and if I can recall the Women Council was only established 10 years ago which is nothing new.

This is Government principles such that pulenuu started it all off from the beginning although most of the work is also done by the women in the village. This is initially why the Women's Council was established like that of the Pulenuu. This is why we now have the Sui o le Malo in place with very small allowances in comparison to Pulenuu who have been in service for years perhaps since our colonial times under Germany whilst women council have just been set up yesterday to assist with women-related works and to assist with men's work and therefore, their work significantly contributed well to the village communities which had the decision to raise their allowance just a bit pursuant to the work they do, otherwise their allowance was never the same as the pulenuu, that is the explanation because according to your statement that is corrupt doing.

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MR SPEAKER: I call the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker the meaning of my words is that I give gratitude for recognizing the women duties which is a raising level but we all know the role of Pulenuu which is not easy as they are the key network to the Government hence they play a very critical role. It is good to note that they (Pulenuu) will now have similar level or standard with that of women.

Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, we do not need an order from the Opposition Leader. This is exactly what we call rubbish English but is married to a European. The Government is well aware of the Pulenuu payments and reward depends on the work that is achieved. We know what we are doing as we affiliate together, whilst you are trying from behind, that is how it is Mr Speaker...

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: The reason for saying this is as the Pulenuu and I associate in the village community.

Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Why associate? Do you affiliate with the Pulenuu that is known as corruption.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, we now come to the end of our session, hence I ask the Leader of the Opposition, I will give you a chance but you must maintain order. The Prime Minister and the respective Minister have given their statements so that is final but until there is a different subjectmatter then you can carry on.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Fine I will move on, but we do work together with the Pulenuu and the Sui Tamaitai o le Malo, so I understand this very well. Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Alright the Government has responded. Well.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition's statement is quite harsh. It seems that he is collaborating with hundreds of pulenuu and sui o Tina ma Tamaitai for all village communities whilst he has only one Pulenuu and Sui Tamaitai for his village yet they should not be associating together. I heed the Prime Minister's statement that the Opposition Leader lacks insight of what he is talking about, that is called idle talk English. Despite you lacking knowledge however you still speak English conversely these are all hearsay which comes from the saying 'completely dead businesses'.

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Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker the interjection is completely false, the reason for saying this is because I associate with the pulenuu and the Sui o tamaitai. I know what I am saying yet you are trying to insult my statements.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I note that the Leader of the Opposition is a mad person whilst the duties of the sui o nuu and the sui tamaitai o nuu is well laid out by the Ministry, that is their terms of reference and their job descriptions which is something you lack knowledge of. Secondly, these government positions were not made lightly, no we have Warrants of Appointment to be signed by the Minister and the Sui o Nuu and these certificates are kept well. Perhaps these certificates are much better than the Bachelors certificates. What for? This is Government recognition for the sui o nuu and the sui tamaitai which portrays the importance of their roles and duties. And nothing can breach this warrant except upon the advice by the Cabinet through the Minister.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Pardon me Mr Speaker, I am not referring to any of this.

MR SPEAKER: Very well pardon me Palusalue...

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: The only thing I was correcting is that we collaborate together as member and Sui Tamaitai, I know it well.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I have eight matai titles from eight villages that is a total of eight pulenuu and eight Sui o Tamaitai whom we work together. In comparison to you, I know more than you. This is why it is good to have several matai titles.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I will move away from this.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Hon Minister of Women, I am well aware of our discussion which refers to our recognition.....

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: I just want to assist the Leader of the Opposition who is my friend as I see that he is very heated. If I see Palusalue now, it is like looking at Nathan in the Philipines series. That lad is an irritating person only or unless he takes his pills with respect.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: You see these kind of interjections?

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MR SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition that is exactly why I have given you advice, and that is the total reason why I advised you, your preparations is now going to a waste, move on to a different matter. This is why we continuously debate. The Government response is final and should not satisfy us hence I am still giving you chances. Palusalua, we are nearing the end of this Parliamentary term yet you are still disobeying orders. I heed all that until I give the green light then you can speak.

This is why we contest due to people rising up freely and point their guns. I ask for mercy upon me, I advise once again Palusalua I am still giving chances to you. Move on to the next matter.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I will move on. The reason for falling back on this is to make correction to these lads' statements. I will move on.

The thank you statements made by the Members upon their constituencies are well taken. They have presented all the achievements done this past five years. Well done thank you. However what I attempt to say brings concern to the trouble caused by the youth in the night. Does this solve anything? It has been five years since nothing has been done. This is what the Government should try to avoid. Why are there so many beggars around? There are so many lawbreakers and breakdown houses. This is the government's responsibility.

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I was in Rome, France and America and there are a lot of beggars around yet this countries is where honey and milk flows. The same in New Zealand it is amazing to see a gigantic person begging in the street. The problem with begging is that it is a person's choice. What then do you do when an old lady sits and begs on the road, I think this is in Siumu. Therefore it is a person's choice that does not affect the Government. The Government is doing its job. Remember the story in the bible about the lady who was rubbing Jesus' feet which is a sign that tribulation is yet to come whilst others were troubled by it especially Judah. Whoever remembers Jesus' words, "You will live forever with those forever until forever". Regardless of what you say, for any Government, note how some countries are shooting rockets in the moon and people walking in the outer space whilst others are begging on the streets? You too travel abroad and have witnessed these things yet you do not mark it down.

MR SPEAKER: Very well I call the Leader of the Opposition to resume your speech.

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Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker if only.....I am being cut too much. The Prime Minister has elaborated the person's choice is to beg. No the real reason a person begs is because he/she wants some money. By comparison to overseas countries, no we must maintain our culture, help one another yes. What's happened now? They are begging because they have no money. Therefore Mr Speaker, begging is not a choice but by far the most lowly thing a Samoan will ever have to go through. This is what our Parliament must consider for the next five years.

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, not everyone is stupid. Despite you giving speeches like that, not everyone is dumb. Palusalue everyone is well aware of that doing, and they are used to it, and despite your attempts they will continue to do what they do. Despite your campaigns you will not earn any points from that.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I will move on.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, that is the same advice from me move on.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Thank you for the swift response on reopening new tents for the stall owners (at the market) this morning great job Hon Minister. I am in shock with the Prime Minister's statement about no funds for unforeseen expenditure. It has not been 6 months yet and now we are lacking funds.

MR SPEAKER: I will correct that matter. I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, point of order. You see how you are part of the Finance Committee and yet you are now talking about it. This is very troubling what you have just publicized. You are simply making public information about the things you approve in your Committee which portrays your lack of knowledge and yet you continue to talk about it before our approval. I will....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Point of order..

MR SPEAKER: I will give you the chance afterwards.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: I will explain in further, the utilization of this 3% is allocated to Ministries on unforeseen expenditure that is the procedure in our Budget Statement. Now you officially restate it, what do you think is the intention of the country listening in? That is very disgusting, yet you started off by saying that you are part of this Committee. How can you sit in that Committee when I have given my statement yesterday? How can you be shocked? How can you be stunned when you are sitting in the Finance Committee? If I were you, I would conclude now before I make further mistakes.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker, The Main Estimates sets aside 3% for unforeseen expenditure which is equivalent to \$18million to \$20million. What about this fire. The Hon Prime Minister has made it clear that this is different from a Tsunami, cyclone, flooding and yet this was a fireblaze. It was an emergency.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this is what you should have raised to get an insight. That is what the Ministry is working on and reason why you were appointed as Parliamentarian. This is why you were called into this Committee to spy on these things. You see how merciful we are because we have picked you to spy on Government undertakings and its problems. Whilst keeping an eyewatch on all this, we had allocated \$14million for unforeseen expenditure for all Ministries. That is it. The Minister has also laid aside fundings for natural disasters. You should have asked us, what is natural disaster? You respond to that.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker, you know the answer to that (.....) Hon Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I advise the member, you should....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: This is the only thing I cannot let the Opposition Leader bypass after accusing me of lying when I am talking about the Budget Statement under discussion.

It is best to say in Roman numeral under Section 1 which will discuss. The total regulated expenditure for the Main Estimates and the Appropriation is \$102million for all debts. \$487million for Proposed Expenditure and \$14million for unforeseen expenditure however only \$8.5million has already been approved and distributed from the Main Estimates. You see how troubling this is? If I was there I would have moved the motion, you are putting that Side into shame, and you should resign from your leadership role? How can you be a leader when you are mistaken?

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It is upsetting for me to correct you when you are the Leader of the Opposition? Secondly, you are a former member of this Cabinet yet you should know better about these things.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker I know that very well.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: No you do not get it. \$14million notes this because your constituency is listening in. This is very sad for your constituency, they are listening whilst we are trying to correct you, when you are the Opposition Leader. This is very upsetting.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Palusalua let me make a statement. This matter has already been deliberated and broadcasted outside the House. For the records of the House, I think we ought to focus on the inside matters. I believe the word ‘lie’ should be removed from our Parliamentary transcripts as they are inappropriate to the hearing of the public.

I advise the Leader of the Opposition to move on as we must heed appreciation for the public’s sake. I trust that Government response is final hence we cannot attempt to satisfy your want Palusalua. Your entire Committee took part in this too. Therefore I beg indulgence and your clarification is now well noted.

[Words instructed by the Speaker to be withdrawn from Parliamentary Records as spoken by the Leader of the Opposition: “talapelo”]

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I heed the Speaker and the Prime Minister about the withdrawn words which should also be applied to the words spoken by the Prime Minister otherwise, let the public judge as they need money, but thank you Hon Minister for the allotted \$1000 although this is not enough. In thought, allocate some funds for the public to loan from to start off their businesses.

MR SPEAKER: I call the Minister for land and market.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minisita mo Galuega tau Alamanuia ma Atinae a le Malo): Interjecting the comment of the Opposition Leader. I have clarified this same statement during our meeting with the ones involved. However according to talks with Lealailepule earlier today, he affirmed that their Leader was not present but took part on behalf of the Tautua. According to the explanation by the Prime Minister business operators can borrow from available funds secured under special terms and conditions by the collaborating efforts of the Ministry of Finance and the Development Bank of Samoa which you are not aware of, with respect.

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MR SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: During Cyclone Evans, funding was allocated to the Housing Corporation for natural disasters so that it will not affect the applicants' requests to the Development Bank of Samoa however if \$3 million was available like the Housing Corporation funds, at least that will be of great assistance to the people. Nevertheless...

MR SPEAKER: Never mind we shall accept whatever Jesus has assisted us with. Go ahead Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Thank you for the swift assistance for the people affected. If I was given a chance to voice further opinion, never mind I wish to acknowledge my constituency...

MR SPEAKER: I permit the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I am very cautious of these kinds of words that are falsely misleading the country as if though opportunity is avoided to voice their concerns. The reason why we upstand is because these are baseless comments as one of the portfolios of this side is that as soon as we hear a wrong statement, we must correct it as these information is already made public. In the common saying, an iron is only corrected once, if we leave it for another time it will be hard to cool down. In addition these unjustifiable statements are also being made deliberately. This is reason for our continuous upstandings to correct these unfounded statements.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Now you are saying that we are deliberating this issue, what is the basis of the current beggars? Never mind I will move on...

MR SPEAKER: I beg indulgence Opposition Leader, I am always giving chances, I give you a lot of chances to voice all your concerns but that does not avoid the responses and corrections by the Government.

Therefore, I am still giving you chance, go ahead with your long prepared speech.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I will move on, I will not deliberate on this further...

MR SPEAKER: Move on.

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Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: *Aua e tetele lava i Pesega, ae matua lava i le oō*, meaning that despite of our arguments but everything will be alright in the end. The reason why we contest is to better the country. Our duty is to give advice which is something we cannot avoid. Although you countlessly state that you do not recognize our recommendations, we will stand by this as days will pass. If only we could do what the old men were saying.

Regardless, I salute you Tuilaepa and your Cabinet on your duties and the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. In truth I have advised you in the beginning of this term to leave aside the requests of my constituency but heed Samoa with your wise distribution. Well done we have works undertaken at my constituency. All the other works have been achieved for the other members which is good.

Therefore do not complain as Safata's requests' is now put at the end of the list.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, we are singing a different tune this morning, because the song we start off is likened to object the works of the district, otherwise thank you for the finished road and other undertakings achieved.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: You see how respectful I have become of him.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: I have been asked earlier what main projects, what does this indicate? However this was misinterpreted, because we have had tons of good works completed for Safata and for the benefit of the entire country. As we draw towards the end of this term, you will not gain points from that, our district is tuning in, that is not the spirit, I wish Samoa and Safata best wishes, thank you Mr Speaker.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker with all due respect, we now come to elections, which I wish to give thanks. How is it that I am trying to give thanks and yet they say I am objecting? He is my brother yet he is saying that I reject the developments of the district, these are long given submissions.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, point of order. I wish to thank the Leader of the Opposition for the current undertaking, there is nothing done to the district whereas – have you forgotten the projects we achieved in your rural area? You are not laughing liar who does blink.

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Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker, this is one crooked we have here, I did not say that, this was the only completed project in our village, you see how he is lying.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, you know very well the proverbial expressions, 'e mau e faalele, a o e matau,' meaning we have the talkers and the observers. Although my hearing is very good but you are one no laughing joke, you see how many lies you make, I refuse to correct any of your lies.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Government Leader and the Leader of the Opposition, I plead that we heed patience.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker I wish to thank the Hon Minister today the only concern is that work has only reached Lotofaga and Saanapu yet Siulepa is still waiting when this is the central part of the district. The main thing is the Chief Executive Officer of the Lands Transport Authority has reaffirmed that works will be undertaken when the elections is through starting from Sataoa-tai and Sataoa-fou which is fine as the district is judging, otherwise thanks for the good works completed as...

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Mati Tuigamala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, the proposals for unpaved roads hasn't yet been reached you have been in service for long yet nothing was done nevertheless, we now have improved roads for Saanapu and Nuusuatia, the next proposed stage is road extension. However the villages we have so far have not been upgraded since Independence respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: You may resume Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: These are long awaited submissions I made, the roads of Saanapu and Niusuatia, never mind you were not deliberately appointed to take over the role of the Hon Minister which you could have achieved some tasks for our district, this is not for me but for you. Your appointment is very crucial, thank you for the good works for our district.

I wish to say thanks to my constituency given this very opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: Well make it fast.

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Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: I am in the position of the Leader of the Opposition and one of the leaders of Samoa as a whole.

Ia si ou itumalo pele Safata mai Latatuli sei oo i Niualama, o le aiga Sa Tunumafono o le Falefa o le Ulugatanifa o le Faasuaga, Tapaau o le Alataua, le mamalu e o Taulauniu ma Aitutagata, ia ma le Nofo a Tula ia Safata. Also heed the elder Minister Fuafiva and all the Church Minister of the country, thank you. The calling of the Hon Minister is now paid off because of your well support. Having the Hon Minister on one side and I on the other side does not mean that we bear different support no. Everyone is supporting us because we were both chosen.

Such is the word of thanks to you all for your prayers upon the Hon Minister and myself, the Leader of the Opposition. These are no small callings given your great support. I also heed your forgiveness this last five years. Safata, le Aiga Sa Tunumafono I don't intend to mix words of this House and your support particularly when I am the Leader of the Opposition. I apologise as I believe there are times when we have heated arguments however the main purpose for me as the Oppositoin Leader is to speak up. Hence I heed God's patience. The upcoming Elections next year for Safata and whether we will be divided in two, three or four, we are one family, *o le Aiga Sa Tunumafono o le Aiga e tasi.* We shall abide with the passing law in Parliament pursuant to the division of our constituency. As the word by one of the fellow members, God has already paid this Parliament, despite the circumstances, we shall vote together with God. The duty of this district must ensure perseverance and steadfast all for God's glory. Respectfully that is the explanation, Mr Speaker, leave aside other things for the new Parliamentary term and if I return I will carry on.

Thank you for the chance I also beg indulgence if I have wronged you. Although the Prime Minister spoke that I will go a long way however that is not the way God makes His callings, you never know I may win thrice the ballots in the next one. Thank you Mr Speaker for your leadership hence I will beg for your forgiveness tomorrow. Have a blessed Sitting and thank you for the opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: Well done and a note of thanks Leader of the Opposition. Palusalue I admire your timing because you were able to join the senior members of these Parliament whom have passed on. I agree that you are a brave and persistent person. Although at times we face disorder in the House which is the norm out of respect and dignity. I will state further words in tomorrow's Sitting. I now call upon the Chairperson, Hon Papaliitele.

Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Individual Voters): First off, I wish to thank the Speaker for this vital chance to state a final speech for this Parliametary term that is about to end. I greet this House in all your honorifics.

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I also greet Samoa and His Highness, O Le Ao o le Malo and his Masiofo, Council of Deputies and his Masiofo, Chief Justice, President of the Lands and Titles and the various parts of the Judiciary. Greetings Government heads and public corporations. Greetings Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, *o le paia lava lea i Tama ma Aiga, Aiga ma Tama, le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti.*

I also greet the Church Ministers and your prayers for the blessing of this Parliament and the people of Samoa.

I also greet the Individual Voters. Although our name has been amended to Urban Seat East and West never mind I will not forget your respects and dignity upon me as your representative the last 15 years. Your honorifics remain forever. Mr Speaker, I foremost wish to thank God's love and kindness for leading us to the end of this Parliamentary Sitting today. We are a day away from Parliamentary dissolution.

I also extend gratitude to the Hon Minister of Finance who is also the Prime Minister, the Chief Executive Officer and the Ministry for preparing this Appropriation Budget Statement 2015/2016. I believe we have only two queries which have already been clarified by the Hon Prime Minister which I intend not to clarify further. The Hon Minister has also clarified all revenue and expenditure in the First Appropriation Schedule which is the final clarification. I also convey great thanks to our Committee especially our Secretary Tiatia Graeme for all the well prepared Parliamentary reports. I also heed the assistance of the Ministry of Finance, Audit Office and the Public Service Commission.

Mr Speaker I also express our thanks to all the notable members for your comments and recommendations upon our work all for the better moving forward. I now wish to acknowledge my Urban Seat Constituency. I wish to specially greet the Urban Seat constituency or the Individual Voters from the last three Parliamentary terms commencing from 2001 to 2015.

Lest I forget your great respects and dignity and belief in me as one of your representatives for the Urban Seat in Parliament. With your choice and votes I have managed to carry on and become your voice this last 15 years. My only plea is for God to grant you blessings, thank you all very much.

I also plead forgiveness if my service was not done well this last 5 years. As the saying goes *E poto lava le tautai ae sese lana atuiama*, Sometimes the navigator makes mistakes. We are all aware of the Electoral Amendment on the 4th March 2016. This amendment has amended the name of Individual Voters to dual Urban Seats including the districts of Faleata East and Faleata West as well as Vaimauga East and Vaimauga West. This stands that you have one vote for the district that you are registered with.

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I have visited some of the villages in my constituency such as Afiamalu, Malololelei, Vaoala, Letava, Palisi, Fugalei, Alamagoto, Vailele, Aai o Fiti and notice a huge requirement need in regards to road improvement used by the public within these villages. Further requests are street lights for security purposes in the night as well good drinking water for Palisi, Malololelei, Afiamalu, Vailele and Vaivase. These are some of the submissions that your representative will follow up and prioritise after the upcoming Elections. I also thank the Hon Prime Minister and the Government for the improved road from Falealili street to Apia stretching up to Vaoala.

As the member for Siumu has clarified, Siumu 2 now covers most villages in this new district or the Urban Seat East. I have been called again as to represent the Urban Seat East in the upcoming elections. In plea, remember me please when you cast your vote given the secret whisper of the Holy Spirit. I wish to resume my service for you in the next five years and seek wealth for our district and the constituents as well as general public.

Mr Speaker, I wish to note a word of thanks to the clergy in the district for your prayers for the benefit of the Urban East constituency.

Thank you Pastor Fata and Faletua, Harvest Centre - Reverend Nuuausala Siaosi and Faletua, Apia Protestant Church - Reverend Ioane Petaia and faletua, the CCCS in Vaoala - Susuga Pastor Edward Westerlund and faletua, Assembly of God - Susuga Vaatofu and faletua, Methodist Church of Sekema Fou - Afioga le Akiepipoko Leader of the Catholic Church - Afioga Patele Alapati Mataeliga, and Afioga Patele Ricky Bernard especially Tamaitai Sa Monike Carmelite Sisters i Vailima and Susuga Pastor Paulo and faletua Assembly of God in Papaloloa - Susuga Reverend Giff McCarthy, Pastor of the Malo Moe Methodist Manumalo in Vaoala, especially Afioga Reverend Eteuati and faletua, elder of the Methodist Church in Manumalo Vaoala. Thank you all for your prayers and support day and night for the country's election for Samoa's benefit.

Mr Speaker, last but not the least I wish to note a word of thanks to the Hon Prime Minister for all the good achievements for this Parliamentary term for the people of Samoa and its wellbeing. In the words of the Bible, let all glory be unto God not us.

Mr Speaker, I wish to record acknowledgement to the Speaker for all the hard work this last term. Well done and great job. Your duties have been well achieved given your faith and reliance upon the Holy Spirit. This is how you got your peace and patience and be as well far-sighted wisdom and blessings upon your service for this Parliament and this term. May God grant you strength and blessings for the next elections. With all due respect, soifua and God bless our Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you Chairperson of the Finance Committee or the representative for Individual Voters Seat. You and Maualaivao are the firsts in pushing this Bill forward...which is historic.

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Such is the government initiative moving forward, hence is the appreciation thus I trust that you have all the experience and capability in pursuing our budget processes and procedures. Furthermore despite our many talks we still heed transparent and accountable reports. The House has well discussed and has taken all comments and concerns regarding this Budget Statement.

I wish this House all well and great courage as we bear with Judah likein the saying. I trust we have arrived at break but I heed the Prime Minister if we could resume with Government responses this evening and passing of the budget before we have other matters tomorrow and Friday, I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: I wish to move a motion as per your instruction, *That the Sitting be continued this evening until 9.00pm before we adjourn, and a chance for the Cabinet's response.* That is the motion before we move on with our scheduled agenda.

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour.

The motion was approved.

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

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I rise in accordance to normal proceedings of the House that I start before we carry on with Cabinet's responses in relation to the addressing matters.

Mr Speaker this is one of the unique Sittings we have today as it is the last one before Parliamentary dissolution. As such I have given my appreciation to all [Parliamentarians for your great works this last five years through the State.](#) For this, the State cannot do anything without the Budget and its Main Estimates. This is the only Sitting that is not limited to one's statement.

As such, this is Parliamentary freedom which speaks of the proverbial expression we are used to, *e le milia faauu upu o le Fono lenei*, meaning the words of this Parliament cannot be mixed together. This is the Sitting that discusses the Budget. Hence whatever mistakes the State makes the Opposition Side upstand to make corrections. That is Parliamentary norm as we also rise to make corrections and clarifications.

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It is appropriate that we upstand as we are the decision-makers of the Government. The Opposition also plays their part in quering Government role which is the norm for any democratic state. It is freedom that expresses various thoughts to the State which is normal procedure. As for the Opposition for any raising matter you make, your freedom cannot be avoided. As for us we make correction and clarification as we speak of official transcript that is distributed amongst you as we are engaged with real life events and evidential records. The emphasis is for the public not to be misled by the State's doing. Whatever problems we have were not intended to occur as Sala did not order the Police to drive a vehicle to the fence. This is real life happenings at work such as the proverb to Faleata, *'e tetele a Pesega ae matua a i le oō*. Whatever observations you have of us, we ask for your forgiveness and we shall do likewise.

That is why Samoa has a unique Parliament setting. I have visited and observed Parliamentary Proceedings in New Zealand and Australia which in contrast to us, we have our own culture and tradition as well as our Christian beliefs and values that upholds respect. Some Parliaments do not heed prayers anymore nor do they begin with a prayer, what about us? We cannot avoid our foundation as witnessed through God's merciful love through the several cyclones that struck us and have moved away all of a sudden. We have had two cyclones that hit us and suddenly moved towards the South. This is how we were saved as we see continuous raindrops bearing breadfruits and abundant food.

That is reason for our corrections as we heed the many blessings from God however I pity our own people who are saying we are poor which is not the case. The only result to this is a curse from God by which we will no longer bear breadfruits nor get any more rain.

Mr Speaker this evening we must heed forgiveness, the Members have started off with great acknowledgements for their callings as accorded by one of the members. Have you thought of going to Malua? It is great that some of you will make good pastors. Some of spoken in Samoan and English and this indicates indepth recommendation and knowledge you have got, well done and thank you for your comments.

Mr Speaker, earlier this morning we attended the lauching of the flea market and the Ministers have already been assigned to their duties hence whatever task given, that is up to the respective Minister and the Ministry responsible for a certain event.

Such is the appreciation to Lautafi and the staff given Cabinet's approval in executing all works through him and the corporations for this term and the several comments coming from within this House. This is appreciative to all those who are interested in this business ventures in the flea markets to seek wealth. Although they were given an allocation of \$1000, to note the Government has permitted a funding assistance of \$306,000 to the affected business operators at the flea market.

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Since earlier today, the remaining balance is \$12,000 and the Hon Minister has also talked about negotiations with the Development Bank in carrying out this funding assistance. Notwithstanding the amount of \$200,000 that was spent on the entire project including the hiring and setting up of tents so that the setting was fixed swiftly. This amounts to over half a million of total expenditure. This is additional burden for the flea market operators to operate their businesses for the next two months.

This location was normal area for banana supplies the last 70 years that were taken to Matua and Tofua up until 1960, we were able to reach millions of tala from banana export before the beginning of the banana virus. This virus had affected our banana plantations greatly such as the taro plight we had and the rinocherous beetle that affected our coconut trees.

This is one of the talks we had with the Hon Minister of Agriculture to push for our coconuts which is one of Samoa's revenue earning in the future.

Mr Speaker, with the continuation of assistance for the flea market business operators, recalling back in 1989 when we had several store establishments and the many writings in the paper in 1982 when HRPP took over when all these outlets were scattered around within the vicinity of the town area, under pulu trees, in front of Morris Hedstrom store. During this time, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment was fully occupied in all sorts of engagement including so much waste which was an eyesore. This was the reason why we had an office setting opposite Morris that was easier to approach by the public. This was during Tofilau's time as Prime Minister and I would normally contact him for assistance upon the public. This was reason for the new market set up in Fugalei which was built specifically for agricultural products in 1989. From the old building to the new and current market solved the issue of floodings and waterflow given the lowlying location that we had before in Savalalo. Therefore the Savalalo market was then used mainly to display and sell handicrafts and items of that sort. The majority of our people would start small before they grow into bigger businesses on the belief that this is Government's intention to creating a Business Basis to train the business operators to grow their businesses other than the old business operators and before passing it down to their children especially those living in rural areas but have come to town to carry out their businesses. This is the commencement of business back in 1989 until now which started off in flea markets. This is reason the Government cannot avoid assistance for this type of development however some may take advantage of this doing by the Government and may end up burning the market again to obtain more monetary assistance from the State. That can happen as this world the seed grows together with theatres.

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Mr Speaker that is the explanation of our work, we will begin with Sala before we will respond to further raising concerns. I then come to the motion to end my speech before we have our break as the time now is 7.00pm. For the appointments of the Council of Deputies we only have Afioga Tuimalealiifano on the list. The Government has long awaited and observed some of the paramount profiles in the country however, what is complicated is that the Ao o le Malo and the Council of Deputies have got to fulfill some of its duties given other engagements such as traveling abroad whilst the Chief Justice takes over when procedure has it that the Council of Deputies will only take over when His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo is out of the country. Such is reason that these positions must be filled given the Constitution as well as budget allocation for this paramount position.

This is reason that this Side has decided given its majority that this House has some of its senior members who can take over these notable supremestatus and appointments from the two who will retire from their former positions as members of the Parliament of Samoa which is due time for them as pioneers of the Human Rights Protection Society for the past 37 years since the Fono Faavae and the establishment of this Party (HRPP). These are the most senior and last Jews of this Parliament who have served the Government and the country hence I now move the motion, that, *the Legislative Assembly approves the Appointment of Tofa Honourable Tuiloma Lameko and Afioga Honourable Le Mamea Ropati to the Positions of the Council of Deputies.*

Mr Speaker let that motion be approved before we have the official swearing in for the two Council of Deputies next week that is the official public notice to this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, that is the motion.

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Minister of Justice and Courts Administration, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

The motion was approved.

The House showed appreciation by applauding, in accordance to the appointment of the Council of Deputies Tofa Hon Tuiloma Lameko ma le Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, any chance for me....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me until we return from our break. We will now go to our evening break and resume our work pursuant to the motion.

I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now set aside for its normal evening recess.

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Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside at 7:16pm and resumed at 8:00pm.

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

I believe we have been re-energized from our break as we come to the final part of our session this evening. Such is the word of thanks to everyone, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet. During our break the Leader of the Opposition was speaking.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Thank you Mr Speaker, respectfully I rise with dignity this morning. The House is well acknowledged with the presence of the Council of Deputies, Tofa Tuiloma and Afioga Le Mamea. Given the two appointed representatives and their services in Parliament, I heed appreciation Hon Prime Minister for your decision for them.

True is the saying, victorious successor. This is a new milestone which is similar to the appointment of the late Mataia. Well done. These two have taken over many dignified positions in Parliament including the Ministerial level. We pray for God's strength upon you both as you take over this new calling and far sighted wisdom from God to carry on these Government appointments.

Hence, that is the short statement, may God's mercy be upon you and your callings, God bless this Parliament. Soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I believe the Opposition Leader has responded to the statement of the Hon Prime Minister and the motion has been passed by Parliament. Thank you Palusalue that despite of our jokes and deliberations you have stood by your leadership role. You two today, whilst the Parliament is tomorrow. We pray for God's towards your calling may you find strength to take up your duties and roles in this Parliament.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, Chief in Command, I call upon you to start off with the Ministry's response.

Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI: Mr Speaker I rise on behalf of the Constituency of Gagaemauga No.1 to voice two comments given this last two Sittings, well done.

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Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, Opposition Side, Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader and your notable Side. I trust that our journey for this past five years was not easy. Psalm 23 states the verse, “The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.” These words act as guide and reason for Samoa’s foundation on God.

Recalling the many journeys in the past, God’s love is magnificent given the many natural disasters that affected Samoa. I also heed all the saluted honorifics of ladies and gentlemen who have served the good news for Samoa. This is reason for our freedom due to God’s guidance as He is a God of the people and a God of Samoa.

I remember the time when I was called into the spirit of lacking eligibility as our calling depends on our capability and eligibility. Our knowledge, faith, respect upon the elders, daily services to our families, villages and church all these critical aspects are founded on God. With these duties in our hands, we must note that this is for the wellbeing of our families going forward. No matter what we do, we must remember that we were created in God’s image. We are witnesses of our works, hence thank you for the opportunity granted unto me and the Prime Minister’s faith in me which is reason for taking this seat that is of great significance, thank you. Lord, may we prioritize you in the things we do, because for everything we ask for, You know better than we do. Mr Speaker thank you for these last years and your managing of the House noting the many disorders we had as observed by the public. We must note God in everything we do as we were founded upon Him, He is our main protector.

This constituency solely supports this Budget Statement hence great appreciation to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for all the major projects achieved. Although some of the works have not yet been fulfilled, thus time will reveal all that and its completion which is the objective, Samoa for Samoa and the Government’s duty in serving its people.

I wish to thank the Ministry of Police for all the good works that were not easy to achieve. Although I have received several complaints that police are bad nevertheless, I heed the public as the saying goes, ‘nobody is perfect’. In personal belief, the aim is to fulfill your demand by providing security despite the many changes we have now, I believe they are good changes to improving our services for the public. Some of the public have requested for electricity post in the rural areas for further protection, well nothing is left behind. Nonetheless all those submissions must be achieved however the issue is financial shortage.

In truth, the police are serving Samoa to its entirety hence such is the appreciation to the Ministry. This is where the leadership role comes in. As the normal saying goes, ‘what is good for Upolu is also good for Savaii’. I heed the statement by one of the members for Palauli le Falefa in one of Government’s Police headquarters launching in Salelologa, whoever will succeed the next term will carry on the works read out this evening.

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On to Fire Service, well done on your perseverance because I can testify that without the good job by this Ministry, the Development Bank of Samoa would have been affected (by the fire). Well done to both Commissioners of the Fire Services and Police.

On to the Rehabilitation Unit, I mentioned the name of our Lord in the morning and this evening as I see that the Ministry has accepted my recommendation in encouraging a new change for the convicts in Tafaigata. Perhaps this will be a great opportunity to renew some through the power of prayer as prayer is our ongoing relationship with God every day. By observation, that is God's reflection through His kindness. Like our sympathetic condolences upon our descendants, we all have our own reflections of them. This is reason for God's image in kindness to remind us still that God is alive, thank you.

As for the raising matter by Faumuina on the Police Academy, well I thank the Prime Minister for the signed agreement for this Academy to educate and train our people.

I have received several other submissions but to save us time, I wish to acknowledge my Constituency. *Le paia e i le aiga faalagilagi le afio o Tuala ma Sala ma le la maopu, le tulaga o aiga, alalatai lo oulua toalua Tevaga ma Vaifale e te lua tausi vaatele aua le paia i suafa. Le falesefulu ma le falevalu ia aemaise le loaloa o le tatou Nuu, ona ou o'o atu lea i Patamea i le paia i Soomalo, le afioga i le Falolo le falefia o alii..... ma Toleafoa ma le mamalu ia te oe le Faleaana.*

Thank you for your support that is no secret to Samoa. You have agreed that we will have no ballot comes the next Election. Thus I believe that given human rights this is reason that we must go through the upcoming General Elections. Who am I and what have I done for you this last 10 years. I am only a pathetic person although I assure you that everything I do is for the glory of God and most importantly our Constituency. As we near the elections I say we contribute and carry the heavy burden together. My only appeal is God's mercy to bind us together as I leave this seat but bear unity in mind, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you Hon Minister of Police and Prison. The House has heard all comments loud and clear. Well done on your works and perseverance for these past 5 years. We wish you well on the next Election. I wish the Hon Minister all the best and let us plead God's guidance for the upcoming Elections. We now come to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Afioga Manualesagalala Enokati Posala it is now your turn..

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): I see that the sun is about to set and so as the works of this Parliament. I wish to start off with the Water Authority and some of its huge undertaking projects since the beginning of this year with the assistance of the Government of Japan.

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This project costs approximately \$36million including the drainage for Tapatapao, Tanumapua, Falelauniu and other areas in Faleata. Other projects include the water pump in Alaoa so that water supply is sufficient for settlements in Magiagi, Moataa uta and Vaivase-uta. More improvement work continues for clean water catchment areas in Vailima, Tanugamanono and other areas in Motootua, Malifa and some parts in the town.

All this is for the purpose of improving water supply in the town area. This week the Bidders Committee submitted improved work for pipes installments from Aleisa to Faleasiu-uta, Fasitoo uta, Nofoalii uta and Leulumoega uta. Faleasiu Uta and Fasitoo-uta will have access to water supply from the fixed pipelines in their grounds. There is also hope that old pipeline connections will be reconnected from Aleisa to Lepale. This is the plan this year so that water is made available throughout the entire country.

Other ongoing projects include the power supply generator at Samasoni, Fale o le fee and Alaoa. These locations were destructed in 2012 which had several assistance work done to it. On to solar energy has been under commencement. Government's target by 2017 is 100%. The works and negotiations of our solar energy companies is also being undertaken at the Faleolo area, similar to Tuanaimato. The same for Savaii solar systems, all negotiations have been undertaken. We have also discussed the specific costs to power supply. This includes several other area like the restorage, battery restorage, which means that solar must be collected from the sun to be used in the night.

These are some of the ways that the Government has looked into in order to find cheap and accessible electricity given the price of oil that is now very expensive. Therefore it is not too long now before all this will come into existence. The improvement work for our Matautu wharf in conjunction with the Government of Japan will commence this year from 2016 to 2018. Government also has plans for the Vaiusu port in the future. The Shipping Services is also resuming its services in Tokelau, Manua and the Cook Island. Well done on the undertakings for Mulifanua wharf and Salelologa wharf so the public could have better travelling between the two islands. The Land Transport Authority

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Hon Minister, I allow the interjection of the member, I call Lealailepule.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Thank you I give the Minister some rest but thank you for all the completed works and proposed projects as we move forward this year. The matter on Vaiusu wharf was relayed in our village meeting last Saturday. I request the government take heed of the village's intention so that both sides are insightful of this development and its progress. That is the plea with respect.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done I get your comment. Pardon me Hon Minister I call Leaupepe

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Thank you I will be short and brief. I wish to extend sincere thanks to the Hon Minister, in the words of the Bible, it is in thought that you will the queen today as you will be the source of energy for the district. May God bless you and may you return after the election to resume your duties, Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister to resume his speech.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA: The raising concern by the member for Faleata West is not overlooked, when time is appropriate that is Government's intention. It is good to be transparent and accountable. Behind all this, we need more job opportunities and welfare by relying on Singapore for a separate try out. On to road upgrading, we are currently fixing a four lane road in Vaitele. As for the footpath area by the member for Faleata West, well we have conducted a survey in the past whereby one side is now being labeled a footpath area whilst the other side is specifically labelled for bus bay. Hence the other side is marked specifically for vehicles turns. With good labels and markings it should be clear for all. As for the bridge in Leone...

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker.....

MR SPEAKER: The member is not satisfied with the Minister's response.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Very well, remember when a girl wears lipstick, both upper and lower lips are colored. Lest our work is a waste but note that this is located in the village opposite the church. I am not sure who did the survey but I should have been the one to do it. This is just like the train station in Shim Shuku that runs to and fro day and night. Remember the Catholic church starts services from morning at 5:00, 10:00 11:00 up to evening which is why these roads are always busy. This was questioned by the village this morning, so the road at Vaigaga is now upgraded on both sides. That is the request and hopefully the road in the village will be improved at another time.

MR SPEAKER: I get your comment.

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Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the Minister I call Aveau...

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: I will be brief I wish to ask you if there is possibility in setting up a tricycle lane which is one way to avoid the busy traffic particularly for the areas from Vaitele to Apia.

Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Lest more issues is brought up but all those have been under consultations. The Minister has come across all that but safe is better than beauty. It is safer now. I too have raised the same. However as Aveau has made a mention - safety, therefore that is rightfully the footpath area for tricycles. I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA: Well thank you for the recommendations and we hope to carry all the executions up to the airport area, which means that other recommendations will be left until a future time.

The Leone bridge will be closed on the 18th February for the contractors to begin constructions. The contractors has had several negotiations with the World Bank given that the project is single span and there are no columns below. Some of the criteria was seeing if a local contractor could take over the job however, the advertisement has gone abroad as we also need cranes to assist with this project. The deadline for this expression of interest is at the end of this month. The Vaiusu cross road is undertaking a layout design up to the airport and similarly, expression of interest for contractor to build is also in the pipeline. Similarly to Maliolio bridge, a review on a suitable company to take over this job is also underway. As recommended by the Prime Minister a better design must be drawn up to ensure an improved quality for this Maliolio road. The same goes for the cross island road. We have also completed improved works for pedestrian roads in Aleisa, Faleasiu, Fasitoo uta and Leauvaa. The Ministry will work towards completing all these unfixed undertakings. Mind you the Budget 2015/2016 is only 6 months now whilst normal works are currently being carried out for the roads. On to the Airport Authority, well you have witnessed the new undertakings that commenced last year for the passengers waiting area. There is hope that negotiations and assistance from the World Bank will press through in order to carry out the landing area and parking area this year. As for the arrival area there is plans that this will take 18 months, hence these are all divided into phases. That is the plan for our airport.

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As for the raising matter on grants and funding assistance, well that goes through the Ministry of Finance before it is being passed on to the Water Sector Budget Support that will help implement other developments like drainages etc. That is the overall objectives and developmental plans of the Government moving forward.

I also take this chance to thank the Government which is something my fellow member should have expressed given the achievements for our constituency. Never mind I will do it, I convey my gratitude to the Government Leader.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Go ahead.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I think the Minister has a problem with his hearing, you see how long I have noted a word of thanks to the Cabinet and the Prime Minister. We have served and worked together with these Members out of respect. How can you say that I have not given appreciation? The Prime Minister is well aware that I have expressed gratitude. I have not yet conveyed appreciation to the works held in the rural area but do not.....displeasing behaviour.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Leader of the Opposition. To save you time, I allow the deputy chairperson Tafua.

Afioga Tafua Maluelua Tafua (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo): Mr Speaker, pardon the Hon Minister. Mr Speaker I don't intend to interject your statement, but since we have five diseased from the road in Tiavea one by the adjacent road in Tiavea next to the Catholic church and four other on the same road. I am concerned that this matter has not been raised but we must be alert on these roads for the public's safety.

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister to resume his speech, pardon the Minister of Works, I call Ifopo.

Susuga Ifopo Matia Filisi: Thank you Mr Speaker as we arrive to the end of this Parliamentary term. I wish to remind you that this Manono Tai road has been under survey but this is also not listed. I wish to remind the time for this project's completion as well as its commencement. Thank you.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA: Thank you to everyone who have contributed today's discussion. The road at Tiavea is currently being improved and talks are underway to repair the bridge.

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As soon as we received reports on this our engineers were on the task and conducted a survey. Temporary roads have been fixed for the public and according to the restructuring of this road, it must be fixed as according to the Engineers, the roads must be cemented well for the safety of the public. Bidding advertisement is also carried out for this Tiavea project to be constructed well, with respect.

For the wharf and infrastructure matter in Manono Tai, well anything before the House must have perseverance and patience. We cannot go back as continuing work is currently being undertaken, however we will look into better ways to implement this doing. We will not move any machines there rather there are other means of transport to Manono Tai.

Pardon the Leader of the Opposition as you were congratulating me when that is not enough, the Government has achieved so much for this term. This is why we should thank the Government.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker point of order, I wish not to complain as that is not new. If I am giving you thanks, then the same to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, you are too weak.

MR SPEAKER: I get you.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Our Constituency is noting how you are mistreating me, even you know that very well. Thank you Prime Minister and the Cabinet, it is troubling that we are arguing in the House.

MR SPEAKER: I get you Leader of the Opposition.
Very well, I recognize the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

Tofa Hon Faamoetaulua Lealaialoto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii: Thank you Mr Speaker, this seawall area is leased under the PPCR program as funding has already been used up to build the entire seawall up to the hotels. As for what you are referring to, it seems that it is affecting the coastal settlements. That is listed under another list as soon as the funding is available.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, I call the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: My duty is to speak up in regards to anything involving Faleata. This is the first time I have heard two Members disputing against the developments of the district. By your permission Mr Speaker, is it alright if I could come sit next to my fellow member, we sit too far from each other but I want to assist and advise him with respect.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker the member is talking HRPP already.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA MATI TUIGAMALA ENOKATI POSALA: This was not mentioned in the member's statement which is the reason for the reminder lest he forgets the works that was executed by our Government. Thank you Hon Minister of Health for the Health Care Centre in Saanapu which is a good initiative as the constituency is now split into two. This is the centre for the constituents of Siumu, Safata East, Safata West, Salamumu and Lefaga. Government has further improvement works in the future, I also extend appreciation to the Hon Minister of Agriculture for the many farming development programs and farming methods the farmers have received such as wheelbarrows and tools to develop the lands. Thank you Hon Minister of Women for the independent water source in Sataoa, Lotofaga Niusuatia and Vaiee. These major projects were executed during our term. Appreciation also to the Hon Prime Minister and the Government for the inner roads in Sataoa, Saanapu and Nuusuatia, Lefaga, Salamumu, Safata up to Siumu.

This is one area that is under beautification. A few water supply is found in Tafitoala, Saanapu under the Water Authority. Appreciation to the ongoing works for our electricity and roads.

I also appreciate my time under your leadership Hon Prime Minister for this term. Five years of sweat and education and the push for more developments and job creation for our country, thus thank you for being true to our country.

Lest I forget the support of my Constituency in all your honorifics.

Thank you for having faith in me and all your support and prayers. Thank you God for this calling most particularly being under the Prime Minister's leadership. We have succeeded in this calling. I am only a weak and lowly person. I came across today's theme in the CCCS daily service program which says "The best is yet to come" in the book of Phillipians 3 there is a verse that goes, "*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended but one thing I do is forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching those things that are ahead.*" I think this is a very good challenge for this Parliament. I also heed appreciation to the Chairperson and the Board of Director, Chief Executive Officers and all staff I worked with.

To the Lands Transport Authority, Samoa Shipping Corporation, Samoa Ports Authority, the Electric Power Corporation, Samoa Water Authority, Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, great job on your perseverance and dedication. Today's message says it all, 'the best performance for tomorrow is doing your best today'. If today goes well then so is tomorrow. Well done to the government and its great plans for the future.

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I also take this opportunity to extend great thanks to the Hon Speaker for the job well done. I believe God has all the strength and power to achieve all tasks and duties. Well done also to my fellow member, the Leader of the Opposition, Afioga Palusalua Faapo II of Safata. Well done Tautua. Although we have argued several times, I have not yet responded according to my calling and the raising matters beforehand. At times we have our tensions, I do not intend to sit and relax whilst you are struggling. But I do beg for your forgiveness. I have pleaded forgiveness many times in this House which is the main spirit, nonetheless I am still waiting for your respect in return.

May God bless everyone and our Sitting today. I recall the final words of Tuitele to Lilomaiava in the island of Salaia. "Come and go and may your path be blessed' God bless.

ADJOURNMENT

MR SPEAKER: Your speech has been wonderful to hear Hon Minister of Works. This is one Ministry that had many of our comments this morning. The Government has faithfully relied on your shoulders and the many good works you have completed. Hence let Samoa be the judge.

You have conveyed great thanks to the works of your constituency in Safata. This is witnessed today as God's days are abundant. You and the Leader of the Opposition come from the same place but you must protect Leulumoega. You are both lay preachers hence let God be with you. The Elections ends tomorrow whilst the treaty with our families and village communities remains forever.

Therefore we must maintain God's calling. But given our motion today we must approve our Budget this evening. We have achieved so many good things today and by that you must go home early and take a rest to find good strength for tomorrow.

Upon our return we will continue with our Government Responses through the Minister of Education, Prime Minister, Consideration into detail, lapsed Bills, third readings and consideration in detail, second reading and other Certificate of Urgency Bills. I appreciate all your patience and commitment during our business today.

It is now passed 9.00 and therefore we should stop here. Let us plead God's mercy upon us so that we may reconvene tomorrow. I also heed Samoa's support and prayers upon this Parliament this time of the evening. This is why we were called to fulfill our duties for the betterment of Samoa tomorrow.

Thank you for your support. Thank you also everyone for your contributions today and hope that we will meet again tomorrow in good health and spirit.

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Before the end of our Sitting, I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No. 3, this is your last prayer before Parliament dissolution. Let God's power be upon this Parliament throughout its remaining days.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 9:20pm until 9:00am, Thursday 28 January 2016.

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Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayer.

GREETING BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have now resumed. It is with all due respect that we offer our gratitude to our Lord for enabling this gathering within Parliament this new morning.

I believe we have come to the final day of our Sittings for this Parliamentary Term. There will be a time and we will close with words but for now I greet you all and acknowledge your presence and your patience. The Lords grace has been sufficient for us throughout as we witness the presence here on our last day.

Therefore the dignified Parliament of Samoa, let us work together as Samoa supports and encourages us. Samoa, without your support, there will be no positive outcomes. To the clergy, we ask for your prayers on our work. I call on the Hon Prime Minister to move a motion.

**MOTION BY HON PRIME MINISTER TO APPROVE SELECT
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES
PRINTED IN THE ORDER PAPER**

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Hon Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, I greet everyone this new morning. Let us all give thanks to our Lord for His neverending grace that has enabled us to be His servants.

Mr Speaker, I stand to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve all Select Committee Reports and Government Responses printed in the Order Paper except for P.P.2015/2016 No.91, Report of the Business, Standing Order, House and Electoral Matters Committee on the Review of Standing Orders 2016 to be considered on this Sitting Day.*

The significance of this motion is that these Reports have already been considered in the Committees and discussed with the responsible Ministry who are our representatives and I assume that we have already read the Committee Reports as well as the founding Reports considered by the Committees.

Mr Speaker, that is the basis of the motion this morning.