

**TUESDAY, 02 MARCH 2021**

*Debate resumed on the consideration in detail of the Miscellaneous (Salary Conditions upon Suspension) Bill 2021 at 6:14pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I announce the resumption of the Proceedings and the Work of the Legislative Assembly.

I commend your patience; I also commend you all for your perseverance in the implementation of our work this evening, as we have gained the strength to continue with our duties.

**CLAUSE 28: Samoa Sports Facilities Authority Act 2007 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is an amendment by Committee on Clause 28 of the Bill. I respectfully call on the Chairperson of Committee.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI (Chairperson of the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition and Constitutional Offices Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe that we have now received ideas and regained new strength from God to continue the work for this evening. But I stand with the utmost respect Mr Speaker, to move an Amendment to Clause 28 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

To substitute subsection (ID) as follows:

**(ID) A person is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated.”**

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*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 28 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 29: Samoa Trust Estates Corporation Act 1977 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is an amendment by the Committee for Clause 29. I call on the Chairperson of the Committee.

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**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker I move an Amendment to Clause 29 of the Bill as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

To substitute subsection (ID) as follows:

**(ID) A person is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated”.**

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 29 approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 30: Samoa Water Authority Act 2003 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** I recognize the Chairperson of the Committee for the Committee’s Amendment.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker I move the amendment to clause 30 of the Bill as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

To substitute subsection (ID) in paragraph (a) as follows:

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**(ID) The managing Director is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated”. And**

Substitute subsection (6) in paragraph (d)(ii) as follows:

**(6) An officer or employee is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated.”**

*Amendment approved.*

*Clause 30 Approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 31: Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa Act 2006 (SROS Act) amended.**

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**MR SPEAKER:** I call upon the honourable Chairperson for the amendment by the Committee.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker, it is the same spirit, I rise with respect to move the amendment to Clause 31 of the Scientific Research Organisation Samoa Act 2016 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

Substitute subsection (10) in paragraph (a) as follows:

**(10) The Chief Executive Officer is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated.” and**

Substitute (ID) in (b) as follows:

**(ID) A person is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated.”**

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*Amendment Approved.*

*Clause 31 Approved as amended.*

**CLAUSE 32: Telecommunications Act 2005 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** The Committee has an Amendment to Clause 22.  
I call upon the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker I move the amendment to clause 32 as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

Substitute subclause (3C) as follows:

**(3C) The Regulator is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated”.**

*Amendment Approved.*

*Clause 32 Approved as amended.*

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**CLAUSE 33: Tourism Development Act 2012 amended.**

**MR SPEAKER:** The Committee has an Amendment to Clause 33. I call upon the honourable Chairperson.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker I move the amendment to Clause 33 of the Bill as follows:

**“AMENDMENT:**

Substitute subsection (2C) in paragraph (a) as follows:

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**(2C) The Chief Executive Officer is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated”.**

Substitute subsection (4A) in paragraph (b) as follows:

**(4A) An officer or employee is not entitled to his or her salary if, as a result of the investigation relating to the subject of his or her suspension, he or she is not reinstated.”**

*Amendment Approved.*

*Clause 33 Approved as Amended.*

**CLAUSE 1 AND TITLE:**

**CLAUSE 1: Short title and commencement.**

**TITLE: Miscellaneous (Salary Conditions upon Suspension) Amendment Bill 2020.**

**MR SPEAKER:** The Committee has correction to Clause 1 and the Title. I call upon the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Thank you honourable Speaker. With respect I call move the Correction to Clause 1 as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

Omit 2020 and thereby replace with number 2021 to read the Title of the Bill as follow:

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**Miscellaneous (Salary Conditions Upon Suspension) Amendment Bill 2021.***Correction Approved.*

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Mr Speaker just a small chance. The Committee's chances are now over. With respect.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Go ahead honourable Chairperson.

**Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI:** Thank you. With due respect I heed appreciation to the Standing Orders, Electoral and Constitutional Offices Committee whom we have collaborated and received this morning, this is our final work of the year.

As Chairperson of the Committee, I convey congratulations and gratitude to the Senior Member of the House, the Hon Aeau for your duties this past 5 years. Thank you very much for your assistance and advice. In my role as the Chairperson of the Committee, I heed great appreciation to you Hon Aeau for your assistance during our time as members of the Committee. Furthermore, I also appreciate the Deputy Chairperson Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu for the works we were engaged in this year. Which is now finished. The constituency of Falealili East has received it well and for that we express our heartfelt thanks to you for your support. Thank you, Fuimaono.

I further appreciate tofa Nonu for the collaboration in our works. Before moving on, I wish to make good use of this opportunity. I wish to offer immense gratitude to the duties and responsibilities we were tasked in during this 5 year period. The Term is now coming to an end, and nothing has gone astray during our time here. Your will has blessed our committee.

To the member of Palauli West, Afioga Amituanai Afoa, I officially wish to give thanks whilst I still have the chance, well done to your efforts in our works. We have received various thoughts and recommendations which has blessed the works of this year. May God bless our general elections proposed from last month and may the mercy and goodness of God be upon us.

This is our explanation with great respect, may God bless the dignity of this Parliament, to the Hon Leader of the Government and the Cabinet, as well as the Associate Ministers. Chairperson of the Standing Orders, thank you very much. Well done to your contribution to our work and our part, which has ended well today. God bless our general elections we were tasked in from last year.

Well this is our explanation with due respect to the honourable Speaker. Thank you for the chance. God bless the remaining works of today. Thank you.

*Clause 1 and Title Approved as Corrected.**The Miscellaneous (Salary Conditions Upon Suspension) Amendment Bill 2021 progressed with Corrections.***METEOROLOGY GEOSCIENCE AND OZONE SERVICES BILL 2020 –  
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**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order the Legislative Assembly must first confirm the Report of the Committee on the Bill before it progresses with the consideration in detail. I call upon the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Chairperson of Infrastructure Committee):** I greet the honourable Speaker this part of the evening, gathering here in good health and spirit with the dignity of Parliament and the support of Samoa listening in. I respectfully upstand to move the motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee which advises the progress of the Meteorology Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2020 with Corrections.*

*Seconded by the member for Anoamaa West and the member for Faasaleleaga No.1 West.*

*Motion was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The Report of the Committee is approved on the Bill and the consideration will now progress.

Pursuant to Standing Order, the consideration commences with Clause 2.

**CLAUSE 2: Interpretation.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 3: Objectives.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 4: Continuation of the Division.**

*Approved.*

**Meteorology Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2020  
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**CLAUSE 5: Divisional Head.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 6: Appointment of other officers and employees.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 7: Duties and responsibilities.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 8: Precautionary principles**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 9: Scientific Integrity.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 10: Protection of intellectual property rights.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 11: Application of the Public Service Act 2004.**

*Approved.*

**Meteorology Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2020  
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**CLAUSE 12: Establishment of Multi-Hazard Early Warning System.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 13: Issue of alert and warning by the Division.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 14: Dissemination of warning to the public.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 15: Compilation of issuing of periodic bulletins.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 16: Obligation to consult and work cooperatively.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 17: Fulfilling regional and international obligations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 18: Protection from personal liability.**

*Approved.*

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**CLAUSE 19: Offences.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 20: Regulations.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 21: Properties of the Division.**

*Approved.*

**CLAUSE 22: Transitional provision.**

*Approved.*



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**SHORT TITLE & COMMENCEMENT:****CLAUSE 1: Short Title and commencement.****TITLE: Meteorology, Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2020.**

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a Correction in Clause 1 and the Title by the Committee. I call upon the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Speaker if fitting, just this brief one to the Ministry which the review of this Bill was done together, since the Meeting has already progressed and this came to us late. With due respect.

Thank you. I take this chance to extend appreciation to the Authority, especially the office of the Chief Executive and the Management of the Ministry of Environment.

I especially wish to thank the Meteorology Office whom we worked together in Mulinuu for 3 days. Well done.

**Land and Titles Registration Amendment Bill 2021  
- third reading**

I also take this chance to thank the Committee, the honourable Faaulusau and Afioga Tapulesatele, well done and thank you for your advice. Such is the spirit of acknowledgement. As of now, I wish to move the Correction to Clause 1 and the Title of the Bill as follows:

**“CORRECTION:**

Omit 2020 and thereby replace with 2021 to read the Title of the Act as:

**Meteorology, Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2021.”**

With respect.

*Correction Approved.*

*Clause 1 and the Title Approved as Corrected.*

*The Meteorology, Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2021 progressed with Corrections.*

**LAND AND TITLES REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021  
– third reading**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move with respect, *That the Lands Titles Registration Bill 2021 be read a third time.*

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*Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.*

*The Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**MISCELLANEOUS (SALARIES CONDITIONS UPON SUSPENSION) BILL 2021 –  
third reading**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, I move the motion, *That the Miscellaneous (Salaries Conditions Upon Suspension) Bill 2021 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.*

*Motion was approved and was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**METEOROLOGY, GEOSCIENCE AND OZONE SERVICES BILL 2021 – third  
reading**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker moved, *That the Meteorology, Geoscience and Ozone Services Bill 2021 be read a third time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.*

*Motion was approved and Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.*

**MR SPEAKER:** You do note the weight of the works we have today, it is now complete. It is the reason for the works of this Sitting day, which is the last one for this Term, and everything so far has been implemented well and finished.

As such I extend the spirit of appreciation and congratulations. The tasks and duties are not easy to implement, however they have all been made possible due to the love of our Lord who is upon us through His grace and spirit which has enabled us to carry out our works. Whatever good and wonderful thing we have done, may glory be unto God.

I therefore call upon the Leader of the Government the Hon Prime Minister.

**MOTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS THANK YOU ADDRESS**

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**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker, the Act is now approved by the House, and later on today I will give a response to the Government.

With the accounts of our Meeting, I have made known that I will move a motion at the end of our Proceedings for us to discuss defamatory matters which could slander the dignity of the Parliament of Samoa. The object of the motion is to uphold the dignity of Parliament since the start. This has become an insult due to what has happened, as we progress the end of this Parliament.

It is reason I upstand with respect, in accordance to Standing Order 65(0), I move the motion to read as follows: *Since we are nearing the Parliament's dissolution for its general election given normal procedures. The dignity of Parliament has been violated for the first time ever by the following four members of Parliament who are Hon Laauli Leuatea Polataivao Schmidt, Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Olo Fiti Vaai and Faumuina Wayne Fong in accordance to Standing Orders, there are four of them.*

*For not attending Parliament Sittings of Parliament XVI of Samoa. I move the motion as follows:*

- (1). *It has been alleged that the four members, Laauli Leuatea Polataivao Schmidt, Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Olo Fiti Vaai and Faumuina Wayne Fong have breached Standing Orders, for not attending Parliament Sittings from the 19 January 2021 to Day 2 of March 2021, without an official approval from the Speaker. Any Political Party conducting electoral campaigns during Parliament Meetings are no fitting reasons for not attending the Sittings as these activities were carried out during Parliament Proceedings. And therefore, Standing Orders 24 and 25 have been violated.*
- (2). *The four have breached the arranged Sitting hours neither completed nor achieved the Sitting hours scheduled for one Sitting Day. These actions may have violated Standing Orders 24(3) and (4).*
- (3). *Implementing inappropriate behaviour by the members, including making defamatory statements on social media which could misguide and mislead the general public regarding the works of Parliament or the Government, including behaviour which can be treasonous. These actions were carried out during Parliamentary Sitting and in consequence, have violated Standing Order 14 and 15.*

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*A Special Independent Committee of Enquiry to be established independently from Parliament must carry out a task in accordance with Parliament plan and in pursuant to Standing Order 15.*

- (2). *The duties of this Special Committee are based on the following guidelines:*
  - (a). *To investigate whether the four members Laauli Leuatea Polataivao Schmidt, Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Olo Fiti Vaai, ma Faumuina Wayne Fong have violated Standing Orders.*
    - (1). *For not attending Parliamentary Sittings from the 19 January 2021 to 2 March 2021 without any official approval from the Speaker, which are no appropriate reasons for being absent in order to carry out any electoral campaign activities or to promote their Political Party. These activities*

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were carried out during Parliament Sittings, and they could result in breaching Standing Orders 24 and 25.

- (2). Having no consideration of Parliamentary Sittings by not attending them by these four members, including other Sittings that could not be completed in accordance with Parliamentary Sitting hours set per Sitting day, could consequently violate Standing Orders 24(3) & (4). And:
- (3). The implementing of unfitting behaviour by members, including the making of defamatory statements on any social media platform or website which could misguide or mislead the integrity of the country with regards to Parliamentary works and the Government. Including treasonous. These actions were carried out during the Parliamentary proceedings and therefore may have breached Standing Orders 14 and 15.

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- (b). To appoint the following members to be part of the Special Committee:
    - (1) A Retired judge to be the Chairperson
    - (2) The Commissioner of the Office of the Ombudsman
    - (3) A Private Independent Senior Counsel
  - (c) The Special Inquiry Committee must uphold the power and role in accordance with the provision of the Samoa's Commission of Inquiry Act 1964.
  - (d) To submit their Report and the findings of the Committee to the Clerk of the House within 3 months' time commencing with the day this matter was submitted. This Committee report will be taken as Parliament document, and the use of it will be bound and protected in accordance to the provision of Standing Order 38.
  - (e) The Clerk of the House must report back to the next XVII Parliament, so that an apt decision can be made.
3. The actions of these four and their alleged breaching of Standing Orders, is reason for this moved motion. These actions were carried out during Parliament Sitting from the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

Since Standing Orders have already been reviewed given normal practice and the nearing time for Parliament dissolution for the upcoming general elections.

Therefore it is reason that some of the recommendations could not be made for some amendments to take place in relation to activities or the referring of this

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*matter before the Parliamentary Ethics and Privilege Committee. And the only thing that can be done with regards to these observed actions is during the review of Standing Orders and the moving of a motion for approval.*

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*Therefore, it is necessary that something ought to be done in relation to the actions of these four so as to avoid any inappropriate policy from happening in order to protect the dignity of Parliament in the future. The country is also awaiting a response from Parliament as an independent body in accordance with its Standing Orders. And it is necessary that members take into consideration of this Orders as they are more important than Parliament. So, any Standing Order that is breached by a Member of Parliament, it is fitting that a decision ought to be made. And since we are nearing the time for Parliament dissolution that should not keep us from depreciating the dignity and integrity of Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa. In saying that, all the members of Parliament must take these into consideration most particularly the oaths they made inside Parliament and the listening in of my beloved Samoa.*

This is the motion honourable Speaker.

*Seconded by the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call upon the member for your statement.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Mr Speaker, can I get a chance. The will of the Prime Minister and the House is now done. I wish to get the opportunity please for us to say a word. This is no easy event we have reached today. Toleafoa, I beg your pardon, give us a chance to say something.

**MR SPEAKER:** With regards to upholding respect particularly for the sake of the listening public and the constituency. Given our compliance with our Standing Orders, I must undertake caution. The motion needs are not discussed, that is the reason. The motion is now before the Committee, perhaps they will call the witnesses, especially those who are affected and mentioned in accordance with this motion.

But since the motion comes as a result of our Standing Orders. But if we are permitting other parts of our Standing Orders, I therefore believe this will result into more complexities with regards to our works. There is view Laauli you are a person that relies on God for his will together with the Government, and this does not mean that we all do not depend on God's will, because we all do. There is thought that the will of the Government stems from our meeting inside this Parliament.

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**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Yes, I speak with due respect. Toleafoa I rise with great respect. The decision made against us is not easy to take. The country is also listening in. And before the last spear is thrown to us Toleafoa, we beg of you. Our relationship is about to

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come to an end with sad tears Toleafoa. What say you, and your will, give us a chance please, we beseech you. The time has come for us to have no voice in here even though the motion moved is correct. The authority is held by the Hon Prime Minister to do anything against us. Are you going to allow him to enslave us like this, and permit Parliament to make its decision, without a voice from us? This is reason for our appeal Toleafoa. You are our only hope, and we entreat you. Please for the sake of the country tuning in, give us a chance before your will can be done.

**MR SPEAKER:** The motion which says that we cannot discuss nor debate. Even though the four have been charged, pardon the language which comes back to me. But such is the nature of these things, I have thought that I must make a direct statement and mention names, as the motion pertains to their villages. Then I am of the view that there will be no more opportunities granted, as this matter will be discussed in the next 2 days.

Then we come to this, there is a ceremony that will be held here tomorrow with the presence of His Highness the Le Ao o le Malo, for the dissolution of Parliament. So that there is a balance between time and things, as such is the reason for my impatience Laauli.

**Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea:** Concluding now. Toleafoa, it is hopeless for us to sit here knowing that we have done you wrong, *nonofo atu fua o matou o Ae*. We have finished in Parliament with injured feelings and difficulty which is another burden to carry. In spite of that, we will swallow them given our respect upon the decision you have made. The country is listening in today, it is a pity, that a snake is getting killed whilst it is still looking, *na o le gata e fasi ae pupula*. Such is our petition put forth, regardless, we shall do as that. With due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I trust and wish to say at this time, the focus is to uphold the dignity and integrity of the House and its Sittings in the future. These are our current thoughts. I notice that matter is now well taken and therefore, that is how we seek wealth and blessings. Although I convey appreciation for your patience. You have recognized a small thought from me. I am not praising you Laauli. Well done thank you.

### **Motion by the Prime Minister and His Thank You Address**

I am of the view that I will give the chance to the Prime Minister to say a few words to end our work and deliberations today. The normal practice comes tomorrow none of us will be allowed to make a statement, as the Le Ao ole Malo will attend the official ceremony for the dissolution of Parliament. That being said, I call upon the Hon Prime Minister to give a final address in our Sitting, as a Leader of the House, Prime Minister, to mark the end of our proceedings.

**Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker and the dignity of the Legislative Assembly, we have reached the end of this Parliamentary Term, the Independent State of Samoa. Comes tomorrow in the fields of Tiafau which is the lands of prosperity for Samoa, there will be the official ceremony for the dissolution of Parliament with the presence of His Highness O Le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II.

I heed appreciation for your efforts during this 5-year period. We all faced a lot of challenges during this 5 long year journey regardless, it did not make us feel discouraged given the anointing power of our prayers.

What about the pleas of our sacred leaders from God. In times of temptations from the devil, we must bear courage at all times. We have different beliefs, but we still held on to the cues of our deliberations. Not only from our Caucus and the Government of the day. But even with the members who are opposing the Government including the majority of those in the HRPP. Nevertheless, there is one main objective which remains unhidden, and the growing developments of our country. We are used to our debates which is to seek prosperity here in Tiafau grounds and paving for success here in Tiafau. Words do not mince, and feelings and the sharpness of our debates, *o le a lava le tetele o pesega ae matua lava i le o o*. Why? Because there is a connection with the genealogies of Samoa, and the testimony of Samoa is not wrong, we are all family, the chiefs are brothers extending to the orators and kings.

This is a wonderful idea with regards to how our Sittings are carried out, making jokes bearing the spirit of respect, to produce laughter so as to create a pleasurable atmosphere, with regards to making some of the decisions even if they are difficult. Regardless, it has all been made easier now given the norm and meetings like this, even with village meetings.

With our sharing, this is the Parliamentary norm during Parliament Sittings which are different from Commonwealth conventions, as our debate involves metaphorical expressions given the essence of our true Samoan cultural values and traditions.

### **Motion by the Prime Minister and His Thank You Address**

This is one Term that has done tremendously well in terms of achievement, and I can highlight them briefly such as this. 1. To put forth and to maintain within the heart of the Constitution of the Independent State, our faith in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This was not included in the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa.

2. The communal rights of village councils to officially be stipulated in the Constitution, the fundamental rights of village councils and their authority, and to make it official in the Constitution Law of Samoa, the Lands and Titles Law. It was a dream that was initiated by our forefathers during the Constitutional Convention Law 1960. And in the future these portions will be brought before Parliament to implement, and now, it is now being implemented by this Parliament.

3. Laying out a permanent decision, and a policy for an ongoing adjustment, with regards to the increasing population of constituencies and their electoral boundaries. The crux is to set a benchmark, to make consistent the total population within each electoral constituency and in relation to the members of each constituency.

This process is flexible foresight just like other boundaries, such as the processes and services provided by the Government. Things like health boundary, police office boundary in the rural village areas. Government is flexible in making its decisions from time to time.

4. The preparing of Parliamentary records on legends and historical events in its Proceedings and Procedures in Parliament Terms commencing from 1962 to date. They were initiated by the former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Afioga Fepuleai Atilla. It was completed by current Clerk, Afioga Tiatia Tualualelei. And was compiled by Dr Iutisone Salevao. It was a job that was fully done in the English version and was ready for use. Children are keen to receive this information for their studies which is the History of the Government of Samoa and the Parliament. It is vital for their education, following the translations which was done in our Language.

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Other than these 4 highlights together including the approved Acts by Parliament. Beginning from 2016 until 2021. 19 Acts were approved in 2016, 28 were approved in 2018, 19 were passed in 2019 and 25 in 2020. In 2021, there were 7. Total Acts that were reviewed and approved was 124.

Following that, there were additional Parliament papers and reports that were under review and approved.

The year 2016-2021, Parliamentary Committee Reports were 382, Annual Reports of Ministries and Corporations totalled to 416. In addition, the total amount of Parliamentary Committee Reports and Annual Reports for this 5-year period was 798. Plus, approved Acts, 922. It was a huge task that was engaged by this House.

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The House now has it Mr Speaker, the made known purpose in relation to the successful retirement of the Hon Leaupepe. Following his 30 years of service to the Government. This is long time in his position as the head of the Parliament. The position of the Speaker, although you also had undertaken a Cabinet's Ministerial role in one of the Terms. And your leadership will always be remembered, and in the managing of this House, through your pleasing expressions and your soft voice.

The jokes that pleases the angry heart, can make another member laugh, give them joy, and satisfaction, and a sword's many cuts. This is a very good lesson for another, that Chair will be taken, and therefore, I heed abundant blessings upon you and your successful retirement.

To the Hon Aeau, you have received well the words of blessings upon your retirement, you have retired successfully from Parliament. And adding on to that. You did become the former Speaker from the year 1988 to 1991, under the banner of the HRPP Government, and your constituency was proud of you for managing our Sittings through courage and farsightedness. This was a season of many different events, there was the coalition of the Opposition Party and you have completed that role in 1986 and 1987.

You have brought peace to this House in the past for the various members we had during our night Sittings, some were alcoholics and were very difficult to avoid. May God bless you in your future endeavors.

Hon Tuitama, well done to your service, not only with the Ministry of Health but also the Ministry of Women. You have utilised your medical skills wisely, also your chiefly knowledge in village meetings most particularly with the portfolio you are undertaking.

The Cabinet is well aware of your unskilled knowledge in farming to planting one type of mango, which could bear 10 different mango varieties, there is the round mango, the long shaped mango, the milk mango, the licking mango mago mitimiti, may your invention become fruitful.

Faasootauloa Pati, you are the remaining senior member in this House, I am still in awe with your longevity, this is the oldest member in the House, regardless your voice is still young, you are energetic, your attitude and your vision is still good.

No doubt you do have a mysterious gift, which not all members are aware of but are eager to obtain so that they can live like you and your advise on the methods you are using, for you to live eternally in paradise in this life. May you maintain new strength for future plans, and retire victoriously.

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Condolence messages have already been passed by the House to the grieving wife and family of the late member of Vaimauga, Toleafoa and his immediate passing. May it be a living reminder, that our callings is done by the Most High. For that matter, we must prepare ahead of time as God's sacred calling comes like a thief in the anxious night. And so in prayer, we plead for a place for him in heaven and Eternal Life.

Furthermore I wish to acknowledge the support of His Highness Le Ao ole Malo, the Member of the Council of Deputies and the Judiciary, and the honorifics of Samoa *o le paia o Aiga ma a latou Tama, tainane Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. Most especially the ordained members of the clergy in you powerful prayers for blessings upon the proceedings of the Parliament of Samoa.

To conclude, I wish to acknowledge the public servants, the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, who are the pillars of the Government through your skills, talents and various experiences and expertise in your advise in order to implement the works and different developments with honesty, with a steadfast heart and with impartiality so as to improve the welfare for Samoa.

Well done to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the staff for all the preparations which has made everthing possible even the smooth operation of our Parliamentary proceedings with regards to complex matters we have discussed and achieved today. Thank you too to the media people, also the police workers for protecting our House. Bless all our preparations for the general elections of the country.

Mr Speaker and the dignity of the House, soifua and blessings.

**MR SPEAKER:** Parliament has received well with Samoa the pleasing statement of the honorable Leader of the Government, the Hon Prime Minister. Well done to your statement as a leader and as a father of the country.

I do not mean to brag, the statement you have delievered is fitting in days like this, during our XVI Parliament Term. Then there is the view, well done to you and your address which we were all eager to hear, Parliament is of the view that since I have not given any word of acknowledgement and therefore there is no other time, comes tomorrow the Head of State will come to officially close the dissolution of Parliament for this Term.

Then there is the view, well since the Reverend is upstanding, Reverend of... from Anoamaa East, I call upon Alaiasa.

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**Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaaouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu:** Mr Speaker, today, tomorrow and other days, *e tele taeao ae le lauaso, e le lautaeao*. A day comes with a purpose, *ia ua faiva ese foi Lopepe* or the duties of Lopepe takes on variations as that adage goes. Based on our observation *le faleupolu ma le Usoga ia Tumua ma Pule*. This is the tributary and source of our tradition and culture.

It is tradition that whenever the Leaders of the country and kings speak, it is necessary that the chief orators *faleupolu* give a response. Despite our eagerness Mr Speaker, *ia ae ta liu lava ae popoe*. You have made your statement, you have pleaded, in response, I am unaware of *Usoga ia Tumua ma Pule*, as for us, we will give our support. We will offer our prayers and

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support, but we agree for Tootooalii to give a speech of response to the Leader of the Government on our behalf.

This is our word bearing in mind the value of respect at this time of the evening. All the best with your speech in response to the statement of the Father of the country. May God bless us this evening. Bless the end of this Sitting day.

**Tofa Namulauulu Sami Leota:** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well, it will not be worn nor crowned rather it will be treasured between my heart and lungs such as the saying. That being said, I see Namulauulu is getting up, there is...

**Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua:** Mr Speaker...

**Tofa Namulauulu Sami Leota:** *O lea ua taoto lava i paga le tia o le Tautiaga i le faatamasoaliiga i le aso*, we have been eagerly receiving the words of Matautia given the message and statement made by the Senior Member of the country, the Leader of the House. True as you say Lufilufi, this is a day of words, because the House of Samoa is where discussions and decisions of the country are made, and decisions can be also be discredited.

I notice that, all these concerns focuses on the value of respect and...taking into account sacredness whilst respect remains central. It is realised that the chance has been offered to Lufilufi who is the senior member, to speak on behalf of the members of Parliament in response to the Hon Prime Minister, although there was view that the Opposition Leader would have given a statement, nevertheless, no. This Side bears full respect.

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Such is the intention of Safotulafai, as the senior Authority, leading Authority, founding Authority, Yes. I will lay it before you to respond as that is your role, the Hon Prime Minister, a time and day will come for us, we are still strong, we will return in the next Parliament, and we shall work together again. Thank you Lufilufi.

**Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiiili Tuivasa:** Mr Speaker, I have patiently and thoroughly observed your statements this evening. When the Leader of the country was speaking I had noticed the member of Vaimauga, because we play a role in taking heed of the dignity of procedures and protocols within this House. As for your initial address Lufilufi, no it is wrong for you to speak first when it comes to a debate *faatau* (about who should deliver the speech), even you Pule, no it is Tumua...then there is the view this evening, *ua faiva ese foi Lopepe*. In the saying of the country, we are in the final day on Moamoa.

By observation it is not necessary for Lufilufi to speak, it is the Tama Atua who is standing in this ground to lead the country. This is where the Tama Atua and lady Atua is sacred, and so the journey continued on and...But my upstanding Mr Speaker, given the entire support of Leulumoega and others, Tuisamau will give its respect to orator Pulemagafa. Both of us are from Vaimauga, we are Saleupolu and Tuisamau, I will offer you my respect. We submit you the respect to say a few words on our behalf this evening as the standing Tama Atua is governing the country.

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With due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Ok, Lufilufi e...

**Afioga Alaiasa Muagututia Moefaaouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu:** The Term is about to come to an end however there is an indecisive issue here. Only Fata and Maulolo can face Lufilufi on matters like this. In saying that, because I have compassion upon this brother, lest I make further explanation, because this comparison had existed for many years between Lufilufi and Tuisamau. No, these two things are different, Tuisamau looks after our relationship. With that being said, I give respect to our Father, let us bear that agreement. With due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well, thank you for our senior foresight. I call upon Tuiatua faanofonofa...

**Afioga Tafua Maluelue Tafua:** Very well thank you Lufilufi and Tuisamau. Observing this evening, I have thought that we would bear respect and take seniority into account this evening.

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I have whispered to Faumuina Liuga and Laufofo, that I will give my support whilst they give a statement on our behalf, they are the senior members of Parliament. That is how our work is done here bearing in mind respect.

That is the reason for my upstanding, as Lufilufi and Tuisamau are allowing me to give our statement, and for that I will stand up to allow which one of these two will speak for us, I will leave it to the honorable Speaker, with due respect.

**Tofa Ili Setefano Taateo Tafili:** Mr Speaker...

**Tofa Hon Laufofo Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo:** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call upon the Senior Hon Fonotoe, Laufofo.

**Tofa Hon Laufofo Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo:** Mr Speaker, I have thought is it my turn since I am sitting next to the Senior Member. Tafua and Laufofo are Orators of Lalogaufua. I had thought that Lufilufi would speak first. Do note that this is my fourth Parliament Term, me and this old man here.

I have thought that the Senior Orator will speak for us today. Nevertheless, our will shall not be done, but given respect upon Tumua and Pule, clarity is well received on all matters. This is the first time for me to be seated here during my fourth Term in here.

The chance is now before the Chair to respond to the wonderful statement of the Leader of that Side, the Hon Prime Minister. And based on normal observation made, the statement by the Leader of the Government, is the same remarks from the Executive. The Cabinet and Associate Ministers and that Side of the Chambers. Once finished, then the turn will come to this Side of the House. On their forethought on this matter.

However this is a very different and unique day. Nevertheless, because I have sat here, and said to the Senior Hon Faumuina, orator Tiatia, who is the mouthpiece of Aiga Salemuliaga, let us receive the foresight of the honorable Speaker, as the chance is now there. This is also supported by orator Fuiifatu, Puleono and Tuisamau. Nevertheless, if this is their farsightedness, then we will bear support.

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If you agree that we make our statement, well we are easy with anything. Our will shall not be done, as the authority is done by the House. This is our statement with respect. I see that Hon Faumuina Tiatia is taking the floor, very well we will have your foresight and if we have our turn later on, then we will make a statement to conclude our day.

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**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Thank you honorable Speaker for the chance. I have thought that the new member would ask the old member. As such respect has been breached, the senior members of the House.

Mr Speaker, the Leader of the Government has spoken, a man of Tumua. Whilst Pule gives its support still.

Very well, Mr Speaker, the honorifics of the country is undertaken in Mulinuu where the grounds of faautugatagi is located. *O paia o Fuiifatu, Vaituutuu, Finao, Matia ma Matia Ituau, Vailoa ma Faletoi, ua iinei. O Lalogafuaafua ma Sepolataemo, Malie ma Vaitoelau faapea Maauga ma Nuuasala ua aofaga mai i Tiafau nei.*

**MR SPEAKER:** The statement has begun...

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** They are all here, but as you state, no I will say it, the time of the Speaker is finished and the legislation is no longer applied in our exchanges (faatau).

Like the saying by Tiatia or Toluono. The orator of Vailoa looks after the grounds of Vailoa. Nevertheless, if your will is to speak given that this is your final statement here. Then our morning will come, but if you finish, then we will make a small acknowledgement to the Leader of the Government, with due respect.

**Tofa Nafitoa Talaimanu Keti:** I beg tolerance to the honorable Speaker as we aim to make our statement, as the order of our turns is done right. You are the senior Saleaula, Faasootauloa, and Matautu is still heeding support whenever you give your statement. Because you have retired together with the honorable Speaker. The words of the country *e uso lava taa ae talanoa aualuma*, thank you. Because Vaituutuu is a senior member of Falefagamalo, such is the reason...but do go ahead.

**Tofa Hon Faasootauloa Pati Taulapapa:** I have longed wanted to talk. Which is why I stood up with respect. Lufilufi and Leulumoega, because we do not just allow ourselves to speak freely. Saleaula is the Paramount Authority. There is also an agreement already implemented. Thus whenever we come here in Tumua, you will always speak first whilst I speak last, *e te gautaala, a o gataiala*. And nothing is mistaken.

On that note, I am full of respect, if possible for Saleaula to make one or two statements, it is like that. As such honorable Speaker, do allow me to speak. Because our *faatau* (traditional exchange) has prolonged, whilst you continue to uphold our foundation.

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It is not good for the Prime Minister to be on this side and for you to speak again. Because we are looking from that perspective. So what I meant was...

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**MR SPEAKER:** Saleaula, Saleaula...

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** Mr Speaker, I have thought we will make a statement, lest you move on. The blessing...

**MR SPEAKER:** You have heard my initial words, there is thought you have understood.

**Tofa Hon Faasootauloa Pati Taulapapa:** Toleafoa, I am done. You may give your speech now to conclude this issue. Go ahead, do not...

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** That is reason for my upstanding, it is for me to give blessings to our speech.

**Tofa Ili Setefano Taateo Tafili:** Mr Speaker, bless the speech of Aana, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo:** We shall show our support, so do go ahead with your statement. I would have thought that faleupolu would have guessed it when the warning was given. Because there comes a day when the senior member has to speak, regardless, many speakers have agreed for you to speak which is fitting, as this is the final Sitting of Parliament and we are about to part ways.

Bless your speech. You have our support.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you.

**Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki Mulipola:** Mr Speaker, *ia leaga e tele aso ae le lauaso. E tele foi taeao ae le lautaeao.* The saying of the country have been laid out. Samoa is also a divisional country and we cannot just sit around when something happens.

There is view that you do hold a high position honorable Speaker. The essence as the speard is not thrown idly like the story said about the tologa game, and such is the purpose of my words. I only wish to say, bless your statement, as you do not bear blessings from Tumua and Pule, I am aware that blessings have come your way because of me and my blessings to you.

#### **Response Speech by the Speaker**

May you have a great speech as the saying to pigeon hunter and its pigeon weapon, bear in mind shared perspectives. Bless your statement.

#### **RESPONSE SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well thanks, I wish not to praise this Parliament, because there is thought that I had given a motion in the beginning. And true as you say. This is the normal practice which we must heed. After each year then we will leave it to Parliament, for the decision of Tumua and Pule and families.

Whilst support is still given, that is the nature of our culture. As for this evening, such is the thought, I had requested with respect, why not give me the chance to make a statement as I have not said anything yet since...then it crossed my mind that all are in agreement, regardless I did wanted to say so much. But I will not submit them.

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Yes because after Adam and Eve were created, Satuala was formed. And I wish not to explain the developments of usoga ia Tutuila and Ape. As such, let us lay these things aside. I refuse to remind the things of the past. The main thing is that everyone are eager to hear, and with that I beg your pardon, grant me the chance to give a word of acknowledgement before Parliament.

Yes, thank you Leader of the House, and Cabinet, in your Parliamentary roles, and collaboration, thank you. You have assessed all for the welfare of the country. Since the role of Parliament is to review given your foresight and understanding sought before God and his will. We ought to seek and rely on God for it is His role to make things happen. So let us play our role which is meeting in this final Sitting of the country.

I acknowledge our ongoing efforts and duties. I specifically wish to acknowledge you all for putting your faith in me. Yes thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and Parliament. Thank you for choosing me to be the Speaker.

You have given me your trust, and your collaboration has made my work easier. It is reason there is peace in our work due to your role and respect. For that, this I will not crown it, I will treasure it between my heart and lungs given your goodness and trust through respect upon me. To be the Speaker, the member of the village of Fasitoo-uta.

Yes, I also take this opportunity to apologize. Whatever word that may have been offensive or had gone beyond boundaries, or have sounded displeasing to your hearing, may it rest in God, *ia poto lava le tautai ae le atoa atu i lona vaa, ia ia i lona.*

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I also bid your forgiveness for us to bear harmony for the sake of our country tuning in. For that reason I express congratulations and the heart of gratitude.

Thank you to the Ao o le Malo and the Member of the Council of Deputies who are the Head of Parliament in your support and recognition upon the Chair, in the duties that have been implemented. To His Highness, and the Member of the Council of Deputies, which are dignitary roles which pertains to the Three Branches of the Government.

I also wish to acknowledge the Chief Justice, the President, the Judiciary and the Executive from the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and Associate Ministers. Thank you for your approval upon me as the Speaker. Your honorific salutations cannot be expressed through my words. However the main spirit as we beg tolerance to His Highness Le Ao o le Malo, the Member of the Council of Deputies, especially the Three Pillars of the Government if we have not implemented any work fully. Forgive your servant.

*O le paia lava lea aua Aiga ma Tama, Tama foi ma Aiga, le Usoga a Tumua ma Pule, Ituau ma Alataua, Ituau ma le Vaa o Fonoti.* I will not make a mention of this honorifics again, the same with Tutuila and Manua and their Government for their support and prayers upon us.

Briefly speaking, the statement of the honourable Leader of the Government is more than enough to return gratitude to God for His goodness and love especially upon your roles and commitments. I also wish to acknowledge the Deputy Speaker for sharing our load together. I pray for blessings upon your endeavours for the upcoming general elections of the country. May sanctifications be upon you and your purpose honourable Deputy Speaker.

I wish to extend acknowledgement to the Government Chiefs, even though the Hon Prime Minister has already shared a talk about it, but I did not speak nor mention it, but pleaded for blessings upon it. To the dignity of Heads of the various Government Ministries and Corporations. Well done to you and your efforts, it is only God where we can find blessings, so to rely on Him is to gain us strength. Because stability of the country's developments comes

from your support and continuous service every day through your requests submitted to the Executive and Cabinet.

The same with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the office of Parliament, well done to you, we are satisfied with the meals provided. Not only that, but also with the implementing of your tasks which is not easy. May blessings from God be upon you and your duties. For today is our turn and yours is tomorrow. Not only with the Clerk of the Parliament but also the staff and the Heads of Government Ministries and Corporations, do not become a member too quick, until you have offered your service long enough. This is our time, and such is the thought. God will in due time grant you your chance.

### **Response Speech by the Speaker**

To the church ministers of God in the various parts of the country who the chosen Leaders of the Gospel. We rely on you and your prayers night and day in order to receive blessings for the sake of the country. Bless your callings, and may partiality not be done, the whole Parliament belongs to the country. Thus, in our statement, may prudence be gained from God, and may sacredness be upon the sermons you preach together with your prayers, and may many souls be found to serve God and his will. This is our statement to the ordained ministers of God.

Then I come to our constituency of Fasitoo-uta, *i le paia o Satuala ia Aiono ma Leaupepe, o Sua ma Toleafoa ma le taa uso, le mamalu i le falefitu ma le matua ia Tauauvea*. Thank you for your prayers and support upon me. I always experience warmth in the duties and roles I implement due to your devotions. To the ordained Ministers of God within our village, thank you for your appeals and support. Why do you good to this servant. The prayer from us to you, may the blessings you offered to God be repaid back to your village so that they are blessed, together with the sacred servants of God who are residing in our village as true witnesses of God's will.

I also wish to thank Faleasiu, for the many chances granted upon us to... we came with Tuitama from Faleasiu, so Faleasiu e, aiga faletolu ma fuaifale and the religious leaders of God, thank you for your great support. We do meet even if I am in Fasitoo or Faleasiu. Whatever you decide upon me to be able to make good use of myself, I reside in Fasitoo, let us collaborate, it is like that. Whatever support I can offer you, do come and meet me.

I will not read out any development, Fasitoo, I will not read them out. You do that, if any development was achieved and had been implemented by the Government, it is like that, Rome was not built in one day. You are aware of food sharing; it is the same. Even if you do not eat, that is the good and wise distribution of the old man. He ensures that everyone gets the share of the food and puts himself last or even so, he does not get anything.

That is it Fasitoo, whatever help the Government has offered to our village, God is watching us, more developments will be come from our village, for the livelihoods of our children. Good water access and good electricity and so forth, these are the main things that is necessary for our village. Bless the support. Bless our endeavours comes the general elections, may we rely on God, for the decisions we make in order to select our representatives. May the winning person find courage, compassion to serve the church for the sake of the village and ecclesia. That is our statement in relation to our elections, bear God in mind in your decision-making. May blessings be upon our elderlies, children and families living here and abroad as well everyone else. This is our statement. The statement is very short to end our evening.

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Hon Prime Minister, I wish you the best, I entreat the consecrations of God upon your wellbeing and ours so that we can meet again tomorrow. There is purpose for the dissolution of Parliament through an official ceremony.

I forgot about the Ministry of Police and the Commissioner. It is a Ministry that is dear to the heart. Even though I was never a policeman, but it is still dear, given the service they provide. It is the service they deliver to serve the country in any way. Whether you die from it, it is to serve, may God bless your honourable Commissioner in your calling, and the Ministry of Police and Correction Services.

This is our statement with respect, have a blessed evening and ending to our Sitting day.

*Parliament showed appreciation by clapping their hands after the Thank You Speech of the Speaker.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Since we have arrived at the end of our work, there is thought that Proceedings of Parliament will be adjourned until tomorrow at 10am, for a special Parliament ceremony for the dissolution of Parliament XVI. That is the announcement with respect at this time of the evening. Our Sitting will now be adjourned until 10.00am tomorrow for a special ceremony for the dissolution of the XVI Parliament. This is the notice with respect.

The Office of the Legislative Assembly will prepare us breakfast to end our Sitting. Bless this Parliament and the Heads of Government Ministries.

I call upon the reverend Alaiasa to end our Sitting with a prayer before we can adjourn.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 8:00pm until Wednesday 03 March 2021, at 10:00am.*