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Mr Speaker took that Chair at 9:20am.

Prayer.

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

Well, greetings to you all this in new morning. I believe that we have gained strength to continue our work for this week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2020/2021
– second reading and Debate on the Bill – Day 5**

MR SPEAKER: Before Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned last week, the member for the District of Faleata East was speaking.

In the utmost respect, I call on the honourable member to continue your speech.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING (Faleata East): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I also express salutations this new morning with good wishes as the sanctity of this Parliament have gathered today. Although yesterday was the funeral of one of the members who served in our Parliament in the past, but it does not diminish our faith in our God. As Jesus said, “There is plenty of room in my Father’s house for us to live in”. Therefore, may his soul rest in the loving arms of our Most High God in heaven.

As for this new morning, I would like to address my constituency of Faleata No.1. Just like I mentioned last time, there are two separate villages in this constituency, but there are 13 sacred villages and communities within this district of Faleata No.1.

My village of Vaimoso in all its honorific salutations. As well as my beloved village of Lepea in all its honorific salutations.

These are the sacred villages of this district, starting from Moamoa, Moamoa-fou, Moamoa-tai, Moamoa-mauga, Sinamoga, Alafua, Vaitoloa and Fatipule, Pesega, Lotopa, Tuanaimato, Seese, Tuaefu and Ululoloa. It is where the kings and nobles of the country reside, with the presence of the retired church ministers and their wives.

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And it is also the residents of the sanctity of the Cabinet, the Hon Prime Minister and some Cabinet Ministers, as well as some of the male and female members of this House, it is also where the Tama a Aiga and his Good Lady resides. It is also the residents of the male and female Judges of the Judiciary of Samoa, including the male and female doctors, lawyers, engineers and grant writers, as this is one thing that is needed by our constituencies, the grant writers. It also includes CEOs and ACEOs of our Government, businesses and private Ministries, it is also where businessmen and those responsible for large contracts reside. The principals and teachers, and all of the public servants of our Government, and some staff of private businesses, but most importantly the support of the elderly men and women and the sanctity of this constituency.

Well, those are the sanctities of our mighty district of Faleata No.1. It will be a while before I address the special demands of our district. But at this time, I would like to express the essence of congratulations and thanks to our constituency for these years that we have been together. When I was appointed to this position, I was uncertain of the outcome, whether this journey will be calm or rough. However, starting from the time when I met with my district, it was a very warm relationship; it is also a relationship that is very friendly and mutual. And maybe this is also the reason why it is easy to set up policies to develop the district.

This is the first policy that is firm in the district, the Constituency Development Committee. These are the conditions that were instigated by our Government; especially the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, and it has enveloped all the constituencies of our country, except for the one district in Savaii, since the resurface of the Covid-19 virus, we were unable to implement it. But this is another policy that I know is very good and perfect for the development of our country.

I mentioned in the past the issues that the United Nation is discussing, the sustainable development goals, or the needs or the expected goals of development that needs to be continued. And it is in this situation that Samoa can achieve this objective and achieve the goals of the world that we have already signed.

Another very important thing is the district development plan or the guide for the development of villages and communities....

MR SPEAKER: I implore the member that is speaking as the member for Salega East is upstanding, is there something you wanted to interrupt.

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Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East): Mr Speaker, it is something I want to understand. Thank you Mr Speaker. I sit and observe the conditions of our Assembly, because it is understood when asked. Mr Speaker, I want to ask because I would like to understand, in term of our Standing Orders. If you notice last week, the duration for the speeches by the members is 2 to 3 hours long. Whether our Standing Orders have been set aside for 30 minutes given to discuss the context of the Budget and public addresses, or is it just being neglected.

Well, that is the question Mr Speaker, because I want to understand, or perhaps we are doing our maiden speeches again. Well, this part seems to be new from my observation Mr Speaker. That is the reason for the question. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Well, first of all, perhaps as witnessed in your speech, there was no interruption or interference, and your suggestion shown on behalf of your constituency was complete, well, these are your final statements to the observation of the constituencies. The issues that were raised and debated in the Parliament for the development of the districts in different areas, and also the opportunity to thank those who put their trust in you, for electing you as their representative to voice their opinions in Parliament through Government policies.

These are the opportunities, but we keep to our normal time. But like many of the speeches that have been made, as Tutuila and Ape are read differently like the words used in the brotherhood of Aana, because of the interventions and corrections and explanations by the Government who are also standing to correct and hijack and thus prolong the speeches of the honorable members.

But the respectable members are speaking to use their foresight, so I implore that you uphold our Standing Orders. The conditions of our Standing Orders are not being neglected or set aside, but speak with regards to our Standing Orders, this is the case for these 5 years, but you are already aware that the speeches must be 30 minutes long. Well, because this is one area where the Speaker is being observed, saying that.... I will just say it directly, cutting down on your opportunities. Well, but no. The question raised by the Member is very good, but that is the case, the members are free to speak and..... It is the discipline, not the Standing Orders, but discipline is better than the Standing Orders.

Well, that is the situation in order to please the observation of the district. This is the case Olo, but.... well, Salausa, adhere to the suggestion made by Olo as....

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Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. But that is what we considered, we also prepared a lot for our speeches, but we limited it with regards to the Bill being administrated by the Hon Speaker, which is also the reason why we shortened our speeches and our statements. Well, we just wanted to state the obvious as you have already made it clear, thank you for the opportunity. Because for many of the members this is the first time, they are making their speeches, but they did not make any speeches in these past 5 years. But it seems that they are misusing this opportunity because they are worried that the Parliamentary Term is coming to an end, but they have yet to make any statements. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well, that is the situation, but show some sympathy towards the fellow members who are worried, but bless you for you are not anxious, since you are a senior member, but some of these members are quite distressed. See, they have become thin with distress. Yes. They are starting to wander around restlessly, and you can see them talking to themselves alone because they are very anxious.

Well, I ask the Member for Faleata to speak, limit your speech to half an hour. Yes, it would not be good if I keep reminding you.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Well, I ask the representative for Development and Private Organizations to stand.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: Mr Speaker, thank you for clarifying the conditions on how our Assembly is administrated, it is clear. Olo is also well aware of it. But I stand because it was stated in the speech made by the member for Faleata West, as the speech by Faleata is quite wonderful, in all its complete conditions and his point of view of his district, as well as the Ministry of Women who are responsible for the development of each of our constituencies. Since my constituency was mentioned in the statement made by the member last week, saying that there were some youths who approached them with questions, perhaps this was when the Ministry went to start discussions on these district guidelines.

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So the reason for my emergence because my constituency is listening in, now there is a guideline, and I am holding it in my hand now – Satupaitea District Development Guide 2019/2029, and the issues that were stated by the member are all in here, to develop my constituency. Well, in the near future the Constituency Committee will meet as mentioned by the member and then these developments will continue. And with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well, it is associated with the guidelines of my village, as stated and addressed by the Hon Minister, but thank you to the Ministry for introducing these good practices so that villages and communities can be developed. Thank you.

Well, I ask the member to stand and continue your speech. Base your speech on the motion that Olo stated.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Well, thank you, I will speak according to the motion moved by Olo. Now I am addressing my constituency, and I am also concluding my speech.

But I have mentioned these District Development Committees, because the whole thing has a lot of impact on the Budget and the progress of the country. Yes. This results in good management.

This is what is important to me with this current District Guide, with this, the districts are being asked directly to speak, to express, to convey, what do you need for your development? That is the most important thing.

MR SPEAKER: I implore the member, as I call on the Prime Minister to stand.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, we are discussing the Guideline. Our Parliament also has a Guideline. Please Mr Speaker, are there any Guidelines for members arriving late to our Sitting not only for coming late but also not attending the Sittings due to dishonesty? If they do not want to attend the Sitting, what should be done? We are nearing the end of our Assembly, and yet things like this occur, the members are not faithful to their oaths, but they have been in this House for a long time and now they are not attending the Sittings, or they arrive late, and then they come and raise issues that have already been discussed here? But not only is it reflecting their lack of understanding, but it also misrepresents the proceedings of the Sitting to the country. Please, would it be possible to indicate these Guidelines for us in this Parliament?

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Well, the usual Guidelines, a reminder for the Parliament, you possess two Bibles, well, pardon the language concerning the Book of God, there are two worldly bibles that are distributed when you are appointed. When elected to be an honorable member, the Constitution and the Standing Orders. Those are the first books given to us. But the question that was raised by the Hon Leader of the Government, first of all, our Oath of Allegiance to carry out our work in this Assembly. What is allegiance? Being active in our Parliamentary Sittings and adhering to our time. That is the first level of allegiance, if they are not active, then it means that they are not honest representatives.

Secondly, they must inform the Hon Speaker.

Thirdly, if they do not attend the Sittings for three consecutive Sitting days, the decision will automatically be made to remove them, they will no longer be politicians, retired from the position of representative. Yes. But it is done in a formal way of discussion.

That is the reason for my concern, our Standing Orders will always be utilized, but there is also consideration for our cultural values, the mutual respect, but none of the senior members are like that, as if... well, in case the Chair is blamed, but you are all aware, the member who is... because senior Aeau, who is 80 or 90 years old, but still... although it is raining this morning, but the Hon Aeau is present here today. As for the other members, it is true they are senior members, but they are young, but when they come, they arrive 1 or 3 hours before our Sitting ends. Well, I refuse to say it in case I mention their names, but that is it.

That is the response to the question raised by the Hon Prime Minister, but that is the case.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the reason for my emergence is because ever since I entered this House, I would usually see members like this, they only attend the beginning of the Assembly so that their names are written in the attendance records, and after less than an hour they would leave and never return to the Assembly. But the issue that is transpiring in here now, we are making our appeals to our constituencies, so that we can be re-elected and return. But what has happened? It is still ongoing. They do not attend Sittings, or they just come to write down their names and then they would leave and never come back.

MR SPEAKER: Well, just... I beseech the Hon Prime Minister...

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Therefore, I am happy that I raised this issue, since our Assembly is being broadcasted on television, so that the districts can see the dishonest behaviour of their members. That is why when they make statements in here and outside of this House, they talk about issues that they do not understand, because they did not attend and listen to the proceedings of our Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I apologise to the Hon Prime Minister...

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Gagaifomauga No.3): Mr Speaker an opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I implore the member of Gagaifomauga No.3, apologies to the Hon Prime Minister, because it seems... I do not know who to blame, because it was... it is Fiamē who is acting like this. I am now addressing this directly or delivering it with respect, but now I will say it straight, the Hon Sao Faapito Fiamē. But I also criticize you Hon Prime Minister in these 5 years and the ten years that Fiamē was Deputy Prime Minister, but you should have given advice. Advice the Hon Sao Faapito at the time when... because this was the exact behaviour that was observed during the time of being the Deputy Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, you are well aware of the situation, when she left, she said, I am free, but at that time, she was restricted under the oath of allegiance. Well, what are they going to do now that they are free? It is not a good situation, especially now that all the work of the Chief Executive Officers of the Government is put on hold so that they can attend and observe the condition that the Leaders of the country are in, but they are disloyal to their duties, and this is not a good image that is being shown to the country tuning in.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. She was also free during the time of being the Deputy Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Well, Mr Speaker, a chance to say something with respect.

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MR SPEAKER: However, we will end this matter in case the Hon Speaker gets accused for...No, it is in the essence of clarification, since I have mentioned the name of Aeau, the remaining senior member of the House, as we can see the weather outside is harsh, but he is able to attend today. For this reason, I had to say something about the senior members, because these two, the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Sao Faapito, they are the two longest serving members of Parliament, that is the case.

Anyway, well, Laauli is there anything you want to address before this matter is set aside?

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Yes, I speak with respect, and I appreciate your speech this morning. I have been listening carefully to the importance of the speech made by the member for Faleata who is currently speaking. Unfortunately, Mr Speaker, I am unhappy with the Hon Prime Minister, the issue being discussed is very different from the issue he is raising. I implore you to not criticize the country in our presence. Yes, none of us are perfect, sometimes we do not attend the Sittings, other times we would attend.

But I beseech the Hon Prime Minister, as the Hon Sao Faapito is unable to attend due to some family and district matters, as well as the Hon Leatinuu. But I implore you since the country is listening as you stand up unannounced to insult and slander us for not attending the Sittings, but you the Hon Prime Minister and Mr Speaker possess the wisdom.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. Pardon the member as I ask the Hon Prime Minister to stand.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Point of Order. This is not an insult; we are talking about our Standing Orders and our Guidelines. We are we not talking about the Guidelines? The Standing Orders and our Guidelines. And now I am standing to discuss our Standing Orders.

The reason why I am talking about these things, unfortunately there are a lot of false ideas being uttered outside of this House. But these are matters that should be discussed in this House with the observation of the country. We rise to discuss issues so that our Sitting progress smoothly.

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These are the other things that are prioritised, like our Guidelines, but when they are outside, they slander the House, slander the Hon Speaker in the process of the Sitting. So, what can be done? It is best to attend the Sittings to listen to the speeches made by the members so that we can understand the things that are implemented for their constituencies. As for us, we are just observing carefully, since we are the ones who will be implementing the requests of our members in this House.

Mr Speaker, which is the reason for my emergence, in those days you were also part of the Cabinet, and attended our House Sittings, and I would call for our meetings before we came to this Assembly, what were the words you said? Please try to attend before the Assembly begins. I talk about everything, every single time; we must attend before the Assembly starts, ensure that we are present before the bell rings and a call is made for members to complete the numbers needed, because if the quorum is not met, we cannot proceed with our Sitting. In the previous Parliamentary term, the bell would ring every time.

Mr Speaker, if the member wants to tell the people what to do, they should lead by example, try to avoid the issue of saying, do as I say, but not as I do.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well, I implore you Laauli...

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker, I speak with respect...

MR SPEAKER: Laauli I beseech you with the utmost respect...

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Yes, I beseech the Hon Prime Minister, stop looking down on us and continue saying we are dishonest. Please Hon Prime Minister that is enough, we have a few weeks left before our Parliamentary Term ends. That is enough because we are overwhelmed.

MR SPEAKER: I beseech the Member, I think... I beg your pardon because... Our Standing Orders, since our Standing Orders were questioned, it is a violation, and it is not appropriate with the Standing Order for another member to stand up, such as the Hon Laauli who stood up. It is unsuitable with the Order for a member to interrupt the interruption of another member. The intervention and the correction and the Point of Clarification is the reason why the Hon Prime Minister stood up, to explain and clarify some things that the Hon Member for Faleata said.

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But now your interruption is made towards the interruption of the Hon Prime Minister, another speech was referred to the intervention of the Member for Faleata. I think, this is why I said to end this matter here.

For the audience of the country, I apologise, as the intention was to explain and clarify the things that have been raised in this Parliament. Just like the question raised by the Hon Prime Minister, on the Standing Orders I am adhering to. Now I am presenting it before you all. Therefore, I ask the Hon Member for Faleata to conclude your speech.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you. The importance of the guidelines of each district. Given this new system, now the constituencies are being asked first. What do you need for your development? Because the ways that our country used in the past, mostly when we received funds from overseas, it is then distributed to our constituencies. This is the program that should be implemented; unfortunately, it was not suitable with the needs of the districts. Such is why when the funds ran out that program also ended. It seems that it is not a system that provides what we need in terms of the sustainability of programs. So now, the development programs for our constituencies should be sustainable, because these are the needs that our districts requested, that is the importance of these things. I also pray to each Ministry, which is involved and have partnerships in this development, to value the needs of the districts. The guidelines have been presented, and that is how we will proceed, from 2019 to 2029.

Now the District Development Committee of Faleata No.1 has been established and is currently continue....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Point of Clarification regarding the Sustainable Development program. I stand to give a clarification, since we are being too eager, but the country is listening and asking what this is. This program originated after the guidelines for programs for major developments and for all the countries of the United Nation was presented. This was after the agreement was signed in 2015 in Paris, the capital of France. It is a guide that involves the whole world, as it is a fight against the enemy that the world is facing, climate change. Because of climate change, it has made it difficult for various developments to continue, due to hurricanes, tsunamis, fires, and more. As for our country itself, we have already passed it. It really affected Samoa. There were a lot of dry coconuts sent overseas. What has happened? There are no more shipments of coconuts overseas because it is not possible to continue.

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Our coconuts were loaded and taken to Britain, Germany and other countries to process for coconut oil. There was a year when I travelled to Germany, and I went to the big city of Hamburg which has large ports where large ships would dock. It was here that the big cargoes of coconut and cocoa from Samoa would arrive, and I was given a huge logbook which records the arrival of these large ships. It also records the coconuts and cocoa beans that are exported to Samoa.

Samoa is also one of the 14 countries that produced high flavoured cocoa. This is the greatest cocoa, which is still available today, and it is very much needed in the production of chocolate in Holland, England, Belgium and more. We had a lot of cocoa. There were cocoa factories, there were large machines used to dry the cocoa. There is cocoa that is taken as a whole and sometimes only the cocoa bean shells are delivered, since the cocoa bean shells are mixed with the cocoa.

So where is the cocoa now? There is no more cocoa. Also, for the banana, we reached a million-dollar worth of banana crates that were sent to New Zealand in the year 1960. Since only Samoa and other countries of the Pacific provided New Zealand with banana. But when the bananas were affected by the wilt disease, it stopped the distribution of bananas to New Zealand. So, these three major products were affected, the cocoa, the coconuts and the bananas. And then a plague broke out in the month of September in the year 1994, and it affected the taro. I remember at the meeting that was held here that the plight emerged. I remember that year, because that was the year that the first anti-government strike was launched, and it used two things. First is the scarcity of taro due to being affected by the plight, and secondly the VAGST. It started a protest march in 1994, protest march in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. This would have caused conflicts within the country due to these protest marches. Why? No taro, we earned \$10 million dollars a year from the exportation of taro to New Zealand. Once the taro got affected, we were unable to produce anymore taro. It has been almost 10 years or more since taro became unattainable. But was the country hungry? No. We had other different foods to replace it.

Mr Speaker, this meant that Samoa depended on these 4 food products, coffee was also moderate. When we talk about Sustainable Development, we can also discuss the continuation of developments that we depend on. That is why the world values developments that need to be continued. Because Samoa is not the only one that is affected by these things, the whole world is affected and is suffering from the emergence of diseases.

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Because Samoa is not the only one affected by these things, it affects the whole world and it will suffer, from all these diseases. This is why countries around the world do not undermine, Sustainable Development. What we are trying now is to try and find any type of banana, so that we can have the banana we first had before it was diseased, the banana bears fruit, and a bunch is centimetres long. The bananas in the past bore fruit without diseases, before it was damaged.

The member of Vaimauga East is listening. The reason why I mention these things is because I am old. I was also a farmer that grew banana and carried bananas, perhaps this was before you were born. That is the way it is, it bears fruit, ripens, grows long before it falls to the ground. At that time, there were no diseases, but once the disease came, all our bananas suffered.

That is the importance of talking about Sustainable Development. We have come from it, we have suffered, which is why this announcement is so important. Therefore, I take the floor to remind everyone of the riches given to us by God. But where is it? All these diseases and disorders afflict us. That is why the Government is not sitting still, we are looking at other developments, when other things fail another can suffice, in order to continue the well-being of our people.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you. I call upon the member of Anoamaa East, Afioga Lufilufi.

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu (Anoamaa East): Mr Speaker, this is just a clarification in relation to the member speaking. The speech conveyed by the member last week was wonderful where he talked about the people's children, and everything in his speech. But there was something that I heard. It was mentioned that there are Corporations that distribute money to the constituency, when the money is gone that will be it. Since my constituency is listening in, in case they might think the member is just sitting here and not doing any programs where money is distributed to the rural areas. Mr Speaker, if we look at this some already have the intention to distribute a million each. It has misguided the constituency, but I want to ask the member, which of the Corporations was the source of the money of his constituency. With respect on the matter that I wish to understand.

MR SPEAKER: This is a good question; I call upon the member...

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Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you for the opportunity, I am also grateful for the interruptions that further clarified some of the issues of ongoing developments. This is the gratitude that I would like to say to our constituency because the development committee has been able to implement it well. At the same time, the constituency now meets every 2 months. And we have two more meetings left, we also have an account, at the moment there is \$2,700 in the constituency's account. This money is the contribution of the constituency, the villages that participated gave in \$200 each to register. The person that comes to the meeting, makes a contribution of \$5. If we find a sponsor, they get a \$10 fare. These are the efforts of this constituency, not only is it a big constituency, but there are many villages which is hard to organise. One of the...

The matter mentioned by the member, on some organisations from overseas that take money. This is exactly what we note from this development, it is unsustainable, because of certain circumstances. But it is in the interest of the current development committee that the demands expressed by the constituency, are not from overseas. The needs that were voiced by the constituency, those are the guidelines of the constituency. The second thing I am grateful for to my constituency, is the women committee which is almost organised. It is almost organised; majority of the villages have cooperated but only a few are still in the process of coming together. Once the women committee is formed, these will be the two areas on which the development of the constituency is based. The constituency development committee and women committee. This is where the benefits for the district should come from, as well as liaising with our Government, for developments and programs that need to be done. That is why I would like to commend and thank our constituency, because of the plans that we have come up with, let us keep trying since it is not easy. Therefore, I want to thank the village, Government and women representatives for their coordination.

Mr Speaker these are some of the needs of this constituency, the rivers, as seen in the recent floods. Most of the flooding that occurs in the western part of the town area, is due to this constituency, the rivers situated there are too strong. The river in Vaimoso is strong, since this is where all the rivers from Moamoa, Sinamoga and Alafua flows through in one channel. Once it cannot contain it, it overflows at the back of SMI, through Fugalei and Savalalo. The other river source is at Vaimoso-uta which leads to Taufusi, which floods the road in Taufusi. This is the same with the waterway at Fuluasou, it has reached our house.

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Perhaps it is 50 to 80 meters between the river that is at Fuluasou and our house, but it still flooded our house. This is what we noticed in the inspection that was carried out in the constituency, the drains are crooked, also shallow, and the edges of the drains are very low, too low. Majority of these areas are almost level with drains and riverbanks also with adjacent lands. If we look at the existing drainage system, it is filled with sand. Most of the sand is settled in the centre. When you look at the cement bridge in Sinamoga, you will notice underneath the bridge is bent, it is curved in...

MR SPEAKER: The time of the member is finished.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Perhaps as much as 2 feet...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member...

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong (Urban West): Mr Speaker, I note that the beautiful speech by my fellow member of Faleata is nearly at its conclusion. But it is just an idea, since the ideas of the member are quite interesting. Therefore Mr Speaker, I move a motion to add another 2 days for the speech of the member, his ideas are very interesting. With respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. The Chair will not accept such irrational matters. Do you think the Chair is stupid?

Afioga Faumuina Asi Pauli Wayne Fong: Mr Speaker, this is a humble opinion. Since the member has been speaking for 2 days, which is why I conveyed this opinion.

MR SPEAKER: Be patient, sit down, while I convey a statement. You just came in maybe 5 minutes ago, but you have stood up and interrupted the House with such nonsense. Show some respect, there is a difference between a new matai and an old matai. It is measured upon culture, respectable manners and relationship. Likewise, I call upon the member to conclude his remarks.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you for the interruption this is good, I will try for another 2 days. The river is the reason, this is why I request the Ministry and Minister to review this matter.

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I know that there are already reports being submitted by the constituency on some of the areas destroyed. Not only with cyclone Gita, but also other areas damaged by the recent floods. This has been added to the report, and other things and a request for an engineer, to try and find a solution, on what can be done to resolve these things.

I also think, these are things that are not easy, talking to the constituency it is not easy to try and fix these crooked drains. But perhaps this is the era of innovative thinking and innovative designs by engineers to solve this problem.

Because it seems these problems will continue to happen every year, like an annual event. And the flooding will not cease as it will only increase each year, it is comparable to the celebration of the Teuila every year, and the floods will be an annual event. As for long term plans, this is left to the Government, such plans and a resolution is needed right now, in digging of the canal. I mentioned the cement bridge at...

MR SPEAKER: I just want to remind the member, with reference to the situation, to just voice your concerns to the Ministry of Works, to be heard by the engineers and Ministers who will take note of it. Because your time is being taken up by trying to clarify the matter in detail, but you do not have an engineering degree, only medical degree. Leave the matter to the Minister, recommendations are important, but it is taking up our time, because that is the duty of the Minister, hence the Chief Executive of the Ministry is also listening.

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: Are you taking the floor since your query has not been answered, or...

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu: Mr Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Orders since it has been mentioned. I move another 5 minutes for the member to continue and conclude his speech. As for the drains mentioned, I believe the water here is less than the ones seen in our constituency. But the reason why it overflows is us, even though we can the river, but we still set up lands beside where the river usually flows to the sea. But once people started developments, they reclaimed the land building it higher, blocking the water which ends up flooding other families. This is the assistance since I have some knowledge regarding flooding. But I propose another 5 minutes to conclude the speech of the member. With respect.

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MR SPEAKER: I appease the member, but a decision has already been made. The member of Faleata also moved additional time for the member, for 2 days. We do not have any provision to move for 2 days, it is a pun, this is why. There are times when the Chair is not an angel, when a word voiced is to make fun of the situation, this speaks to the Chair that it is being challenged. Nonetheless I give the opportunity to the member to conclude. Leave the matter to the Ministry of Works, there is also a lot of work on that side, but the Ministry should look into a solution for problem.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you. The statement voiced is honest and true, I have no intention to pursue hence it is left to the Ministry and the Engineers. The only request that is needed now, is to dig out the sand from in the drains, which is making the drains shallower. The bridge at Sinamoga, perhaps there is probably 2 feet left between the sand and the arch that is on the pavement of the road, before the drain is blocked by sand. This is why I request, since we have more rain coming as reported by the Metrology office. This is the reason for this request with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister, pardon the member.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): The doctor engineer has already given a letter regarding the matter he is sharing. For the sand mentioned, it has been done, thus the Ministry and management are also listening in, and they will go oversee it later, I was instructed to overlook this matter recently. Because there was a lot of sand in the drains and whether any work was being done. But this matter is being noted, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: A clarification has been given by the Hon Minister but conclude with your remarks.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you, thank you an answer has been given, because it was just last night that I had a conversation with the men of the constituency. They also gave their opinion, if the Government agrees, whether it is difficult or late. Whether families living nearby can be allowed to remove the sand.

To move the sand from the drain, but since the Minister has responded, perhaps we will now await the Ministry.

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The access road of this constituency, there are a lot of internal roads between houses. Perhaps most of these roads are about 50 meters it is not long but there is a lot. We do not know what system to use. I sent an email to the Chief Executive of the Land Transport and Authority because of some new methods, which I found on internet, using old car tires, with respect to the House, to construct these roads. They are cut off the sides, put together and then buried inside. It is buried with either gravel or dry coral, which is hard, it is very sturdy. This also makes it hard for the water to move it during the rain, because it is stuck in the car tire. These are a few new ideas, or innovative thinking and design to try these things. Because they do not know what to do. I also informed the constituency during our meeting to start collecting car tires so by the time Galumalemana and the Land Transport Office come around, we would have enough tires to do the work. That is the situation even with the roads, it is difficult to control the water, and I humbly request the respects of the constituency, to the village councils, Chief Executives, engineers, doctors, lawyers residing within the constituency, to let us work together. Whatever you can do to help, and support the development of the constituency, we welcome with gratitude.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo (Falealili East): Apologies Mr Speaker. Since there was a mention of gathering tires, but we should remember that this is where mosquitos breed, however the only I want to understand, whether it will be a good development or what exactly is the use of these tires we will await the Ministry. Also, what is going to be done with this pile of tires whether it will bring about another disease with the tires that will be collected by the constituency? With respect.

MR SPEAKER: A pile? Pile of tires? The member understands the query.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: It is true, well there is nothing in this world that is perfect. When we try to do something good, there is always a problem that follows. Just like the car tires mentioned by the member, he is right, car tires usually store water, which becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

But the thing is, if tires are collected, it should be ensured that it does not store any water. Find a way, like covering it with tarpaulin so that no water will be stored within the tires. Then wait for the time LTA gives the okay, then it can be used for our roads, we can roll it around...

Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki (Aiga i le Tai): Mr Speaker...

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MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. The answer for the matter has been voiced. Is there anything else that you want Aiga i le Tai?

Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki: I stand with respect, Mr Speaker since Faleata is in need of car tires, but our constituency has a lot of tires, if you need it, we are happy to give it to them to assist with their tire collection. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Perhaps the member means well. I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Faleata has just now mentioned tire-built roads, but it has long been used by Saleufi where I lived going to school. Saleufi is mostly a swamp area. The tires are laid out then gravel is used to fill the inside of the circular space to keep it in place, you step from one tire to another. Beside the line of tires is a channel, where small fishes live. If mosquitoes do want to breed in the channel they will be eaten by these small fishes. These type of fishes like eating mosquitos. That is why it is also important to save these fishes, any mosquito that lays eggs there will be eaten by the fishes. This is a brief explanation on the idea stated by the member, this technology has long been implemented by the village of Saleufi.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. Aiga I le Tai do you now understand how it is used? On the significance of how it will be used regarding the member's intention.

Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki: Thank you. It has been noted.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call upon the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Mr Speaker, with utmost respect I do not wish to interrupt the speech of the member. I take the floor since the Prime Minister has stated that the tires have been used for years. The matter is, we should not be using such methods anymore, the development of Samoa is moving forward, if we use tires again, this means we will go backwards. But leave the matter with our engineers who will overlook a solution on how to use these tires. Now Manono wants to give away their tires, piling it up over there. With respect.

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MR SPEAKER: We have all heard the response of the Minister, we do not want to go back, also I humbly ask the member to not use these tires, since we have progressed forward, the Ministry of Works will come by and oversee what should be done. I call upon the member.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you. I want to thank the Hon Minister who has clarified this matter. I also thank my fellow member from Manono, but no, leave your tires in Manono.

MR SPEAKER: The reason why I mention this respectable member, is to assist, as stated by the Hon Prime Minister, if we look at Saleufi the area which was owned by Grey, now where Bluebird and the market is at, that road was mostly made up of car tires before independence. From 1962, 1963 up to 1970. What now? Majority of this area has now been developed by Government, and we do not see this anymore. Therefore, the Hon Minister has stated, the member of Faleata be considerate, as the Ministry will come by, but I advise not to use those things, since we no longer use such methods nowadays.

I call upon the member...

Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki: Mr Speaker, no I made the statement in good faith to assist with the gathering of tires of the constituency, unfortunately it has been rejected, but I was going to give to him for free. Nevertheless the tires of the constituency will be left as it was, since it has not been accepted. With utmost respect, good luck with our Sitting.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well leave your things there, also you will not be coming back in the next elections, maybe you can later make use of it with your time.

Susuga Mulipola Leiataua Laki: Perhaps this will be given to you since we are close to each other.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member, also refrain from the mention of tires regarding the interruption from the member.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Thank you. When there is a lot of demands in the constituency, well the member will act on it, and the demand of the constituency is overwhelming, because there are a lot of roads, small roads, but we do not know what to do with it.

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Therefore I have been doing some research on what to do, and this idea was proposed to the constituency, also we should not be reliant on anyone but should lead in what should be done. If we help ourselves, our Lord will assist us as well with our needs. We need to help ourselves first then the Government will show compassion later and the Minister with what we do. Yes. This is the spirit. It is also the reason for trying to find solutions elsewhere, but since the Minister has responded, we will change it then, and await the assistance we hope will arrive soon. Thank you.

One of the other requests of this constituency, are the lawn-mower contractors. It was raised in the meeting for development of the constituency a proposal for the *aumaga*, for a lawn mower contract to be given to the constituency so the untitled men can receive the financial benefits.

Remember I mentioned last week that the *aumaga* is the strength of the village, they are the ones the village council is dependent upon, also for the women and development of the village, they cannot go and find full time work, but if there are such contracts, the village has already submitted a letter for consideration by the Minister and Ministry. If mowing contracts can be awarded for the development of *aumaga* in the constituency.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Mr Speaker...

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

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: I thank the member for raising this matter. The Land Transport Authority has long discussed the situation in order to conduct a survey of communities that want to use their youth to carry out this work. I am not sure how the research is going but a comparison will be carried out on contract work whether it will be cheaper to be performed by the constituency mentioned by the member. This has been included in future plans of the Land Transport Authority. This is important to assist with constituencies and villages to make use of the youth who are unemployed and earn money if there is to be a benefit for the community who are willing to do this work. The member has already made a request on this matter, and I have already explained it to him, and I told him to leave it with me since there are other constituencies who have submitted similar requests. The Ministry and Authority are currently carrying out a survey, to oversee whether it is cheaper for villages and constituencies to carry out this work, and not give it to other small businesses who are doing this work of lawn mowing, who are bidding for it. With respect.

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MR SPEAKER: Very well. I call upon the member your time is over.

Afioga SALAUSA JOHN AH CHING: Very well, thank you. I will now conclude.

Our constituency, the speech of your member is now going to conclude. There are a lot of challenges faced by the constituency, however let us be patient. Those who are patient, will receive a good blessing later. This constituency of Faleata 1 is new, and we have only been together for a while, and I believe our journey is off to a very good start. Our ship is beautiful, the crew is kind and friendly, well-mannered and orderly. Any purpose in this life can only be achieved if the foundation is good and solid. And I believe the foundation of our district is solidified by our current developments. I hope we would be able to complete some of the projects that we are trying to do for our constituency. Looking at the course of Government and the work of the country, I now understand the Government's policies to implement its developments. Now I see the reflection of the light of the road, I also can see the shadow of the door, and can see the man standing in the doorway.

Therefore, my constituency, we all want to get there. We all want to reach the end of the road, we want to open this door, and I want to talk to this leader, for the needs of our constituency moving forward. This is why my constituency whatever decision you make in the upcoming elections, if you want me back to continue with these developments, that is your authority. If our constituency has a different opinion, I will not complain, I will not say anything. However that is my desire, and the motto this member lives by is, live to serve, live to serve.

But I wish the best with our Proceedings, blessing upon the House. Soifua.

Members of Parliament showed their appreciation by applauding after the speech of the member of Faleata East.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. I call upon another member. I commend the member for his remarks, I believe the constituency is pleased with the developments and commemorations for the guidance for the development of the district for now and future. Thank you to the member.

It is now time for another member. As we all heard the member of Faleata has prepared a lot, however in keeping of our time, we should share it equally. However if this is the case, trying to persuade members to take the floor, then let us consider another situation.

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I can see one of the members is upstanding, unfortunately we have arrived at our recess time. I was hoping to know the member so that when we return, we can start right away. Alright I can see now it is the Deputy Speaker. Thank you. Well I believe when we return from our recess, the Deputy Speaker will start our sitting.

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

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were suspended for its usual morning recess at 10:35 am and resumed at 11:25am.

Debate continued on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2020/2021.

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

I applaud you all for your attendance. I would think that you have all gained energy to continue with our business.

Before we went into recess the member for Gagaemauga No.3 had indicated his desire to speak. I call on the Deputy Speaker for his remarks on the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1).

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI (Gagaemauga No.3): I am of the view that refreshments provided were enjoyed by the Speaker, the Prime Minister and distinguished members. In saying that I convey appreciation to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for the preparations this morning.

Mr Speaker when there is excitement in the air here at Tiafau so it should be as the defenders of this court will not accept actions of impropriety. We are approaching the end of our 5year term. We have all had exposure to the weather extremes in the name of service. We are now at a time when the merits are awarded. So if I do take a while then rightfully so and it does remind me of Iuli's speech of 2 days and 2 nights which consequently saved the lives of the Tuamasaga people. But today is when Parliament should sing praises to glorify God for His providence has brought Samoa prosperity. Looking back at our journey, it has not been easy due to obstacles and crisis occurring along the way. But the grace of God upon Samoa, founded upon Him is remarkable.

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Mr Speaker there are days when we plan ahead and there are days when we consider the quality of our endeavors. There are days that are named after certain events, and we do tend to remember events due to their monumental outcome.

Mr Speaker this Parliamentary term should be considered a revered one since Independence. When you reflect on this XVI Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa, the question is, why? It stands out because of the developments and the numerous projects implemented for the people. Actions do speak louder than words.

Mr Speaker it is sad though and I must say that *e le galo Afia i lona vao* we cannot forget the good times. The saying in times like this, *e momoe lava ma manu ae sau mala e atiae*. So my commiseration to our colleagues Afioga Pa'u Sefo Pa'u and Afioga Vaafusuaga who sit next to me in all Sittings. I will never forget him, and I pay homage to his final journey. We cannot alter our fate as God provides and taketh away. We will not forget your contribution when we entered in the previous term, and you always spoke first. I pray that you find your place in the Kingdom of Heaven eternally. I express my condolences to your wife and children and the constituency. May your journey be filled with the grace of God.

Mr Speaker, you maintain order and decorum in the House. There is no one before or after you in that capacity. So I am grateful for this opportunity to contribute to the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2020/2021. I must express the official commendations on behalf of my constituency of Gagaemauga No.3 which has now been referred to as No.2. For the upcoming election. That is from all the people of this constituency near and far thank you for your support during this 5year term. Samoa stretches from the court of Malaefonoa towards the sacred grounds of Tonumaipea defended by Alataua. With its principal orators and meeting places all determined. We are a nation that is sacred and when one contemplates to move a limb it must show respect, even when about to speak it must acknowledge the dignitaries present.

The paramountcy and salutations of Samoa is firmly established at this court. The various families have all been declared with their legitimacy and powers and we are enjoying the privileges provided for us by our ancestors. Mr Speaker we are now gradually approaching the culmination of our Parliamentary term hence my excitement to address this assembly to accord my thoughts of appreciations and commendations after all, it is said that the advocates are more significant than the person at the helm. But I must firstly acknowledge the dignitaries of this Assembly, the House of Samoa. Such portrayal cannot be done in parts but in its totality since the venerable chiefs and paramount leaders of Samoa assemble here, *aua e talatau Toga, ae o oe Samoa o le atunuu tofi*.

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Mr Speaker, it has been rather awkward to speak today for the moment and situations in the Assembly can be best described as rough and is like the constant rolling waves of the sea reflecting the former holders of this very seat. Despite that, the orator from Matautu is accustomed to difficult days and familiar with counting waves before making that dash safely to shore and I do not beat around the bush. So I am in a place of significance and elevation, and I do respect the representatives of the constituencies throughout the land occupying their rightful places *lele ua taufai puea foi le matila ma le ofeloa*. The presence of the traditional chiefs and orators in this House, *ua atoa tupe ile fala*, like the saying to the master of weavers and weavers.

The presence of the traditional chiefs and orators here in the House of Tiafau, where the people revere. This is the court where the people present their grievances, it is where the forum discusses matters of State. It is the Assembly which the people given their prayerful support.

Mr Speaker *se ua se togi lau seu na lagatila*. You have already offered our invocation to God above, to praise and glorify our Heavenly Father to praise His compassion and grace upon our lives for we are basking in His Glory today and we witness the magnificence of His Greatness. So congratulations on your part and that is your rightful role in days like this. For the bible says, “Not unto us O Lord not to us but to your name let glory be given, because of your mercy and unyielding faith” So thank you for today’s preparations.

Mr Speaker my desire for fishes of the blue sea may make me ignorant of the seashells of the lagoon and that, may count against me. The seashells may be hard to find but will show up with the rolling waves. Their wholesomeness satisfies our daily appetite. Particularly this closing of the term before us. It is said that when the hunters at Manua prepare for their games they would firstly mark the Tuimanea’s birds by identifying their feet with seashells to distinguish them from the great number of birds.

Mr Speaker, before making my submission on behalf of my constituency, upon the Supplementary Appropriation 2020/2021 P.P.115 before Parliament. I must acknowledge the silent support of His Highness Le Ao o le Malo and his consort, also the Member of the Council of Deputies Afioga Le Mamea Ropati Mualia and his Good Lady. In the same acknowledgement the Royal families and the royal sons and the oratory group of Tumua and Pule. I make particular mention of the senior wise orators protecting the principal courts of Lalogafuafua, Malie and Vaitoelau, Maauga and Nuuausala, Fuifatu and Vaituutuu, Finao and Matia Ituau, Faletoi and Vailoa.

I bid respects to the dignitaries of this Parliament with his Hon Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Galumalemana Dr. Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, the Leader of the House and Government.

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Furthermore, the Cabinet Ministers in charge of our economic affairs of the country and your Associate Ministers.

I also respectfully acknowledge the respected Speaker of the Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa, Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi and the distinguished representatives of this Parliamentary term.

In the same token I recognise the Chief Justice and the President of the Land and Titles Court, the Judiciary and staff of the Ministry of Justice. Such are the salutations of the Three Pillars of this Government.

I must also convey greetings to the Government of Tutuila and Manua with his Honourable Governor and the Lieutenant Governor their two Houses of Parliament and the distinguish representatives. I recognise the traditional honorific salutations of Tutuila and Manua.

Greetings also to the members of the Clergy, for you are the sacred covenant throughout the various denominations, we appreciate your prayers. This 5-year term has been a success due to your dedication in prayer. Every aspect of our endeavours has been wonderful all for the welfare of Samoa.

I must also congratulate the Chief Executive Officers of Ministries, the Private Sector as well as the business community. I salute you for your commitment and perseverance and your contribution for the smooth long-term plans of the Government. The fact is you are the foundation of the Government. May God bless you in your duties and responsibilities.

I extend appreciation to the Clerk of the Assembly, the Deputy Clerk and staff of the Office of the Legislative Assembly. I commend you all for the service you provide for it is done beyond boundaries. The dedication which you implement continually has resulted in the success of this XVI Parliamentary Term. Thank you for everything, may God bless you.

Mr Speaker the proverb originated from the sea is such that although we may desire fish, we must be cautious of the net, which though it not used it does still serve its original purpose referring to our traditions and culture. In saying that, I respectfully recognise and extend greetings to my constituency of Gagaemauga No.2 stretching from Fanuatanu and Asofaatau, Matautu and Mutiatele, Siliga and Falefaamaoi, Fuafuamaua, Malae and Tulaga towards Maloamata. Not forgetting Punale and the principal court at Falefagamalo. Such are the salutations pertaining to the Peseta Family, Leota, Usoalii and the house of 9 and the oratory group of Matautu, the distinguish war faction as you are Muaautasi.

I acknowledge my community at Satoalepai and Safai *aua le afio o Maiava ma le susu o Mataia. O le paia lava aua le Aiga Sa Peseta, alaalatai lau fetalaiga i le Aitutagata, ma le mamalu ia te oe Satoalepai* I appreciate your support.

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I make special mention of Afioga Lemaveve and I will not forget your advice I appreciate your upholding of the dignity and protocols of our constituency. I suppose you felt that it is Mataia that is running in the election, representing Sa Peseta, the venerable ones protected by the orators of Matautu. I appreciate your favouritism. May I say to the community of Safai that you are Vaipouli in the sense with the same salutations from the beginning. Falefagamalo depends on you, and you are the only two orators that takes fine mats and food as you please when the constituency get together. That is living proof. Safai, you are part of Matautu. Perhaps you felt that Valu is contesting the seat.

My people! You have witnessed my response to your demands. The road has been upgraded last week as you requested. In saying that my appreciations to the Minister of Works, the CEO Afioga Aloalii. They have agreed to implement our request and the community road has been done. I commend your support for it is that which caused the Minister to give the go ahead so as to allow you convenience when heading towards your land to cultivate.

I must also congratulate the community of Satoalepai for the wisdom displayed at our meeting, Maiava and Maiava and your family, I appreciate the respect you have accorded to the title Mataia. I recall your statement that day before we concluded, “our village is unanimous” so thank you very much. May God continue to bless you with chiefly wisdom to ensure our harmonious relations. May I be blessed with constant strength to continue my service for you. You have witnessed and I do not need to say it, Satoalepai the projects that have been done already. There is clean water supply right up to the community living way inland. I do not take this lightly so I must accord my gratitude to the HRPP government for their sense of accepting demands. The road has also been complete, with a dedication ceremony to follow very soon. As far as your elected representative is concerned, I appreciate your recommendations and silent support as Mataia engages in the country’s political affairs here in Tiafau.

I convey my appreciations to the village of Fagamalo since you are the wise orator of our community upholding the protocols and nobility pertaining to the court of the Tuifiti, where our affairs are implemented. It is said that although we play against each other we are brothers still. To the senior deacon you have brushed yourself with dirt by getting involved in politics. I vividly recall your statement and blessings when the constituency were all present during the upgrade works to our hospitals, “may the continuation of your representation of the community be blessed”. Why? Why do I still recall this? The bible states that “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven” I guess this is where the statement, ‘there will be no election’ originated from in that entire year.

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May I say to the senior orators of Matautu, that I know you according to respect to the venerable chiefs of the Peseta clan. Mataia is running in the election. Nevertheless, I believe in your vision of senior chiefs that uphold dignity. Seuamuli, you are one of the leading orators of Matautu. Decisions for our community are not done outside of our community meetings. The proverb, ‘although we play against each other, we are brothers still’ originated from Matautu. My intention here is that our community continue to reside in harmony and order. When I think back at the day when I presented food and such during my traditional gift (o’o). I prioritise Falefagamalo to ensure the dignity of the constituency is upheld and complete. My intention today is that we remain in peace.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker I seek an opportunity please.

MR SPEAKER: There is an interruption. Perhaps the Maiava clan will take a breather. Thank you for the respect you have accorded to the Mataia clan and also Mauigoa the half man half demon.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: I rise with respect.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: I do abide by our Standing Orders. So, unless you instruct me to resume my seat. The speech of Matautu will continue if the member interrupting does not get an opportunity. No one hardly interrupts the speech of Matautu as I hold a spear in one hand and my colleague knows very well what I will do with it.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker it is the reason I am trying to join the debate as I am keeping to our mutual relations. I did say to the member at the beginning of the term that Gagae and Gagaifo is a family. But it seems this morning that the member is intimidated and concerned. Mr Speaker I am referring to Standing Orders.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: I am sorry to say Mr Speaker, but I am not sure whether this is an interruption or a reprimand. After all, Standing Orders is at your disposal.

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Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Standing Orders provide that someone intending to contest the elections is not able to respond. Nafoitoa! Do display vision, our village are following proceedings. I had also advice Falealili on the same note. Let not your anxiety cause a stir between the people. The senior deacon has not given a response to his decision to run. With your comment well it does exude power and all. You can come to me with power and the sword, but I will come to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: Thank you I understand the interruption now. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Exercise sagacity since the senior deacon cannot respond. Our Standing Order stipulates that. Do not create provocation amongst the community.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker what the member should do is to get up and state, point of order before resuming his seat. But going on and on and on, and the reason behind these developments is him. He is provoking people. Mr Speaker, instigating provocation and then getting up to stop other people statements. Mr Speaker that is the point of order against the member.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Hon Prime Minister, does the truth hurt? Do not provoke the country, we are trying to counter your actions on television day and night, Monday to Sunday.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker a point of order. This is the exact reason why he got up. He was hurt by the speech of Matautu. That is what you get for interrupting unnecessarily.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: I beg tolerance of Matautu. I was directing my remarks towards you. You understand the support I have given you during this term. Do not forget, and despite your saying that we have no connection, well we do. I am saying I beg tolerance of you, but it is the senior deacon's right to run.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member.

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Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: All my relatives within the constituency are listening in and they know where I stand.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, he has done this too often breaching orders.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the Hon Prime Minister.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauilili Tuivasa: Mr Speaker a point of clarification. I wonder if an opportunity can be given to Vaimauga.

MR SPEAKER: I will allow the member for Vaimauga, to see whether his contribution could solve the problem.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauilili Tuivasa: This constituency of Vaimauga East does not wish to interrupt the speech of Matautu. You know this Mr Speaker and members. My colleague here is regarded by people as my brother. The only difference is the member for Vaimauga is handsome than him. The statement he made that no one could interrupt him. Well let me say that this land Vaimauga we are on is subject to the authority of Tuisamau. So please, I am here, and I will speak because this is my land. So Matautu it is only Vaimauga which you should show consideration. Only I can interrupt you. I thought I will say that Mr Speaker, I wish Matautu and his remaining remarks come out well.

MR SPEAKER: The member will know its fault and contempt of proceedings. The member will continue, and I advise that your remarks focus on this world we are in.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: I will address the point made by the member for Gagaifomauga No.3. God knows what you said and yes, it is not wrong. It is the reason people are criticising me for that day. Why? The tears I cried were said to be running mucus, well it is not. That is how I feel, and I do express my appreciation. God's justice cannot be omitted when carrying out my duties as the representative of Gagaemauga No.2. Your statement Laaulialemalietoa that I should switch over to you guys, well no I will follow the justice of God.

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Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker a point of order, Nafaitoa I did not say such thing, not even a word. You have already drawn the line between us, let us go to the polls on that note. May you have courage and prepare to buy loads of towels in preparation for your battle with the senior deacon.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: Laauli! You are too arrogant with what you say. Do not forget that Gagaifo seeks counsel from Gagae. Regarding what you said, well you prepare yourself for the elections.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Let us have it that way. Mr Speaker the only point I was trying to get across is that my colleague is unable to respond hence my suggestion to tread carefully. Leave it up to our constituencies, our families will decide.

MR SPEAKER: Since you are gearing to go at each other. Leave it at that for it seems that each of you intend to counter every word being said at each other. That is not a sign of wisdom. The wisdom of seniors is such that you have control of your heart. That is counsel to focus on with regards to exercising wisdom. Being in control of your heart will not make one lose points. In the eyes of the seniors and the world, ahhh that person has wisdom. So we will leave it at that and the member will continue, come now we are...

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo: Mr Speaker I seek an opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance Falealili is it something to assist in the matter...

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo: The member interrupting mentions me for no reason. When he should direct his point of interruption to the member having the floor. Mentioning my constituency when that matter was resolved on the day. Regarding claims of provocation, well let me say that the member should not make it a habit to make this claim when he is the one responsible for such act of provocation.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of Falealili for you are bringing up this matter again. I do not understand which constituency you are referring to. I call on the Deputy Speaker.

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Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: Thank you Mr Speaker I will not contemplate on trivial matters. With the comments from Laauli, well I will say no more, as I was merely addressing my constituency. Gagaifomauga have no say in our relationship and the protection of Falefagamalo our principal meeting place. I shall continue and Matautu is a village of combat...

MR SPEAKER: Laauli, do not interrupt the speech of the Deputy Speaker please.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: No one can ally with Matautu. My village thank you for your consideration. Let us go forward and strive for success. I commend the support of my community. I do not doubt you and I often say that we are one we have the same salutations, the same messenger which is Sua ma Faalea.

I extend appreciation to my village of Lelepa and Futu with the families of Mui, Fusi, and Falemaota. But also, Fuafuamaua and Falelaufao at Lalofau. The salutations pertaining to Muliaga and the noble brothers the house of nine and the orators of Matautu. Thank you for your support.

The fact is we are the House of Four. We do everything together. We have the one access road, one village with the same salutations the same traditional roots with one heart. We also have the same messenger of Sua and Faalea as Matautu is the leading warring faction.

My prayers to my village is to have consideration for the projects that have yet to be completed. Our macro projects that have started need be completed. This should all be done during the next term. I appreciate your patience my duties have been successful due to your support. I applaud your understanding upon all matters.

To my beloved village of Avao, where my belly button is buried under the rock of Misi, and where the monument for the Samoan Bible translation was done. This means that this was not washed from the ocean. No it is the son of the lands who belongs to Tutula and Tutula. Avao you are used to pursuing victory. Leota and Aiga, you are the shirtless lad of Matautu. You possess foresight. You are Maoputasi. You are the only help in good times and in bad times. You are the arbitrator. You are Maoputasi. You are the conciliator...and only yourself can make that claim in times of peace and also in times of trouble.

Lau Afioga Lealaiauloto, Galuvao ma Nafaitoa ma Tuipoloo, Tivai, Tataimata, Seuamuli ma Tiatia, ma lou tou siapo lautele e le vaea. thank you for your farsightedness upon this constituency for prosperity, given your will, to tolerate equality, and take heed of the entire district.

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Thank you for your advise, and support as we near the end of our Parliament. Everything is going well. We pray, for blessings from God upon you and all our people who are living in the 4 corners of the world, to find success for families, village and the works of our God. The Lord is our Guiding star to lead us in the future, that said, may We gain His blessings in our Meeting.

I wish to extend appreciation to our sub-village of Vaipouli in all your honorifics, wherever I go I will always mention you. Thank you for your true bond of brotherhood upon me which has allowed me to become your representative in Parliament. You are a true protector of Falefagamalo. The Term has ended well because of your prayers. Thank you for everything.

God did not put you there Saleia in that corner of the village for no reason. You sleep in Gagae and Gagaifo, as protector in times of hardship. You are no different with the weak, the village survives because of your hands. You do not fall asleep. As you contemplate on the wealth of the village. Thank you Paia *aua le afio o le alo o Lilomaiava. Lau Afioga Paletaoga, alalatai ia le tou Toafa, faapea Saletuga ma le Vainalelepa.* Thank you for everything, the reason for gaining thoughts is due to your prayers. Thank you for your respect upon me.

I especially wish to acknowledge the members of the clergy within my constituency. To the church steward of the Methodist Church in Avao, Vaipouli and Saleia, Susuga Pulea Tiumalu and faletua, Susuga Rev Tavita Kirisimasi Salaa and faletua of EFKS Avao, Susuga Siaki and faletua, Voice of Christ Church VOC in Saleia, Susuga Ali and faletua of EFKS Lelepa, Susuga Tauletoga and faletua of EFKS Fagamalo, Susuga Archbishop Scott and Lealaiauloto Vili and your faletua for the Mormon Church, Tofa Faamoetauloa Pomale, Leader of the Bahai Faith, susuga Atapana and faletua of EFKS Satoalepai, Susuga Salesa and faletua of the Catholic Church in Safai, Susuga Fa and faletua of the Assembly Church in Safai, Susuga Galuega Avau and faletua of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Thank you all very much for your support and prayers.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you and do conclude your speech.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: May the blessings of God be upon you as you engage with preaching the word of God within our constituency.

Mr Speaker, allow me to touch upon the works of this Parliamentary Term and upholding peace within this House whilst tasked with the role as the Speaker. Leaupepe Toleafoa, you have shown your victory in politics. The truth is, it has been a huge lesson for me, you have educated me in undertaking these Parliamentary roles and duties.

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Your fatherly love upon his works, I can never forget. I speak constantly about it in the future. I pray, that may God's love be upon you, and may plentiful days be added upon your service with blessings upon the families for prosperity tomorrow.

I wish to extend gratitude to the HRPP Political Party and the Hon Leader, well done to your leadership for these 5 years. The words in the sermon book of the Methodist church from the previous Sunday, 'return good for the bad through a forgiving heart.'

Hon Leader, all callings are from God. There have been many changes made, not only with the Law, the same with major developments implemented. Yes works speak louder than words. Look towards the coming Term and continue with your callings in leading Samoa with a forgiving heart.

I convey great thanks to all the people of Samoa residing overseas and your contribution for truthfully speaking, your sweat is a blessing to the development of our country for God is watching everything. The plea with us, is that may the blessings of God be upon you. Particularly all those who are supporting and trusting the HRPP Government and its good works, thank you very much for your endless support.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish to express great gratitude to the respected Committee and everyone who supported my stance both in Upolu and here in Savaii, thank you very much for your commitment in truth for the benefit of the constituency. You have witnessed our implemented works, not only with the width of our constituency and its population, the same with congregations and individual members through your continued service in this 5 year term. There is belief, that trust is maintained as we progress with this year's General Election.

I wish to thank all my families here in Samoa and abroad, if you are watching me, to my wife and children. The truth of the matter is, I cannot take this calling on my own. But due to your strong support, I am able to endure this Term. Thank you wholeheartedly for your advise for true is our daily prayer, 'nothing is impossible with God.' Such is living witness today which is good mark for us and our village. I extend great thanks to the Almighty Father. If our children asks, we tell them, 'it is God whom is the reason, it is God I resumed, it is not the strength nor the knowledge of an individual'.

Mr Speaker, this is my word of thanks, if I have forgotten anyone, I beg your pardon, it is forgotten in words but not in feelings and thoughts as it will be forever in our hearts your kindness. The words of the difficult people of Israel whilst crying in the lands of the gentile. If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget how to play the harp. May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I fail to remember you'.

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That is the speech of your servant. Your goodness is not forgotten, thank you for your patience upon me and your foresight in everything.

Mr Speaker coming on to the Supplementary Appropriation 2020/2021, I wish to record our acknowledgements. I wish to thank the Hon Minister of Finance for all preparations. We have observed the complete and good preparations, the allotted appropriations and reserves of \$42million. As such I heed great appreciation for fulfilling the demands of the country. Good Governance.

I wish to extend great acknowledgement to the Special Committee whilst faced with protection of Samoa, and the many virus. We wish to appeal for your works thankfully it has come to this morning...all things have been achieved gratefully.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Salega East.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: I pity the honorable Speaker, for it seems that your biasness towards the deputy Speaker was not known but now it seems very obvious today. Is it not past 40 minutes the speech of the deputy Speaker whether...with respect.

MR SPEAKER: The member will conclude now...the member is correct about his speech and the many interruptions from members, if we think of rugby game a lot of injury time is given...which has prolonged out time. It is like that, even though it is not enough. Olo, I thank you. Have a look into it, but do conclude as in accordance to Olo's time, he wants to include all the times.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: I will not take long now honorable Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: You may conclude your remarks now...

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: In observing the new Administration and HRPP with great appreciation their foresight and their leadership of good governance.

Observing the Budget, it seems the allotted appropriation for Political Parties is being drawn for the sake of our Budget in response to wants and diseases in particular. Such is our appreciation as these are living proof as socio development is the priority of the HRPP Administration. That said, well done to the Hon Minister.

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In addition, I wish to take this chance to thank our overseas partners. Our district is listening in to the implemented works. As such I wish to acknowledge the Government of Japan for the immense assistance in constructing the two storey building, the secondary school of Laumoliafi Avao. It seems to fulfill the dream, ‘what is good for Upolu is also good for Salafai’. As such thank you very much.

I further wish to acknowledge the Government of China for their assistance in donating school resources for the school building of Tutaga in Fagamalo, the same with Laumoli in Avao, everything is there including desks, tables to support the educating of our children in the district.

I heed a word of appreciation to the Government and all the major developments put up including the concrete roads for Maliolio river at Samalaeulu and better access road for travelers and our district. That said, I thank you very much for the long term vision and bearing farsightedness in upgrading our roads for the district and Gagaifo and the good plans implemented for the country.

Mr Speaker, more acknowledgements needs to be made including our gratitude upon ADRA, to Afioga Sua and the assistance upon the accomodations for bad days. The house is now set up and everything looks wonderful so such is our official acknowledgement towards the company from me for the kind assistance upon our district the during bad days. May God bless you, then I come to the normal saying to the sea, *e fai foi o le lauamanu, ao le faamuli o atu*’.

We are now heading to the conclusion of our works for this 5 year Parliamentary Term XVI. *O lea ua faalepa i fanua le fua o tuaau, ae a le taoseuga o le vaosa o tupu ma le Matavai faalelea o Aloalii vae atu le Paia o le Maota. Ua taoto foi le paolo lafoia o le tama ma le titi agiagi e sula ai le tamaitai*. True are the words of the King, ‘*ua vaai i ula, ua tagai i ula*’. These are the words to express our gratitude to my constituency, as we near the end of our works because of your prayers and support.

MR SPEAKER: I need your assistance upon our work, as there is the most on... just giving you assistance.

Tofa NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI: In conclusion, i will not forget your recognition during this 5 year term, with your sharing of your wisdom and experience giving unselfishly without keeping to yourself Why?

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You possess pride in our traditions as a bird protective of its feathers due to your compassion to the sons of the land in case they may err or may have to search for expensive fortunes to build its guard. The usual adage applied to the fishers of the sea is, the taboo of the expedition is only lifted when they all meet in joy.

E leai foi se faiva e asa ma se maumau, as the fishes are sought from the deep ocean. Any incomplete works and unfinished desires, you have foresight and wisdom, let us support the wise decision of the Government, as God will always grant us lamb, day, light and perfect time for all of us in the district of Gagaemauga No.2. It is no secret the ending of this Parliamentary Term, as we head towards the upcoming election for a new member in Parliament, and therefore let us seek the spirit of God.

Gagaemauga No.2, let us seek the spirit of God for a decision together. There is no right for me to change your honorifics. Except, your respects upon me to fulfill our purpose in the future for the sake of our district through your election. The normal words said, love has grown with courage upon me to serve you.

The service of your servant Nafotoa Mataia Valu Talaimanu Ketu, your member for this Parliament Term. Bless Samoa, bless the Sitting of this Parliament, soifua.

MR SPEAKER: Well done Deputy Speaker, I now call upon another speaker. Very well, you may go ahead member for Vaimauga West No.1.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West No.1): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity granted. I wish to greet the dignity of Parliament.

This is a very unique morning, since God is in our presence through the honorable Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers and the dignitaries of the Samoan Parliament.

Mr Speaker, your stance and presiding over the seat of the House this 5 year term, I salute you and your service like the orator Lefauseu and Ulumu. The word of the bible, ‘you will do great things and surely triumph.’ May God bless you, be prepared to rest victoriously from your constituency especially your service for Samoa and this Government.

Mr Speaker before I speak on the Budget 2020/2021, firstly I would like to greet and acknowledge the respects of His Highness le Ao o Le Malo, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and your Good Lady, the member of the Council of Deputies and your good lady. The Chief Justice and the President of the Lands and Titles Court and the Ministry of Justice and Court Administration.

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Furthermore, greetings to the ordained members of the Clergy who are imploring and praying in the various parts of the country, in your spiritual mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Well done to you for your ongoing prayers for the wellbeing of Samoa and her Government.

I further greet Samoa in all your honorific salutations.

I greet the support of Samoa East, the Hon Governor General and Lieutenant Governor and your Assembly, The Chief Justice and the Judiciary. The President and the Upper House, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. *O le Paia lava lea aua le nofo a Maopu ma le Faletutuila, tainane le Afifio o Faatui ma le Auvaootootoo ma Tama o le Manuatele.*

O Paia sauoo na o Samoa, e afua mai i Falegase ma Faletapaau seia paia Faleniusa, ou te faatulou atu ai, tulou, tulou tulouna lava. Ae o le a sunui tonu lau o le fo, faapito augafa se leo a le auauna faatauavaa, aua e faigata le tapuaiga a lou itumalo pele o Vaimauga i Sisifo Nu.1. I le afio o le Matua lau Afioga Tofaeono, lau Afioga Tofaeono Iupati Fuatai ma lau Afioga Tofaeono Vui Faatali. Afio Asi ma Patu i lau Afioga i le Alii Matua, i lau Afioga Leae, lau Afioga Asi Tuiataga Semisi Blakelock, lau Afioga Asi Tunupopo Sagagauatasi Keve ma lau Afioga Asi Leuluailii Peleiupu.

Afio lau Afioga i le Sao, lau Afioga Patu Falefatu Sapolu ma lau Afioga Patu Sola Siasosi. Afio Aiga e Tolu, Aiga Sa Vae, Aiga Luamanuvae ma Aiga Falanaipupu. Afifio le Usoalii, Luafau, Tuiono ma Lupetaliaami, alaalatai i laua o le na tai, Tamapua ma Manogiamanu, Tamapua Iosefa ma Manogiamanu Etuale Ioane ma le mamalu i le nofo a Ituaiga ia Fuata, tainane Ataga ma Sa Ataga.

Those are the honorific salutations of Vaimauga No.1. The respects of the Elder and all members of the clergy of the Gospel. The respects of chief orators, women, men and youth group including the voters.

I would also like to greet the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the Ministry Heads and Senior Government Officials. Greetings to you in good health and spirit at this hour.

Mr Speaker I would also like to use this chance to greet our elderlies who are the senior members of the district, particularly our mother Fouai Maluina Tamapua who is supporting us from Moataa. I love you so much Mom at this hour.

I would like to use this opportunity to implore the comfort arms of our Lord upon Fofogafa Mo, Sililoto Tolo Junior and the children especially the two families given the calling of God upon our dearest mother Marie Sililoto Tolo of Moataa.

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I express similar spirit of condolences accorded by the previous speakers of the House set by the God of all Authority to terminate the works of the honorable Vaafusuaga Toleafoa Ken Poutoa. The words of the Bible, “Blessed are the mourn for they shall be comforted.”

I further wish to acknowledge the honorable Speaker for this great opportunity granted upon me to make a submission of this constituency in the proceedings Supplementary Budget (No.1) 2020/2021 discussions tabled before Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I wish to express great thanks to the Hon Minister of Finance, the Associate Minister, Head of the Ministry for the full preparation of this wonderful work. Great job on your efforts.

Mr Speaker, I wholly support the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2020/2021. The only thing is, there is one request I wish to put forth, for the protection and security of the people of the constituency. Mr Speaker, I beseech constantly with a humble heart to the Hon Ministers and the Heads of Government Ministries by which the Green Climate Fund comes under, or the Vaisigano Water Catchment Project. I trust that within the past 6 weeks, our country was affected twice with flooding in some parts due to massive rainfall. As such Mr Speaker, I am talking about the Vaimauga area please. I pray in humbling spirit that it is necessary to improve the concrete or the river wall in the border between Magiagi and Lelata. It is situated right behind the Frankie market whereby waterflow is occurring during heavy rain, and the drainage would lead to Faatoia, Vaipuna and Apia Park, and as a result of this, a lot of family properties are destroyed for this district of ours. That being said, there is high concern Mr Speaker that there could be possible effect upon the lives of the people if we are to receive downpour again in the future.

Mr Speaker until today, my gratitude before God is endless for His Love and Goodness. During the flooding for the past two days, I have witnessed the incredible works of the Sovereignty, because if this had happened in the night, what a pity. What is the advice please and the will of the Hon Minister in which GCF is pertained to or the component for this water catchment project, bring forth priority for the improvement of this area, as witnessed in the bad weather witnessed this morning.

Mr Speaker, I extend gratitude to all those that responded to some of the requests on some of the things that needed improvement for this district.

I firstly wish to voice special acknowledgement to the Hon Prime Minister the Leader of the Government for your leadership throughout this Parliamentary term, well done to your perseverance and commitment and your faith in God for the wellbeing of Samoa and her people. Relatives and friends from here and around the globe are sending their regards to you and the Political Party.

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I further wish to make a mention of one of the individuals that we received in prayer and support upon you particularly our Political Party in Melbourne Australia, Afioga Taumanupepe Teleso.

I further wish to voice acknowledgement to the Hon Minister Tialavea Tusatama Tionision Hunt. Thank you very much for the prudence you have instilled in me to assist you. May God bless you for considering me.

Great appreciation to the Cabinet Ministers for your wise distribution for the wellbeing of villages and districts. We appreciate all the ongoing works of the Government in improving the roads every now and then. Notwithstanding, the road enhancement in Vaivase-tai and the front side area of the house of Deacon Uili Sinclair.

I also extend thanks for the road tar towards the settlement area in Vaivase-uta leading to the playing field of Tanoai'a.

Thank you also to the improved roads submitted through a request with the drainage of Vaipuna towards Vaiala and Apia Park.

Furthermore, I wish to offer gratitude to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for all the major developments proposed for this year, I take it that they are under advertisement for a contractor to fix this road. If the district is listening in with regards to the connecting road to Vinifou, Vaiala-uta and Tuvao Moataa. This road has long been problematic needing assistance given the many settlers in this area; the road is now fixed. It is our district. Vinifou for you and Vaiala and Moataa for me.

I further wish to acknowledge given the reports received on improvement works for roads in Vaivase-uta particularly the problematic areas in the three-way road in Fagalii and Moataa towards Samoa College in Vaivase-tai.

I further wish to voice appreciation towards some of our external partners for their contribution upon this constituency during this Parliamentary Term.

Acknowledging also the Government of China for offering sewing machines for sewing trainings to be implemented for some of the mothers in Vaiala. Thank you also to the Government of Japan for recognizing the request of the village council of Moataa for funding to build a new secondary school building.

Thank you to the Lady Chief of ADRA for the education and safety during times of natural disasters within Moataa area, most particularly the bulky funds that was donated as funding assistance for the new secondary school building in Moataa.

I further wish to express gratitude to the Lady Chief of the British Tobacco for gifting us the many equipments and planting seeds for the gardens of Vaiala, Moataa, Vaivase-tai, Tanoalei'a, Toomatagi, Magiagi and Faatoia.

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Thank you to the Lady Commissioner of Australia in Samoa for supporting and funding our Moataa Mangrove and Eco Tourism Development. Great appreciation to the Chief and staff of the Samoa Tourism Authority, and plans to implement the garden toilets, pardon the listeners. Well done thanks.

Thank you to the United Nations and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for all development programs and the funding of footpath areas within the Moataa mangrove site, the same with the former New Zealand Commissioner for funding of our signages, rubbish shelves and lights. Well done thanks. Great job to your goodness, may God fill you with everything that you lack due to your kindness, hoping that this project will be ongoing in the future.

Mr Speaker, I wish to extend appreciation to the Government Representatives of our district who had the chance to work with us collectively for the welfare of our district within this Parliamentary term. From Vaiala, Uialatea Iosua and Loau Talapusi have passed on, the same with Vaipuna and Levili, there was Susuga Tauasa Ronnie. Moataa had Nua Palala and Sa Vaeali. Vaivase-tai had Deacon Uili Sinclair and Fepuleai Sio who are the current members. Faasotele and Afamasaga Tui Ulaula from Vaivase tai and Tanoalei'a. Toomatagi had Lauano Pereise. Magiagi had Luafau and Faatoia had Papalii Pene.

The women's representative from Moataa, Susuga Ama Tapunuu Siu and Peresia Tamapua. Vaiala had Sasa Pueata and Sileoleoga Wilson, and Magiagi had Fetulima Kopelani. Thank you for all the good works aimed at our villages within our districts.

I wish to express appreciation on behalf of this constituency to the Advisory Committees of the Government. The Village Mayor Committee, Tofa Toatelegese Punefu, Ministry of Women and Community and Social Development Committee, Naomi Sapolu and Waikiki Ualesi. Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, Susuga Kalameli Aumua. Education Committee, Susuga Faafetai Sene. The Prime Minister Committee, mother Ualolo Leva Taitai, and the Environment Committee Loau Matauaina Gibbons. Well done to you and your service and contribution to our Government.

Mr Speaker, those are some of the matters I wanted to acknowledge for this Parliamentary term. If I had missed out on anyone, I beg forbearance in great humility.

Mr Speaker, I wish to extend great appreciation to the service and perseverance of all Government Chiefs and public servants...

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, respectfully I interrupt your remarks as we have reached the end of our sitting hours although I see that there are other matters to...I trust that tomorrow is another day for you to conclude your speech. That being said, we have met the end of our sitting schedule today.

Before we adjourn, I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No.4 to end our Sitting with a prayer, Afioga Peseta Vaifou.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 12:58pm until Wednesday, 27th of January 2021 at 9:00am.