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WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2021

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9:18 am.

Prayer.

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I want to remind the respects of Parliament of Standing Order 24 which provides for your attendance at Parliament Sittings as well as your absence. This is stated in provisions (1) to (4). If a member does not comply, the Speaker will be able to use the provisions of the Standing Order.

This announcement is made as a reminder to our Parliament so that we follow them hence the support of Samoa listening as we deliberate and work together, to discuss the welfare of the country through political affairs. This is also why we were chosen to work together to find blessings to carry out the will of God, it is us that do the work but it the will of God that fulfills it.

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MR SPEAKER: Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned yesterday as the member of Palauli West was speaking.

I call upon the member to continue his remarks, alright, I call upon the Hon Prime Minister. With respect.

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, greetings to this new morning with the presence of the dignity of the House guided by the love of our Lord Almighty, especially to our country listening in and showing support to our Sitting of Samoa which is attended by all respectable members, such are the respects of all Samoa.

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I also join with your Excellency in conveying the spirit of gratitude to the Almighty God of heaven and earth, the mighty God on which our country is founded, where our knowledge and ideas are derived. I remember the command that was given to the leader of Israel, Moses go and lead your people, Moses answered, how can I go, I do not know how to speak in front of people? Then the Lord said, “Did I not make the blind, did I not make the mute, did I not make the deaf? Come and go, I will put words in your mouth to speak wisely to your people.”

Mr Speaker, all of us, we come into Parliament as people who are weak, but we feel strength with the touch of the spirit of God upon us. There are other important words that guide us, if we unite with God, who is against us?

Mr Speaker, the reason for taking the floor this morning, is to thank the 37 members who are present here to continue the work of our Sitting, a Sitting cannot commence if 26 members are absent that is over half. There are 50 members of Parliament, the Seats of Parliament, the number should be more than a half, for the House to sit. Why? A Sitting cannot be held and arrive at important decisions to govern this country with the full number, and there are not enough members who should contribute to the decisions of our Government of Samoa who is showing support.

Mr Speaker, which is the spirit. Each one of us have matters to attend, family matters, our duties as members as well as duties to the constituency. All of these have been planned out Mr Speaker with our calling from God. Come and go. As the saying our country are used to hearing, you are the representative of the district, and you participate in the national gatherings in the House in Tiafau to make decisions. When you come and you do not take the oath lightly. Swear to whom?

The oath is made to God whom this country is founded, this is also your oath to your district, to the leaders of your district who chose you, you have accepted everything to represent them, with how you behave, speak, should be based on the support of Samoa.

Especially Samoa who is praying for us, the divine measures undertaken by villages for the blessing upon our duties. Why? Because we are servants of God. The words of Jesus are clear, he kneeled to wash the feet of his disciples to tell us, if we want to lead, kneel down, to serve and work. If you want to be first, be last. That is the important message for all of us, to work and plan according to what you are called to do, do not prioritize personal matters, but take priority over your assigned duties. And what has happened? This Parliament has been mocked, mocked with our oaths.

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We have seen in this House that even the oath that was made in this House, the whole House has been defiled, and all of Samoa is listening to the name of the other, another name has been created which is not consistent with the name registered as the matai title. The oath to God, should not be taken lightly, the oath before God, and before His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo, is to serve our people with a humble heart, for us to work for them. You cannot imply your respects to carry out the work. However, what is happening? The Council has been abandoned. Now these four members are going around Savaii, but they have been in Parliament for a long time. If they are known to lie to the country in their oath, this House is also being lied to by bringing excuses saying that they are sick, but we see their pictures with their lobbying yesterday in Savaii. It portrays their rudeness, rude behavior and disrespect.

Mr Speaker, this is Contempt of Parliament, the Supremacy of Parliament, the Dignity of Parliament, as well as the dignity of Samoa, and His Excellency Le Ao o le Malo who swore them in, which is now been ridiculed. But the most serious thing is seen in the newspaper this morning with cursing the leadership of this Parliament, saying the continuous Sittings have withheld them back. Who is withholding them when they are free at the time when campaigning starts. It seems they are smart, and this Parliament is stupid. This is respect to Parliament with the oaths that we took and to obey and honor our Oath of Allegiance to the Almighty God whom we swore on. God should not be mocked, and the member who made the oath and broke it can be cursed but not visible. If only it were someone else. But these are senior members of the House, they were good when they were here, why are they acting like this?

As for lying by making an excuse that they are sick. But we are witnessing the lobbying that they are doing. We also want to talk to our constituencies, however we are being patient because of the duty we swore on.

Mr Speaker, I commend you for leading our House, as for Contempt of Parliament, I do not take it lightly as the Leader of the House. At least Samoa is listening. Are these the type of leaders that you need? Leaders who do what they want and lie to Parliament, mock the House, and mock the Standing Orders, also mock God in the oath they swore as well as Le Ao O le Malo? Mr Speaker, are these the type of leaders that should lead the country? Are these leaders to lead the country?

Mr Speaker, this is my statement. I do not know how many times I have stood up and reminded the members of the House that the Cabinet has been wanting to answer for a long time, but they are still giving opportunities to the members and their Speeches.

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This is the last Sitting; this is the last one to convey our thanks to those who should be thanked. They are the ones that have authority over us and voted for us, they are the ones in whom the will of God came through.

Mr Speaker, I want to conclude by thanking the members who are present in their seats and who are participating, they have set aside family matters, constituency affairs, but have come in to be part of the last Sitting days of this Term, as this is the Legislative Assembly, the supreme sitting of the country which we were chosen to sit. If you do not sit here in this House and contribute on behalf of your constituency, there is no use of being a Member of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, well, this concludes an opinion, because it is not easy to take in the announcements that have been made, that ridicules this Parliament and its Sittings, the Assembly of Samoa that is in progress.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well, the speech of the Leader of Government is clear and understandable, such are opinions to lead our Parliament Sittings, even though this is the last Sitting of this Term, it is useful, and it is useful to members of Parliament. Not only for this Parliament but for others that will follow, because it does not mean that your honor and all of us are so sure that we will be called again. That is Gods will. Because we do the work, but it is God that will call upon us and choose us again for the next Parliamentary term.

But this is exactly the situation as the Hon Prime Minister said, our first oath goes like this, I will justly and faithfully carry out my duties. This is the matter, but it seems that it is not taken seriously by some. This is the concern in case we aspire to become leaders, but we do not maintain honesty, honesty to carry out our duties so that we participate in our Parliament Sittings.

This happened before, there was a time when such incident happened. I just want to remind all, that one of the members was dismissed for not participating in our Sitting, by not participating in 3 consecutive Sitting days. He was dismissed by Parliament. I have wanted to for a long time, but I used our Standing Orders which I do not know how many have been dismissed. However, that is an opinion, it is done in consideration of our Standing Orders, also while reading our culture, our traditions and manner of respect. But that is how it is, it is also why we should emphasize. But your Excellency is right, because not are you the Leader of Government, but you are also the Leader of the House.

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Therefore, I apologize to the Hon Prime Minister, if the Speaker does not apply our Standing Orders in terms of misconduct, well that is the side I am also concerned for and feel sorry about. The Lord is witness to members and their honesty. Yes. If we are faithful in small things, it is not someone's words but that of the Bible. If you are trusted in small things, you are chosen to rule over many things. What are these many things? You will be chosen as Leader of the country. Such is the matter; how will you be the Leader of a country if you are not honest? These are matters, and I apologize Honorable, because there is belief in case your opinion is disputed because of the opinion to use provisions of Standing Orders, but those are the conditions. The disciples always ask Jesus, which of these 10 laws does it include? The Lord Savior answered, "It is love." It is love that makes our work.

So, while Samoa is listening, that is how a Sitting is administered. All laws are based on love and mutual respect. Therefore, perhaps the member of Palauli West have gained insight. This matter is now passed, as we proceed to do our work.

I respectfully call upon the member to take the floor to conclude your speech, you have taken a whole hour yesterday. But conclude your speech now if you are prepared. I call upon the member.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI (Palauli West): Thank you Mr Speaker. I would also like to thank God this morning for His love and His kindness to the glory of the Assembly especially to the support of all Samoa.

I greet the Speaker of the House, also the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet especially Associate Ministers. I furthermore acknowledge the Chief Executive Officers of Government Ministries, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff.

Well, Palauli West will now continue their speech, the strong constituency. I thank the Minister and the Ministry of Finance for the excellent work, and this constituency supports this 2020/2021 Budget with gratitude. Job well done.

In the same spirit Mr Speaker, as I indicated yesterday, my constituency once again pushed to support the 3 Laws that were just passed, especially the important Law that rearranges the Land and Titles Court, especially when my district understood. Although the Land and Titles Court is independent, there is only one Court that organizes the Tripartite Trade of the Government of Samoa. I thank the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet especially the Minister who owns the Bill. The certainty is our people have found relief. Thank you.

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There are three issues I want to speak on in relation to our Appropriation. First, is the case related to liquor like Olioli, Rover and Boom Vodka and other alcohol that are easily available, especially among young people. I pray that this matter be overlooked as it is a humble request of this constituency, since it is affecting the health of the country, especially with alcohol that is produced from rice. I testify to the dangers of our home brew, which was produced from rice during our childhood, people would black out or go insane from it, and it was banned when our Vailima Brewery was opened [.....]. This issue is placed next to the Minister of Alcohol and Customs.

The second matter is an area this constituency will continuously mention, the subject of TV Bingo, we laugh when we talk about it, but the prayer of this constituency is, Hon Minister please, review the Law. It is a sense of compassion for our children which is why we mention this, and we will continue to do so. If I come back in the next Term, I will speak on it again. But I will leave it to the Minister...

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, as I call upon the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour): Mr Speaker, I am grateful that Palauli West is able to continue his speech. I thought that the year has changed, and a song has changed for the member to sing. And now I am listening to him singing the same song from last year. This is the members same opinion about the TV Bingo, the Government has a different opinion, because it looks at the bigger benefits. This is what the member thinks, these things should be banned in family homes. Now it has been reviewed to reduce the time, a time limit has been set so that by the time it is broadcasted children will be asleep, the children should be asleep by then. It is the duty of the father and mother to take the child to sleep, because TV Bingo is on at 10 pm. These things, we cannot enforce such things, they were done in people's houses, where these games are played. These are things we cannot enforce; we cannot do it in the homes of people, and these games are given to them to play as they wish.

The Government is also looking at the benefits and blessings that come from it, not only for those who play and enjoy what they do in their families in the evenings, but there are also other blessings that come from it in the licenses of these games, which are given as blessing for the players. Now, the fees for students, those who cannot afford to pay the fees, receive help from the Ministry through which these activities generate.

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The Government looks more broadly than looking at the surface of things that the member is stating will ruin the youth and so forth. It can be done but there is a time limit and then it is left to the free will of the parent, on what happens in their homes. Now, safeguards have been put in place so that younger children are not affected, as the member has mentioned.

Mr Speaker, I do not know what other explanation should be given to the member, but the Government is trying to instigate protection on areas that he is speaking off. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you. The Minister of Labor has spoken, pardon the member, but that is your own opinion, and it will not stop Government from overlooking matters in general. It is something good.

I call upon the member of Faleata East Afioga Salausa.

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching (Faleata East): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. A point of clarification, the matter raised by the member is interesting, but there is another aspect, because I note that the member is worried for the safety of children. The Minister has also responded on the time set for when Bingo starts, it has been put back with the expectation by then children are asleep. There are other incidents that can affect young people, especially young girls. During bingo, mothers go and take their young children to the bingo house. This is another problem that often causes unplanned pregnancies in young girls. This is another matter, it is good though if the Bingo is now broadcasted on TV, now mothers will be staying home and will not be taking out their young daughters as was the usual in evenings. Because if a mother goes to bingo, the young children will be left playing outside. But this is an area that have been observed, accidents happen to our young girls, because of the inevitable situations that adults due to these young girls. That is another area Mr Speaker, this is something that should be considered in this context.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiiili Tuivasa (Vaimauga East): Mr Speaker an opportunity please.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Vaimauga East.

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiiili Tuivasa: Perhaps I did not want to interrupt the member's speech. The member is also a dear friend, but since my church is listening. I am a worshipper of the Catholic Church. Now the name of the Priest of this Church is mentioned, together with the mention of the segasegamou bird.

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This member wants to know and understand why this was mentioned. I want to understand the accusation been made. It is bad and dishonest to accuse Gods holy servants in the speeches of some members.

It is like that spirit that I stand up to save Priest, because this Priest was my foster father. But now, he is mentioned, this member is cautious, because they are the holy servants of God. If it was said that it is something good, but it is bad, then it shall be said of segasegamou bird. I do not know what it means, because in this House, the country should understand, especially to Samoa listening in to these speeches.

This is the reason for mentioning the matter, if it is something good then fine, if not it should be removed from official records, since the servants of God are being accused. Especially since it is a Priest of this church, noted in the speech of the member. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I believe the members opinion is clear, it is not something new, these are issues we have been talking about for a long time. There is no doubt that the Board has overlooked these as well, because the Gambling Committee has been managing it for a long time. It means the Government Organisation that administers bingo. There is nothing that their prudence has not touch upon. I appease the member as your case is now clear, this is the decision that is now being implemented. But the only important aspect, I will try to explain, it was not easy for the Cabinet to negotiate this bingo issue. In this time of Covid-19. The matter raised by the previous member should not be taken lightly, about the importance of mothers not to abandon their children. Because there is always a time when the mother's desire is too much, to hang out at bingo, and then the children are abandoned.

There is a matter that was mentioned by the member and Doctor, namely TV bingo. Bingo itself is a form of gambling, it is no different from buying raffle tickets. A lot of churches have also started fundraising using this method from gambling. This is another type of gambling that is allowed. But now the Government is allowed to do bingo because the Minister and the Ministry are well aware that there is an important aspect. Another area is it makes it easier to send money, through bingo, than putting it into the church contributions on Sunday. It seems that there is a notion that, if money is given, it is hard to know if you get points, to be able to go to paradise. But if you put it into the bingo, you are able to get extra money to buy food for the children.

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Most of the time, \$20 goes to Bingo and you are lucky enough to win \$300, which makes you even more addicted to bingo. As time goes by \$500 is spent, before getting \$100, but the mother does not think about the amount that is spent, she will only think about the money she will receive.

As a result of these bingo events, many families are poor, unable to pay their bills, and their children will suffer. Mr Speaker, bingo has many effects. But the thoughts of some mothers are clouded, since they are so happy that they want to go out, because they want to have fun.

Mr Speaker, but I do not blame mothers, it is alright for us to come to the Office, there are hundreds of beautiful women to look at, but for the old man at home he only looks at the old woman all day. He is tired of looking at you and your face, but then the other old man would say, us in rural areas, pardon me. Ride the bus and go roam around Apia, even with the mother, then sitting around the house ending up fighting. Because one is tired of looking at the other. Mr Speaker this is further explanation on the matter. The matter has already been clarified. But I believe the member is nearly done with his speech, because I also want to speak on the matter brought forth. Do move away from the matter concerning bingo it is now understood.

MR SPEAKER: The Leader of Government has given advice, as well as the member of Vaimauga East. We should be cautious in mentioning of the holy servants of God, because they are not able to respond. We give them utmost priority. This statement stated by the member should be removed. I did not hear it properly, but if it is true, remove it from our records. I call upon the member to stand and conclude his remarks. These are matters that you have already addressed yet you are stating it again. I appease the member to refrain from this matter but conclude your speech.

[Words ordered by Mr Speaker to be removed from the records of the speech of the member of Palauli West - [*“Lea sa tatalo ai Patele Tovio e faamanuia atu ai i le falepia, ia, ma le Segasegamou.”*]]

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Thank you Mr Speaker, I just want to clarify the matter to my colleague from Vaimauga East. The reason why I mentioned Father Tovio, because this is the Priest that performed our wedding with my wife Brenda at Mulivai. He is a close friend of mine and we used to go for walks in Moamoa when I was living in Sinamoga.

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We always take a walk up to the school at Lotopa, we had a good relationship. The reason why I mentioned this old man, he is one courageous priest, there was at that time, who was invited to open the brewery. Because all the other priests were afraid to come and open the brewery, saying it is not something good. But it is the bravery of the old man, and his good spirit that led him to come and open and pray blessings upon the brewery.

I mentioned segasegamou, because the priest also blessed the segasegamou and all the other birds, it is why I stated the name. I will never forget that old man. It is the spirit why I stated that, but not the other way around, he is a very good Priest.

I will accept the advice of the Hon Prime Minister and move on to another matter. The assistance given to the Tourism Industry that I mentioned yesterday. A humble request to the Hon Minister of Finance, to please consider a form of assistance to our Tourism Industry, hotels, motels...

MR SPEAKER: This matter has already been clarified by the Minister yesterday. Because now you are going back to what the Minister already discussed yesterday and the situation it is in.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: I spoke to the Minister of Tourism, but according to the advice, it will be taken to the Minister of Finance. For this case, we earn \$900 million in revenue from the Tourism Industry. As for now there is nothing, if we could give at least \$50 million to assist some of our businesses, either short term or long term.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, but I will call upon the Minister to explain this matter once again.

Afioga Hon Sili Epa Tuioti (Minister of Finance): This is just a brief explanation, it is not just Samoa who is suffering in this sector of tourism. But it should be considered, perhaps the member has forgotten, that a lot of money was given to help those who no longer have jobs. Those who worked in the Tourism Industry, were given funds to help them, especially in order to continue the training programs so that they do not forget skills they had. There is also assistance given to our hotels.

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This the matter to use our local tourists, in terms of promotions. The local people can go there during weekends or similar situations. There are hotels that are very successful in those situations, but as mentioned it is not only Samoa that is in trouble, it is the whole world. But let us pray to God that there will be a time when things will be back to normal, there will be no more harm from Covid-19 and other natural disasters. But let us prepare our economy, especially in terms of tourism. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: The time of the member is finished. I call upon the member, your time is up, but do say a few words to your constituency.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Thank you Mr Speaker, first I want to convey a word of gratitude to you. I take this opportunity to convey my congratulations and gratefulness to the senior members of Parliament, who will be retiring with victory for your services rendered to the Parliament of Samoa. Mr Speaker, Afioga Hon Toleafoa Faafisi, I commend you for your hard work. Thank you for your patience and forbearance in Parliament, especially this member your son, as the saying goes, it will turn out good if you try and try. The Hon Afioga Aeau Peniamina, this is one senior member of the House, I commend you and thank you for the good work, especially in our relationship working in the Standing Orders Committee. Tofa Hon Faasootauloa Pati, I thank you as well for all the good work you have done in serving Samoa, through our Parliament. Let us continue to meet at Heems Gym, to strengthen our muscles, to slow the aging process and keep us young. Tofa Mulipola, I pray for the best in your future endeavours God bless, and I hope we will get to meet again.

I want to take this opportunity to also thank the Hon Prime Minister, Leader of Government and the Human Rights Protection Party, for your leadership of Samoa in the many years that have passed. We have received these many blessings, even up to the next 50 years or even 100 years. I believe, before you were born, the Almighty God knew and gave you your calling to be born Lepa Aleipata, and become the Prime Minister to take care of his beloved country of Samoa. And Samoa and Leaders of the world listen to you.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I know when the statement is accurate and when it is too much.

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The only thing that I am not proud of, is Lepa alone is Lepa, it is not Lepa Aleipata, and Aleipata is a different area. That is another state on the eastern side. Mr Speaker, Lepa is different from Aleipata Itupa I Luga as well as Lotofaga. I am not complaining about the mistake, because you are from Savaii. It is a mistake by the majority of Upolu, I do not know whether you are being led by the mistake of the majority of the community in Upolu. There are times when it is stated Lalomanu in Lepa, or Lepa Aleipata, but no there is a difference between Lepa and Aleipata Itupa I Luga we are neighbours.

MR SPEAKER: Well, that is the correction, if you look at the birth certificate, since the member mentioned born in Lepa. If you look at the birth certificate the Prime Minister was born in Fasitoo-uta, but he is representing Lepa. Thank you, thank you for the praise. The member may conclude.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Thank you Mr Speaker. Well, whether the Hon Prime Minister was born in Lepa or Fasitoo, it is still in Samoa, because this is the second Israel in the world. Now he was born, as I mentioned before we were born, the Almighty had already known. On where you were to be placed, as I said Tuilaepa was placed in Samoa to look after our country. As I voiced in our Meeting at Peseta, the support of Afoa Amituanai Faleulu Mauli remains as well as the constituency, to your Excellency and your leadership of our HRPP and country for the next 5 years. If it is possible in terms of your health, add another 5 years and you will have 10 years to lead the Government of Samoa.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The only reason for taking the floor, I want to advice again, when you say your full name, state it together with the word, number 2 on the ballot paper.

MR SPEAKER: I ask that you conclude your remarks, thank you, the members' conclusion of his speech is wonderful.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Thank you Mr Speaker. I apologize that I forgot to mention the senior member Dr Tuitama, a dear friend of mine in Parliament. I thank you for the good work that you have done for Samoa. May God bless you with regards to other duties and tasks that you will face in the future.

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For clarification when Afoa blesses a person they will succeed. Afoa has been called by God to be a messenger to convey the blessings and things that may save our people, not only in Samoa but also in foreign countries.

MR SPEAKER: I commend the member, thank you.

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Mr Speaker, the issues are over, but I will now move on to my constituency. My beloved constituency of Palauli West. Thank you for the support, you have given support and prayed for your member and this assembly.

My constituency you can see that I am still strong, I am very fit. If you have any wish to bless this member for another five years. You have all witnessed the many developments implemented by this member, and there will be more carried out if I come back in the next 5 years. As you all have noticed, I have been chosen by the Prime Minister to be a member of the opposition of our Party. I was also chosen as a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee and I was promoted another time, to be part of the Standing Orders Committee. I want to thank the Hon Prime Minister, because if I was chosen as a Minister first, I would not have found the knowledge that I have gained. All members should first start as part of the Committees. Do not wish to be Ministers. However, I strongly believe, that it is possible that I become a Minister in the next Parliamentary term, I have passed all of these things.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you...

Afioga AFOA AMITUANAI FALEULU MAULI: Mr Speaker, there is just one more matter that I want to convey to the Hon Minister of Health, to please review. There are pills that can be used to resolve this issue, without getting any vaccinations. This is a recommendation to review this matter, but the decision is already with you. Lastly, I want to conclude, these are the promptings of the Holy Spirit that are said to me, that I am delivering.

I believe in the advice of the Hon Prime Minister, if you know something but not do anything that is a sin. I do not want my time here in Parliament to end, this important message has not been delivered to Parliament. Not only for Samoa but for the whole world. Now I will sleep well tonight, now that Gods message has been delivered to Parliament. Look at it, and if there is anything that the assistance of this member is needed, call me I am happy to answer.

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Tofa Hon Faimalotoa Kika Iemaima Stowers (Minister of Health): Mr Speaker, for saving our time, the member has seen. I have noted this matter down to give to the doctors who understand our medicines. But thank you, your opinion has been noted, I wish the member all the best with his day and his speech.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you very much, that was a wonderful conclusion of your speech, I also want to take this opportunity to thank the member, regarding the speech. I know that the constituency has heard and given support, well done.

Members of Parliament showed their appreciation with applause after the speech of the member of Palauli West.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I did not think to take the floor so soon to clarify a matter. But it is important, as it was raised in the speech of the member. The reason why I stood up is because most of the parts of his speech was voiced as Proverbs. This means that behind the expression, there are some deep meanings, which should not be overlooked, it should be valued. Because of some issues that have been asked frequently in the House even one of the members who have been in the House for a long time and has stepped away from the Political Party wants to understand.

It is an important matter, and I believe I should speak on it again, and I thank the member. Since he has raised the heart, the question that was put forth by the senior woman member who is now in the FAST Party. The member stated, I can shorten it. In the case of the member himself, in a Political Party his freedom to voice his opinion is not lost.

There are two serious issues, which is presented as proverbial form that I have to touch on again, because it lies within it a matter where I was asked, there are two parts. First provisions by which members are tied to the Party policies and second the freedom of the member in the Party to freely convey an opinion. I have been constantly accused by Sao Faapito of being autocratic, but it reflects the kind of complexity that the member has brought. The freedom of a member, to voice an opinion, not only in Party meeting. But it is also clearly noted before the House, the Chair has restrained the member, but it did not stop the desire to argue. Not only in this House, but also in our Political Party.

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I think this point is important, because the one who was my right hand has often mentioned this, the idea that the Parliament is no longer effective and there is no Parliament.

The Leader of Government has become authoritarian, but this is the point that is very important. Even for Mr Speaker, the member is difficult to restrain from overstepping the spiritual boundary. The border which angels and Mr Speaker occupy. It has bordered over the line; it is possible that the representative will be removed from Paradise where the Chair and the angels reside. Because of the desire, the desire to voice a testament, now we all have listened carefully.

That is why I am happy, since the member have mentioned this matter, together with the confirmation of the words, I was interviewed, and I objected to it, it is a weak idea in the situation where the free will of the member in the HRPP is restricted because of these Political Parties. It is now very clear, even to me and to the members of this House, who argue with the member. Thus is my happiness, this does not mean it is only the member that is free to voice an opinion but also for other members. How many times have members of HRPP debated in this House, as for clearly stating an opinion, saying that the leader is controlling. This portrays no understanding on the overall significance of Political Parties.

Political parties is not a policy that started in Samoa, it originated from overseas. This is the same with this Parliament, it started from overseas practices, even with elections, these all originated from overseas. Mr Speaker politics, whereby we are involved are from overseas. It is a way to guide the Government of Samoa, also to attain the knowledge for the development of Samoa and gain benefits for our children, also to attain blessings for future generations.

This is why Political Parties are significant. This is what was questioned by the Sao Faapito, on what method should be implemented to develop Political Parties. The answer is short, leadership, leadership of all the leaders that are in the Party. At the moment there are 44 members of the HRPP they are all the leaders of Constituencies. This form of good leadership by the 44 members is a reason why there is stability in the HRPP Political Party. It is not money. Why? This Political Party was founded in 1979, with not much money. Then we did a fundraiser in America in 1987 I believe we took over about 200 fine mats, together with other goods, samoa cocoa, ofu palolo, fish and other things. We went to San Francisco to the churches that invited us, then went down to Los Angeles, and to Hawaii. The amount of money we received was US\$13,000. Mr Speaker, it was US\$13,000. We went with Tofilau, Tuala Tiresa, Mata'u, Polataivao Fosi, Puni Raea, Sila Faamalaga and Pule Lameko. Those were the seniors.

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At that time in 1987, this Party was the Opposition, on member authority of the Parliament in free movement leaving the Party that they came under into Parliament but move to other Parties. It was not the will of the country, but the selfishness of the members inside, they moved around, just like what is done by these three members from this Party, then we became the Opposition in 1986/1987. During that time, we took the opportunity to find land and funding to build the HRPP House. The leaders were united, their dignity was not changed, while Tofilau was the leader, we went to San Francisco to raise funds and then travelled by car to Los Angeles. And what did we do? We just got up and sang our songs, I was the other one playing the guitar and we were singing there, while families came and sent us money. Most of them were the families of Afioga Tootoalii by where we received \$13,000.

Mr Speaker, this happened in 1987, but the building that we are using now, the HRPP Headquarters was built in 1991, we took out a loan of more than \$100,000, which was approved by the Hon Prime Minister and I, together with a request, and we received the land where it is located now, with a payment of \$8,000 a year. Mr Speaker, these are the only things that we did, to have fundraisers which we are still doing now. For a few birthday celebrations. We did not go to a Church and make requests to church Ministers to give money. This is appalling behaviour.

Mr Speaker, in uniting our hearts and souls, the Human Rights Protection Party was able to emerge as an orderly group. We took loans for the construction of our permanent residence in Sogi. Even the boards of the house, because wanted something cheap we went and got the tamaligi trunks with respect, then cut it into planks and left them out in the sun, after 6 months it was thoroughly dried and painted with oil, this is the building that is standing there today. These are things we did back then when we were less fortunate. The Afioga Sao Faapito was also part it in 1985, I thought she would understand these things, but it seems that there is no understanding of these things that we did.

Mr Speaker that is the spirit of the Political Party. Opinions are not restricted, it is voiced in the Party, and also voiced in this House. This means, all these revelations that are being made, are all deceptive. If they lie about these small things in Parliament, it will not stop false statements that are made outside of Parliament and mislead the majority of our country.

Mr Speaker, these are qualities that portray an orderly Political Party, which Fiamē has been asking and demanding until the money is given. If the money is given as requested by the Sao Faapito, that means, as soon as the money is given, and there are a 1,000 Political Parties, the only thing that they will be interested in is money, money, money all the time.

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What was this Party founded on? It was not founded on money, but on dedication and honesty. Mr Speaker the dedication and honesty to come and preach the gospel, are the developments that must be done to benefit Samoa.

This is why I want to express my gratitude to the member; these are some profound statements to respond to these baseless accusations. If the name is signed falsely in front of Mr Speaker, and is later ordered to sign the correct Matai Title while Samoa is listening, what else is there that they have lied about? Now the Sao Faapito is involved together with the manners of others. This is Tofa Olo's nature. But it is spread all over the papers in the media from Australia for the characteristics of special relationship.

Mr Speaker, this is the key to the stability of the Political Party. It is a spirit of unity, unified to discuss issues, not only within the Cabinet, but also within the Political Party and Parliament. How many times has this issue of these six women in HRPP been brought up? There are some members that raised this matter especially for seats that women candidates are competing over.

We heard the news from overseas yesterday evening, that Switzerland has now celebrated its 50th year since women started voting. Why? The belief of this well-known Government, is that women's role is usually staying home to take care of the children, cook food, bath the old man when sick, they should not be educated, should not vote, but just to stay home to look after the children and cook food for the father who is working. That was the situation. If we think of it, this was 50 years ago. How about us? It has been 30 years ago. We are not far away from the situation that has these international characteristics, so we observe procedures, external and internal procedures. Representatives of the United Nations asked me on a visit to Samoa why there was no special system for women at that time before legislation was drafted in 2011 to make it easier for Women to be voted into Parliament. According to the current law, the number of women should not be less than 5. That is their question. The foresight of the Government of Samoa in the Constitution, it is open, women are not apprehended, there can be 50 women members in Parliament, and women are not detained." So, what is happening? A woman cannot be assured of this freedom.

This is where the opinion derived, that something should be done to draft a law to establish, that not less than 5 Women Representatives be elected in any General Elections. I strongly believe that there may be more than 5 Women Members in our next election, and then the current law will not be applied. This Law was implemented, to adhere the wish as well as mentioning the name of Samoa abroad of its significance and reform minded of the Leaders of Samoa, which is now included in general plans.

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Why? Because women in Samoa are different from other countries. What is the difference? The standard of education in Samoa is outstanding, we have seen, there are seven women who are Heads of Ministries who were sworn in last week, new women, different from other women who are already working in our Ministries. That is the case, Mr Speaker is the focus on the issues raised in this Party, as the discussion progressed, we considered drafting a special Law for Women.

Mr Speaker, this is the nature of this Political Party, we always talk about such matters. Once our will is one, we submit it and will not be swayed right or left, in giving and receiving. In the manner of compromise, and preaching, that is a wise man thinks before he speaks. But if a person leaves after, that is wisdom of an adolescent. After making a decision, they come later and voice their objection in the Parliament.

The golden rule in the Parliamentary Cabinet, is once a decision is made by Cabinet, but one objects that is the time the authority of the Prime Minister is used to dismiss someone. The Prime Minister has that power, the previous Prime Minister implemented this manner of dismissal. This is the only time I have done that; I had advised the member for Gagaifomauga No.3 that it is best he resign from Cabinet, what he was involved in was unpleasant. There should not have been a Court case, I tried my best to assist in resolving the matter here, but they still wanted to take it to Court. My decision was to resign. Then he said, "How about I resign tomorrow, I will also resign from my constituency." Then I told him, "Do not resign from your constituency, let us await the decision of the Court, but you should resign tomorrow from Cabinet when we have our meeting." The Cabinet heard the resignation that was carried out. But what was done? He lied to the country, no that he resigned because of his own free will. This is what you call a liar and being insensitive. It is still being done but it is getting worse.

Mr Speaker that is it. One member has no right over another member, it is not allowed. But since this is the spirit of the Party that is united, once you are a member of the Party you work for the benefit of the country after conversing about positive and negative aspects, that is when you know true leadership.

Mr Speaker from the 44 members of this Party, there is courage, once agreed on one opinion, it is done. The person who objects, he or she has made their decision. This is what you call a Party that has leadership and is committed and trustworthy to work as a Party. As for a Party who does not know who the Leader is, Mr Speaker, no country will believe them. How can they believe announcements made outside, but in Parliament, lies and rude behaviour are evident, for all four members?

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Even with a simple decision in electing a leader, they do not know how to appoint a leader. Why? Because they all want to be leaders. What is the meaning of this Party? It is a Party that is disorganised. What did our Lord say? A divided Government is not a permanent Government. Is this a type of Government that the country likes that this country wants, a government that is in chaos?

Mr Speaker, I do not have the answer, the answer, is with God, where whisperings will be made to the respects of the country who will be voting.

I would like to conclude by saying that I am grateful to the member who brought these profound issues in a proverbial level, which are easily missed by sight, because they are quite deep. If even the former Deputy Leader of this Party does not understand, then what should be done? There was a meeting that was held by our Party, it was chaotic, and then I was criticized, because of my opinion on what is the majority of the Party. My answer was, some of the members who were present are here, the members of that Term. “Afioga Sao Faapito, I am the Leader, and the Leader listens to the wishes of the Party. But if you stand up and go on your own and ignore your Party, when you look back no one will be following.” That is the answer, I hope that the Sao Faapito is listening she has been a part of HRPP for a long time but still do not understand the answer. The answer of organised Party is good leadership.

Mr Speaker, that is a word of gratitude, this is one important speech that has been put forth by the previous member that just spoke.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I appease members as the Chair will make a statement. I would like to assist with a correction on a fault in the speech of the Hon Prime Minister, the constituency mentioned was Gagaifomauga No.1, it is Gagaifomauga No.3. That is a correction in relation to the statement made...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I apologize to the member of Gagaifomauga No.1, you should forgive me, because you live on the far end of the island, and I live on the other side of Samoa. Well that is the problem. The names of the constituencies are not named after the villages. Even Tumua and also Lufilufi. That constituency is not named as Lufilufi. Leulumoega district is not even titled as Leulumoega constituency. The names given mainly originate from old traditional stories. That is how the member of Gagaifomauga No.3 keeps fooling many people in Savaii, saying that Saleaula has no seat.

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If Saleaula does not have a seat, what seat is Hon Tofa Faasootauloa the member of Saleaula occupying? This is a great scam. The member is sitting here yet Laauli has announced that it is not a seat of Safai. Now the people understand more and more, whatever words they speak, it is a lie.

I believe this is one thing that Satan is distraught about. He cannot achieve this kind of record of who is the best liar.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. Well, perhaps the current situation is like that, well there are times when we misstep, and it is easier to state names that the constituencies, which is a bit difficult. Even the Chair, there are times when a mistake is made, but I apologize on the matter of voicing the titles of constituencies, because of the level of dignity as maintained in our Standing Orders. This is why, anyways, I appease the Hon Prime Minister, this is the duty of the Chair to voice reminders and so forth. But I thank you for clarifying these matters, but blessed is the member of Palauli West that the speech has concluded, even though it was short. Well, it was not short, since you spoke almost the whole day yesterday and now again this morning, thus you have reached the conclusion. We have witnessed the length of the speech by the Hon Prime Minister, this is the overview of your opinion expressed. Thank you. It is like that. As the constituency is listening, let it be clear for the district, that members are not restricted, our duty is to give opportunities. But also remember, any Political Party that is organized, is a permanent group. As for a Party that is scattered and unstable, well, that is also the answer in the future. All these things originate with honesty. Therefore, I thank the member of Palauli West regarding your statement it has been clarified and accepted by the Leader of Government.

Well since we have...I call upon the member is there anything...

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West): Well, it seems the senior member Afioga Faumuina is preparing to speak, but there is a small matter Mr Speaker that I want to speak on before our recess.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Faleata West.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I sit here with my heart, but I will show it. I will not repeat the speech of the Leader of Government regarding what has happened. In my opinion, we are all senior members of Parliament, but what has occurred is not good, and it should not be left idle, because tomorrow asks what happens today. We are the leaders of the country.

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You have said that this young member cannot control or dictate the will of the Chair on compassion. We all show love, but my belief is, this Party should not be left as such, because it can happen again, can we stop it from happening in the future, because it has defiled and shamed the Parliament of Samoa.

In my understanding Mr Speaker, a letter should be given, and it should be noted in this Assembly that such behavior should not happen again in the future. I am used to the Opposition; I have been a member of the Opposition for 10 years. I do not condemn their efforts, but there is a boundary that should not be overstepped. The epitome of the Samoan culture is mutual respect, respect each other, but it seems they are the ones that are at the forefront.

This is the reason for my concern Mr Speaker in bringing up this matter, there should be resolutions for such incidents especially going into the future. With respect. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I call upon the Hon Faumuina.

Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Palauli le Falefa): Mr Speaker, the matter discussed by the Hon Prime Minister is important. As the King Solomon said in Psalms 6, “There are 6 things that God hates, but the 7th is the most loathsome. What are they? Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who tells lies.” As for the 7th, “it is he that soweth discord among brethren.” This is what is happening. But leave it unto God, only He can judge. Hon Prime Minister it is now clear, all those who have portrayed such behavior, will go to Hell. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you. The Hon Faumuina has a calling in the Church. I believe you are the President in your Church. I commend you for the assistance as it is important. I can see that respectable members of Parliament have written down all these 7 things. I advise that we note these down to guide us. Yes. Thus, it will help guide us. Well as for the statement made by Tofa Lealailepule, it is what should be done, however take note, that there are two sides of the coin, anything has two sides.

On such matter, I believe there is an instance that this situation is something to blame the Chair since we are nearing the election period, some might think it is a plot to disrupt with the statement made by the member, I am afraid to be involved in it. It is made in honesty, the Law is the Law, but thank you for the recommendations. At least the country and constituencies are listening in, that Mr Speaker has a lot of power. It is like so.

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But thank you. I will advise them when they return, when we will be able to meet, I will give them advice regarding the wish of the Parliament for the future. Hence this is our last Sitting but thank you again for the advice.

But since we have arrived at our usual recess hour, Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will be set aside for its usual recess. Thank you.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was set aside for its usual recess at 10.34am until 11.15 am.

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

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

Thank you for the patience, I commend you all for the participation. Before recess the member of Palauli West had concluded his remarks, I was informed by the Hon Faumuina Liuga the member of Palauli le Falefa for an opportunity, the Deputy Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

I respectfully call upon the member to speak. All the best.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity to make a statement for my constituency of Palauli le Falefa, to make its contribution in the decisions of our country through this Parliament.

Thank you, Mr Speaker, for administrating our Assembly, not only is it the last Assembly for this Parliamentary Term, but it is also an Assembly that you have been managing for the past 5 years. Now we have come to the end of this Sitting. Mr Speaker, this is also the Sitting where we will recall and focus on what we have done in the past that have been achieved and prepared for the future generation of our country and the benefits that they will receive, because of the policies and decisions made by this Parliament, especially the Three Pillars of Democracy as recognized by this House.

Before making a statement on behalf of my constituency, I would first like to acknowledge the devotion of Samoa. I acknowledge His Excellency the Head of State, the Honourable Tuiaana, Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and his Good Lady. The presence of the Member of Council of Deputies, Afioga Le Mamea Ropati and his Good Lady, thank you for the support.

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In addition, the support of the Three Pillars of our Government, the Hon Prime Minister, the Minister of Cabinet, I commend you all for the hard work, perseverance and your persistence for good things.

Mr Speaker, I would also like to express my gratitude to you for administrating this Assembly the Parliament of Samoa. I know that you Mr Speaker are historical. Because if we were to put up the pictures of Speakers from time to time, it would mean that you should have 2 pictures placed in this House and it will display your immense contribution. Hon Leaupepe, I am not trying to flatter you, as you are the Elder of Elders, you know how to handle everything using elderly wisdom and intelligence, even during times that we have debates. You receive good comments, and you also receive bad ones, but you are used to it, as you are an Elder full of respect.

I acknowledge the attendance of respectable members of this Parliament, I commend you for the support, I commend you for the speeches and your contribution for it has made Samoa prosper. As the saying goes, there are times when the fishing expedition is unsuccessful, and the fish in the boat are insufficient, but this is the nature of your life and my life, we gather things that are good, in times that we make decisions that are not perfect, to teach us in our life of struggle and the willingness to do good things for our people.

I acknowledge the support of the Chief Justice, the President of the Court and the Judges. Mr Speaker, the reason for mentioning this sector, because there is only one pillar of the Court and not two. Since I continue to hear statements saying that there is another additional pillar, no there is not.

The Chief Justice, the President and the men and women of the Court, commendations for your work, thank you for your services. We make the Laws, while you translate and implement it with virtue.

I cannot forget the devotion of the Leaders of the Clergy, the ordained workers of the Church. Alas, you have been strained and overburdened because of your desire for Samoa to have eternal life. It is the humble prayer of the member for Palauli le Falefa, for all Samoans to have eternal life. The representative for Anoamaa East also made a speech that we should have the heart to forgive. How can we possess the compassion of forgiveness? A person who has accepted salvation and has accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour.

Mr Speaker, I cannot go ahead with my speech, as I have yet to acknowledge the support of Samoa *le usoga a Pule ma Tumua, Ituau ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti*. Samoa, it is through your support and prayers that has made the Parliament successful. Mr Speaker, the reason for mentioning this is because it is one issue that I often raise in the Sittings of this Parliament.

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I would also consult the Ministries and Corporations, the desire to nurture those who are weak and have low-income. That is the reason for us to gather here, I am also aware, as I can testify about starting from nothing. What about now? Now I have been blessed by God. Any person whose heart is true to God, they will receive considerable wealth. Just as I mentioned in what I announced when we witnessed our brothers and a sister who are not present in the Parliament this morning. If this is the case, we must pray for forgiveness. Jesus said, “When you love someone who loves you, what reward will you get?” You will get nothing. But if you love a person who hates you, and sees you as their enemy, you will be rewarded.” Samoa, I am doing this because of your support, since the reason why we are here, so that those who are weak can receive some assistance.

We cannot forget the support of our brothers in the country of Tutuila and Manua. The support of the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor as well as your government.

Also, the President of the House of Representatives, as well as the Speaker of the Senate, especially the respectable members of the Two Houses in the Government of Tutuila and Manua with respect to *Faleagafulu, i Tama na autasi ma le Tama na faasau ai Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofo ma Aitulagi, Saole ma Saleaacumua ma le Launiu na Saelua. Le paia i le Motusa, aua le Tama a le Manuatele le Laau na Amotasi ma Faatuiolemotu, faapea foi le mamalu i le Auva o Tootoo*. These are the sanctities of Samoa, which has gathered here in the Land of Conciliation of Samoa at Tiafau.

I thought about stating the mornings of the country, since it is a must for Tiatia to mention the mornings of our country, because there is a morning of Tiatia and Salemuliaga. A morning of political affairs for these men, but I will not mention those things, since we are prioritising the morning of the Gospel. To Mataniu Feagaimaleata. As well as Malaeola and Gafoga, Faleu and Utuagiagi. There is a morning that I do not see written down in the history of Samoa, but it should have been recorded, as it is the morning when the Methodist Church arrived in 1825 in Satupaitea in Faletoi, the land of residence for Asiata, as our Church arrived 5 years earlier in the lands of Samoa. However, this part is not important but the most important is the arrival of the Gospel in Samoa.

I know that in this House, all the villages and female politicians have received the Gospel. I know one person who walks with a Bible but does not live by it. Well, I do not judge, because I asked how Jeremiah died, but he said that God invited him. But Jeremiah died in a different way.

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Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena (Faasaelelaga No.4): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member of Faasaleleaga No 4.

Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena: Thank you very much to my brother Hon Faumuina Liuga for the speech. Since I am hearing many mornings, but there is one recognized morning for our country that has been forgotten, Malaeola and Gafoga. As for the cause of Jeremiah's death queried, since we all know that only God alone can decide who dies in the world. Yes, just like I said, for He is the one who gives life, and He is also the one who takes it. With all due respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Alright then tell us...

Afioga Sulamanaia Fetaiai Tauiili Tuivasa: The member who is currently speaking is a good member of this constituency. But the member is talking about the morning of the Gospel. Well, this member has forgotten about the Niniva and Punialavaa, Fatutolo and Pilioua and Falepoiva, with the arrival of the Mormon Church.

This is the essence that needs to be identified, since the member who is speaking has forgotten about it, while it is being heard by the.... This Church is the only Church in Samoa that loves our country. There are many things that have been provided to help this Government, but it is forgotten by this Senior Member of this House. Mr Speaker with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I will not accept any other member that stands, because the member for Vaimauga, Afioga Sulamanaia has already mentioned all the mornings. That morning.... It is also remembered, since we are on this matter, all those mornings ended smoothly, because the morning that Fasitoo-uta experienced is the morning of Lepisi. But I refuse to clarify it more....

Tofa Nafotoa Talaimanu Ketu (Gagaemauga No.3): Mr Speaker I ask for an opportunity...

MR SPEAKER: Be patient since we own the Act. It can be said that you are my friend because.... Well, the Good News steadily arrived on that morning, the dawn of Lepisi in Fasitoo-uta. It was on that morning when the missionaries that arrived asked about the smoke emerging from inland. This made Fasitoo-uta prominent, all because of Tamafaiga's father. Therefore, I refuse to explain any further since it would be educational for you all.

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But I give the opportunity to the Deputy Speaker.

Tofa Nafotoa Talaimanu Ketu: Thank you Mr Speaker for acknowledging your right side. I just want to remind the member who is currently speaking, I do not want to interrupt, but since you have mentioned the dawns in my presence. Therefore, Tiatia, you have forgotten Fagamalo and going towards Faleavao. And believe that this is one morning that you forgot about Susuga Tiatia, the morning when the Bible was translated into the Samoan Language.

MR SPEAKER: I believe that came much later.

Tofa Nafotoa Talaimanu Ketu: Mr Speaker, if it were not for this morning, the country would not be able to comprehend and understand the meaning of the words and the Doctrines of the Bible. There are only 2 huge monuments when you travel to Salafai, the monument in Sapapalii and the monument in Avao. It is positioned in front of the church. With all due respect.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo (Falealili East): Mr Speaker, an opportunity please.

MR SPEAKER: This is the end of this matter; I implore the member for Falealili.

Afioga Fuimaono Teo Samuelu Teo: I just want to confirm the statement of the member for Vaimauga. Upon reading the records, not a single member mentioned this specific dawn. Even the member of Vaimauga did not mention this important dawn, but now it has been stated today. Thank you for this is the greatest dawn.

This was the dawn that Samoa was enlightened by the Gospel, which paved the way for the other Church Gospels. But this is the greatest dawn ever recorded in Niniva and Punialavaa, Faletolu and Pilioua and Falepouiva, Samoa became enlightened, and this church minister is happy. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well, now everything is clear. Alas, if you come from Tumua, you are part of Falefa. No matter the dawn it is always your dawn Asiata. I call upon the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: I would like to thank my brother Hon Faumuina Liuga whom I have always worked in cooperation with on the developments of our constituencies.

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And now the dawn of the Gospel has been presented. It is also known that the first dawn is important, as the member has stated the morning when the Methodist Church arrived. This is the testimony of Satupaitea, that in 1828 the church arrived in Satupaitea. Before the other Churches arrived, all the people of Satupaitea were already pastors who walked around with Bibles.

They arrived 8 years later and made further improvements, but the first ever dawn at Faletoi was when the Methodist Church arrived. At least my brother Hon Faumuina Liuga now knows, even if you are no longer conducting work on our hospital, this contribution is enough as you have stated the first dawn of Satupaitea. Thank you with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Let us move away from this matter, because we are all correct. I call on the Hon Prime Minister for a different opinion.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: No, there is no thought to interrupt. The only thing is that we are now talking about dawns. The dawn that started everything. But the words of the Bible are clear; the day you die is more important than the morning you were born. And I was waiting to hear what caused the death of Jeremiah. That is what I wanted to hear, since it was stated that there are 2 stones. This was mentioned by the Deputy Speaker. There were 3 stones not 2, as this is the most important stone, till this day, the preacher's sermon to David, the bravest warrior from where Goliath perished. That is the only important stone. But it is also written down, it is written curved, and this is why I criticize those who translated the Bible. The fact is that Goliath died, when David propelled a stone at the Warrior Goliath. Very simple.

MR SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is right, thank you very much. Let us move away from this matter immediately, and do not state Jeremiah's cause of death right now in case Peseta might know.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: We are arguing about the mornings, but there is only one morning mentioned in the Bible, it is the morning when Mary visited the tomb to give flowers, but an angel said, "The Lord has risen," that is the greatest morning. But if this House were to observe and Samoa listening in. God's days do not start in the morning, it begins in the evening and then it is morning. I know that this will be problematic for other people who are unable to sleep since they start in the morning and finish in the evening but there is no nighttime.

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If you look at Genesis, it says that an evening and a morning is equivalent to one day. That is why God's days are longer, since it is 24 hours. A human day starts in the morning and ends at 6 in the evening, which means that there is no night.

It would be better if I address my constituency who are waiting.

MR SPEAKER: Yes, all the other members are aware of these things...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I have longed wanted to move a motion for the time of the member to conclude. If Laauli was in here, there would be intense dispute over this word. Since Laauli made a speech, the nights are too long, even in the morning it is still dark outside. But I will respond in due time.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, address your constituency since they are listening.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: My beloved constituency, thank you for your devotion, I will never forget your support, *Le afifio o Aiga Salevalasi, susu oe le Laulu o le alii nofo ao. Alaalatai lau Fetalaiga Tiatia o oe o le ituala mavae. Alaalatai lo oulua vaa seelua Togiai ma Faalaa, Falevalu ma Salemuliaga. Susu oe Le Tagaloo o le Papa, Eetai Aiga Sa Amituanai, susu le Gafa lau faautautaga Safune ma Taulauniu e te tausii malu i ou tapaau. Susu le Faasuaiau o oe o le Tapaau, eetai oulua suafa Ili ma Tagoai, eetai le paia ia te oe le Aloalii.*

Afifio foi le Aiga Sa Tagaileono ma lo outou Matua, alaalatai oe Satala ma lau Fetalaiga Leaumau. Susu lau Susuga Leulupoao, o oe o le alii nofo ao. Afifio Silafau ma le Faumuina o ou Tapaau, susu le Tamaitai lau Afioga Taematoa, lau Fetalaiga Mauisiisii ma le paia ia Sauluitoga.

I cannot forget my village of Tafua with respect to *Taufaasisina ma Alaala Matuatala. Alaalatai Ulu ma Lemaota o oulua o Igoamatua e tua i ai Tapaau. Alaalatai le paia i le Toiloto, faamalo i le tapuaiga.*

Least I will not forget the worship of my spiritual parents, the ordained staff of God with the presence of the Elder Presbyter, Susuga Leaso Tupai and your wife Faafetai, the high sanctities of the clergy of my constituency. I commend you for the prayers and the support.

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It is no secret that Palauli le Falefa is my family home where I grew up and wandered around in, and there is no place that I do not know. I have climbed almost every coconut tree there, and I know that during our youth races, when I was young no one could beat me in climbing, because of the desire to collect a lot of coconuts to be scrapped to help with the activities of the village, as well as the activities of the Church and to also earn my school fee. It reminds me of the tribute of the Hebrew boy, when I was in Iraq, I used to go to the banks of the river Euphrates, and the great city of Babylon that sunk. I saw it and it reminded me of the song that was sung by this Hebrew boy and goes. It is found in Psalm 137. It goes, O Jerusalem, if I forget you, let your right hand forget. If I do not remember you, let my tongue stick to my mouth if I do not uplift you Jerusalem in the things I like. When the word Jerusalem is removed and swapped with Palauli le Falefa. In the last verse, if I do not uplift you in everything I enjoy. This means that my constituency is always number one to me. Why? I am a resident of the district.

That is why I have matai titles in all the villages of my constituency, since my blood is 100% Palauli le Falefa.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, son of the land...

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Yes, I am not an outcast. My constituency, thank you for your honor, thank you for your respect, thank you for the kindness that you have given. I will not put it on my head in case it blows away, I will not wear it on my neck in case it might break, but I will keep it between my heart and lungs, so that I will take it with me to the grave if God calls upon me.

Palauli le Falefa, those are the wishes for our constituency. Listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, to guide you on your choice for a representative that you will benefit from. I remembered when I came while the election was underway, when it was chaotic in 2001. I went to Tuilaepa, and he said, "Sole, you will only become poor from joining these things. Go focus on your job that you will earn money from." My reply to him was, "What is the use of having a lot of money, if no one will remember me." Just like what Moses said when he left Egypt, to join his people so that they can be impoverished together as he will be blessed for it. That is the intention, so that the people who depend on you will prosper. Because if one, two or three people have thrived because of you, oh! You will pass away happily when God calls upon you. Thank you....

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MR SPEAKER: I implore the member as I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The statement made by the member is absolutely correct. And for everyone who has come to me, I would first give them that challenge, and then I listen to their answer. Since there are some who follow others and is prepared to live in poverty. And that is why I challenge people, it is useful for those who are listening, you do not come into the Parliament to find benefits for yourself. You come to seek prosperity for your constituency and the country. As for me, there are many people who come, and I would bombard them with questions. There was another person from my district who wanted to run in the Election. Then I asked him questions about what he does for a living. He said that he lives off his banana plantation. Is it only the banana plantation? Yes. The answer is that you will not be able to handle the position. What else, do you have a family? Yes. How many children do you have? I think he said it was three. How old are they? The eldest is 13. Do you live with your wife? No, she is in New Zealand. With your children? Yes. You have left your children in New Zealand and came here to run in the election? Then he stopped talking.

Then I gave him some advice, my advice to him was, go back to New Zealand and take good care of your wife and children. When they finish school, that is when you can come back, but for now, it is your first duty to take care of your wife and children. Instead of leaving them in New Zealand and coming here, you are not doing your duty. Then he left in disappointment. I heard that he is the number one nemesis and till this day he still despises me.

And to this day he is still trying, but he will never be elected, and I am not predicting, because he will never get any appointments as he is also running in the next election. This is one member that would inform me about all these things, and I would either say, you are staying or you will be going. But you are involved in many developments that publicize this Government of Samoa. It popularizes the Samoan people, but from what I can see, their opinion remains firm, and then he was elected while you lost. He was almost affected by our Act that he was charged with, for not having enough years of residency in Samoa. I stood firm before the Court to give testimony for the elected member.

Mr Speaker, this is why today is an important morning, in case my judgment is misinterpreted, but my judgement was correct. Good luck to you.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you. The member may continue his speech.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker, I would also like to thank the Hon Prime Minister for the statement.

I will now voice my gratitude for the developments implemented for my constituency and work in progress. The improvement of our private water supplies in our villages of Sili and Gataivai, whereas the Government spent \$1,200,000. The drilling of water and the construction of a water tank for my village of Gataivai and the new pipelines put in place. That work is ongoing at the moment.

I am also grateful since I have seen the decision by the Cabinet, that \$1.8 million has been set aside for this water development. And I would also like to thank the Government for your distribution. Well, all these things are useful for the well-being of our people.

The restoration of the main road of Government between my villages of Puleia and Gautavai Uta. There are plans underway for the restoration of the Government Road, between Vaiala Gautavai and the old community of Sili. For the access road that is underway, thank you to the Minister of Works as well as the Chief Executive of LTA, and the Cabinet on the decision for once again choosing one Contractor, to finish our development.

Hon Papaliitele Lee Hang I ask that you take a look at this work as the elders gave me a call and said that this new company only measured 600 meters, and told the elders that the road is only 2 kilometers. But you stated that it is 3 kilometers and it will continue into the next Parliamentary Term after our 2021/2022 Budget. So, I am grateful to the Hon Minister of Works for this development, especially the other responsibilities that you are dealing with.

Another development that is beneficial for the constituency, I would like to thank the Government especially the Ministry of Health, for the construction of our district hospital. As it was heard by this House and by Samoa who is listening, this is the hospital that we worked on in cooperation with the Hon Minister Lautafi as well as the Associate Minister the Hon Tuifaasisina Misa Lisati.

The aim of this development is to not only make it cheaper but also make it closer so that we do not have to go all the way to Tuasivi, rather the doctors and nurses and everything else will be carried out here. The Hon Tuifaasisina and some of the employees are working to put up a fence around the hospital.

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There are also plans for the construction of a morgue in the hospital at Satupaitea, in order to prevent the long journey to Faasaleleaga for the deceased. It is not intended that many people will die, but it is in preparation to make it cheaper for those who will be affected or involved in all these plans.

Other decisions of the Government have already been addressed by the Hon Prime Minister, like the relocation of the Judiciary Office in Tuasivi to the new town area of Salelologa. Thank you very much for this, it will make things cheaper and easier and less time consuming for some of our people who use these services of the Government when it is done. We have noticed that these plans are funded in the Budget and any remaining funds will also be allocated, in the following Budget.

The relocation of the Police Headquarters from Tuasivi to the town of Salelologa. It is true that there are Police outposts in Vaitoomuli in Palauli, but it would be better if the Main Police Headquarters was located closer, as it will encourage the people to use the Town Area of Salelologa.

Mr Speaker, these are the developments that our constituency has benefitted from. Furthermore, I cannot diminish the essence of gratitude to the Government, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, especially Mr Speaker and this Parliament, for appointing me, as the Representative of the Parliament of Samoa in the International Parliamentary Forum, with countries like Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. There are 79 countries in this Parliament. Well, in addition, I was appointed not only from the Pacific but from other countries such as Africa and the Caribbean, to be the President of the ACP.

Therefore, I was the Speaker for this Parliament. So, I have my own Standing Orders, and these were known as Rules of Procedures. In order to regulate the disobedience of the members of this Parliament. But also, when the 2 Parliaments combine, the European Parliament and the ACP Parliament, I am the Joint Speaker with the gentleman from Portugal.

Therefore, I am grateful for the honors bestowed upon me by my constituency, for electing me as their representative, and giving me this chance to administer the International Parliamentary Forum in the countries such as the Caribbean, Africa and the Pacific. This honor is nothing new to me, since there are also other International Organizations for which I was also Chairperson. Another example would be the Council of Ministers when I was the Minister of Finance. I was the Chairperson of this Assembly consisting of more than 40 Ministers of small countries, and this role is not new to me, so I am grateful to the Government for the privilege that has been given to my constituency, as well as the Lord with the situation at hand.

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Well, those are the responsibilities of the African Caribbean and Pacific /EU which includes the Treaty that has already been prepared, and I want to further extend my appreciation not only to our Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, especially the gentleman who is our Ambassador, because Afioga Fatumanava is one of the Chief Negotiators for our new Treaty that will be signed after the world lockdown and the situation with the Covid-19 virus. There are still plans for the ACP/EU-JPA to continue, due to the compelling argument by those of us who are the majority to those who are the minority. Well, now the JPA has been arranged in this New Agreement.

Mr Speaker, now I come to the matter of looking back as mentioned by the Hon Prime Minister at the beginning with the situation when the HRPP took over leadership of the Government.

I recall some of the major developments and records achieved by our government the first time I came. We were able to restructure the Ministry of Works, saving a lot of money...of about \$20 million a year. With those savings, a lot of companies have been established.

At the time of this restructure, there were 2 Companies that were noted under the Public Works Department. The two companies were OTT Transport and Westerlund Transport. At the moment, there are over 20 Road Construction Companies. Mr Speaker what is witnessed now, is the growth of employment opportunities. At the time the Ministry was reduced, there were 400 almost 500. As of now these Companies have expanded, with over 3,000 jobs been created. The significant aspect here, is a lot of jobs made available, there has been a lot of improvement on the work, in terms of improving roads, water drains as well as many other areas of work.

Another matter I noted, is the installation of dialysis machines. It reminds me of my late colleague Mulitalo, I know that this Parliament gave Mulitalo the title of Doctor, Dr. Mulitalo. I also remember the time we had setup the dialysis machine, there were 7-8 patients that had dialysis in New Zealand. However right now there are over 135 patients being put on dialysis. This portrays the ongoing need of assistance from Government, to prolong the lives of our people, who are afraid to die because of bad kidneys.

In 2003-2007 this is one milestone I looked at, the construction of Sports facilities and fields that was hosted by Samoa. There were some newspaper reporters that made announcements, saying I should be fired.

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching: Mr Speaker...

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MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member for Palauli le Falefa, as I call upon the member of Faleata East...

Afioga Salausa John Ah Ching: Thank you for the opportunity, I do not want to interfere with the wonderful speech by the member, but it is important to explain more about people being dialyzed, because it seems if there are many it is good, and the service is needed.

In the matter of Dialysis, we should reduce it, so when we do it would be great for the health of our people and there will be less money spent. However, if there is a drop then that would mean there is protection on our health from hypotension and hyperglycemia. If we are able to reduce both we do not need to get dialysis treatment.

This is where our work needs to tend to, controlling Hypotension and Hyperglycemia disease. This is my assistance, thank you for the opportunity.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you, according to the statement by the member, these services were unavailable. Is that correct? But it is all included under the developments of Government. This is the situation. We used to go to New Zealand and American Samoa for dialysis. From then on, we have noticed...although it was expensive, the Government strived to provide this service for the general public.

There were only 7 at the time, but how many are there now? It is more than a 100, the advice of the Doctor and member of Faleata is correct, we should control it so that the number will not grow. But because of this service, if not for the Government where would these 100 plus people go? It is not cheap, for the country listening in this is the current situation. Thank you very much, I call upon the member....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker let the member take a break...

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The progress of ideas on this matter discussed is important in trying to stop it, the prevention stated by the Doctor Afioga Salausa.

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There was a time I was playing golf; I asked the doctor who was playing with me when we first started our dialysis. What exactly causes a person to get affected easily to have dialysis? The doctor said, it is when the blood pressure is often higher than normal, and nothing is being done about it.

This is the importance of this area; we are constantly talking about controlling hypertension. Also, to restrain it. There are two areas mentioned. However, the most important one was the advice given by the doctor. It is lowering hypertension. This means there are two factors, monitoring food consumption and taking medication to lower high blood pressure.

In the case of dialysis, the danger of dialysis at that time, if you get hit by a car you are taken to New Zealand for dialysis and you cannot come back to Samoa. You live permanently in New Zealand like the old man Polataivao who was taken over, he lived there for a long time and did not come back. He could not come back, due to the 3-day weekly dialysis. In fact, we have reached a stage where it is difficult to protect. It was shocking how much the hospital in New Zealand asked of us regarding our finances. More than \$5 million New Zealand dollars was paid for dialysis of these 7 patients, but they are unable to return to Samoa, given their condition, they would die.

The Government tried to find such a service, and a lot of work was done. It reminds me of the Hon Minister of Health at the time Fetalaiga Mulitalo, pursuing the matter because of his compassion for the Elder Polataivao Fosi wanting to return to Samoa to his family but cannot be due to his dialysis. Therefore, we were able to establish a Kidney foundation for dialysis with a program, checking people who are nearly at the stage of dialysis, the truth is there are a lot of people that are on the waiting list and will soon be on dialysis. Not only for Upolu, but dialysis machines have also been set up for Savaii as well.

Mr Speaker this means that this service is growing, but I thank the respectable member for raising this issue because many are affected due to the high standard of living that we are in, we eat good, but we do not exercise enough. There is too much processed food from overseas which is why many are dialyzed- the different food makes us sick. There is still an increase of people being dialyzed. But that is the importance of the point conveyed by the Doctor. It is important to control high blood pressure, but if you are diagnosed with it make sure to take your medication to control your high blood pressure.

But also try and find out if you do not have high blood pressure anymore, in case you might still be taking medication, but you do not have it anymore, therefore the pills might damage your organs.

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In other words, the life that we are living, is a life of caution, such things are not cheap. It is very expensive. This is one service that people do not value, but this is the significance of raising this issue again. Funding is very expensive. Even the doctors, many doctors came to me and said that this cannot be done in Samoa. Samoa cannot accommodate it and continue to do so.

In Tutuila, US\$40 million is allocated for this service every year funded by Uncle Sam. This means that is more than WST\$100 million a year, a WST\$100 million which is accordingly distributed by our hospital and administration to be able to treat our people here. Not only for Upolu but equipment has also been set up for Savaii as well, to prevent our people from travelling away from Savaii.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, thank you. I thank the member who mentioned this service, I believe this service of the country has been further clarified, also Government in their developments on health. I call upon the member.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Thank you Mr Speaker, also thank you to the Doctor especially the Hon Prime Minister. I think the answer is precise, but if God used force on people, then none would sin. Because it is your decision that leads you to your death, as well as to live.

So, this is what the Government is doing, I remember this, it was Mulitalo's idea which led to bringing in of these machines, he wept in front of the Minister of Health of Singapore. See how it was, he really showed his worth, he did not have money but shed tears which is how we got these machines.

The Hon Prime Minister is entirely correct, many doctors opposed the bringing over of this equipment to Samoa. See how Mulitalo's pleas were able to bring over a specialist for 2 or 3 years to familiarize the staff. This is exactly why I cannot forget my friend. Many times, we would argue in front of Cabinet, but I really respect this man for the contribution that he made.

But as important as what the Doctor said, it should also be known that he is not a doctor, he is here as a member. But the member, you love the people. What would you do if they come and say they are sick? It is good for him that once he feels sick, he takes medication. But this is why I mentioned this, the importance of the contribution of this member, Tofa Mulitalo in his service of serving the country.

In 2003-2007, we had constructed various large-scale venues and sports fields. As I tried to say, there were rumors that I heard from people saying that the money was used excessively, but do not know what to do with these buildings and sports fields that will cost millions and millions of monies. But after a while, Tuilaepa said to sack the person wasting these funds.

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What is happening now? What now? There is development of sports in Samoa. I am grateful that one of my Associate Minister then is a Minister now, Afioga Toetaufanua a le Malietoa the Hon Loau, we were the ones that worked together to construct these sports venues and fields. Now he has gone and made it even better, it is wonderful. What has happened? Samoa has been hosting many events because of these facilities. But the good thing was, when Hon Tuilaepa Malielegaoi travelled to China, I whispered to him, if possible, to plea to their government to pardon these debts. So, it was pardoned, the debt was settled through the plea of our father the Leader of the country. This is why I am talking about these things; how pivotal these things are. What we do, we do for our future. Work speaks volume, work that our children are preparing for, so that they can develop their future, future in sports, and future in management, future in practice for this situation.

I recall one development is the establishment of the SROS, the Scientific Research Organization of Samoa. This is one of the reasons why the Government tried to take our children to study science, so that we are able to develop our own local crops found here, so that we can sell it at reasonable prices or replace other products imported from overseas. The time zone.

The time it was changed, this is one thing that I really encourage the leaders during our International Meetings, I said, there is acknowledgement and recognition for America, Russia and China for their rockets travelling to the moon and landing there. As for Samoa, it was the last country that saw the final sunset of the last millennium.

During the last sunset, I was not here but overseas, but when I came back, I heard stories of how magnificent it was, but people at that time had suspicions about computers that there might be a jam in the system.

The reason why I have mentioned this, I have mentioned, that America, China and Russia landed on the moon, however for Samoa, we took the sun from the west and put it to the east. They said what? We took the sun from the west and put it in the east. Right now, we are starting off the day as for other countries it is nighttime. For example, the sun is standing, therefore we are the first to see the sun before American Samoa. American Samoa's time zone right now, there is a 25-hour difference from ours. New Zealand, we are 1 hour apart, we are ahead. Anywhere in the world, we are the first ones to start off the day and the following day the workload will be waiting for us. This a smart decision. It may seem simple, but it is not. There were many other obstacles encountered, but it came out great. Samoa is the only country that has taken the sun from the west to the east. That is what I told the countries of Africa and the Caribbean that Samoa is small, but they do amazing things.

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The road switch. Your Excellency is one that I take my hat off too. When I think of the road switch, Hon Susuga Tuilaepa and the Political Party, it was not easy. There was an engineer who was also in this Parliament he argued that if we do not extend the road there is no use to make new changes, he was a civil engineer who was Chief Executive for the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure, he stated, extend the roads. I asked, why do we need to extend the roads? He replied, because you have to drive to the side where you are able to see those that are coming your way. The important aspect though, I take my hat off for the sacrifice made by the Hon Leaupepe. You sacrificed, as well as many others. What are you looking at now? God bless you; God bless Samoa. We implemented the road switch; it was merely 20,000 cars. What do we all see now? Private cars alone, it is more than 40,000, plus taxi's as well as buses and rental cars, there are so many cars. There are hardly any deaths, just a few drunk drivers who drive over road pits and die. But there was a saying that there would be 700 deaths within a day. I do not know where this information came from. Yes, this is one reason why some have changed Parties, they were manipulated by Leala and later established their own Party as opposition.

MR SPEAKER: Well, Tofa Lealailepule was one member that opposed the road switch.

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Yes Mr Speaker, I would like to add on to the changes in daylight saving.

I believe this is where one of the members stood, my fellow brother Asiata, stating that HRPP has changed the time for the cicadas to sing, and the time for the rooster to crow, however cicadas can change its own time to sing and the roosters crow when it is time. The reason I am stating this, is one of the members mentioned that Government should look into this time change, daylight savings. This member does not support such statement, because there are other Government decisions made, for example, the separation of the district colleges at Itu Asau and the Alataua. I know that the women member from that district will mention this when she takes the floor, but the Government needs to take into consideration the distance of travel for the students to get to school, in the case of.....

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member of Palauli le Falefa as I call upon the Leader of Government.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, the member should take a break as he was a Minister at the time this subject was discussed. I was going to wait to respond to this matter and explain the origin of the matter since it was raised by the member of Gagaifomauga No.3, which Government should look into it again.

The situation is, we are currently in the old time zone, we did not change the time to save daytime hours or daylight saving. We are still in the exact time right now. What is happening? Even at 7am daylight is delayed, now we are slowing moving towards changing the time. We are still in the normal time but have not yet changed according to the statement by the member. The member is right. The reason is, the globe continues to rotate, and the rotation in half a year turns it closer to the sun. The other 6 months, this area turns away, further from the sun. If you go to the north of the equator in the country of Norway, it is not fully dark until 12 midnight, but there is still a cool evening. The sun rises at 3 o'clock in the morning. That is the difference, therefore days are arranged based on the circular rotation of the earth and there are four seasons in a year.

There is winter, then slowly heads toward spring where it is not too cold nor too warm, then summer which is a lot warmer.

It takes three months to get to the other season, autumn and then back to the cold weather winter. So, there are four seasons. For Samoa there are only two seasons, the wet season and the dry season. But I will now discuss the seasons in New Zealand to understand Laulii's case. The four seasons are evident in New Zealand for every three months. Right now, New Zealand is heading towards autumn mid cold. It is followed by winter. And then heads on to spring where it is a little warm then summer the warm season. We are in the autumn season right now. When we get towards April, May and June these are the months where it gets really cold. It gets a lot darker than usual, with cold mornings. Now the change of weather is set at the exact time when it is very dark, tomorrow we will modify the time and revert it back.

I thought everyone in Cabinet understood. Last year the Deputy Prime Minister also asked me what the purpose of these things is, and I explained. We have been in the Cabinet for a long time, we have made these changes together, but still there are questions. But that is the answer Mr Speaker, we are at the normal time it has not been changed, not until April, that is when the weather in New Zealand and Samoa would be much colder, and the mornings get darker. Then we will change the time.

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That is to say, the time that used to be 7 will be turned back to 6, that way it swiftly gets earlier in the morning considering rewinding back an hour, and so to assist Laauli's case. Remember by May and June that is the hot and cold season in New Zealand as well as in Samoa, unfortunately we are in the south of the Equator, the weather is different. When we are cold in the South of the Equator, countries located north of the Equator are very warm. Mr Speaker, the matter is complicated, but the concern is that there is none of the two who asked the question are here, as I would have provided clear statements to both of them the complexity and depth of these issues. Mr Speaker, that is the situation, we are slowly approaching the time when it will be very dark in the mornings and then the time will change at the beginning of April, until the Globe slowly turns closer to the sun moving towards warmer seasons.

Then we will adjust the time again in the month of October reverting back to the previous time as usual. This change is done every six months. Mr Speaker that is a statement. Now we understand directly that it is dark in the early morning, but there is a designated time. We are not capable to switch the time because of guidelines we have to consider, like travelling. Air travel.

Mr Speaker if we set a time for the next 12 months, it will affect all air travel. That is why we need to organize this change properly, because it will affect our connection with other international flights, especially communication with overseas partners for business and international compliance.

Mr Speaker that is the statement. If you heard there is a lot of benefit of the change in time for the protection of our children who go early to school, the benefits are great. Laauli said that we should stop changing the time. He does not understand the importance of these changes. Now it is understood that this time, it is very dark in the morning, it is our old normal time. Mr Speaker that is the overall clarification for those who do not understand but sat in Cabinet. These are the decisions that govern Government during its work.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you. I call upon the member, I note that you have prepared a lot, but...

Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA: Mr Speaker, as I have enunciated earlier, you are the Patriarch. I presume I need two more days to voice what I have prepared. This is the benefit of the clarification given by the Hon Prime Minister and Ministers if they want to speak on it. The clarification given are clear, added to that is conserving electricity, that rests the point of daylight saving as illustrated by the statement of the Hon Prime Minister.

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Another aspect that the Government also implemented is the establishment of our investment fund, the Unit Trust of Samoa.

This is an important initiative, because in my mind this is the domestic arm of stock exchange that could bring investors into the country to create the company that brings in markets from Hong Kong or Singapore for us to engage in...the majority of male and female members I see that they make phone calls to buy their shares in stock exchange in Asia. The reason why this is important to me is that I remember the basis on which the decision of the Cabinet was based, when it started the privatization of Non-Government Organization into private companies. If these companies are to be sold, this investment is used to buy shares. This is something good, and that is why I always argue about doing a dividend.

I am determined to remove the term contribution that is stated by UTOS, it is true that the management company is used, this service is offered to the public. I mention this Mr Speaker, there is an old woman cooking cocoa, a farmer planting taro, and the fisherman who I ask for a reasonable price for fish, they said their job is different, the way they do their work is not the same as those working on land, as for them, their feet are afloat while they dive down.

Mr Speaker this is why the investment that is put into there is important. If there is a surplus then why not give it back, give to unit holders, but not bring it here, see only \$200,000 or \$300,000 is seen here. Mr Speaker, that is my plea, if only \$200,000 extra then bring it here. Give it to the people and not do a dividend.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, let us set aside this matter that the member does not understand. The Committee in charge can manage it, but your statement is entirely true on how these funds are used, you are right. However, how will the various activities of UTOS be funded? They need funds to operate but leave that matter alone since it is profound. If the Minister of Finance took the stand, there will be a feud, it is best to set it aside, let it alone. You are precisely correct to give all of it, just like that, do not restrain any funds, these funds are given to the Central Bank, for instance lending it to these people, those who come for loans.

But what about funds to operate the Organization? It seems the member is looking at this side, but when it comes to operating everything, what I discussed will all covered. We are above the policy area, but when it comes to the technical side of the distribution, these are things they do and are brought before Cabinet for our decision. You have to consider both sides, but not only one.

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The point you have brought up is notable, however it should be looked at from another side, there is a lot shared on dividends, but there should be a part for funding, administration, or the operation of the work.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, thank you. The assistance of the Hon Prime Minister is clear in areas that require surplus funds for the implementation of the Office and those who are working to implement the purpose and the operations of this investment for the country. These are amazing developments, and we will never tire from hearing about the great developments that have been implemented by the Government. It is not the Minister that was in charge of it at the time, but the Government. Yes. It is the Government, not the Minister. It is Government with its development projection as to why we have achieved these numerous developments that have benefited the country. Well, these are things that should be a reminder to the general public of Samoa on these multiple developments. I wish there was a big book to write all the developments that have been carried out from time to time up to today and distribute it like giving out the Savali paper that is distributed to the country, so that the country is aware of the various developments implemented by the Government.

Even shifting of the sun...yes. Look at how outstanding where we are? Yes, let us try next month to shift the sun again to the other side. These are simple ways provided by God. So where are they now? Now there is fast progress of business in trade with overseas countries. How is God's gift and through who? It is through the will of the Leader of Government. Well, there will be another opportunity tomorrow with good health for the speech of the member to be continued. But since we have come to the conclusion of order for day, to end the work of the Legislative Assembly. Before we adjourn, I call upon the member of Gagaemauga No.2 to conclude our Sitting with a prayer, Fetalaiiga Hon Faasootauloa Pati.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 1:04pm until Thursday 11th February at 9:00am.