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WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:22am in accordance to Standing Order 27(1).

Prayer.

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

I am of the view that this is a good opportunity to acknowledge the dignity of this Parliament, and the listening public, it is new to see the Deputy Speaker this morning, due to sickness and other family matters it is reason for not seeing the Speaker as per normal. There is purpose that tomorrow the Speaker chosen by the Independent State of Samoa will resume his seat and our proceedings with the Legislative Assembly.

I wish to meet and greet the respectable Parliament, the Hon Leader of the House, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, and distinguished members of the Parliament. Greetings to rejuvenated health and perseverance as we are able to gather in consecrations and not worries. I further greet the support of the country, your Parliament will now proceed to its Meeting today with all to end well through sanctions and your support.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: During the adjournment of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly yesterday, the member for the electoral constituency of Vaimauga West No.1 was speaking. With respect I call upon the member of Vaimauga West No.1 to resume your remarks.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West No.1): Thank you honorable Sepaker. I trust our thanksgiving before our Lord has settled gratefully in our hearts this morning through his love and goodness. Notwithstanding, blessings for the welfare of Samoa and its Government. Well done.

I greet the Hon Prime Minister, the Cabinet and Associate Ministers, the honorable Speaker of the House and the Parliament of Samoa.

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I greet the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Executive Officers, Senior public officials of Government Ministries and Corporations.

I greet the support of Samoa listening in especially my constituency of Vaimauga West No.1. Before I start an explanation, I firstly wish to appeal before your honour that I will not be here long since there is a special ceremony that I must attend for our dear mother Marie Tolo Sililoto today. With due respect. Before I resume, I wish to speak on a matter I mentioned yesterday, givent the heavy rain. I trust the House has witnessed that too the situation with the water explosion that occurred yesterday within our village of Lelata to Faatoia to Apia Park, Vaiala and Vaipuna, Such is the plea this morning, if possible to make swift action and assistance on this area, because during heavy rain, it becomes a pressing concern to the nearby residents in this area. With due respect.

Mr Speaker, at the conclusion of my statement yesterday the aknowledgement by the Government representatives *Sui o Malo, Sui o Nuu, Pulenuu ma Sui Tamaitai* from my constituency chosen by some of the Committees.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the speaking member I call upon the Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker the request I gave is similar to the request of Salausa, as it also affects this part of the town area. This has already been expressed and these are the matters that we are currently discussing.

Therefore the advice is vital, we also have in here the Chief of the Ministry which this matter pertains to for them to provide the urgent support and assistance. It is important for Ministry Heads to receive these matters which the members are strongly addressing as the tide does not wait for the sun to rise. That is the nature of the weather, it is an urgent need that is critical which I am raising, whilst the Heads of the Ministries are tuning in with matters pertaining to them which must be done. Behind these endeavors, I did bring forth notice about this major project long ago, and appropriations have already been alloted to implement it, and approval has also been given from our partnership with the Financial insitutions to grant us USD\$100 million which is equivalent to \$260million Samoan tala.

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The different companies are tuning in when this tender will be up for advertisement. These drainage must be considered thoroughly and do not implement any tricks on them. Due to these things we will know very well that the business people are aiming to gain something from it. The important thing for this Government is for developments to continue. This development takes 2 to 3 years to implement given the numbers. All these projects began 4 years back and are still progressing including bridges in Vaisigano and Maluafofou including the renewal of the Lelata bridge.

Mr Speaker, this development is not small, it is important. I thank the member for being vigilant and for the constant reminder, nobody is higher, the Leaders of Samoa are expressing their views here, whilst the Ministry Chiefs are listening, they are the righthand people of the Government whom these Leaders rely on for recommendations in order to maintain integrity. Mr Sepaker the misleading information provided here saying that the Government Heads are useless and the authority is done by one man Political Party State. These thoughts are very weak. Leave aside our political games, this is not the time for us to make inflammatory statements as we are frequently seeing the attempts of the Government, they aim to collect funds in order to make ease our works, not only with using our children with expertise, but also for us to use wisely the funds from our financial donors. These funds were not meant to distribute, these funds are to fully implement these things they will see it in person honorable Speaker, it will save their lives as well as their properties, housing and roads.

Mr Speaker, that is clarification, as we come now to bidding. Tendering does not take a small time to implement, the selection is for those that have full knowledge in all areas pertaining to engineering so that the development projects are stable. We look at what is happening abroad, decisions on these things are not done idly. Even abroad, once there is water explosion all reservoirs becomes affected and therefore these decisions should not be made quickly as it takes time to make them by taking deep consideration of suitable engineers with experience.

Mr Speaker, that is my stance to make general and clarify wha the member is stating, what is necessary at this time, to bring assistance, as rain is still pouring, and it will never stop. Recommendation is therefore vital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do note member for Vaimauga West the Leader of the Government has spoken, but well done to you for being vigilant, I observe that you are coming to floodings meaning that you travel and see all these things around your district. Therefore this is one good member who up til now is continuing to implement its duties especially for Vaimauga. Well done I have responded to your will, the district is tuning in, but do resume your remarks.

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Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA: Well done thank you Mr Speaker. Your statement is very true, the member was born and had grown in the village. Well done thanks.

I will direct my statement with what I had left off yesterday. Mr Speaker, I wish to convey acknowledgements to the enduring service of Government Heads and Public Enterprises. Well done to you for your services, and your perseverance for the good things for Samoa and its Government.

I especially wish to thank the Clerk and the deputy Clerk and the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Speaker, I conclude a statement by acknowledging my constituency of Vaimauga West No.1 for their support and prayers. I had tried my best to respond upon your respect nevertheless, if your service was incomplete, I beg tolerance of you as it is the best I could give. It is your respects which is reason I am here in Parliament which finishes this year. I have crowned your respect, I have worn your love, and through your service I have implemented all things for you my dearest constituency.

Mr Speaker, given the review of constituency boundaries, we have a few changes in the division of Vaimauga West constituency for the next Term. The belief is, it is a good change for us especially our constituency. Why? Because we will not have two but three representatives within the legislative development of Samoa. Such is acknowledgement I wish to make upon our ancestors for their long-term vision and for being part of this Seat the last 40 years, Afioga Asi Sagagauatasi Faamatata, Afioga Patu Afaese, Afioga PATu Ativalu Togi II and Tofa Sililoto Tolo. These were some of them that were the voice and had persevered to have an extra seat given the large number of voters in comparison to other constituencies. Well done thank you.

Thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Minister of the Electoral Commission and the Cabinet for implementing this request during ourtime many years ago. I trust that if we gain the 3 representatives in the Western Side for this Term together with Tuisamau in the Eastern Side we will have then 4 senior members for Vaimauga within this House and the policymaking of the Government.

Furthermore I will direct my speech now on behalf of the new constituency of Vaimauga West No.2...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the current speaker as I allow the chance to the Leader of the Government.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, this area must be clarified, lest 3 representatives stated is misled. The huge reform implemented by the Government is to try and bring uniformity for all constituencies in terms of one constituency, one member, one voter and one vote. That is the entire purpose or key for these central amendments so as to avoid the inconsistency with constituencies which is reason why undertook something like a remedy to erase it even though it cannot be omitted. Why? Election process is not part of our custom. Our tradition is done through the authority of village councils nevertheless we have applied the selection of members through voting system which is foreign doing. The votes is also open to not just chiefs, but also those that are non-chiefs. The remedy before this change took place whereby two representatives for 2 large constituencies and 2 votes per voter. It has created problems within the villages and families although it is here where remedy was done as large constituencies are starting to talk about it, saying that they must have 2 additional representatives so that they can have 4 members, and therefore this could result into 4 more votes per voters.

That is reason for this in depth amendment implemented for this Term, so as to review again the wisdom by negotiating the situation with constituency boundaries in order to gain consistency for all constituencies, one constituency, one member, one voter and one vote to implement. That is what all the countries of the world are implementing in choosing their leaders during elections. Such is what we are applying with the honorifics for constituencies to be called electoral constituency instead of territorial constituency. It is only the vote that uses these constituencies whereas the normal custom and tradition remains.

That is also reason why it is vital have the raising thought of the member. Why? The migration of people to the urban area will be unavoidable for education and work. That moving will be nonstop. The same with Salelologa given its rising population, the inflow and outflow of people in Salafai. With developments growth in Asau, it will definitely grow. The key for development growth in Asau is to deepend the passageway so as to allow the entrance of fishing boats and cruise ships for tourists in order to develop that side of Salafai. Therefore, there will be a time for Asau to make major developments, numbers will grow for employment, and to implement this doing. And there will come a time for constituencies to increase in terms of constituency boundaries in the township area, due to population growth as we move forward. This is the only remedy which is what other countries are also applying in their elections sytems.

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That is reason I thank the Office of the Electoral Commission engaged with electoral matters. With policy negotiations, I also hear that it will be explained every Wednesdays the laws to further provide understanding and why come to the office which is too far. When clarification is up on Radio and Television. That is my recommendation from this House, listen to the many matters brought by the Commissioner and the Ministry as well as the Minister overseeing this Ministry, so as to gain full insight for those people needing clarification.

Mr Speaker, this is the upstanding in order to provide insight of this matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of the Government for your remark.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea (Gagaifomauga No.3): Mr Speaker, may I have a chance please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure is upstanding. I allow the chance, go ahead.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Thank you. I also extend appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister for your clarification on this matter which our constituency has come to. Just a point of order, since the member for Vaimauga West No.1 has spoken. This has fully changed, there is no longer East or West. Lest the voters are confused in accordance to the speech of the member. We are no longer Vaimauga West, both East and West are now one. However they are labelled in numbers, 1 is for east, progressing to 2, 3, 4 for West. So it is no longer east or west lest the villages are confused with these matters. Because Vaimauga West No.1 is being mentioned again when it is not. The village of district of the member that spoke is Vaimauga No.2, whilst No.3 is me, and the Minister of Justice is No.4 for the clarification of this matter. With respect.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker ...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Sit down and allow me to make a statement.

It is good that I make clear to the members who have spoken on electoral matters. This is the object of the Legislation to make clear and clarify clearly.

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With regards to our Constituency Boundary Division Bill 2019, it will become effective once we have the Parliamentary dissolution by the Le Ao o le Malo this year. Therefore we are still using the old constituencies. What needs to be clarified with regards to the statement that unless the dissolution is done by the Le Ao o le Malo. I have in my hand the passing document by this House, it will be effective once we have Parliamentary dissolution, the Division of new constituencies. However the Leader of the House has spoken, the matter is being clarified entirely with its purpose. As such I call the member to move away and direct your thoughts on thanking the constituency for their support, that is the spirit.

I see that the member for Gagaifomauga No.3 is upstanding, for what reason, I am speaking of the constituency of Vaimauga.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Thank you for the opportunity, there is no intention to interrupt your good speech. You will direct your elaboration to the member, I am not directing my remarks towards other interruptions. Thank you very much Lenatai for your clarifying statement it is now clear this morning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I also wish to remind the member for Gagaifomauga. Allow me to speak first, sit down thank you.

It is good that you make clear and address me properly, what is the meaning of this clarification. Our Standing Orders states that this must be made clear, the permission, I must be well clarified. As such, address me first, through a point of clarification before I grant permission. I call upon the member.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Your authority is paramount Mr Speaker, there is no new doing that can supercede your ruling, no our orders are maintained. Under Standing Orders, anyone is allowed to make clarification to another person's statement. I therefore am directing the speech that Vaimauga has 4 representatives. This was also a matter of concern for me. It is now clear, Lenatai, the country has heard you, Vaimauga will have an additional member while Savaii will not. We came and there were 20 members and now it has been removed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I give the chance to the Leader of the House. Point of order to the statement.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Point of ofer, I have risen to clarify the deep essence, it is not a shallow thought. This is also what this member did in our Cabinet. I have thought that he understood well the member for Gagaifomauga No.3, because he never objected this matter. It is a matter we had discussed since the start of this Parliament.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker, I beg tolerance, you see what this is about. That is what I am saying, why do you allow one interjection over another one.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance to the member, it is not an interjection it is clarification with regards to the submitting matter. The Chair has allowed it, sit down. Go ahead Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: That is the attempt I wanted to raise, we were the former Cabinet, with the essence these changes were made. There was never a person to object, given the pure spirit I am bringing forth. It is clarified, the renaming No.1, No.2, No.3, and No.4. With regards to the matter brought up several times, which has corrupted Savaii to remove No.1. How can this be omitted, and to add the Seat for Leauvaa. Even if the Seat in Upolu is mentioned, but Leauvaa and all the chiefs are from Savaii. Only a 2 year old baby does not know the legendary story for the chiefs of the constituency, the same with Salemuliaga. This is due to incidents that have occurred, although it will never remove the honorifics of those from Salafai. Your honour it is only a small kid that has just been born, that will not understand this matter. A kid born yesterday will also not understand the misleading information we have now, will put forth shame on the long attempts of this Parliament since its first Parliamentary Term. Since the first Parliament, there were attempts to remedy this matter, I am very well versed with it, and the ancestors of the existing members were the ones whom we had made decisions together in order to provide a remedy. I did not complain when the children of these ancestors would take over, the parents whom we made decisions together to provide a solution for this matter. The remedy is now found, and children born yesterday will never understand them.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: I upstand with great respect, pardon your will.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is good that I say something in regards to this matter. I beg tolerance to the member sit down.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: I beg forbearance to your will for us to gain a chance.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Standing Orders must be maintained...

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: The words made are too much please. The country is listening in. We are protected by you honourable Speaker Nafaitoa, grant a chance please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is good that I clarify this, Standing Order 78(8). No member is allowed to question the matters passed by this House which has the approval of this Parliament. These matters have been queried again, the speech of the member for Vaimauga West, is to give acknowledgement. The essence of this Sitting will prolong whilst the Budget states to convey gratitude to each constituency for their respects, that is it.

I mention the Laws already passed by the House, I beg tolerance to the member. Nobody is allowed to question the Laws that have already been passed by this House. As such, in accordance to Article 78, I terminate your chance.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Yes, pardon me deputy honourable Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Vaimauga West.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Pardon me your honour, I too am maintaining order. If this is it, you be the judge Samoa, I am attempting to... we are coming to rights with regards to point of clarification which have been omitted. How can this be done Mr Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg forbearance to the member of Gagaiifomauga No.3.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Pardon me as I am also appealing. What is your will, Samoa you be the judge.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair does not remove...sit down please. I do not mean to withhold your individual right, however based on Standing Orders of the House, I am upholding it. The duty I have is to bring peace and order so that our proceedings progress well. We therefore must not move forward and backwards. The essence of Standing Order is for us to move smoothly without neglecting individual rights. Samoa is also listening in, and I wish to uphold Standing Orders.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: That is it. Mr Speaker I beg your pardon, Nafotoa I beg tolerance, we will conclude now, this is the only thing we wanted to bring, clarification. The many Standing Orders that we have breached.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for your consideration that is small assistance from me. In accordance to Standing Order, that is the spirit, pardon the member. I call upon the member for Vaimauga West.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Mr Speaker, can I get a chance please.

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

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: Thank you. I only have one issue as our constituency seemed to be blamed saying that we are being impartial with regards to the Law. The change is not an additional Seat, note that the Seat I am undertaking here is the Urban Seat East, the other area is Vaimauga. The voters starts from Mulinuu to Laulii. It therefore covers all of Vaimauga, whereas the explanation on additional Seat, no we are being moved here. That is the clarification.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you I now receive you well Hon Minister. I have already made my ruling you will move on to another topic. Your time is finished Vaimauga West.

Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA: Well done honourable Speaker. The electoral constituency of Vaimauga No.2, the words of the Bible, I will not touch my knees nor wake up my dear love, instead the prayer I wish to make, Vaimauga No.2 you are dear to me. Because it is the constituency I was born in and survived in until today.

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I do not brag your salutations, I therefore plead with a humbling heart your prudence from God. This will allow me to continue my service for you through this Seat in Parliament. I will serve you with dignity. Mr Speaker thank you for the chance, may God's blessings be upon you and the remaining proceedings of this Term. Soifua.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you to the respectable member, the constituency have heard you, well done to you and perseverance. You have extended your gratitude all the way. They have heard you, in moving forward in the country's general election very soon.

This is the chance to another speaker. I see the light of the member for Vaimauga East is turning red. This is a good opportunity for you.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA (Vaimauga East): Mr Speaker, there is a lot of talks going on this morning and I agree as Tuisamau or Faleupolu is now speaking. Mr Speaker there is no view this morning for me, why so? Because this is my sacred lands I had nurtured. Because this young colleague of ours has spoken first when I the senior member was waiting. Do note that Vaimauga, there is another member who is in Cabinet, and he cannot speak. I have thought that we would be last to speak, given our honorifics, *o aiga e lua ma le nofo a tula, o le aiga*, we did not prepare to speak this morning, as the orator Tuisamau can only do so anytime. Even though I do not see the remaining senior member in Parliament, but I thank God for his blessings in choosing you, to lead the Sitting of the country. I salute you, blessed is the womb that gave birth to you, down and up, those are the blessings from God, thank you.

Mr Speaker, before this constituency makes its contribution, I firstly wish to greet and wish you all a very prosperous new year to this side of the House. The presence of the leader of the government, the Hon Prime Minister, Hon Tuilaepa Dr Sailele Malielegaoi and your Cabinet, Female and Male Ministers. Greetings also to the Associate Ministers. I further greet the honourable Speaker, Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Pulemagafa Faafisi who is managing our proceedings this morning. I further greet the Heads of Government Ministries who were chosen to make decisions for Samoa. Well done to you and your efforts in managing Samoa, you are still persevering up to this hour of the day.

I will not go ahead without mentioning the honorific salutations of this constituency, I greet the Le Ao Mamalu o le Malo and your good lady, Afioga Tuiaana and your good lady, Afioga Mapusua the son of Leniu. I further greet the member of the council of deputies, Afioga Le Mamea Ropati and your good lady. The Chief Justice and the Judiciary.

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I further acknowledge the President of the Lands and Titles Court, Afioga Fepuleai Attila Ropati. Well done to your service over that pillar of our Government. I also wish to acknowledge the member of the ordained church ministers in the various religious denominations here and abroad. They are the people who are praying day and night for blessings upon our country.

Now a word to the support of my constituency of Vaimauga East. Starting from Fusi, Fanuatanu of Lalotea, field of faautugatagi of Tumua, Niniva and Punialavaa, Faletolo, Pilioua and Falepouiva I humbly ask for your support. I will now proceed to speak on behalf of the constituency. Lufilufi, Leulumoega especially the Hon Mr Speaker, I ask for your support especially this House.

I will now make my speech, “Papa, Papa, tatala mai, se i ulufale atu Tiitiiatalaga, Papa, Papa, tatala mai, se i afio atu Tiitiiatalaga, Papa, Papa, se Papa, tatala mai, ua fia oo atu Tiitiiatalaga.”

The cry of someone who wants to live, the cry of someone who wants blessings. The cry of the person who wants to receive blessings, the hero of Samoa or Vaimauga Tiitiiatalaga. After an ordeal he goes back to his parents, the rock. Back to his identity the rock, why? In acknowledgement of the support that has ended with success.

The support has now ended in success, therefore he returns to where he came from, which was his strength. Not only are praises conveyed to the Lord for the success in battle, but other blessings are sorted for the next battles that will befall him. Blessings are given through graduation, such are the feelings of this constituency this morning. My constituency I have returned, I will return...

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

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Well...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the member Tiitiiatalaga. I give the opportunity to the Prime Minister for a point of clarification.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: A question, I just want to understand where this Papa stands. Because there is a group named faafafine, whenever they meet their father, they call out in the same kind of voice, papa, papa.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: Perhaps it is the Papaigalagala. But it is best to clarify this matter since our language is vast with the meanings of the word papa. I call upon the member to continue with his wonderful speech.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker, as I stated, the speech of Vaimauga cannot be interrupted. However I have a lot of respect, considering the Hon Prime Minister is my legal brother.

As for the papa questioned by the Hon Prime Minister on where it stands, it is at Vailele and Letogo. The son of this village was born in Letogo and Vailele, this is why. It is different from the papa used by Tofa Lealailepule when he calls upon the Hon Prime Minister, which is a different papa.

Unfortunately I am a bit worried, like the story about the boat of Tuifiti, which was said to have been picked up by Vaea and placed on the mountain. We are hesitant to raise our voice, for the sake of the sanctity and dignity of the Fonousu of the Parliament of Samoa. I salute the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Tiafau. Also note the salutations, *a faatata i Palalaua talele i Fusi ma Fanuatanu, a faatata i Fusi ma Fanuatanu ona talele lea i Lalotea o le malae o le faautugatagi a Tumua. A faatata foi i Lalotea o le malae o le faautugatagi a Tumua ae talele i Niniva ma Punialavaa. A faatata i Niniva ma Punialavaa ae talele i Fatutolo ma Pilioua ma Falepouiva.* These are the fields of my constituency that I am proud of, representing the seat of Vaimauga this morning.

I also acknowledge the respects of Faletuamasaga. Thus the voice of Tuisamau or Saleupolu has to be shouted. *A faatata i Faatoiaalemanu ma Laloniue ma Tapuotaota ae talele i Sinave ma Ulumotootua. A faatata i Sinave ma Ulumotootua ae talele i Vaiala. A faatata i Vaiala e talele i Lepea ma Vaitagutu. A faatata i Lepea ma Vaitagutu ona talele lea i Fogaa. A faatata foi i Fogaa e talele i Lotosoa. A faatata i Lotosoa ae talele i Niuvai ma Mataale. A faatata foi i Niuvai ma Mataale, o lea ua lou mai i le Laumua o Tumua i Vaopipi i Vaitoelau ma Malie.* Such are the respects of Faletuamasaga, now we have gathered at Tiafau, the place of contemplation, to seek wisdom for the betterment of Samoa and its people.

For this morning, before I make a contribution I first want to speak upon the respects of Samoa. *Ia taalolo ia sa ma faiga o Samoa o le aomamala. E mai lava i le faoseuga o ao ma le atufolasa, lonomua faletoto ma papa tuloto o Samoa o le atunuu tofi, e le o se atunuu taliola. E amata mai i le tai samasama o le Tuimanua, fai mai, na alofisa ai Malietoa ma le Tuimanua ma tulituli mai ai seia paia Fili ma Puletuu, na to ai manu o Malo. Na afua siisii ai tama ia, aiga ma o latou tama o tama ma o latou aiga. O aiga o tupu o aiga o nofo, aiga o ee, aiga o papa, aiga o Taifaifa, e tausi e le usoga a Tumua ma Pule, taoto.*

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Tulouna Sua ma le Vaifanua, Fofu ma Itulagi o Saole ma Saleaamua ma le Launiu na saelua, Tama o Manuatele ma tootoo o le Faleula. These are the respects of that side of Faleagafulu.

As for this hour we make a statement, to thank the Government, thank you for the honor in appointing this humble servant. The time when my fathers brought me to this Party, I still remember my fathers Tuliaupupu and Mautaua Sione. What was said when I was brought into this Party that I was here to fetch water. This son is here to give support, for which I am grateful, I remember my forefathers who have passed.

Hon Prime Minister, thank you for the timing of Gods appointment for the humble servant to come. I am also thankful for the accuracy of where I was placed, to serve. I want to thank Afioga Gatoloai, the successor of Safotulafai who I worked with. I was a member of the Parliamentary Committee, which consisted of 11 Government entities. It is the Social Sector Committee, which was led by this senior member, following in the footsteps of her father. The Government Ministries include the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, Ministry of Police and Prisons, there are 11 Ministries.

I thank God for appointing me by the Prime Minister to be put in this Committee, because I used to work for the Government. So when I came I understood, and made a contribution. I thank Government for its priority placed on Education. When a nation and its children are wise, it is a prosperous nation. When its people are healthy, it is a prosperous nation. So being on the Committee that I was on, under the leadership of Hon Gatoloaifaana, daughter of Tofilau, I am grateful. I also want to thank the Chief Executive Officers of Government Ministries who worked with us on this Committee. Because what? It is where this Committee monitors and checks the work of the Government to see if it is properly managed and give them feedback. My thanks to the Chief Executives of the 11 Ministries we worked with, the Ministry of Health and all the others I mentioned.

I am also grateful to the other Committee that I was taken to by The Leader of the country, the Committee chaired by Hon Tuitama, as well as the Minister Tialavea. This humble servant was part of it, therefore I am grateful for the use of my service. I am grateful for the acknowledgement of my contribution put in, praise God.

Another gratitude of this member was to be referred to the current Special Committee. In the consideration and oversight of the Land and Titles Act. This is my gratitude, each person has a different calling from God. I sat here, thinking who am I, who is this insignificant person that is being valued.

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When I came into Parliament I looked at the records of the Constitutional Convention, and saw some of my forefathers involved in it. This is why the heart and the mind weep, my ancestors could not, and those who were part of the Constitutional Convention could not be put under the authority of Alii and Faipule or collective authority, the congregation. There is Afioga Leniu Fanene of my village of Laulii, honourable of our village. There is also my forefather Tuliapupu Muliaga Simaika of my village of Letogo. Also my uncles Ulumalau Tea Papalii especially Faaolosau Ausage. Thanks be to God for the wisdom of the forefathers of our country and our constituency. They could not be included, why? Because of individual rights, when the Europeans came they instated independence, but I am grateful that God answered. There is a statement in the Constitution that I read, to leave this to the wise and intelligent new leaders of this Parliament. Well, now is the time, that the prophecies of our fathers and mothers have been answered, praise God.

Hon Prime Minister and where this member was placed, the words of the people, vulgarity cannot do the job. Because there will only be complaints, but this happens. The amendment of the Constitution also caused a lot of uproar saying that the Constitution had been amended. So far, there are 24 Amendments to the Constitution. What is the reason why it is amended, it is to be in line with the current situation of our Government. The other amendment I thank God, before I came into Parliament, there is an adage that we are founded in God. But when I came, we were fools then, because it was only printed on the cover of the Constitution. But this time in the XVI Parliament, it is my gratitude that Sulamanaia was the member of Vaimauga in this Parliament, to have it put inside. Because if things had happened in court, I think that is when the Constitution of Samoa was put in place as a Christian nation founded on God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son and the Holy Ghost, we probably do not know where Satan was thrown. Why? Because it was not inside, but now it has been declared to the world, that Samoa is a Christian nation. This is what I am grateful for in this term. This Parliamentary term was ordained by God, ordained by the will of the nation. It is God's plan, there is no Opposition.

Majority of the time I talk with the elders and they say, "which Party are you in? I see that you..." Then I respond, "that is how it is, this member did not come here to sit around. If there are any irregularities, there is a need to advise, I was brought here to contribute, and ensure that the journey of Samoa goes smoothly." We express gratitude to the Leader.

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Another outstanding achievement since I came in this term, there have been 122 Amendments, Acts implemented in this Parliament, 122, apart from the 5 which I do not know if we will be able to conclude by this term, but there are 122. I am grateful, that we implemented legislations for the betterment of the country. It is not just a part, but the whole country. This is what we were chosen to do, to come here and make decisions, and laws for the common good. It is not done selfishly. This is why I am grateful.

As for this hour Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, it is like the saying, we came naked, and we shall return empty handed. This is the stance of this member, we came with nothing, but now I will return to my own home, where I was chosen and my calling. Then I stand and look back, did I make a contribution? It is not the work that is done in the constituency, it is the Government that does the roads. You have to stand up yourself and pray to God for the common good of not only your district, but others as well. I express my gratitude to this Government that has come, thank you. I thank my constituency I have strength because of your prayers and devotion.

The position of the Ministers, just to reiterate, I cannot mention the many good works done in this constituency, lest we rob God of his glory. Thus the heart is grateful for what has been done, I thank you all for what has been done, I am also grateful for things that have yet to be done. We have seen the scarcity of distribution. Therefore I thank the Hon Minister for the roads. I only pray and second the opinion. This constituency is bountiful of water, it is rich with its rivers and so forth. Now that the water has been fenced, there is just a need to bury it a little more to continue our Budget for the next new Parliamentary term.

The Hon Minister of Finance, I pray a humble request from the mayor of this constituency, to take a look at their salaries. The mayors are the ones that the country is reliant upon, especially now with the Covid-19. In addition to male mayors, are women, an increasing number of services are provided in communities. The Sanitation Committee has now been encouraged for their work, and there is no rest.

At times there are fathers that do not feel happy about their wives spending time in these Committees. There is not enough time. Because of what? The mother spends all day in doing work for the village, even the father too, it is not enough. Maybe have a bonus in anticipation of a raise, or something to reward kindness. No matter how much the Ministry of Health can prevent the disease, it will not be possible without the security of Alii and Faipule. This is, the power of this Parliament and House, the authority of Alii and Faipule.

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It is clear to see the constituencies that have a dignified authority of Alii and Faipule, there are no problems, and the police do not have to visit there, since it is under the control of the council. However I am grateful to Cabinet for the developments done to the constituency. Thank you for your hard work.

My constituency you have heard. Thank you to the Hon Prime Minister, God has chosen you, to fight with you many times, with many challenges and insults, that is your strength, the many scars you encounter, the more strength you get which is why you were chosen by God to lead Samoa. I am grateful that my constituency, my village of Laulii has heard of the seawalls, I have been raising this matter since the first time I came here, but thank you, it is God's plans for some to leave and others to come back and do it. I am grateful for the response that now my district has listened, the seawall will be built. Although there are other villages in the constituency, but as I earlier mentioned Laulii does not have a reef, it only has a deep where the waves break strongly behind the houses.

I am grateful that the Hon Minister, Afioga Tapunuu came over to visit. I am happy to speak the title Tapunuu since it is a member of Vaimauga which you will be using in the next elections. It seems there are two members of our constituency who are Ministers. You are Tapunuu to your mayor, but the real Tapunuu is the one speaking.

Thank you for the plans that you have put in place, you have also visited, any constituency have also seen you on your site visits. As I stated, the road at Letogo and Maugafiafia has already been paved, however the water is not going straight down the road but has been diverted into the center of the village when there is rain and flooding, since there is no drainage system. Our village of Letogo has been complaining, especially since the pastor resides there, when the water erupted. Please continue the work on this project. We have already removed the security post and other things, so that the drain goes straight to the river below, we should continue to be able to fix areas that need improvement.

I am also grateful for the work done for Fagalii, there is a company that did it at the start of this Parliamentary term. Unless Fagalii has forgotten that the road was upgraded. This is why it is a problem to do it early because now it seems they are complaining about it on social media, saying the member has done nothing. How when Fagalii was also developed? The road was done all the way towards the Government flats, it did not reach the lands where Fuimaono resides, it did not reach there. However a humble request if possible to maintain the road especially during these times of rainy season.

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As mentioned the village of Fagalii is a watershed, it has a lot of rivers. If possible to overlook this issue, because a lot of the public reside in these Government flats especially my constituency who want to come to work and school, but are affected because of this problem.

This is the same for Vailele. For clarification the village of Vailele, many people come to reside there, why? Because of the good leadership of Alii and Faipule. There are business people, some own buses, I believe there are 3 to 4 men who run buses in the village. This is the road in front of the one opposite the golf course at Vailele which leads to Maalauli and all the roads that are in Vailele, have been completely destroyed. Kindly overlook this matter, especially the road that goes around Vailele, in Vailele...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the member, as I call upon the Leader of Government.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, a point of clarification.

Mr Speaker, the speech conveyed by the member is important especially in regards to the changes in the climate. I believe I will be speaking broadly on climate change, because climate change is now one of the greatest disasters the world is facing even more so than Covid-19 which has infected more than 100 million people. The United States alone has reached 26 million people who have become ill, and millions, more than 2 million people worldwide have lost their lives. World leaders have stated that beyond Covid-19, looms the greatest disaster facing the world, which is climate change, climate change towards hot, very hot. Perhaps it was last night that you saw the dramatic rise in temperature in Australia, burning more than 2,000 acres of trees in Melbourne.

That is why fires are so easy to happen, because the temperature has gone up, rising hot. This is similar to what happened last week where gunshots were fired by some people fighting against the US Government in the bush. After the shooting the bush area caught fire, which means that the spark caused by the bullets resulted in the fire.

Mr Speaker, it is the heat that is causing all of this, now we are also witnessing the dangerous patterns of the rain. It may lead to the question, why is this the case? As for the amount of water seen, it runs horizontal which is very unusual. It only rains inland and the runoff has produced a river. Some do not run down the channel but in that direction. Even our village, it has come into the village, with the small rains that have just passed. This means, people in the town area are complaining, but it is the same for other villages as well.

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That is the dismay of what is happening in the world right now with climate change, because it is warmer, and this heat has created cyclones that affect us, together with tsunamis and earthquakes, the world does not know what is going on. But we have the solution, we know the solution, however there is reluctance, in the hearts of leaders that is causing these things, we have done a lot of work to make a significant contribution to help other parts of the world, our contribution is to stop deforestation, and grow more trees, because it stores carbon and gives us oxygen to breathe. It is the reason we are seeing these problems, what was done with our own hands has impacted our lives.

I mention this so that we may be aware of the dangers of this in the future. Scientists have given a lot of advice, but even where speculation is common, such things do not happen by chance. That is the song of the Congregational Christian Church, there are reasons. Why? We have done many things to the world, which are not in harmony with the will of God. Some of the things that the Lord strictly forbade and excommunicated many nations in the Old Testament, because of the very actions we have taken, pass laws in parts of the world, completely turning away from God and His Commandments.

Mr Speaker that is the situation, ideas will keep generating, especially with what is happening around the world today, such things do not just happen. That is why the Government emphasizes the importance of Sabbath, yet some are saying, to break the Sabbath day, to break it rules for businesses.

We have 6 days in a week to make money, but for one day as the Lord has said, keep the Sabbath day, which is a day of rest and to renew strength, the Lord was aware of the weakness that must be strengthen again, and the solution is to rejuvenate and rest well. As seen in the Old Testament, there is also a Sabbath for the earth, the earth is used for 6 years, on the 7th year the earth must rest. Why? So that the roots can find the minerals to nourish the soil, so that the trees will blossom properly, and of the trees to observe the Sabbath as well. That also determines the season of our mangoes and vi, once it is over, then it takes a rest Sabbath. Why? The roots search for minerals to strengthen the plant. Likewise with us, the Sabbath is clear because God knows that we must be given time to heal, also to spend time with spouses and children, and go to church to sing praise and thanks to God. Why? By His love, we have a happy life here on earth for a short time, and a future life in heaven for the faithful, and a just reward for those who make others rich. All the best with our Proceedings.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I commend you for your speech, I believe this matter has been clearly understood by all the House.

I call upon the member of Vaimuaga East to continue.

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Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker I now come to the Minister, as the Hon Leader has already clarified some of the points. Thank you.

To the Hon Minister of Lands, this is another strength of mine, when I came here I made this request, thank you for your response, which should be done on our lands. As I prayed upon entering this Parliament, this was the only district the Germans were interested in with our lands. Why is that? The riches and blessings of God are found in it. The Germans did not come and go to the other constituencies, they came here. I am grateful to the Government that our lands have been handed back to the authority of Alii and Faipule. Thank you for your distribution, also for the acknowledgement. The Hon Minister has already spoken on it, therefore, God has many days.

The only thing that I requested, was the price, thus you have spoken, and that is your authority. The Hon Minister of Samoa Land is also preparing to redistribute some of our lands in our village, especially the villages of Vailele and Letogo, but we will continue to live and work on our own. While waiting for the Government to implement its plans. That is the spirit of gratitude to this Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the member, I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, at some point the Minister will speak on their current policies, lest some might be misled by the speeches voiced now, but wait until the Minister speaks, and explain clearly the situation in case the public is misled with what is said here.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Perhaps the matter is now understood. I also note that the work of the Ministers is to take note, and when the time comes for the Government to respond, everything will be clarified. But I call upon the member to continue with his speech.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: This constituency especially the area called Maugafiafia, I would like to express my gratitude to the villages of Vailele and Letogo. Perhaps if we notice the land called Maugafiafia behind our homes that was taken during the German repatriation, a lot of the members of the country want to reside there.

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Perhaps if we ask the Chief Executives of Government Ministries they live there. Because of what? The lands are blessed. This constituency is compared to Israel. People want to go there and built their houses on the mountains, waiting for the time Jesus returns, they say if they are closer they are the first to touch him. Thank you to the Chief Executive Officer who has been appointed as I said, this is a blessed district.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pardon the member of Vaimauga East, as we seek a clarification.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I rise again to ask the member to come down from the mountain so that we can talk at the bottom of the mountain.

I want to tell you a story, which is one of my biggest regret during the time I looked after Samoa Land Corporation. There is an old man that came looking for a space at the horse race course at Tuanaimato. He said, “Tui, I just need a small plot of land to plant my taamu, since I live beside it.” I felt sorry and made a decision with my heart but not a logical one using my head. I then approved of it. Not long after the old man had set up his taro patch a Pastor nearby came and said, “Tui, I want a plantation and a big banana plantation beside the land used by the old man.” It was then that I began to realize I was wrong, now that I confess in here, that I am not perfect. Then I said to the Pastor, “I am sorry it is not possible because the Government has plans.”

The Pastor was angry he stood up, he walked to the door and was about to open it but he turned around and said, “Hon Prime Minister, if I were to take my youth and set up a taro plantation by force like the old man, would you stop me?” I responded, “I will not stop you because you are a Pastor, but I will leave it to God of the Mount Sinai to judge you, you are a pastor, how can you preach again from the pulpit in righteousness and keeping the law and yet you stumble over it? He said, “Tui, the burden you have placed upon me is heavy.” Then he threw the door and left. I was glad because he did not set up a plantation. But before the old man, some chiefs from Letogo and Fagalii came and said, “Can you please consider the lands of the Trust Estates, we only require a small plot to plant some crops.” I told them, “Government has plans for the area, since it is Government lands.” And they said to me, “No after our crops are harvested and whatever time you tell us to move we will, believe us, Tui” I said, “Remember our words.”

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After a year the Government started implementing its plans, then I went there to visit, when I got there it was a different situation majority of the lands had been cultivated, and when I told them to move since Government had plans, they said no.

That is why the situation is still problematic, and that is why the Samoa Land Coporation is slowing down and the Corporation is in a very difficult position with these land issues.

Mr Speaker that is my confession. It seems that my compassion has resulted to these land issues, but God has given us the opportunity to correct what was wrong.

Mr Speaker, that is the matter, it is the reason why I stood up so quickly, because so many people are working on ways to be respectful. But this is the same with Vaialele as set up by SLC, but I was surprised the other day, perhaps it was in 1999 or 2000, I was surprised with a visit from an elderly of Vaialele, who came to sell his 2 acre land and even told me the price. I called Samoa Land, to check this land in Vaialele. As a result I saw that these were lands given out by Government under lease for Vaialele to work on. This is the reason why there are so many people living in Vaialele because they have bought leases, which was given for them to survive. However with the matter of reselling, they received a lot considering the reasonable cost given by Government. That is why SLC has implemented a new system, and it is impossible to accept such things from happening again, because the Government is giving people benefits, but they want to take it and sell it, if they sell it now it will be sold at a high price. They do not want land that will benefit them in the long term, but they want to earn money to live for it now. This manner of selfishness that is what affects many families.

Mr Speaker, that is a clarification, but I believe this matter will be further explained by the Minister later. As for these lands, which is a right of Falealupo, are lands of Government, also lands owned by Fagaloa, and everyone. Thus we made this agreement under mutual respect with constituencies that have these lands.

Mr Speaker that is the situation. Nor can lands that have been brought under Government be subject to any alternative, in the event of confiscation or being forcibly returned. It is like this land, Vaimoso came and said that this is ours. The person that promoted, should come in Government and return all the lands. This includes the lands of the individual owners. To those who are doing this, please stop trying to fool us.

Mr Speaker that concludes a statement.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for the speech Leader of Government. I believe it is important for the country and this House to hear it. This is the problem that has arised, thus you have explained and clarified the matter. Again thank you.

I appease the member of Vaimauga, since we have arrived at our recess time, I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly will now be set aside for its usual recess of 15 minutes before we return and continue with our work. With respect.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned for its usual recess at 10:50 am and resumed at 11:35 am.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I announce that Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have resumed. I believe Parliament have found renewed strength to continue with our work this morning. Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside while the member of Vaimauga East was speaking. I call upon the member to continue his remarks.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Thank you Mr Speaker. Perhaps morning tea has been well received by that side of Chamber the Hon Leader, especially Ministers and all respectable members of the House. But I rise this morning, to start a speech of Vaimauga, it is known once our speech is interrupted we must start again.

Mr Speaker, the constituency would like to express its gratitude to the Special Committee appointed by our Government, the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet to prevent the disease. Thus is led by Afioga Samau especially Afioga Agafili. This is the pride of this member because they are from this constituency.

If we look at this service implemented at the airport it brings tears to the eyes for those who have volunteered their lives to serve upon the arrival of a flight, not only for airplanes but cargo ships that come into Samoa. They go boldly, they say goodbye to their families because they are willing to die. Why? They love Samoa, they do not care about their spouse or children, but do their service. I commend everyone who have offered their lives from different Government Ministries to volunteer, at the airport, the hospital, Customs and Immigration.

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Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai (Salega East): Mr Speaker....

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: The service continues, without any concerns, the objective is...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member for Vaimauga but I must allow the interruption from the member for Salega, go ahead...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Thank you for the opportunity. My apologies to my colleague having the floor but I must say this as you are moving on from the initial issue in which you made the request for land. I wanted to say that the Minister is not taking notes of what the member requested but I have noted it all down.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I understand the issue already raised by Olo Fiti. I suggest to leave your matter until the Government response.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: The other matter that has come to my attention is that you...

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: Mr Speaker, a point of order...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: My apologies to the member for Salega but I will allow the Minister.

Afioga Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell: Olo is writing down stuff that is completely different but I have noted down everything the member raised. After all this member ever since he entered the House always raises this matter on land. I would only need to flick the page to last week's sitting and it would show every request from the member for Vaimauga. So Olo do not worry I have it all down here, with respect.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Sir there is just this matter I was seeking understanding on from the member's comments. I do envy the member with the state he is in with land. Mind you there was a legislation which converted land from the Government to customary land. This benefitted your constituency with land parcels being bought for \$35,000. It also benefitted the constituency of Vaitele, it benefitted Tuilaepa and also Leala...

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am absorbing this with great respect...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, a point of order...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Resume your seat whilst I allow the Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: A point of order. This is the problem with the member eagerly jumping into something. The land of Vaitele if I may recall in about 1982 or 1983 was when the Government made the decision on the village of Vaitele. May I remind you that around 1900 this community were surprised when a group of businesspeople turned up and surveyed their land. They were sold out by Tupua Tamasese Titimaea to buy large cannons to fight the wars of that period including the One-Day War.

So there is now a decision and this matter has been often contested in court. This evoked discontentment amongst the Vaitele people and if the Police were not quick to react back then it could have been disastrous. So the village of Vaitele took the matter to court and were compensated at the time with land being offered at Alafua and land around the other side of Moamoa were given to the village of Vaitele and their titular head Mataia. So they remained there and there was also 8 acres at Lepea at the exact spot where the slain Tama a Aiga is buried. In other words, the piece of land where the Tama a Aiga is layed to rest is Vaitele land because of their connection to the Mataia title at Vaimoso. There is also a Mataia at Falealili and such are the genealogy of the title Mataia. So the Government allocated these land. But you will remember that although areas of land had been given to these people there is still about 30 acres of land left at Alafua with a few acres remaining at Moamoa around the sketches of the ridge when travelling to Moamoa and Sinamoga. But that feeling of nostalgia remains where people intend to return to where they hail from since it is where their ancestors grew up.

There were court cases in 1930 right through to 1986 including recent cases concerning the village of Vaitele since there are still people with blood ties to Vaitele and they wish to return to the land which is their heritage from God. It is the reason these people continue to approach SLC hence the decision at the time by their representative Toi to lease out land through Mataia and his families. There is a quarter acre of land for my wife since she is a member of the Sa Mataia clan.

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Mr Speaker that is the reason behind this but as far as the views which aims at infuriating people of the country well I know this guy Olo, and only terrible things comes out of his mouth. So that is the situation which I have enlightened you on and there are people that have sold or try to sell off these land and they are not from Vaitele originally. I heard that a decision has been made to stop the selling of lands. These lands were sold from 1991 with a total of 1000 acres sold at quarter of an acre a piece. I recall they were sold at about \$32,5000 per quarter acre which people from Savaii and the rural areas managed to gain land which were advantageous to their children's schooling and employment.

After having sold off that 1000 acres the money from it I used to create a modern landscape on agricultural land where the Tuanaimato sports complex now stands. There was even friction at this particular place at the time after some people enraged certain community members and consequently turned up with shot guns. So the police eventually collected the culprits and at the time Olo was in kindergarten so he does not comprehend these things. That is the benefit of his thought provoking issue...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: It is reason I am explaining these things, Olo understands it fully as this is one member...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: Mr Speaker, I was not in kindergarten at that time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is the area I wanted to...

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: I am talking about the Legislation that benefitted these guys.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Sir let me finish up..

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member but until the clarification is complete you may then speak.

Tofa Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai: The country remained with nothing.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Let me finish what I am sharing and Mr Speaker I am aware of all their publications made outside of here. After our sittings they would have meetings and published this and that.

It is actually thought provoking to the journalists that come to me. I do not need them to come around as I have a lot of work to do. Instead they keep coming. I often ask them. Why do you not approach that group? Their response is that. Where are we to go, all the information concerning the Government is all here. I do not call them. They just turn up on their own accord. It surfaced yesterday that I control all Televisions and the media. I do not control the media it is them that approached me for information since I have been elected as the Leader of Government. I make the decisions with Cabinet so I have full understanding in order to respond to the false accusations currently being vented. So the raising of such issues is beneficial as it allows me to correct the false accusations being published whilst the people are listening.

Mr Speaker that is actually how these quarter acre lands are being sold and that is the very objective the Committee has and I am not their Minister. I did only hold this Ministerial portfolio at the beginning of its introduction before relinquishing it to other Ministers to do the decision making. Hence the idea that it may be best to implement this system of selling acre parcels and let people own it as customary land. So it simply means that our legislation should be amended as to prevent the selling of lands and allow the sons and daughters of the elderly couple to remain on the land forever. Only the immediate children can stay there and they are prohibited from selling it so the law will be amended to ensure this and to assist those low income people that are anxious to get their hands on things and so decide to sell their asset.

Mr Speaker that is my clarification.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I am of the view that the matter is understood after the statement from the Leader of the Government and the issue need not be explained. I also understand that the member for Vaimauga has already moved on to a different matter and so he will no longer address this issue.

I call on the member for Vaimauga East to continue you have 5 minutes remaining.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker I thank you, as I mentioned the pandemic that is causing so much drama around the world. What has become of Samoa and its people? Everything is secure.

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It is the reason I had express appreciations to the gentlemen in charge of the Committee responsible for this cause and everyone putting their lives at risk to serve Samoa. There is no problem whatsoever within Samoa. Word is circulating around the world that makes me proud, that there is no virus in Samoa. Other than nostrils showing results of one being positive and the other negative. It makes me extremely happy with the news disseminating there is no virus in Samoa and causes me to be grateful to these gentlemen. The question begs, where are they from. They are sons of my Vaimauga East.

It brings me delight in this House knowing they hail from my constituency. I am following in the footsteps of our ancestors that came before me. Through the continuous support for this Political Party of our forefathers. The Government still continue to provide benefits such as these said lands. My constituents are listening and the Hon Prime Minister has spoken that is the objective here.

Even with our seawalls we continued to push our request and what has come of it? Well constructions are on the way. I would think by the time we do the dedication ceremony for the seawalls the elections would have about begun. It is not projects that will vote me back in but it is the fact that I am a son of this land. Samoans following proceedings I convey my appreciations to the Chief Executive Officer. I extend greetings on this part of the day to the community at Maugafiafia situated inland of Vailele. If one would query the CEOs of Government Ministries I think 10 hail from here. Such is God's blessings upon the sons and daughters of our constituency.

I am delighted with your calling for it has put our constituency name up there. Since the appointment of my legal brother at the helm of MNRE another lady from the constituency has now been appointed. Within government circles there were Chief Executive Officers that held high positions such as Pilmai Tupae Esera who was well known within that Ministry. How about Tuisugaletaua within the Ministry of Agriculture and eventually became Prime Minister, oh ah senior Minister. Where does he come from? There was also Asuao Malaki Iakopo, Lemalu Tate Simi all from Vaimauga.

When it comes to education within Samoa there is no lawyer that is more intelligent than Maposua Solomon Toailoa. He never loses a case. Where does he come from? Laulii in Vaimaugaa. It gives me great satisfaction and drives me to rave about them.

Even in sports, there is no other person that can match the tackle of a gentleman from our constituency. He is now in charge of our Sevens team. Foreigners were brought over and now our people are witnessing the elevation of this guy. Where does he come from? Muliagatele from Letogo. The only person second to this guy from Letogo is my brother in law Loau Sio Keneti.

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Sir my brother in law is the Chairman of the Rugby Union. It gives me great pride and I am grateful for what they have done for the term is ending.

As I was saying the Legislation that is causing a stir among our people does make every Samoan proud for the fact that the village councils authority is recognised. This was the desire of our ancestors and who does the decision making? It is done through the integrity of the men and women of the Judiciary. This cannot be infringed by the Government so justice is left up to the judges as most of the time village administrations of chiefs and orators is not just. And they rule with cruelty. I am grateful that it is now within the constitution where the Chief Justice at the helm of the Judiciary and have been accorded trust. It causes me great joy to witness this.

I am also grateful to this gentleman Aeau, and seeing him today as the most senior figure in Parliament. Looking through the Constitutional Convention, well his contribution is quite remarkable. The Aeau that was in the Constitution Convention, Taulupoo which bears the same title as this. It just makes me proud when I hear the name Aeau after all, he is one of the gentlemen that made a lot of inputs into Article 102. With some people claiming that our lands are being alienated well I say they are not. What our ancestors were responsible is secure. With Article 102 once that is violated we then seek 2/3 majority of the people. How do we do that? Through a plebiscite. Whether Parliament agree by a 2/3 majority it cannot be done. So please it cannot happen. It was done by our ancestors. There shall be no generation that can do it unless 2/3 is attained. It is why I am proud and delighted.

When I entered Parliament another huge development was brewing which was the removal of the President of the Court. When reading through it, the constitution stipulated that the Chief Justice or the President of the Court cannot be removed unless by a 2/3 majority of Parliament. Who was responsible? Our ancestors. It was not done during this term. This term had only implemented the dream of our forefathers. That unless the majority of this Assembly agrees through wisdom and vision. What was the outcome? The government through the Prime Minister and Cabinet were staunch on instigating the removal, terminated the services of this gentleman. What was the opinion of Samoa? That was the reason you were brought here. Our Faa-Samoa is being practised in this Assembly.

That is the distinction of the Samoan Parliament from every other institution throughout the world with bicameral House of Parliament but with Samoa it is just one which questions every decision. This is where laws are enacted before being interpreted by the Court. That is my satisfaction and I am ecstatic that I am part of the event that was envisioned by our ancestors. What was the response from the people? This servant must reclaim his status.

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This gentleman must go back and continue his service. Why was this so? That is our faa-Samoa. Where the representatives exercised their personal view. It is the reason which gives me joy...

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa (Lotofaga): Mr Speaker...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I interrupt the speech of the member and I do beg tolerance of the member for Lotofaga whilst I say this to the member speaking. Thank you and the Assembly have all heard your remarks, my role is to assist. The matters which Parliament decided on must not be raised again. You only need to recognise it and move on. For it does evoke feelings and consequently incurring an unnecessary debate due to your repeating it. So what I am saying is to just say thank you and move on for that stirs up emotions due to your covering of the same grounds again. So therefore I beg tolerance of the member but move on to another matter.

Afioga Sao Faapito will have the floor.

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: Thank you Mr Speaker. I accept and appreciate your comment towards the member currently having the floor.

In accordance to procedures only matters of clarification or point of orders allows a member to interject. The member is correct when he said that the Government was doing its duty by moving the motion. But the motion was defeated and so the member goes on to say that it was the will of the Assembly. May I ask Mr Speaker, who is the Government? It is a Political Party that governs the country and they have the numbers to satisfy the requirement of the Constitution.

However, it goes to show that the member stating, that it is our culture putting aside the Law. They appreciate the status of Government and being called the Government, but do not like to implement the responsibility directed by the Constitution. That is all.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you I would think that no one will...

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker a point of order...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Leader of the House will speak.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: I must correct the member that had just resume her seat. It was totally incorrect. The government was not defeated, the government won the motion but did not get the numbers to instigate the provision of the motion. That is the first correction.

The second correction is and would the member resume her seat until I am done.

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: A point of order on Standing Orders. I interrupt to say, it was that member speaking.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member for Lotofaga...

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: What procedures are we following? Are you allowing the Prime Minister to contempt of Parliament.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: My apologies to the member for Lotofaga but let me say this. Our Standing Orders are clear that it is the responsibility of the Government to clarify a matter that is confused. The people are following our debate and they desire to be understood and be certain on everything. Hence the reason why I had allowed the Government the opportunity to provide a clarification as you have stated that the Government was defeated in politics.

That was the view of the Chair but I do beg tolerance of the member whilst the Leader of the House completes his comment before you may speak if there is something you wish to say. I call on the Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The decision has been made and I have addressed the matter. If the member had cast a vote in this House on her right according to English law that would be correct. If the member voted on the capacity of our cultural aspect that is also correct. Our government is done through aspects of our culture. If the member also voted during that sitting under her Christian beliefs of love that is correct. All these aspects are covered under the Constitution.

You cannot say that the Law is correct yet our culture and traditions in which the members vote was based on is incorrect. So Fiame you should hold to esteem our culture and Christianity.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you and may I say to the member from Lotofaga that the matter is understood as far as the interjection is concerned.

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Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: Sir I appeal to you that if you have allowed the Prime Minister to correct me, I am getting up to make a point of order regarding his statement. On his comment that the government was not defeated. Please Mr Speaker and members it is clear that when it comes to an Article of the Constitution, it needs a 2/3 majority.

I do not understand where the Prime Minister gets his figures from claiming that the Government motion was approved. It is not so. The Government motion was defeated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you I got what you are saying. The Leader of the House will speak.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The clarification was referring to the initial statement from the member that the Government was defeated. It is why I am countering these words, word for word. The government won with 20 votes for the Government and 18 votes opposing. Under the ballot the Government won. But it did not reach the 2/3 provided in the Constitution. I was going by the Law nothing else so read the Constitution. Read the Constitution.

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: Mr Speaker...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member. Afioga Sa'o Faapito I speak with respect due to the mutual relations of members of the Assembly. But the procedures of this Assembly is very clear and that is the Government has the last say when clarifying every matter. So in saying that I apologise but in view of our Standing Orders I order that the matter no longer be discussed.

Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa: Thank you and I accept your ruling but the outcome speaks volume. Since the view of the Government was to dismiss the President what do we have now? The President remains. So when you go by the numbers and the outcome, the Government was defeated.

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

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Do I get another chance to correct this since the Government has the last say.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: Since the member for Lotofaga had the floor once again. I must allow the opportunity for a clarification. Now if there are say, 7 interruptions there shall be 8 responses from the Government. That should be understood, the Government will not let go of any matter unanswered. Coupled by the Chairs final say. I call on the Leader of the Government.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: The point I am correcting is the outcome of the ballot with the numbers giving the Government the edge. With 18 that opposed and 20 votes declaring the Government won the motion. But the outcome though did not reach the 2/3 which consequently defeated the motion. Now I am not talking about the outcome but actual facts and records. That 20 votes supported the motion to 18. When you chuckle the numbers 1 to 17, 18, 19, 20. I am going by the records the Government won but could not secure the provision of the Constitution. We all adhere and observe the provisions of the Constitution. As far as numbers go the only question is which was the lowest number? It was 18. What was the highest number? It was 20 that is it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: This is the nature of senior men of this Assembly although the matter is understood. My commendation and appreciation to all members that voiced opinions.
To the member for Vaimauga do not address this issue but continue with your appreciations and conclude your remarks your time is up.

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaauouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu (Anoamaa East): Mr Speaker a point of clarification concerning the member currently having the floor. I will not address the matter that was under debate. With regards to the member's comments on the sons and daughters of his constituency that have given exceptional service. There is one particular person I am interested in and that is the lawyer he mentioned. I am currently looking for a lawyer prior to the upcoming elections. My question is, where can I find this lawyer?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call on the member for Vaimauga East and you do not need to respond to the member's question.

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Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker I had thought Lufilufi would not interrupt. For the information of the Assembly there are 3 Moefaaouo in this House. The senior one right here, the next one is the one that just spoke and the third is the guy from Palauli. With his question, well I must give an answer as the country are listening. Since there were no cases in Samoa to be done he is now overseas to attend to other cases that could not be handled. That is the answer Lufilufi.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Finish now as your time is finished.

Afioga Alaiasa Muagututi'a Moefaaouo Malagaitutogiai Sepulona Moananu: I have one opportunity remaining. I appreciate the clarification that he has travelled overseas. You are quite correct with the title Moefaaouo but I am the only Moefaaouo rendering service to the constituency.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I beg tolerance of the member disregard family matters but focus on our business. Your time is up.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Mr Speaker the reason I do not go over is out of respect for him because if I do go....

I am full of respect as I said earlier I was eager to wrap up my remarks and out of sympathy for Cabinet since the country are waiting for the approval of the budget so as to implement projects. I will now wrap up my speech.

To my constituency I have made our contribution, our appreciation to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Government for every aspect in which they showed regard to your representative. They accepted my modesty and had me served in a Parliamentary Committee and also Government obligation such as overseas trips which I had attended. My commendation to the Hon Prime Minister and for the trust he gave to our constituency

Before concluding I must firstly share my appreciation to the Government Ministries, as well as the CEO's and Managers of Ministries and Public Enterprises. It is the view of the government that you are all in your prime and you are the people the Government depends on and I commend you for what you do. We are the incumbents but you shall be the future. Samoa is prosperous due to your service, so keep it up.

I must acknowledge once again the clergy throughout my constituency. I salute you all for your prayers and really appreciate your consideration of me. During most times the person becomes weak but your prayers as well the whole community strengthens me.

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I will conclude by acknowledging the salutations of our constituency right from Laulii with the Sao Faapito Leniu whom is the venerable chief of Vaimauga and your sons Maposua and Fuamatu. Taliulu and the Salevalasi clan. It is said that it is the family of Salamasina and the orators Tuisamau and the three sides of Kings. It is a village which I am proud of it is where the boundary of Atua and Tuamasaga is located. This is the origin of the breeze of women at Mulivai O Pufasa protected by our people. Every boundary is protected by warriors. There are no troubles whatsoever. When the people of Atua approached and reached Mulivai o Pufasa they quietly retreat.

I also extend greetings to my community at Lalotea the court where grievances of Tumua were sorted. Where Tuliapupu resides it is said that you are the mouth piece of Alataua. It is said that when no one is around you may become the Tuiatua, you are the Malietoa. I also recognise Usoalii and all the salutations pertaining to our village of Letogo.

And also my village of Vailele in all its honorary salutations.

As well as my village of Fagalii in all its honorary salutations. Congratulations, I commend your support, thank you for the services and prayers. I apologise if you are not satisfied with the efforts of the member. As for the other works that have not been carried out yet, the Lord will provide days. As for this district, it is a constituency that supports the HRPP, which was founded by our ancestors, and we continue to follow it. That is why, if problems were to occur on our lands, we are the ones to drive out the people who are being noisy in these lands that we rule.

And so at this hour Mr Speaker, my constituency, I turn to you again to receive your blessings. The member speaking, is the Laauli auuliuli himself, you do not need to be persuaded, Laauli is the father and Letogo is the mother, and also the matai of the village of Vailele with the name of Togia, the nobleman of my village of Vailele. And also for my village of Fagalii, with the name Naeaulumanuaolevai the sub-matai that serves the sanctity of the families.

To my brothers whom I competed with, as the men play they are still brothers. When God appointed David as king, the youngest son was chosen. My fellow rival candidates, I ask that you give your blessings to the younger candidate, as you can see the candidates strengthen has been restored, to serve while the two of you support.

My constituency, I ask for your support, and whatever the situation of the Election, the Parliament and the Cabinet of God has already been appointed, it has been done. The only essence of the son is to serve. And so Mr Speaker and that side of the House, the Hon Ministers, I apologise, most of the time mistakes are made, and your servant is also eager. But it is not just for the success of this district but a success for the general public when this member talks.

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This is due to my love for the country, it started from the kitchen, and it continued on, and now I am here, it is all God's plan. The things that have not been seen by the eyes or comprehended by the minds of anyone else, those are the things that God has done for those who love him. And whatever the response God provides regarding the election process of the country, only God can appoint its leaders. All authorities are from God, and the only thing is that we bear a forgiving heart.

When Mose led his people from Israel, many of the people complained, protest, why would you bring us, there was plenty of food there, and some people would drink from the river carelessly, what does that mean? Those people did not make it to the chosen city, since they were not supposed to drive from the river, because it was salty. If you drink water from the Mara River, you will see the beauty of God, find forgiveness, since that is the only thing that God wants to see. If you have a forgiving heart then you will receive blessings like the size of 70 huge pine trees. Those are the blessings you will receive when you have the heart to forgive and forget. Not only 70 blessings but 12 fountains that will flow endlessly, it will provide drinking water that cannot be removed.

Mr Speaker, that is the essence, to continue to spring up as such, before I conclude my speech, I witnessed that a lot of the members were singing their songs. But keep in mind that this constituency, it is where many well-known siniging bands originated from. Starting from Lauili the Tama o le Liona...

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I implore the member but your time is up. You should also be considerate of the Chair and the work for it is not easy, there are many of you and I am only one...

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: *Tama o le Maalila* and Letogo the Fauula, *Tama o le Agalologo*, coming to Vailele the Punialavaa, Mafoa, coming to Fagalii to the *Maatulua ola, Papaigalagala*. Therefore, I call to you Mr Speaker, my speech is done, but this whole House, I have a few legal representatives. That is the essence, they are my legal brothers. I also said in the beginning, a lot of men want to be part of this constituency because it has many beautiful women.

Hon Minister and your sisters and your family, we will sing a song. But first I would like to call out, the Hon Laauli my brother, Hon Loau my sister, the Hon Fata Sala Pinati, who is also my sister, and the Honourable... there is yet to be a *Gafatasi*, I end with the elderly member, the Hon Leader.

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It is the song that will conclude the speech of Vaimauga. It is a song that was written by my brother, Reverend Lale Peteru. It says you will not leave me, why? It is easy to be together but hard to separate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Since it is the last speech of this Parliamentary term... One verse is enough.

Afioga SULAMANAIA FETAIAI TAUILILI TUIVASA: Even if you do not stand, because if you do not stand my brothers, pardon as my sisters are present here, when you get home, your luggage will be placed at the door step, because your sisters are listening. “*Ae e te le i tuua o ou toe manatu fia momoli atu. Tausaga o i luma ma ni mea e tutupu ai. E pau lava o lou manatu ma na i so o se mea ou te mafaia. E pau lea ou te ofoina atu au nei mo oe. O le a leai se fale i luga o le mauga ma se faatauvaavaa taua. E leai foi ni ofu leaga e te toe laei. Mea uma e tu mai pea i ou luma, ina ia e iloaina. Pau lea ou te ofoina atu au nei moo e.*” Papa... Papa...open up, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Parliament showed appreciation by applauding after the speech of the Member for Vaimauga East.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call on the Leader of the House.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoui: If you noticed, I did not sing. This is one person from Vaimauga who has a very bad voice. But I would just like to remind some of the members who have yet to speak, there was also a farewell song that others sang in the previous Parliamentary term. After that song, they were never seen in here again. Let us say farewell to you and your song.

Susuga Hon Laauli Polataivao Leuatea: Mr Speaker, there is something I want to say briefly. I did not want to interrupt the speech of the member. Yes, alas Sula, just when your wonderful speech ended you made a mistake. Those are my blessings, as Tuliaupupu went to heaven; he said be careful. It was not easy claiming your position, but you are a person who was called upon. But as Tofilau said when HRPP emerged, goodbye.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: I would like to take this opportunity to express congratulations and gratitude for this part of our Sitting. Congratulations to the members that have spoken, there was a belief...but the song was wonderful, this will be the appreciation of the Chair for the wonderful speeches as the constituencies are listening in.

I believe that we still have enough time; this is also an opportunity for another member that would like to speak in regards to the Budget as presented before the House.

I ask the member for Falealili West to stand.

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO (Falealili West): Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity today. It is a special day as many experienced orators have assembled. And I wanted to express my opinion since Samoa is listening. *O lupe lava sa vaoeseese a o lenei ua fuifui faatasi*, we were separated and hve regathered given the love and goodness of God.

E le galo lava Afia i si ona vao, for I would only like to say a few words to my brother, the late member for Lefaga and Faleaseela, Mr Speaker. The honorable Vaafusuaga Toleafoa Ken Poutoa, a brother whom I lived with in this area. Alas, the heroes have fallen and the weapons of war are lost. Alas, my brother who has been relieved from his duties by God, as he makes his to heaven. A good and faithful servant, may you enter into the joy of your Lord, may you find your permanent place in heaven. May God comfort his wife Vaelaa Molioo Poutoa, the daughter Uini Poutoa, and also the brother Tuiafetea Ulugia Simi Poutoa and the sister Taua Easter Poutoa and all of our family, as well as the constituency of Lefaga and Faleaseela.

I express salutations this morning to His Excellency the Head of State, Afioga Tuiaana Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II and your Good Lady. I express salutations to the Hon Member of the Council of Deputies, Afioga Le Mamea Tuiletufuga Tapusatele Ropati Mualia and your Good Lady.

I also convey greetings to the Hon Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi and your wife. I also salute the men and women Ministers of Cabinet and the Associate Minister. I also offer greetings to the honourable members of Parliament that have gathered at this hour of the day, with the attendance of the Chairpersons and members of Samoa. I give salutations to the Hon Chief Justice, Satiu Simativa Perese, the Deputy Chief Justice and Senior Judges of the Criminal Court of Samoa. I also convey greetings to the Hon President, Fepuleai Ropati Attila and your wife, the Deputy President, senior members, the judges of the Lands and Titles Court of Samoa.

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I also acknowledge the presence of the Hon Speaker, Afioga Leaupepetele Taimaiono Toleafoa Faafisi and your wife. And also I greet the Hon Deputy Speaker or the Hon Speaker for today, tofa Nafaitoa Talaimanu Ketu and your wife

I also want to express greetings to all the holy servants of God, in every Altar in Samoa, who are residing in every village of our country. Greeting are also given to the Village Council, the Women's Committee, Chiefs and Women and the Strength of the village especially the school children and infants of each village.

I acknowledge the presence of the private businessmen in all areas of Samoa, the Chief Executive Officers of Government Ministries and Organizations, the employees in any field, with the skills and the work they are assigned to do and Samoa in all its honorific salutations.

Greetings also to the Government of Tutuila and Manua in all your honorary salutations.

This morning Mr Speaker, I also convey adoration for the sanctity of my constituency of Falealili West back in 2016. Due to the Government reforms concerning electoral districts, the name has since been changed to Falealili No.1, in 2021

I want to offer greetings to the Reverends in any Altar who are residing in my constituency. Starting from Lalofau and Leatumalama until it reaches Falepunaoa. The Mormon Church in Saleilua, the Congregational Christian Church in Saleilua, and the Seventh - day Adventist church located on the Government lands of Togitogiga in Saleilua, the Congregational Christian Church in Poutasi, and the Catholic Church in Poutasi. The Mormon Church and the Congregational Christian Church in Vaovai, and the Congregational Christian Church in Matautu. The Methodist Church, the Mormon Church and the Jehovah's Witness Church in Tafatafa. The Methodist and Congregational Christian Church in Malemalu. The Congregational Christian Church, the Mormon Church, the Victory Baptist Church and the Methodist Church in Satalo. The Assembly of God in Satalo. The Worship Centre in Sapunaoa, the Congregational Christian Church in Sapunaoa, the Mormon Church in Sapunaoa, the Seventh – day Adventist Church in Sapunaoa, the Congregational Christian Church on the outskirts of the village Piu in Sapunaoa, and the Independent Seventh – Day Adventist Church in Sapunaoa.

I also want to convey salutations to all my family and friends in Samoa, in New Zealand, Australia, in American Samoa and in America. I also acknowledge the support of my villages of Saleilua and Ilili in all its honorific salutations.

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Greetings to my village of Poutasi and Fagamalama where high chiefs reside, in all its honorary salutations.

Also salutations to my village of Vaovai with all its honorary salutations.

I also express greetings to my village of Matautu in all its honorary salutations.

My beloved village of Tafatafa and its honorary salutations.

Greetings to my village of Malaemalu with all its honorific salutations.

I salute my village of Satalo in all its honorary salutations.

And lastly I convey gratitude and greetings to my village of Sapunaoa in all its honorary salutations.

Thank you for your decision in choosing me for these 5 years, the 16th Parliamentary Term to voice your opinions in the Parliament of Samoa. In my opinion, this is not a Chair that should be played with or a Chair owned by a member's family, for this is the Chair of the Constituency for the politics of the Government, where I am your servant, to seek peace, to work honestly, to never give up easily, to not be lazy, always be friendly and to help anyone in need. The member is also open to the wisdom and opinions of the elders of our constituency.

It is said to be open to discretion and prudence in our good governance and understanding, and it is also recommended that an opportunity should be given to criminals in our politics, so that the consensus of the chiefs and politicians can be reached concerning this matter that has been discussed. When the work is done then we say, that we are unworthy servants.

Thank you for your honour, thank you for your respect, and thank you for your devotion, your prayers, your love and your patience. Thank you for your perseverance through the rainy and sunny days, for your support and take a chance wondering what the outcome of your son's work will be, the man of the soil in the Assembly of Samoa in Tiafau. Thank you, thank you very much. Your belief in the person and his family, his village and his identity

Mr Speaker, I will make some comments on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2020/2021. The main idea of this Budget in my opinion, if we make it tomorrow, remember today, remember the day that the General Assembly of the United Churches held a prayer and fasting ceremony for Samoa and you praised and thank God for His kindness to Samoa. And it is the fatherly love of God that he did not abandon us. The problem yesterday, it is a lesson for us today, but it is a guide for tomorrow. When tomorrow comes, let us remember today. The projects requested to the Government through the Ministers of Cabinet, they knocked, they wrote letters, and the Hon Ministers visited and examined the work of my constituency of Falealili No.1 or Falealili West which is known for in this Parliamentary Term.

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Like this, we requested the construction of the access road in Lealamutu in Sapunaoa, which was implemented in the 14th Parliamentary Term of the Parliament, when our parents were appointed as representatives for Falealili.

We requested the digging and making of new canals for the new roads in Sapunaoa, which was dug up by one of the church minister, Susuga Matau Pisimaka Tamati. This road is called Lealatele, so that cars are able to use it to carry the frozen taro or the scraped taro to the market to be exported to Australia.

We requested the ploughing, burying and sealing of the access roads all the way to Lealasopo. The Lealasopo road is located right in the village that was previously mentioned by the Leader of the House, the village of Piu. The community of Piu is part of the village of Sapunaoa, which leads to the river of the Government which is now in Sapunaoa, where the construction of a concrete bridge or a ford so that cars can travel through to the subvillages of Sapunaoa.

The program of the Ministry of Agriculture for the coconut beetle was conducted in Sapunaoa. Thank you to the Hon Minister and the Ministry for providing the chainsaw to cut down the coconuts for the extermination of the coconut beetle. Our village was also blessed with the stimulus package where coconuts were given for replanting.

The program of the Ministry of Fisheries was conducted on the coastline for the rejuvenation of the corals, oysters and sea urchins. The completion of the construction of the seawall from parts of the committee house in Sapunaoa to the border with Salesatele because the lands have started to flood due to the weather change and the high tides.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I implore the member as I ask the Leader of the House to stand.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, Point of Clarification. I would like to ask about the road in Piu, because Piu had many problems with its roads and the water level. Since this is one of the villages that the Government has done a lot of work and developments in, as the water they receive in Falealili comes from further inland. In other words, this is another village that is blessed with many developments. It is also the case for when the decision was made for renewable energy.

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What this means is that a new system will be constructed to generate electricity that can be used to burn some plants especially the wild plants or the invasive species, even with the vines or lianas, as we can see the lianas growing on the coconuts and destroying the coconut tree. So the village of Piu is quite important, because not only is there a road that reaches inland to the water source, but also the location of the land is very important for agriculture.

But now that you have mentioned it, I would like to ask, how is Piu? Is the reservoir still good or has something happened to it since you have yet again raised concerns regarding this other project of the Government for renewable energy by creating electricity using these wild vines or invasive plants, but another method will be used to generate our oil. So I really want to understand what is the condition of Piu? It is specifically for Piu, because you have mentioned that this is where your access road going inland.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call on the member for Falealili No.1 to stand in regards to the Point of Clarification.

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO: Thank you Mr Speaker. As stated by the Hon Leader of the Government regarding the situation in Piu, the developments that are underway are still good, such as the development of renewable energy which uses the vines or lianas to generate electricity. The only issue is that the project is not too big, which means, not many people are receiving electricity. As for this village of Piu, it is receiving and using this electricity, instead of the Government electricity at this time.

Also the water reservoir, where the whole of Falealili gets its water supply that goes to the east side and it also comes from the west side of this reservoir.

The only thing I asked for was the road was not paved, so it is still a dirt road at this time. This is also why the cement bridge or ford was requested to improve the connecting road to Piu. With all due respect.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I ask the Leader of the Government to stand.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Your honour, where exactly is the road that has not been tarred? When going inland but what about going towards Piu, has it been sealed?

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO: Hon Speaker, the road going towards Piu has not been tarred, only the access road that goes inland to Sapunaoa that have been paved, and then it goes straight to Lealamutu.

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In Sapunaoa, when you get off the road connecting to Piu, this road is called Lealasopo, this is the road that has not been sealed until now. A request was also made in the past....

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Galumalemana Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi: Okay, now I understand. This is what I wanted to understand since it was Falealili, it is not a small village, it is a huge village even Sapunaoa in terms of the aid that the Government is currently implementing, there are developments that is specifically for villages such as school buildings for each village. It is the same for the reservoir. Furthermore, it is the same situation with the electricity. But keep in mind, there are no less than 2,000 sub-villages, but they are also subvillages of traditional villages. There is Government assistance that is limited to the subvillages, and there is Government assistance that is limited to main villages, not just the neighbourhood. In other words, the subvillages and main village as a whole.

There is aid that can benefit 2 or 3 constituencies, like the water source that comes from here, but it is consumed by the whole of Falealili. There are developments that benefit the entire country such as the airport. So for the airports, there are also developments that will benefit Savaii and Upolu.

The reason I mentioned this is because there are types of aid that are given specifically to the village, or the subvillage. There is also aid that is provided for large subvillages and villages such as schools. But there is also assistance for the entire district like the hospital in Poutasi. But there is a type of development that will help Piu and your village with the improvement of the airport and making possible for airplanes to fly to New Zealand. So it cannot be said that the airport is the airport of Satapuala, it is our airport.

By saying that, even in America as they plan their developments, Rome could not be built in one day, it is built gradually. This means that the aid that is given will benefit the whole country. So you cannot say that Piu has not received any aid. Like the sports field that has been built a long time ago which covers all of Falealili, what is happening now? Those in charge of the sport field are quarrelling with each other. But the most important matter that was given in your statement in regards to the inland reservoir, which is providing water for everyone in that area, but the part of the road that goes inland, I feel we have the program for that issue, which will be implemented sequentially. If your district has benefitted from a development, and your village benefits from another development, then it will be covered by another development.

Well, that is how things are done to expand developments from district to district, but what you said is very important, because Falealili East and Falealili West are two of the largest constituencies of Atua.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for the clear statement Hon Leader of the House.

Well, I call on the Hon Member to continue your speech.

Tofa AUMUA ISAIA LAMEKO: Mr Speaker, I would like to convey my gratitude to the Leader of the Government for the clarification of this issue regarding water.

In my village of Sapunaoa, there is an international rugby field in our village of Sapunaoa. In the past years, we received assistance from the Ministry of Education and the Government. This district of Falealili West or Falealili No.1, there are currently 3 international sports fields.

And so I asked my fellow member from the East to come and use one of the fields in our constituency for their rugby games because we are from the same district. The International Stadium in Sapunaoa, the International Stadium in Vaovai and the International Stadium in Saleilua Falealili. These are the three large fields that were prepared by the villages as well as the assistance from the Ministry of Education, so that it can be used for any program, not only for rugby games, but also for other games such as soccer.

Some of the work that was requested was the improvement of the road called Tsunami in our neighbourhoods of Faleulu and Tulasoo. This road is located right next to the Sapunaoa Primary School building and it goes inland. This is the road that was used during the Tsunami hit in September of 2009, and it was used by the students to flee inland. In 2017, the village council made a request to our CSSP organization and a \$50,000 grant was given to be used for the transportation of gravel to pave this road to make it easier for the students to travel through our subvillage of Faleulu and Tulasoo. So we would like to thank the CSSP for this important work that has made it easier not only for the children to use, but also for cars to access at this time. Maybe in the future, since we have already made a request to the Hon Minister of Works for the digging of the drainage, as well as the improvement of this road. It has a lot of benefits... this road leads to the access road to Sapunaoa and our subvillage of Piu.

In our village of Satalo, after the Tsunami of 2009, many of the people who lived in the coastal areas moved inland, it is why we have this new road called Tsunami, and it is situated next to the Methodist Church in Satalo going inland, which now has a new church, the Assembly of God in Satalo. This road also needs to be improved since the request has already been made.

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There is another road, it is an end road, called Lalovai in Satalo, and it needs to be dug up and paved. These are parts of this road that are being requested, we are not requesting for it to be tarred because our Governments resources are limited, since priority is given to our Covid and the protection of our health

Thank you also to the Ministry of Agriculture for providing chainsaws for our village of Satalo for the extermination of the coconut beetle program.

For our village at Malaemanu, I would like to convey gratitude to the Hon Minister of Agriculture who provided the chainsaw for this coconut beetle extermination program. In our village of Malaemanu, the request has already been submitted for the roads to be ploughed and paved and to create drainage for the access roads in Malaemanu. The road next to the Methodist Church in Malaemanu, the road going inland is not long because of the water that flows from it.

There is a reservoir or reservoirs called springs on the shores of Malaemanu. As of now there is a road. This is one of the roads which we received assistance from one of the dignitaries of Aiga I le Tai, Hon Mulipola, who has returned to Australia. This is one of the nobles who conducted a trading with the village of Malaemanu for the extraction of sand while the road gets paved. Now there is a road at this time, but it needs to be repaired going towards the reservoir called Punaotala.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do not want to interrupt the speech by the member for Falealili West or Falealili No.1, since we have arrived at the scheduled time to complete the work of the House for today. I would like to express the utmost gratitude. The wisdom and foresight of the House has been made clear today. The Chair also believes, it has exceeded expectations as Samoa listens in especially the constituencies for those who made their statements today. And so I would like to again express congratulations and thanks for the preparations, I commend you for your patience as you have been chosen as elected members of each district

The Chair also feels that there are times when it becomes intense, but you have shown great patience for the sanctity of the House. The essence of the Chair is that every day we remain calm and at peace so that we can continue to have successful meetings like today. I would also like to express the essence of gratitude for your consideration upon me in terms of managing our work for a successful Sitting

Well, there is also the feeling, when we leave here today, may you travel with the will of God, travel with respect, and may God guide you through the paths that will be taken today.

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As the usual sayings, prayers bring us together despite the distance, there will also be obstacles along the way, but may the grace of God guide the sanctity of Parliament, and may we return tomorrow to continue the work of the House.

Before we adjourn our work today, I ask the member for Safata West to conclude our Sitting with a prayer

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly was adjourned at 1:02 pm until Thursday 28th January 2021 at 9:00am.