

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2017

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9:00am.

Prayers.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR SPEAKER

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

I greet everyone this new morning for the good health although we sleep with blessings but trouble or grief will soon surround us '*tatou te momoe ma manu e le fati ae sau mala e atiae*'. Despite, if it was not for God's presence we would not have His peace and splendor, we have met in the spirit of health restoration.

OTHER ANNOUCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I announce the dignity of the Legislative Assembly that I have received the Notice from the Political Party of the day to officially appoint Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II to the position of O Le Ao o le Malo.

Pursuant to Article 18 (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa, I table the Appointment Notice of the O Le Ao o le Malo before the Legislative Assembly.

Article 18 (1) of the Constitution provides the approval of the O Le Ao o le Malo by the Legislative Assembly, upon the advice of the Ruling Political Party of the State.

I put the Question before the House as follows: - *Whether the Assembly approves the Notice for the Appointment of Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II to the position of O Le Ao o le Malo.*

Motion approved on the appointment of Afioga Hon Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II as the O Le Ao o le Malo by the Legislative Assembly for the next 5 years.

MR SPEAKER: I now call on the Hon Prime Minister for his statement.

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE HON PRIME MINISTER
SUSUGA HON TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA
LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETEELE NEIOTI AIONO
GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI**

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETEELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker and distinguished Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Samoa. I greet Samoa in all its honorific salutations. I greet and acknowledge the Governor of the Territorial State of Tutuila in all its honorific salutations. I further acknowledge the supporting prayers of the Servants of the Lord.

The appointment of Afioga Tui Aana as the O Le Ao o le Malo marks a new and significant chapter in the history of Samoa and the next. On behalf of the House, we wish to express our congratulations to Afioga Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa for your appointment. He was a former Police Officer, a graduating lawyer and was later appointed as the Member of the Council of Deputies for over 20 years.

After the passing of Malietoa Tanumafili II in 2007, the appointment of the O Le Ao o le Malo had the name Tuimalealiifano twice in a row on the voting process from 2007 to 2012. However, it was unsuccessful, this was the will of God, to endure patience; you were not destined to undertake the role of O Le Ao o le Malo at the time. The main belief of this Parliament is that, all callings are from God. As such, he had endured patience and had continued this role as the Member of the Council of Deputies. Twice the time this House had approved the appointment of Afioga Tui Atua to undertake the role of the O Le Ao o le Malo of Samoa and this appointment expires on the 25th of this month. Based on the secret whisper and in accordance to the Constitution, God has called the decision of the Legislative Assembly and the Human Rights Protections Party.

I further acknowledge Afioga Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese for undertaking the O Le Ao o le Malo role and service with great dignity for the past 10 years. There is belief you still have the urge to serve our country through any way. Well done to you. No doubt you have served the Government of Samoa for many years through the various notable positions of the State, as a Member, Prime Minister, Member of Council of Deputy and O Le Ao o le Malo. Only God can bring Success through your country Samoa.

The O Le Ao o le Malo election process was conducted using the normal democratic practice. It was not an easy process given our small size and that all lineages are connected. It is no wonder everyone is related in Samoa.

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Motion for Adjournment

What happen during this process is that there were other practices that the State could implement for these changing appointments in the future, to help us prepare ahead and to easily recognize these changes that are constitutionally appropriate.

These were some of the good amendments of the legislations that will further ensure peace and stability upon the Leaders of Samoa.

Moreover, I wish Afioga Tui Aana all the very best any may he find wisdom, knowledge and good strength to carry out his calling. In the words of our Lord, *“The greatest among you will be your servant; similarly, the first shall be last.”* All the best and May God bless your calling.

Mr Speaker, on the day of the swearing in ceremony, the dignity of the House will be informed of further event in the future. Soifua and God Bless.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you Hon Prime Minister and Leader of Government. I believe all parts of the House have clearly heard the clarification made by the Hon Prime Minister.

With respect I call on the Hon Prime Minister for a motion to adjourn proceedings for this morning.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Susuga Hon TUILAEP AUELUA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI LOLOFIETELE NEIOTI AIONO GALUMALEMANA Dr. SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That Standing Order 30 (2) be set aside and adjourn Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly until Tuesday, 17 October 2017.*

Seconded by the Minister of Revenue, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Motion approved and Proceedings adjourned until 17 October 2017.

MR SPEAKER: Before we adjourn I call on the Deputy Speaker to conclude our Sitting with a prayer.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 9:33am until 9:00am on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

