



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.26**
JANUARY 24 & 25 - 2017

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23	24	25	26	27
30	31	1	2	3

BILLS

1.01 Bills second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees

On Wednesday 25 January, two Bills were second read and were referred to the Standing Orders, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee: the *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* and the *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.1) 2016/2017*.

Standing Orders: 101 & 102.

1.02 Bills considered in detail

On Tuesday 24 January, after the debate on the second reading of the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017*, the Bill was considered in detail and was then passed by the Assembly.

On Wednesday 25 January, the *Police Service Amendment Bill 2017* was considered in detail and was passed by the Assembly on a motion moved by the Prime Minister for the suspension of S.Os 104 and 108, to permit third reading on the same day.

Standing Orders: 102-105.

1.03 Bills third read and passed by the Assembly

A total of three bills were third read and passed by the Assembly on Wednesday 25 January: the *Coroners Bill 2017*, the *Village Fono Amendment Bill 2017* and the *Police Service Amendment Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 108-113.

1.04 Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017

The debate on the second reading of the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* commenced on Tuesday 24 January; it was then considered in detail and passed by the Assembly on the same day.

Standing Orders: 132-138.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.05 Ministerial Statement

The Hon Prime Minister delivered a ministerial statement on the Land and Titles Special Inquiry Committee which was established to find ways to address issues, concerns and disappointments raised by the public. He also commented on the responses provided by the Judiciary to the Report.

Note: debates during ministerial statements are not permitted, but a Member may move to have the statement printed and laid on the Table as a Paper for Consideration.

Standing Order: 63.

1.06 Adjournment for Urgent Public Business

The Prime Minister moved a motion for the House to debate the Special Inquiry Committee Report on the Lands and Titles Court, and the corresponding Judiciary response tabled on Tuesday 24 January, and to consider it as a matter of urgent public business.

Note: A motion “that the Assembly do now adjourn” for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be moved only after the presentation of Parliamentary Papers and Reports and before the next business of the day is entered upon; this is also the first time an adjournment for urgent public business took place, pursuant to the 2016 S.O revisions.

Standing Order: 33 (4)(e).

SPEAKER

1.07 Point of Order raised by Mr Speaker

Mr Speaker reminded the member for Falealili West, Tofa AUMUA Isaia Lameko, that questions to Ministers during government responses were restricted to questions on issues raised during Member speeches.

Standing Order: 91.

MOTIONS

1.08 Notice of Motion

The Prime Minister moved a motion to set aside S.O 139 so that the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* does not take precedence on Tuesday 24 January.

Standing Order: 139.

1.09 Motions by Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee

On Wednesday 25 January, the Chairperson for the Finance and Expenditure Committee moved a motion for additional time to consider the *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2016*, and that the Committee will table its Report in the upcoming March sitting.

Note: each Parliamentary Committee are to provide a report on a Bill, petition or question of privilege that was referred to it, within three months from the date of referral.

Standing Order: 52.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.1 Motion of the Parliamentary Commission

On Tuesday 24 January, the Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Commission moved a motion for the Assembly to approve the programme of Sittings and Proceedings for the calendar year 2017/2018 as per Committee recommendation.

Note: a recommendation of an Assembly sitting Programme must be made and approved by the Assembly no later than the last sitting of the previous year.

**Standing Order: 170 (2)(g).
Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 52.**

1.2 Five Parliamentary Committee reports tabled

A total of five reports were tabled on Tuesday 24 January: 1 report by the Finance and Expenditure Committee; 1 from the Economic Sector Committee; and 3 from the Social Sector Committee.

**Standing Order: 52.
Parliamentary Paper: 2016/2017 No's 148-152.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.3 Change to Sitting Hours

On Tuesday 24 January, the Prime Minister moved a motion to extend the sitting hours from 3pm-7pm until the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* was passed by the Assembly.

Standing Order: 32.

1.4 Government Responses

A total of ten Cabinet Members delivered government responses to requests put forth by Members regarding the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* on Tuesday 24 January.

Summary Part B, Tuesday 24 January 2017.

(<http://www.palemene.ws/new/wp-content/uploads/08.Maota%20Daily%20Progress/2017/2017.01.24%20Summary%20B.pdf>)

STATISTICAL DIGEST

24 & 25 January 2017

LEGISLATION	24 & 25 January 2017	Oct 2013 to date
<i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal Passage - Certificate of Urgency - Private Members Bills • Bills referred to Committees 	0 0 0 2	66 20 0 56
OTHER BUSINESS	24 & 25 January 2017	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Sitting days • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business of the Assembly - Government Business - Private Member's Business - Other opportunities for Private Members 	2 7 hour 48 mins 1 hour 41 mins 6 hour 7 mins 0 mins 0 mins	74 367 hours 4 mins 61 hours 41 mins 296 hours 53 mins 1 hour 13 mins 0 mins
Questions lodged	0	0
Urgent Questions lodged	0	7
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	7
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	5
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	5	225