



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.28**
MAY 30 2017

MAY-JUNE 2017						
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BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

Two bills were tabled on Tuesday 30 May: the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* and the *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 96 &100.

1.02 Bills introduced under Certificate of Urgency

The *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill 2017* was introduced under a Certificate of Urgency. It was second read, considered in detail, third read and subsequently passed the Assembly on the same day.

Note: Unless a Certificate of Urgency has been signed by O Le Ao o le Malo and presented to the Assembly, a Bill's passage through the Assembly must follow the normal procedure as set out in Standing Order 99(1).

Standing Orders: 99-112.

1.03 Bills second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees

On Tuesday 30 May, the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* was second read and referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee for their consideration for not less than 14 days.

Standing Orders 133-134

1.04 Bills considered in detail and third read

The *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.1) 2017* and the *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2017* were considered in detail along with their respective Committee Reports on Tuesday 30 May 2017.

**Standing Order: 56, 108, 102-109
Constitution: Article 60.**

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.05 Message from O Le Ao o le Malo

A message from the *O Le Ao o le Malo* to permit the introduction of the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* and the *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill 2017* was read out by the Speaker, following the formal opening of the Sitting and prayers at 9:17am.

Standing Orders: 76 (1) & 96.
Constitution: Article 59.

1.06 Notice from the Leader of the House

Mr Speaker read out a Notice from the Leader of the House, to permit the introduction of the *Stamp Duty Amendment Bill 2017* to proceed under a Certificate of Urgency.

Standing Orders: 100(2) & 96.

1.07 Motion by the Parliamentary Commission

On Tuesday 30 May 2017, the Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Commission NAFOITOA Talaimanu Ketu, moved a motion for the Assembly to approve new membership of the Samoa Parliamentary Advocacy Group Healthy Living; the motion was approved.

Standing Order 144

DIVISIONS

1.08 Procedure on Divisions

A division took place in the Chamber on Tuesday 30 May during third reading of the Constitution Amendment Bill (No.1) 2017 and the Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2). All 43 members who were present voted in support of the two amendments.

Note: Any of the provisions of this Constitution may be amended or repealed by Act, a new provisions may be inserted in this Constitution by Act, if a bill for any such purpose is supported at its third reading by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the total number of Members of Parliament.

Standing Order: 94.
Constitution: Article 109.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.09 Sixteen Parliamentary Committee reports tabled

A total of sixteen reports were tabled on Tuesday 30 May: 4 reports by the Finance and Expenditure Committee; 2 by the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition & Constitutional Offices Committee; 3 by the Economic Sector Committee; 2 from the Social Sector Committee; and 5 from the Infrastructure Sector Committee.

Standing Order: 52.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2.01 Motions by Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committees

On Tuesday 30 May 2017, the Deputy Chairperson for the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petition & Constitutional Offices Committee, NAFOITOA Talaimanu Ketu moved a Motion requesting for an extension of time to consider 11 papers referred to it by the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 45; the motion was approved.

Standing Order 45 (1) & 52

STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.28

LEGISLATION	30 May 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 	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>0</p>	<p>71</p> <p>23</p> <p>0</p> <p>58</p>
OTHER BUSINESS	30 May 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 	<p>1</p> <p>2 hours 19 mins</p> <p>16 mins</p> <p>2 hours 03 mins</p> <p>0 mins</p> <p>0 mins</p>	<p>76</p> <p>359 hours 24 mins</p> <p>60 hours 06 mins</p> <p>290 hours 52 mins</p> <p>1 hour 13 mins</p> <p>0 mins</p>
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	16	240