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Tuesday 19 June 2018

3:07pm

[Part B]

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Appropriation Bill 2018/2019 – debate on second reading (cont.)

(ix) PESETA Vaifou Tevagaena – Member for Faasaleleaga No.4

The Member greeted Samoa in all her honorific salutations and acknowledged the support and prayers of his constituency then proceeded to acknowledge the efforts of the Finance Minister and his Ministry for the tabled Budget. The Member for Faasaleleaga No.4 made requests to the following Ministers.

○ Minister of Education, Sports and Culture

The Member noted his support for on-going discussions regarding the separation of vocational studies from academics. He raised the shortage of teachers and lack of proper facilities (school buildings) to educate the students of his constituency, thus requesting more school buildings to be established and overseas donors to assist with funding such projects.

○ Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

PESETA acknowledged the road maintenance works throughout Samoa; then requested for the roads in Lago to be renovated as well as an additional lane for emergency from Saina to the Mulifanua wharf to ensure emergency patients are not held up in traffic and arrive at the Motootua hospital at a reasonable time.

(x) Ili Setefano Taateo Tafili – Member for Aana Alofi No.2

The Member for Aana Alofi No.2 acknowledged Samoa in all her honorific salutations then spoke to make the following requests to specific Ministers:

- Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

The Member acknowledged the completion of pipelines for families of his constituency, which have provided accessibility to water for families.

- Minister of Health

The Member reminded the Minister of the request for an ambulance and the need to renovate the Leulumoega District Hospital as it also caters for the patients in the rural areas.

- Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

ILI reminded the Minister on their request for a seawall to reduce the impacts of waves constantly hitting and damaging road condition.

(xi) AUMUA Isaia Lameko – Member for Falealili West

AUMUA cited a biblical scripture stating “I came to serve and not to be served”, referring to Parliament as the Human Resource division of an organisation which aims to take care of its employees. Similarly as Parliamentarians, the interests and needs of constituents is paramount. The Member for Falealili West acknowledged the efforts of the Finance Minister and his Ministry for the tabled Budget, making specific mention of the funds allotted to the Ministry of Health for proper resourcing (staff and equipment) needed to provide efficient and effective healthcare services to the people of Samoa.

He then acknowledged and made specific requests to the following Ministers.

- Minister of Education, Sports and Culture

Aumua was pleased with the amount allocated to the Ministry of Education, noting that an investment in the future generation of Samoa is always a step in the right direction; as well as to ensure proper preparation for the Pacific Games. Furthermore, the Member commented on the possible merge of the Oceania University of Medicine and the Faculty of Medicine, noting that this would provide international accreditation for the Faculty of Medicine and to alleviate costs for overseas referrals. Another issue raised by the Member for Falealili West was the importance of literacy programs in schools to be enhanced. Aumua then queried the reason for reducing the budget allocated to the National University of Samoa by 1million compared to the previous financial year.

- Minister of Health

The Member requested for a doctor to be stationed at Falealili as transportation costs is a major obstacle for the sick people. He then acknowledged the tireless efforts of nurses and doctors of the Ministry to ensure that the sick population of Samoa are treated.

- Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

The Member reminded the Minister to maintain and upgrade the roads in his constituency, as this is one of the challenges in developing plantations and tourists attraction as they are not accessible by vehicles.

- Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

AUMUA acknowledged the mangroves program which took place in his constituency and requested for a temporary wharf for transportation to Nuusafe'e.

- Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour

The Member acknowledged the Recognisable Seasonal Employment (RSE) scheme for allowing the youth of his constituency with the opportunity to earn a living in this scheme.

- Minister for Revenue

Acknowledged the x-ray scanners proposed for the customs office to ensure illegal contents brought into the country is detected at entry borders.

- Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

The Member requested the need for seawalls in his constituency, and iterated the need to secure overseas markets for our local products such as koko samoa and eggplants for export.

(xii) FAASOOTAULOA Pati Taulapapa – Member for Gagaemauga No.2

FAASOOTAULOA acknowledged the tireless efforts of Government then spoke directly to make the following requests; road upgrades for Salamumu; accessible district clinics for ease of access for constituents; the need for more teachers in district schools; more funding for the school which was burnt down in his constituency and the need for the installation of pipelines for families in his constituency who are currently using water tanks.

(xiii) PAU Sefo Taumata Pau – Member for Faasaleleaga No. 2

The Member acknowledged the preparation of the budget, noting no difference in the budget figures from the previous financial year and the proposed figures in the 2018/2019 financial year. The Member acknowledged the statement made by the Finance Minister stating that Samoa relies on its revenues generated to fund the ever-growing needs of our people. The Member appreciates that it is costly to keep up with the trends of modernisation and globalisation, as the world continues to evolve, Samoa adapts to the changes of time. However, adaptation comes at a cost, thus raising the need for development and spending to be done effectively, to ensure the projects last longer.

The Member specifically mentioned the poor maintenance of roads thus resulting to the state of roads worsening. PAU acknowledged the development in the town areas, specifically the extension of roads.

The Member made the following requests: to evenly distribute teachers depending on the number of students; a seawall for his constituency; and a police outpost to be established at Salelologa.

(xiv) MULIPOLA Leiatava Laki – Member for Aiga i le Tai

The Member for Aiga i le Tai acknowledged the Finance Minister for the budget and generally acknowledged the efforts of all Ministers and Ministries in meeting the endless demands and requests made by the people for the overall development and progress of Samoa.

Proceedings were set aside at 2:59pm and resumed at 5:22pm

MULIPOLA Leiatava Laki – Member for Aiga i le Tai (cont.)

The Member made the following requests to the specific Ministers, which include:

- Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

MULIPOLA acknowledged the Minister for the construction of the Manono wharf to alleviate the difficulties in travelling for the residents of Manono and Apolima. The Member mentioned that the water supply for his constituency is insufficient and requested a reservoir for water catchment to counter the issue. He then requested for the roads to be upgraded, specifically the Aana College road which is prone to flooding in seasons of heavy rainfall.

- Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

The Member acknowledged the Ministry on taking appropriate steps to exterminate rhinoceros beetles and requested more programs to promote the planting of more trees (specifically coconut trees). Acknowledged the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa with the successful completion and launching of its taro and soursop whiskey product.

MULIPOLA generally acknowledged the Minister of Education for their continuous efforts to develop the education and sports sector in Samoa.

(xv) NONU Iose Niumata – Member for Safata East

The Member acknowledged the Finance Minister and requested for the upgrade of roads in general as it eventually leads to saving costs on repairing damaged vehicles. NONU also

mentioned the need to secure more export markets for local products; another issue raised was the need for more teachers to cater for the growing young populace of Samoa.

(xvi) LENATAI Victor Tamapua – Member for Vaimauga West No.1

The Member for Vaimauga stated that the needs of his constituency will not be mentioned as these have already been written and submitted to the respective Ministers. LENATAI acknowledged the efforts of the Minister of Agriculture in developing subsistence farming as a means to provide for the essentials of each household, and then concluded with a request to the Minister of Education for more teachers as the number of students is ever-increasing.

(xvii) GATOLOAIFAANA Amataga Alesana-Gidlow – Member for Faasaleleaga No.1

The Member acknowledged Samoa in all her honorific salutations, addressed her constituency and acknowledged the support and prayers. She then proceeded to make the following requests.

- Minister of Education, Sports and Culture

To establish a sports facility in Savaii to house sporting activities such as squash, tennis, and others to develop the abilities and talents of the people (especially the younger generation) in Savaii.

- Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

The Member requested for seawalls in her constituency.

- Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

The Member requested road upgrades for certain villages in her constituency and acknowledged the Government for allowing her and nine other members to attend a workshop on infrastructural developments in China.

The Member acknowledged the Minister of Tourism for the opportunity to host the Miss Samoa Pageant in Savaii, and expressed her desires to also allow the regional Pacific Pageant to be held in Savaii. GATOLOAIFAANA concluded by acknowledging the work put forth by the Minister for Public Enterprises for the operation of Samoa's Airline.

(xviii) TOOMATA Aki Tuipea – Member for Salega West

The Member for Salega West acknowledged the efforts by the Finance Minister and his Ministry for the tabled Budget and then made requests to the following Ministers.

- Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

The Member acknowledged the efforts of the Ministry to exterminate rhinoceros beetle and requested a truck to allow cattle farmers to transport cows to Savaii and the rural areas. The Member also raised the importance of implementing and developing more coconut farming for export.

○ Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

The Member mentioned the effects of rivers being overflowed during heavy rainfall and requested the need for large boulders to be installed on riverbanks to alleviate this problem.

○ Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

The Member requested road upgrades for certain villages in her constituency and the need for installation of pipelines which were damaged during cyclone Gita.

○ Minister of Health

The Member acknowledged the Ministry on the renovations done for rural clinics and commented that the supply of pharmaceuticals need to be improved so as to ensure the provision of appropriate medicine to cure sick patients are readily available.

Proceedings were set aside at 7pm to reconvene at 9am on Wednesday 20 June 2018.