



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.27**
MARCH 07 2017

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BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

A total of four bills were tabled on Tuesday 7 March: the *Casino and Gambling Amendment Bill 2017*; the *Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2017*; *Police Powers Amendment Bill 2017*; and the *Public Service Amendment Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 96 &100.

1.02 Bills introduced under Certificate of Urgency

The *Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2017* and the *Police Powers Amendment Bill 2017* were introduced on Tuesday 7 March under a Certificate of Urgency. Both bills were 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 7 March, two bills were second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees, the *Casino and Gambling Amendment Bill 2017* was referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee and the *Public Service Amendment Bill 2017* to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee.

Standing Orders: 96, 100 &101.

1.04 Bills considered in detail

The *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2016* was considered in detail along with its Committee Report on Tuesday 07 March 2017. The bill was withdrawn on a motion by the Prime Minister, to allow the Committee to redraft the bill with inserted committee amendments, to be submitted in the next sitting in May.

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

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.05 Message from the Council of Deputies

A message from the Council of Deputies to permit the introduction of the *Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2017* was read out by the Speaker, following the formal opening of the Sitting and prayers at 9:00am.

Note: Appropriation and tax bills must have authorization from Le Ao o le Malo; when the Le Ao o le Malo is absent from Samoa, his or her duties are to be undertaken by the Council of Deputies.

**Standing Orders: 76(1) &96.
Constitution: Articles 59, & 23.**

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 three bills on Tuesday 7 March: the *Police Powers Amendment Bill 2017*; *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill 2017*; and the *Public Service Amendment Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 76(1) &96.

1.07 Motions

The Hon Prime Minister moved a motion to withdraw the consideration of the *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2016*, to allow the Committee to redraft the bill with inserted committee amendments, to be submitted in the next sitting in May.

Standing Order: 45(d &r).

1.08 *Other Announcements by the Speaker*

On Tuesday 7 March, Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of participants for the Parliamentary Primary School Program and welcomed them to the House.

Standing Order:45(e).

SPEAKER

1.09 *Point of Order raised by the Speaker*

On Tuesday 7 March, Mr. Speaker reminded the Member for Urban West that issues regarding an individual not present in the House cannot be raised.

Standing Order: 91.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.1 *Fifteen Parliamentary Committee reports tabled*

A total of fifteen reports were tabled on Tuesday 7 March: 5 reports by the Finance and Expenditure Committee; 4 by the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions & Constitutional Offices Committee; 3 by the Economic Sector Committee; and 3 from the Infrastructure Sector Committee.

Standing Order: 52.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.2 *Motions by Ministers and Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committees*

On Tuesday 7 March 2017, the Deputy Chairperson for the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions & Constitutional Offices Committee, FUIMAONO Teo Samuelu Teo moved a Motion requesting an extension of time to consider 5 papers referred to it by the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 52. The Committee noted that it would report back to the Assembly in May; the motion was approved.

OLO Fiti Vaai Chairperson for the Infrastructure Committee, moved a motion requesting an extension of time to consider 5 papers referred to it, to be tabled in the May sitting; the motion was approved.

The Prime Minister, Hon TUILAEPA Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Lolofietele Neioti Aiono Dr Sailele Galumalemana Malielegaoi, moved a motion to set aside S.O 100(1) to permit the

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second reading of the *Casino Gambling Control Amendment Bill 2017* and the *Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2017* on the same day.

Standing Order 45 (1).

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LEGISLATION	7 March 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 	4 2 2	70 22 0 58
OTHER BUSINESS	7 March 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 	1 2 hours 46 mins 17 mins 2 hours 29 mins 0 mins 0 mins	75 357 hours 5 mins 59 hours 50 mins 288 hours 49 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	15	240