



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.31**
NOVEMBER 13 2017

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BILLS

1.01 *Bills introduced*

7 Bills were introduced on Monday, 13th November: the *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.3) 2017*; *Fire and Emergency Services Amendment Bill 2017*; *Honours & Awards Amendment Bill 2017*; the *Gaming Control Bill 2017*; *Trustee Companies Bill 2017*; *Foundations Amendment Bill 2017* and the *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.2) 2017*.

Standing Orders: 96 & 100.

1.02 *Bills second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees*

Five Bills were second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees. The *Gaming Control Bill 2017* and the *Fire & Emergency Services Amendment Bill 2017* were referred to the Finance & Expenditure Committee. Two Bills, the *Constitution Amendment (No.3) Bill 2017* and the *Honours & Awards Amendment Bill 2017* were referred to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions & Constitutional Offices Committee. The Economic Sector Committee was referred the *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.2) 2017* for consideration.

Standing Orders: 133-134.

1.03 *Bills considered under Certificate of Urgency*

The *Trustees Companies Bill 2017* and the *Foundations Amendment Bill 2017* were introduced under a Certificate of Urgency on Monday, 13th November. Both Bills were first and 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 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.

1.04 Bills Considered in Detail and Third Read

As the *Trustees Companies Bill 2017* and the *Foundations Amendment Bill 2017* were both introduced under a Notice of Urgency, they were considered in detail and third read on the same sitting day. Both Bills will become Acts of Parliament upon assent by *Le Ao o le Malo*.

Standing Orders: 56, 102-109

Constitution: Article 60.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.05 Message from Le Ao o le Malo

A message from *Le Ao o le Malo* to permit the introduction of five Bills on Tuesday 19th August was read out by the Speaker, following the formal opening of the Sitting and prayers at 9:00am.

Note: All messages from Le Ao o le Malo addressed to the Assembly shall be read immediately after Prayers or after a Member has been sworn in by the Speaker.

Standing Orders: 75 (1), 95.

Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 59.

1.06 Message from the Leader of the House

Mr Speaker read out a Notice from the Leader of the House, to permit the introduction of the

1.07 Obituary Notice

After reading the Message from *Le Ao o le Malo*, the Speaker read out an Obituary Speech for three former Members of Parliament: Tofa TUILOA Anitelea, former representative for Gagaifomauga No.1 from 2006 to 2014, Afioga AIONO Fanaafi Le Tagaloa former representative for Aana Alofi No.1 from 1985 to 1988 and Afioga SAVEA Sione former representative for Anoamaa Sasae from 1982 to 1985. The House observed a minute of silence in their honour.

Standing Order: 44(1)(f).

1.08 Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

A motion was moved by the Honourable Prime Minister on Wednesday 20th August to extend sitting hours until such a time that the Customs Bill 2014 passes the Assembly; the motion was approved. Wednesday's sitting concluded at 1:30pm after the Bill passed the Assembly.

Standing Order: 31.

1.09 *Nine Annual Reports Tabled*

Nine Annual Reports were tabled in accordance with Standing Order 49: the National University of Samoa; Land Transport Authority; Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure; Office of the Regulator; 2 Office Annual Reports from the Electoral Commissioner for the financial years 2013/14 & 2014/15; the Ministry of Women, Community & Social Development; Samoa Ports Authority, and the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology.

Note: It is a legal requirement that each Ministry, Enterprise, Corporation etc., table an Annual Report for each financial year, for the Assembly to consider (refer: PFMA & Public Bodies Act). Standing Order 117(2) states that all Annual Reports must be tabled in the House by December of each respective financial year.

Standing Order: 117(2).

Parliamentary Papers: 2017/2018 Nos 58, 59, 62 – 71.

SPEAKER

1.10 *Speaker's Rulings*

Mr. Speaker directed the House to take note of three issues during debates on Monday, 13th November. First, he reminded Members that when Members query the Government, and the Government proffers a response, the Member should refrain from speaking again on the subject.

Mr Speaker then reminded the House, that Members were entitled to present their individual opinions on the floor; however, they should refrain from presenting views which were not their own.

Note: Mr Speaker has the discretion to suspend proceedings at any time if necessary.

Standing Orders: 31(4) & 44(2).

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.11 *Twenty Three Committee Reports tabled*

On Monday 13th November, a total of twenty three Committee Reports were tabled. These included Reports from the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee; the Finance and Expenditure Committee; the Social Sector Committee; the Economic Sector Committee and the Infrastructure Committee.

Standing Order: 52(5).

Parliamentary Papers: 2017/2018 No.s 72–96.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

13 November

LEGISLATION	13 November	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 	6 2 0 4	82 27 0 62
OTHER BUSINESS	13 November	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 4 hours 30 mins 5 mins 3 hours 37 mins 0 mins 0 mins	83 395 hours 35 mins 42 hours 45 mins 66 hours 4 mins 0 mins 0 mins
Questions lodged	4	4
Urgent Questions lodged	0	0
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	0
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	0
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	24	109