



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.29**
DECEMBER 19 & 20 2017

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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

A total of 7 bills were tabled on Tuesday 19 December: *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2017/2018*; *Immigration Amendment Bill 2017*; *Crimes Amendment Bill 2017*; *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill (No.2) Bill 2017*; *Alienation of Customary Land Amendment Bill 2017*; *Asian Infrastructure Investment Band – AIIB Bill 2017*; and *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.3) 2017*.

Standing Orders: 101 & 102.

1.02 Bills introduced under Certificate of Urgency

On Tuesday 19 December, four bills were presented under Certificate of Urgency on the Notice of the Leader of the House: *Immigration Amendment Bill 2017*; *Crimes Amendment Bill 2017*; *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.3) 2017*; *Asian Infrastructure Investment Band – AIIB Bill 2017*.

On the same day, *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill (No.2) Bill 2017* was also considered under Certificate of Urgency on a motion moved by the Prime Minister but did not progress to third reading.

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: 45(n), 99-112.

1.03 Bills considered in detail and third read

On Tuesday 19 December a total of four Bills were considered in detail and were then passed by the Assembly: *Immigration Amendment Bill 2017*; *Crimes Amendment Bill 2017*; *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.3) 2017*; and *Asian Infrastructure Investment Bill 2017*.

A total of six Bills were considered in detail and were then passed in Parliament on Wednesday 20 December: *Gaming Control Bill 2017*; *Sex Offenders Registration Bill 2017*; *Police Service Amendment Bill 2017*; *Conventional Arms Bill 2017*; *Film Production (Tax Incentives) Bill 2017*; and the *Energy Efficiency Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 56, 102-105, 108-113.

Constitution: Article 60.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.04 Message from O Le Ao o le Malo

A message from O Le Ao o le Malo to permit the introduction of the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2017/2018* was read out by Mr Speaker on Tuesday 19 December.

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: 76(1), 96 & 100(2).

Constitution: Article 59.

1.05 Notice from the Leader of the House

Mr Speaker read out a Notice from the Leader of the House, to permit the introduction six Bills: *Immigration Amendment Bill 2017*; *Crimes Amendment Bill 2017*; *Income Tax Amendment Bill (No.3) 2017*; *Asian Infrastructure Investment- AIIB Bill 2017*; *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill (No.2) 2017*; and the *Alienation of Customary Land Amendment Bill 2017* on Tuesday 19 December.

Standing Orders: 100 (2) & 96.

1.06 Other announcement by Mr Speaker

Mr Speaker acknowledged the presence of participants for the Civil Society Parliamentary Program and welcomed them to the House, on the Assembly's first sitting day.

Standing Order: 45(e).

SPEAKER

1.07 Speakers Rulings

On Tuesday 19 December, Mr Speaker set aside proceeding due to technical problems of the sound system and gave his discretion for the proceeding to be set aside until the issue was fixed.

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

Standing Orders: 31(4), 44(2) & 181.

MOTIONS

1.08 Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

A motion was moved by the Honourable Prime Minister to allow the third reading of the Bills which were considered in detail on Wednesday 20 December.

Standing Order: 108(4).

1.09 Parliamentary Committee reports & Motions

The Chairperson for the Finance and Expenditure Sector Committee, ALIIMALEMANU Alofa Tuuau moved a motion for the Assembly to consider its report on *Gambling Control Bill 2017* with amendments on Tuesday 19 December.

On Wednesday 20 December, a Member of the Social Sector Committee, AUMUA Isaia Lameko moved a motion for the Assembly to approve the Committee's Report on the *Sex Offenders Bill 2017; Police Service Amendment Bill 2017* and the *Conventional Arms Bill 2017*.

The Chairperson for the Economic Sector Committee, LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo also moved a motion for the Assembly to approve the Committee's Report on the *Film Production (Tax Incentives) Bill 2017*.

On the same day, the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Sector Committee TAFUA Maluelue Tafua moved a motion for the Assembly to approve its Committee's Report on the *Energy Efficiency Bill 2017*.

Standing Orders: 45(p), 54.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.1 Parliamentary Committee reports tabled

One report was tabled on Tuesday 19 December by the Finance and Expenditure Committee Report on the *Gambling Control Bill 2017*.

Standing Order: 52.
Parliamentary Paper: 2017/2018 No.109.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

19 & 20 December 2017

LEGISLATION	19 & 20 December 2017	Oct 2013 to date
<i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i>		
) Government Bills:		
- Normal Passage	2	84
- Certificate of Urgency	5	32
- Private Members Bills	0	0
) Bills referred to Committees	1	63
OTHER BUSINESS	19 & 20 December 2017	Oct 2013 to date
) Number of Sitting days	2	85
) Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions):	4 hour 6 mins	395 hours 35 mins
- Business of the Assembly	1 hour 8 mins	42 hours 45 mins
- Government Business	2 hour 58 mins	354 hours 35 mins
- Private Member's Business	0 mins	1 hour 13 mins
- Other opportunities for Private Members	0 mins	0 mins
Questions lodged	0	4
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	1	265