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DAY 3: THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2015

TIME: 7:10pm

[PART B]

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – debate on the second reading continued.

- i. *Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Justice, Courts & Administration and Member for Lotofaga.***

The Hon Minister addressed Member concerns regarding apparent inconsistencies within the Bill. She stated that registration will end in November to permit the introduction of additional amendments in the near future. There is still ample time for the Government to assess the provisions of the Bill; for now, the amendments will be enacted as is.

ii. ***LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West***

The Member again suggested the need for a single roll for all candidates. He recommended that there should be a voting option given to those who live on freehold land within the Vaimauga and Faleata Territorial Constituencies. He gave an example of a pastor who has been adversely affected by this law.

- The Hon Minister moved a motion for the Bill to be second; the motion was approved and the Bill was second read.

2. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – consideration in detail.

1. **Clauses 2, 3 and 4.**

i. ***LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West.***

Clause 3: The Member stated that MPs who have been imprisoned should no longer be Members of Parliament.

ii. ***AVEAU Tuala Lepale Nikotemo Palamo, Member for Faleata East***

Clause 2: The Member queried the requirement for 3 years of village service. He queried its applicability to those who have held a title for 2 years or less in terms of eligibility. He also queried its effect on those matai who have rendered village service in excess of 10 years.

iii. ***Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Justice, Courts & Administration and Member for Lotofaga***

The Hon Minister stated that the 3 years service provision has been included as an additional requirement in addition to holding a matai title. For those who have recently been bestowed matai titles, the date his or her title is registered is the official date which will be considered for candidacy assessment. In response to the

Member for Faleata West's query, the Hon Minister stated that the term is only provisional for the time being.

2. Clauses 3, 4, 5 & 6.

LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West.

Clause 5: LEALAILEPULE recommended that an exception be made to account for cases whereby parents wish to be registered on the same roll as their children.

3. Clause 6

i. Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata

The Leader of the Opposition queried the meaning of the sentence "I have served my village" in the Schedule. He sought clarification as to the meaning of "my village" noting that it could mean the village of which I am a matai or the village where I permanently reside.

ii. Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Justice, Courts & Administration and Member for Lotofaga

The Hon Minister stated that it refers to "all of those", i.e. "all villages".

4. Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 approved.

5. Clauses 1 and Short Title approved.

The Hon Minister moved a motion that the *Electoral Amendment Bill (No.3) 2015* be *third read*. Upon approval the Bill was read a third time and passed the Legislative Assembly.

3. PETROLEUM AMENDMENT BILL 2014 – consideration in detail

TUSA Misi TUPUOLA, Committee Chair moved a motion that the Assembly adopt the Committee report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2, 3, 4 approved.
2. Correction to Clause 1; Clause 1 approved.

The Petroleum Amendment Bill 2014 progressed as amended.

4. SAMOA PORTS AUTHORITY AMENDMENT 2014 – consideration in detail

TUSA Misi Tupuola, Committee Chair moved a motion for the Assembly to adopt its report. The Question was put and the motion was approved.

The Samoa Ports Authority Amendment 2014 progressed as amended.

5. WATER SCHEMES BILL 2015 – consideration in detail

Hon GATOLOAIFAANA, Committee Chair moved a motion that the Assembly adopt its report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2, 3 & 4 approved.
2. Clause 5. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

3. Clauses 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 approved.

4. Clauses 11, 12 – 15 approved.

5. Clauses 16 - 18 approved.

6. Clause 19. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

7. Clauses 20 and 21 approved.

8. Clause 22 approved.

9. Clause 23. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

10. Clause 24 -27 approved.

11. Clause 28 approved.

i. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

Clause 31. The Member noted that granting discretionary powers to the Minister to assess water schemes is risky.

ii. Hon GATOLOAIFAANA Amataga Alesana-Gidlow, Member for Faasaleleaga No.1

The Chair of the Committee stated that the provision reflects common practice adopted by all Ministries.

iii. Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI Falemoe Leiatua, Minister for Women, Community & Social Development and Member for Aana Alofi No.2

The Hon Minister noted that the Minister does not make decisions in isolation. Decisions are made on the advice of the CEO of the Ministry. Reference should also be made to the particular views of the respective village and its people. It should also be assessed whether the required resources are available to support the execution of projects.

iv. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

The Member clarified that he was referring to actions to be taken in the future. He noted that the English version of the Clauses states that "The Minister may, with or without reason" which means that the Minister can allocate resources as he deems fit. The Member stated that concentration of power is both risky and dangerous.

v. Hon LAUTAFI Fio Selafi Purcell, Minister for Public Enterprises and Member for Satupaitea

The Hon Minister noted that the Member for Faleata West has made continued reference to "discretionary powers" throughout the days sitting. He then stated that discretionary power is necessary for the positive development and support for the water schemes.

12. Clauses 30 - 32 approved

13. Clause 33. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

14. Clauses 33 - 35 approved.
15. Clause 36. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.
16. Clause 37 approved.
17. Clause 1 and the Short Title approved.

The Bill progressed as amended.

6. CENTRAL BANK OF SAMOA BILL 2015 - consideration in detail.

The Hon PAPALIITELE Niko Lee Hang, Chair of the Committee, moved a motion that the Assembly adopt the Committees report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2 - 7 approved.
2. Clauses 8 - 11 approved.
3. Clauses 12 - 16 approved.
4. Clauses 17 - 20 approved.
5. Clauses 21 - 24 approved.
6. Clauses 25 - 28 approved.
7. Clauses 29 - 33 approved.
8. Clauses 34 - 37 approved.
9. Clauses 38 - 41 approved.
10. Clauses 42 - 45 approved.
11. Clauses 46 - 48 approved.

12. Clause 49. The Committee put forward its corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

13. Clause 50 - 52 approved.

14. Clause 53 - 56 approved.

15. Clause 57 - 74 approved.

16. Clause 75. The Committee put forward its corrections which were approved by the Assembly.

17. Clause 76 - 82 approved.

18. Clause 1 and Short Title approved.

The Bill progressed as amended.

7. ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2015 - consideration in detail.

TUSA Misi Tupuola, Committee Chair, moved a motion that the Assembly adopt its report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2 - 7 approved.

2. Clause 1 and Short Title approved.

The Bill progressed without amendment; however a debate ensued.

i. ***TAFUA Maluelue Tafua, Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo***

The Member raised the issue of unlicensed vehicles seized by the LTA and kept indefinitely when the owner fails to reclaim the vehicle within 3 months. He referred to other countries with similar practices, such as New Zealand and noted that the timeframe is specifically made known to the owner. The Member stated that owners should be given the option of their vehicle being held in the LTA compound or to be kept at an alternative private compound.

ii. ***Hon MANUALESAGALALA Enokati Posala, Minister for Works, Transport & Infrastructure and Member for Safata.***

The Hon Minister stated that one of the major issues faced by the LTA is road accidents. Drivers are given a 3 month period for their vehicles to be held by the LTA. He emphasised that "the law, is the law" which applies to all citizens. He noted that the vehicle was impounded due to it not complying with the appropriate road laws.

iii. ***LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West***

The Member for Faleata queried why the age requirement for the driver of an omnibus vehicle has been set at 25 years and over.

iv. ***Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata***

The Leader of the Opposition queried whether there were actual statistics to show that most vehicle accidents involve those under the 25 year age group.

v. ***Hon MANUALESAGALALA Enokati Posala, Minister for Works, Transport & Infrastructure and Member***

The Hon Minister stated that the concern is for passengers travelling in to Apia from rural areas.

**8. TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMENDMENT BILL 2015 –
consideration in detail**

SOOALO Mene, Committee Chair and Member for Gagaifomauga No.2 moved a motion that the Assembly adopt its report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2 – 5 approved.
2. Clause 1 and Short Title approved.

The Bill progressed without amendments.

9. CREDIT UNION BILL 2014 - consideration in detail

Hon PAPALIITELE Niko Lee Hang, Committee Chair and Member for Individual Voters moved a motion that the Assembly adopt its report; the motion was approved.

1. Clauses 2 - 4 approved.
2. Clause 5. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.
3. Clauses 6 - 9 approved.
4. Clause 10. The Committee put forward their corrections which were approved by the Assembly.
5. Clauses 11 - 19 approved.
6. Clauses 20 - 24 approved.

7. Clauses 25 - 28 approved.
8. Clauses 29 - 69 approved.
9. The Schedules were approved.
10. Clause 1 and the Short Title were approved.
11. The Bill progressed with amendments.

Proceedings were suspended at 8:37pm and reconvened at 9:18pm

GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY CONTINUED

10. FOREIGN INVESTMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – second reading

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister, FONOTOE Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo moved a motion that the Bill be read a second time; the motion was approved.

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister stated the purpose of the Bill is to amend the Foreign Investment Act 2000 [Principal Act]. The objectives and purpose of the Bill is to repeal section 3 (2) which removes the requirement that non-citizens must work in businesses listed in the Reserve list and (b) to add a new section 8B which will require foreign investment certificates to be renewed annually.

- i. ***AVEAU Tuala Lepale Nikotemo Palamo, Member for Faleata East***

The Member stated that the businesses on the reserve list are restricted to Samoan nationals; however, there are foreign investors who are currently operating reserve list businesses in Samoa.

ii. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

The Member acknowledged the efforts of the MCILs former CEO in terms of the many positive legislation amendments enacted for the commercial development of Samoa, during his term. He continued by addressing the issue of the reserve list noting that many foreigners are now employed as tailors and babysitters. He queried how these types of employment were being monitored. LEALAILEPULE noted his support for the requirement that business certificates be renewed annually. He then queried whether any applications have been lodged since the enactment of the *Citizenship Investment Act 2015*.

iii. Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata

The Leader of the Opposition made comments in relation to the *Competition and Consumer Bill 2015* which was pointed out by the Hon Deputy Prime Minister. The Leader of the Opposition stated that he was merely making general statements which are relevant to all Bills.

iv. Hon FONOTOE Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce Industry and Labour and Member for Anoamaa West.

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister informed the Member for Faleata West that the *Citizenship Investment Bill* stands referred to the Justice Committee; it has not yet passed the Assembly.

After a short exchange amongst the Hon Prime Minister, the Member for Faleata West and the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Deputy Prime Minister clarified that tailors and babysitters were not part of the reserve list. He noted that the Ministry could possibly look at including these types of employment and businesses in the reserve list.

In response to the comments made by the Member for Faleata East regarding businesses operating illegally, he stated that the Ministry undertake relevant reviews to curb illegal operations. The Hon Deputy Prime Minister also agreed that the Ministry should investigate the differences between Car Hire and Car Rental business, as raised by the Member for Faleata East. In terms of foreign investment certificates, there is a requirement upon application, for one to declare whether the employees are citizens. This is one of the measures undertaken to monitor legal and illegal business operations.

v. *LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West*

The Member queried how the Ministry deals with businesses which are initially registered under a Samoan citizen then later transferred to a foreigner.

vi. *Hon FONOTOE Nuafesili Pierre Laufo, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour and Member for Anoamaa East*

In response, the Hon Deputy Prime Minister stated that this is what the Bill regulates, the very purpose of the proposed Amendment Bill.

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister moved a motion that the Bill be second read; the motion was approved.

The Bill now stands referred to the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Revenue Committee.

11. SENTENCING BILL 2015 and EVIDENCE BILL 2015 - second reading

Mr Speaker ruled that both the *Sentencing Bill 2015* and the *Evidence Bill 2015* will be considered together. The Minister for Justice, Courts and Administration, the Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa moved the motion for the Bills to be second read. Upon the motion being approved, the Hon Minister delivered a Ministerial Statement to clarify both Bills.

i. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

The Member queried whether the time limits for Member speeches will be amended accordingly; 40 minutes to account for concurrent consideration. Mr Speaker stated that time limits will be at his discretion.

ii. Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Justice, Courts and Administration and Member for Lotofaga

Sentencing Bill 2015

The Hon Minister noted that the purposes of the Bill are manifold and include: providing the Courts with sentencing methods; providing the principles and guidelines for the Courts to apply in sentencing hearings which will result in a more informed public as to court proceedings; expand the range of existing sentences and additional means for Courts to deal with victims of crime.

Evidence Bill 2015

The Hon Minister stated that witnesses play a pivotal role in influencing a judge's rulings; the present Bill provides for witnesses and the provision of evidence. Hon FIAME continued by outlining the objectives of the Bill which include: the provision of

facts through the application of logical rules; the promotion of fairness for all parties including witnesses; the avoidance of unjustifiable expenses and delays and the enhancement of public access to law and the understanding of the law of evidence. The Bill will repeal the *Evidence Ordinance 1961*.

iii. AVEAU Tuala Lepale Nikotemo Palamo, Member for Faleata East

The Member queried how the judiciary was able to hand down rulings before the introduction of the 2015 Bill. The Member alluded to the possibility that Parliament was now directing the Judiciary as to how sentences should be handed down? In terms of the proposed "community sentencing", the Member queried why it was now being introduced. Furthermore, the Member stated that it appears as if there is a new leniency towards offenders. He also queried how the Bill will be read together with the Crimes Act which also provides sentencing guidelines for various crimes.

In regards to juvenile offenders, the Member queried the role of the Samoa Victim Support Group [SVSG]. He noted that the Bill states that juvenile offenders may be referred to the SVSG. The Member also queried whether probation officers will work together with the SVSG. In short, the Member stated that there is no need for sentencing guidelines to be provided in a separate Act as the *Crimes Act 2013* is sufficient.

iv. Hon PRIME MINISTER

The Hon Prime Minister reminded the Chair that the time limits on Member speeches should be observed otherwise a Member is in breach of the Standing Orders.

The Bill was second read and stands referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

12. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BILL 2015 - second reading

Hon LE MAMEA Ropati, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Member for Lefaga and Faleaseela moved a motion that the Bill be read a second time; the motion was approved and the Hon Minister delivered the Ministerial Statement to clarify the Bill.

The Hon Minister noted that the policy rationale behind the Principal *Fisheries Act 1988* remains the same; however, the Bill introduces modern methods to regulate fishing and other related activities. The Minister informed the House that the Bill was drafted after consultations were held with the relevant stakeholders such as fishing people, Ministries, the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Attorney General. He noted that the Bill also provides for the formulation of regulations and fishing policies and plans. Furthermore it is intended to protect Samoan waters from being over fished. The Hon Minister stated it is his belief that the Bill was sufficiently elaborated upon at the Members Pres Sitting Briefing whereby he recommends that the Question be put and the Bill be second read.

The Question was put and the Bill was second read.

The Bill stands referred to the Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee.

13. LANDS, SURVEYS and ENVIRONMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2015 - second reading

The Hon FAAMOETAULOA Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and Member for Gagaemauga No.3 moved a motion that the Bill be read a second time; the motion was approved.

The Hon Minister noted that the proposed amendments were necessary to enforce the original provisions of the Principal Act. Additionally, the amendments will ensure consistency with other related legislation. The Hon Minister stated that Land and Transport Authority (LTA) officers will be responsible for the enforcement of the Bill's provisions. Consequential amendments will also be included such as the replacement of conservation officers with authorised officers, a Deputy CEO and an Assistant CEO.

i. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

The Member queried the Ministry's collaboration with the LTA who are responsible for vehicles and road traffic.

ii. Hon PALUSALUE Rimoni Aiafi, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata

The Leader of the Opposition queried the current procedure as it seems inappropriate to delegate these functions to the LTA. Hon PALUSALUE recommended that this function should be transferred to another Ministry such as the Samoa Tourism Authority who are responsible for the beautification of the island.

iii. Hon FAAMOETAULOA Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and Member for Gagaemauga No.3

Hon FAAMOETAULOA informed the House that the Bill was discussed amongst the various Ministries involved. From these consultations it was decided that the LTA would be best suited to enforce the provisions of the Bill. This is particularly due to the fact that many people litter on the road while they drive. It is in no sense a demotion for the LTA; rather it is an additional responsibility for which they will assist with ensuring Samoa has a cleaner environment.

The Hon Minister moved a motion for the Bill to be second read; the motion was approved.

The Bill stands referred to the Works Committee.

14. COMPETITION AND CONSUMER BILL 2015 - second reading

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister moved a motion for the Bill to be second read; the motion was approved. The Hon Deputy Prime Minister then delivered a Ministerial Speech to clarify the Bill.

Hon FONOTOE stated that the Bill will provide the appropriate standards to guide those engaged in trade. It will outline competition rules and what is prohibited in addition to consumer protection rules; this includes a prohibition on deceptive behaviour by companies. Lastly, it will establish a Commission whose functions will include the enforcement of the competition rules as well as safeguard consumer protection.

i. *LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West*

LEALAILEPULE stated that the competition will encourage and uneven distribution of wealth. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bill is both biased and ignorant of other integral issues. The Member stated that there are too many wholesalers which restrict the development of small businesses. He then noted his disappointment at the fact that local products are more expensive than imported products.

ii. *Hon PRIME MINISTER*

The Hon Prime Minister asserted that the Members speech is illogical and incomprehensible.

iii. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

LEALAILEPULE suggested that the Government assist local businesses so that the quality of locally made goods will improve. In regards to the Commission, the Member stated that it is unnecessary. If one is established it should not be independent but rather collaborate with the CEO and Minister to ensure uniformity of objectives.

iv. Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata

The Leader of the Opposition stated that companies who operate on Sundays should be monitored. He noted his concern over the increase of hawkers, particularly children. He suggested that the Ministry seek to implement the appropriate policies to protect sole traders to reduce the number of hawkers [street vendors] in Samoa. Hon PALUSALUE noted the need to protect smaller businesses in Samoa and that the encouragement of competition and trading may destroy small local businesses.

The Bill also provides for standards of conduct which will be applicable to all businesses, large and small. It also seeks to protect the consumers whereby all traders must guarantee the safety of their products. In regards to the Commission, it will be part of the Ministry.

v. Hon FONOTOE Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce, Industry & Labour and Member for Anoamaa East

The Bill also provides for standards of conduct which will be applicable to all businesses, large and small. It also seeks to protect the consumers whereby all

traders must guarantee the safety of their products. In regards to the Commission, it will be a part of the Ministry. Its function will be to monitor competition between traders.

vi. Hon PRIME MINISTER

The Hon Prime Minister stated that the Bill will ensure a continued balance in transactions between business people and consumers. There should be fairness between the 5% who are traders and the 95% who are consumers. The purpose of the Bill is to ensure prices are affordable for all not only to the elite 5%.

vii. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

What is proposed by the Bill is not new; these have also been mentioned *Fair Trading Act 1998*.

viii. Hon FONOTOE Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Commerce, Industry & Labour and Member for Anoamaa East

There are trading strategies which are used by wholesalers, especially when they monopolize trade. The Bill seeks to monitor such attempts to protect consumers. The Hon DPM noted that there is a Fair Trading Act but it does not mention these types of circumstances in detail.

The Question was put and the Bill was second read. The Bill now stands referred to the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry & Labour Committee.

15. LANDS, TITLES REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – second reading

i. ***Hon FAAMOETAULOA Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and Member for Gagaemauga No.2***

The Hon Minister clarified the purpose and objectives of the Bill. He stated that the Bill seeks to amend the *Land Titles Registration Act 2008*. This is to clarify that customary lands are not registered together with other land on the Land Register kept in accordance with s10 of the Act. While a record of customary lands may be maintained by the Registrar of Lands, such a record is not to be treated as being part of the ordinary folio. These folios are a record of freehold and Government land which are registered; at present this includes customary land.

ii. ***Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata***

The Leader of the Opposition stated if the Government beings to register customary land they will be categorised as leasehold land.

iii. ***Hon PRIME MINISTER***

The Hon Prime Minister stated that he is certain that the Leader of the Opposition understands the nature of these amendments. He stated that court rulings for land disputes, and particularly cases regarding boundaries, are recorded.

iv. ***Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Safata***

Hon PALUSALUE stated that he had assumed the Lands and Titles have been responsible for the registration of customary now however now it appears the Ministry will have the same function.

A motion was moved for the Bill to be read a second time; the motion was approved.

The Bill stands referred to the Works Committee.

16. SAMOA PORTS AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – third reading

Hon MANUALESAGALA Enokati Posala, Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure moved a motion for the Bill to be third read; the motion was approved. The *Samoa Ports Authority Amendment Bill 2015* was third read and passed the Legislative Assembly.

17. CENTRAL BANK OF SAMOA BILL 2015 – third reading

The Hon PRIME MINISTER moved a motion that the Bill be third read; the motion was approved. The *Central Bank of Samoa Bill 2015* was third read and passed the Legislative Assembly.

18. ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – third reading

The Hon MANUALESAGALALA Enokati Posala, Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure moved a motion for the Bill to be third read; the motion was approved. The *Road Traffic Amendment bill 2015* was third read and passed the Legislative Assembly.

19. TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE BILL 2015 – third reading

The Hon Deputy Prime minister moved a motion that the Bill be third read; the motion was approved. The *Tax Information Exchange Bill 2015* was third read and passed the Legislative Assembly.

20. CREDIT UNION BILL 2015 – third reading

The Hon Deputy Prime minister moved a motion that the Bill be third read; the motion was approved. The *Credit Union Bill 2015* was third read and passed the Legislative Assembly.

- Hon PRIME MINISTER’S Motion:

The Hon Prime Minister stated that there are only 6 months until the end of the Parliamentary term. There are 13 Bills with Select Committees which are outstanding. He therefore moved a motion that all of the 13 outstanding reports on Bills with Committees must be tabled at the next Parliamentary sitting on 11 September 2015. Further to this, the 7 Bills referred to Committees during this sitting must be reported back to the Assembly in the October sitting. The motion was approved.

**Proceedings were adjourned at 12:00am to reconvene on
Monday, 17th August 2015 at 9:00am.**