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Day 1: Tuesday 26 January 2016
3:10pm

PART B

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY

**1. Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016 – debate on second reading
continued**

10. TUFUGA Gafualeata Faitua, Member for Vaisigano No.1

TUFUGA stated his support for the Bill but offered several suggestions. In regards to the SAT1.1 million appropriated to transfer local patients overseas for medical treatment, he advised that all cases should be recorded and reported to the Minister. The Minister should be made aware of all the relevant cases, so that she or he may attempt to decrease the number of transfer patients. He then noted his concern over the maintenance of the new hospital. He stated that maintenance of new facilities should be a priority for the government. The Member then addressed his constituency.

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

The Member for Faleata East expressed his gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the government for the developments and projects undertaken throughout the term. In particular, he thanked the Minister for Education and the Associate Minister for their work. He noted the developments within the education sector, on account of the Minister's efforts. AVEAU then

thanked the Speaker for his support for Members in terms of workshops and trainings to aide skill development and capacity building.

In closing, the Member recounted on the difficulties and struggles Members endured during the term. He noted that together, the government and opposition were able to overcome these challenges. He then addressed his constituency, family, party and colleagues, thanking them for their work and support throughout the term.

12. MAUALAIVAO Pat Ah Him, Individual Voters

MAUALAIVAO expressed his gratitude for the work of the government in implementing projects, which will assist Samoa's economy, such as tourism projects. He noted that a large portion of the appropriation is allocated for the promotion of Samoa as a tourist destination. This includes the All Blacks v Manu Samoa game and the Commonwealth Youth Games.

In addition to this, the Member stated that the private sector have made major contributions towards establishing revenue earning ventures for Samoa. He noted that small businesses play a critical role to Samoa's economy and therefore, the government should respond positively to requests made by the small business owners affected by the recent market fire.

After addressing his constituency and acknowledging the change from individual voters to the "urban seat", the Member expressed his gratitude for the support given by the village of Moamoa. He noted that there are still roads, which require repair in Moamoa, and hopes that the new government will repair them.

i. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata East

LEALAILEPULE stated that the Member referred to Nu'u, which is a village within his constituency of Faleata West.

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

AVEAU agreed with LEALAILEPULE and noted that reference had also been made to villages within his constituency of Faleata East. The Member noted his disappointment at some comments made by MAUALAIVAO.

iii. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

LEALAILEPULE noted that MAUALAIVAO continues to reference his constituency of Faleata West.

13. IFOPO Matia Fllisi, Member for Aiga i le Tai

IFOPO supports the Finance and Expenditure Committee's report on the Bill. The Member then addressed his constituency of Aiga i le Tai and noted his gratitude for the work of the government. In particular, the Member thanked the government for accepting the request to improve roads in parts of his constituency. He then urged his constituency to be patient with other requests, which are still before the government.

14. TAEFU Lemi, Member for Falelatai and Samatau

TAEFU addressed his constituency. He then acknowledged the Finance & Expenditure's Report on the bill, noting that he had no queries and suggests that the Report be approved. The Member then suggested that the voter registration system be changed, as the current system is inaccurate and confusing. He suggested that a voter registration number should be allocated to people at birth, with each person retaining the same number throughout their lifetime.

On the issue of religion, the Member noted that the Constitution ensures freedom of religion; however, the Member voiced concern over the influx of 'non-Christian' denominations in to Samoa. He stated that Samoa should only permit Christian denominations to practice their faith in Samoa; those which preach and accept the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

In terms of technology, TAEFU suggested that Digicel and Bluesky use the same cell phone towers to save space. He also suggested that cheaper Internet services be made available for home users, particularly for the sake of students.

Proceedings were suspended at 4.45pm and resumed at 5:23pm.

15. SOOALO Mene, Member for Gagaifomauga No.2

The Member for Gagaifomauga No.2 expressed his gratitude for the work achieved by the Prime Minister and Cabinet during the 5 year term. The Member then addressed his constituency, thanking them for their support throughout the 5-year parliamentary term.

16. LENATAI Victor Faafoi Tamapua, Member for Vaimauga West

LENATAI addressed his constituency and expressed his willingness to contest the Vaimauga West seat No. 1 in the upcoming general elections.

17. FAIMALOTOA Kika Iemaima Stowers, Member for Gagaifomauga No.1

FAIMALOTOA addressed her constituency and thanked them for their support for her short time in Parliament. She also expressed gratitude for the works undertaken by the government in her constituency. She then requested, on behalf of her constituency, for the Minister of Education to complete the sports field in her constituency. She thanked the government for the seawall at Manase, which is now frequently visited by tourists.

The Member thanked the Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the current road repairs in Safotu. She then thanked the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Natural Resources and Environment for their assistance with the Manase beach fales. She then thanked Bluesky for the cable connection in Safotu, which is now being used by Schools, for teleconferencing with the National Hospital. This has benefitted Gagaifomauga No's 1, 2 and 3.

The Member requested a doctor for the Hospital branch in Safotu, noting that there are a lot of nearby villages but the doctor visits only once per week. She noted that the number of medical emergencies, which require urgent attention, is high, and therefore the hospital branch needs a regular on site doctor. The Member then thanked everyone for their support.

18. LAFATELE Patrick Leiatualesa, Member for Alataua West

LAFATELE noted his support for the Bill. In addressing his constituency, he stated that during his two terms in Parliament he has not debated on irrelevant issues, unless he felt the issue was important. He offered his apologies for any offence taken as a result of his behaviour in the Chamber, as he may have been abrasive at times. This was only because he was anxious that any

issues were to be resolved amicably. He again reiterated his thanks for the support given by his constituency.

19. LEAUPEPE Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi, Member for Aana Alofi No.1

LEAUPEPE expressed gratitude for the work of the government throughout this parliamentary term. He noted his support for the recommendations put forward in the Finance & Expenditure Committee Report, and stated that they should be approved. In particular, he noted that the tax exemptions for imported building materials should be monitored closely. He then thanked his constituency for their support throughout the years and noted the new division of seats for the upcoming elections. Aana Alofi No.1 will be divided into two seats, one for Faleasiu and one for Fasitoo Uta.

20. Hon TUUU Anasii Leota, Member for Siumu

Hon TUUU expressed gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and the government for the many projects and developments in recent years, which have benefited the country. In particular, he gave thanks for the completion of the primary school in Siumu and for the SAT7 million road upgrade. He gave thanks to the Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure for approving the upgrade of the road at Maninoa which is soon to be constructed. He also thanked Silver Transport for the road works at Saaga, which is near completion. He then addressed his constituency and thanked them for the continuous support.

Proceedings were adjourned at 7:08pm.

The Assembly will reconvene at 9:00am on Wednesday 27th January 2016.