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Day 2: Wednesday 27th January 2016
9:00am

PART A

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY – CONTINUED

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

21. Hon GATOLOAIFAANA Amataga Alesana Gidlow, Member for Faasaleleaga No.4

Hon GATOLOAIFAANA expressed gratitude to the Hon Prime Minister and government for the Supplementary Bill. She agreed to all recommendations put forward by the Committee. She also expressed her appreciation for all the work undertaken in the parliamentary term. She thanked the Associate Ministers for their support and assistance to Cabinet, and also to the Leader of the Opposition for all his constructive criticisms. She also thanked Samoa's many international donors and partners for their invaluable assistance for the various national development projects. In closing, GATOLOAIFAANA thanked her constituency for their support and wished all Members well for the future.

22. TUISA TasiPatea, Member for Sagaga Le Falefa

TUISA noted his support for the Bill and thanked the Hon Prime Minister and his Cabinet for the many developments undertaken in Samoa. He thanked the Opposition for contributing their views in the House and for assisting in the work of the government. He stated that a unified government

results in a unified country. Finally, he expressed gratitude to his constituency in all their honorific salutations and for the continuous support.

23. PESETA Vaifou Tevaga, Member for Faasalelega No.4

The Member began by thanking the Speaker for the work undertaken within the last 5 years. The theme for PESETA'S speech was taken from Colossians 1:16 - the Lord chooses the leaders on earth, therefore the current Members should not worry about the results of the upcoming elections. He then thanked his constituency in all their honorific salutations and their continued support. Finally, he expressed gratitude for the many developments undertaken by the government within this parliamentary term, despite the lack of adequate funding.

He thanked the Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the many developments within Puapua. He noted that these were necessary developments, which had been on hold for over 50 years, which have now been actioned since his taking the Faasaleleaga No.4 seat. He begged tolerance and patience of Asaga for their requests, as the government will address these after the General Elections. In closing, he wished all the Members well for the general elections and the future.

24. SEIULI UeligitoneSeiuli, Member for Sagaga Le Usoga

SEIULI thanked the government, the Opposition, the Speaker and Le Ao o le Malo for their hard work during this parliamentary term. He thanked the Minister for Finance for the Bill and noted his support. He thanked his constituency addressing all their honorific salutations.

Proceedings were suspended at 10:50am and resumed at 11:38am.

- When the House reconvened, SEIULI resumed his speech, expressing gratitude to the Speaker for his patience throughout the parliamentary term.

25. Tofa AGAFILI PatiselaEteuatiTolovaa, Deputy Speaker and Member for Palauli West

AGAFILI thanked the Speaker for his leading role in parliament this term. He also thanked the Hon Prime Minister and his Cabinet for the developments undertaken in his constituency. He thanked the Minister for Education for approving a previously delayed request for the construction of a sports field. He also thanked the Minister for Works for the completed road works in his constituency. The Member then thanked the Leader of the Opposition and his party for their opinions and views, which contributed to the final decisions, made by the Assembly. Finally he thanked his constituency addressing all their honorific salutations.

26. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

LEALAILEPULE began his speech with the Samoan translation of the Scripture verse read by the Member for Aana Alofi No.3 during Tuesday's sitting. He then thanked the Hon Prime Minister and his Cabinet for their service to the country, and their patience with his constituency. He thanked the Ministers for Revenue and Agriculture for their long service to parliament and to Samoa. He also thanked the Leader of the Opposition and his party for their contribution towards the building of a "greater Samoa". He thanked the Speaker for overseeing the parliamentary proceedings throughout this term. The Member then acknowledged the continuous support of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and the OCLA. He thanked the Office for their service to Members and parliament throughout the term.

In regards to the Bill, LEALAILEPULE noted that it details the available funds and expenditure, stating that all funding has been acquired through loans to implement Samoa's various projects. He asserted that new loans however, should not be made until previous loans have been paid in full.

i. Hon PRIME MINISTER

The Hon Prime Minister stated that the government does not wait for the opinions of the Opposition before taking necessary action in these situations. He noted that there are guidelines in place, which the government must follow when discussing these types of issues.

ii. Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI FalemoeLeiatua, Minister for Women, Community and Social Development and Member for Aana Alofi No.2

The Minister likened the Member for Faleata West's comments as those that would be made by a child, as opposed to the 'parent' of a family. He stated that the parent's role is to allocate the family's funds, which may oftentimes necessitate applying for loans, particularly in emergency situations. The government must take a similar position in attempting to acquire funds in emergency situations for national developments in the public interest.

iii. Hon PALUSALE Faapo II, Leader of the Opposition

The Leader of the Opposition disagreed with the Prime Minister's comments.

iv. LEALAILEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member for Faleata West

The Member for Faleata West stated that he hoped the government would consider its options regarding loan acquisitions in the future. He then continued by thanking the government for the temporary market but expressed his disappointment at the response of the Fire and Emergency services to the market fire. He recommended that there be a single emergency center to avoid confusion over the total number of officers for both the Fire and Police Services.

The Member then thanked his constituency and noted that government developments will continue in this area due to the fact that it is growing rapidly both as an industrial and residential area. He stated that there are current plans to relocate the prison facilities, which will result in a mass of vacant land at Tafaigata, which may be utilised for other developments. He then requested that guard rails be constructed for the Vaiusu Road, in addition to pedestrian crossings. He also proposed that the Assembly continue to meet at the Tuanaimato Sports Complex and reserve the funds allocated for the new complex at Mulinu'u for other developments. He noted that the political significance of the Tiafau grounds cannot be displaced, but Gym 2 is sufficient for Assembly meetings.

Proceedings were suspended at 12:55pm and will resume at 3:00pm.