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Wednesday 5 July 2017**9:00am****I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY****i. Mr SPEAKER**

Mr Speaker read out the announcement by the HRPP under Article 18 (5)(a) which states, “that the Speaker shall, as soon as possible after receiving the Notice: if the Legislative Assembly is sitting, lay the Notice before the Legislative Assembly to appoint the Head of State”

The Clerk of the Assembly laid the Notice before the Legislative Assembly whether it approves the appointment of **Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II** as newly appointed Head of State for the next 5 years.

ii. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - Hon. PRIME MINISTER

The Hon Prime Minister, TUILAEPA Lupesoliai Fatialofa Neioti Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi announced that the member of the Council of Deputies, **Tuimaleali’ifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II** will resume the role of the Head of State on the 25th of July when his **Honourable Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese** tenure of Office ends. He stated that the appointment of the Tuiaana as Head of State is a new chapter in the history of Samoa. He then stressed that every appointment is from God Almighty and expressed his gratitude to the newly appointed Head of State for his patience and hard work which has led to his appointment. He noted that the

newly elected Head of State was a former police officer who served to enforce the laws of Samoa, and was also a lawyer by profession before he was elected as a member of the Council of Deputies.

The Hon Prime Minister asserted that the election of the Head of State was conducted in a democratic manner, whereby all members of the Human Rights Protection Party had the freedom to vote who they preferred would best suit the role of Head of State. He stated it is no wonder, the saying goes “Samoa is a Family” because it was due to familial ties which determined the vote of others.

He then acknowledged his Honourable Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese who served as Head of State for 10 years for his dedication as well as upholding the dignity of the Office of the Head of State during the 2 terms he has held the Ao o le Malo title.

MOTION – Hon Prime Minister

The Hon. Prime Minister moved a motion to set aside Standing Order 30(2) to allow for changes made to Parliament’s Sitting Calendar;

The motion was seconded and approved; then S.O 30(2) was set aside

The Hon. Prime Minister changed the next sitting date to Tuesday 17th October 2017.

Proceedings were adjourned at 9:30am and will reconvene at 9:00am on Tuesday 17th October 2017