

DISCLAIMER

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Day 4

9:30

I. MESSAGE FROM THE AO O LE MALO

Hon Mr Speaker, read out the Warrant of Election to elect the following Members as Members of Parliament:

- Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi;
- Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa; and
- Afioga Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi

Announcement of Members of Parliament

The Acting Clerk read out the names of the elected Members of Parliament from the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP) as noted in the Warrant of Election.

Code of Ethics for MP's

Mr Speaker read out the Code of Ethics for Members of Parliament while the HRPP Members were upstanding

SWEARING IN OF HRPP MEMBERS – Oath of Allegiance

All Members of the HRPP placed their hands on the Bible and read aloud their Oaths of Allegiance before Hon Mr Speaker and all present in the House.

II. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SPEAKER:

The Hon Speaker of the House greeted Samoa in all her honorific salutations, sought forgiveness from all Members of Parliament to let bygones be bygones and work together for the betterment of Samoa.

The Hon Leader of Opposition sought approval from Mr Speaker to address the House; permission granted

ADDRESS BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION:

Hon TUILAEPa addressed the House, Hon Mr Speaker and Parliamentarians, Hon PM and her Cabinet. He then greeted the House and all who were present. The Hon Leader of Opposition commended the Speaker for the prayers offered this morning. Hon TUILAEPa acknowledged Samoa in her honorific salutations, the Ao o le Malo, Council of Deputies, CJ and Judiciary; he acknowledged the clergies and the different denominations in Samoa for their prayers. He addressed our neighbouring country, Tutuila and Manu'a, as well as Samoans migrated overseas for a better future for families.

Hon TUILAEPa noted that the people have chosen their representative to voice their views and interests in Parliament for a better Samoa. The Hon Opposition Leader highlighted the many hurdles encountered by both parties after the general elections but acknowledged the support of different clergies who have kept the faith and constantly prayed for a peaceful Samoa. Hon TUILAEPa asserted that despite all that has happened, today is a new day and Parliament should all endeavor to push for positivity. The Hon Member accentuated on the process being misinterpreted and reiterated that it is a 'new day' and we are a country founded on God. He further asserted that they support the new government and wishes to put forth a recommendation as this House was built for the people through the Matai's chosen by each constituency to voice and put forth opinions all for a better and brighter future. Hon TUILAEPa stated that GOD is watching all the decisions made by Parliament, as His presence was also felt when taking their Oaths of Allegiance, and that the Oaths made was a symbol that as Parliamentarians we must conduct our work with integrity and honesty. He concluded by wishing the Speaker, the PM and Government of the Day, and all Members well in performing their sworn duties.

Hon Prime Minister – Address:

The Hon PM commended the Leader of the Opposition for his address. She further emphasized the need to 'walk' with GOD as they embark on this journey for a smooth and peaceful Parliament. She commended the opposition party for their patience, further reiterated what the Opposition leader stated regarding the importance of conducting their sworn duties with integrity and honesty. Hon PM further noted that as Parliamentarians, it is important to be humble, forgiving and respectful. She then concluded by wishing the leader of the opposition, the speaker and members of the House all the best.

Hon Mr Speaker:

Mr Speaker adjourned the sitting, and reiterated that as the parliament of Samoa both parties will move forward together for the betterment of Samoa, asserting that it is a "*New and Glorious Day*".

**Proceedings were adjourned at 11:20am;
and will reconvene at 9:30am on Monday 20th September 2021.**