



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA  
**PROCEDURAL &  
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.34**  
OCTOBER 5 - 2018

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## BILLS

### 1.01 Bills introduced.

Three Bills were introduced on Friday 5 October, on a Notice from the Leader of the House: the *Head of State Amendment Bill 2018*; *Alcohol Control Bill 2018*; and the *Intellectual Property Amendment Bill 2018*.

**Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 59.  
Standing Orders: 96 & 100(2).**

### 1.02 Bills considered under Certificate of Urgency.

The *Intellectual Property Amendment Bill 2018* was considered under a Certificate of Urgency on a Notice signed by the Leader of the House. It then proceeded to the second reading of the bill, consideration in detail, and was then third read and passed in Parliament on Friday 5 October.

*Note: An Urgent Government Bill may be moved by the Leader of the House.*

**Standing Orders: 45(n) & 99-112.**

### 1.03 Bills second read by Parliament and referred to Parliamentary Committee.

The *Head of State Amendment Bill 2018* was second read and referred to the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions & Constitutional Offices Committee on Friday 5 October.

**Standing Orders: 132 & 138.**

## ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

### **1.04 Notices from the Leader of the House.**

A Notice from the Leader of the House was read out by Mr Speaker for permitting the introduction of three Bills on Friday 5 October: the *Head of State Amendment Bill 2018*; *Alcohol Control Bill 2018*; and the *Intellectual Property Amendment Bill 2018*.

**Standing Orders: 96 & 100(2).**

### **1.05 Obituary Speeches.**

After reading the Notice from the Leader of the House on Friday 5 October, Mr Speaker read out an Obituary Speech for two former Members of Parliament: Afioga PATEA Satini Epati and Susuga Hon. KEIL Hans Joachim.

Mr Speaker addressed that the late PATEA Satini Epati was a Member for Faaalaalafaga o Sagaga Le Falefa in the XIII Parliamentary Term (2001-2006) as an Independent Member. He also stated that the late PATEA was the Deputy Chairperson for the Health & Social Services Committee.

Mr Speaker then addressed that the late Hon. KEIL entered Parliament as an Independent Member for 5 Parliamentary Terms in a row from the X Parliamentary Term (1988-1991) towards the XIV Parliamentary Term (2006-2011). He then accentuated that the late Hon. KEIL was also a representative for the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP).

Hon. KEIL was also a Member for the Petition Committee from 1988-1991. He was then elected as the Deputy Chairperson for the Bills Committee, Petition Committee and the Official (Tulaga Aloaia) Committee from 1991-1996. In 2006-2011, he was a Member for House Committee and a Deputy Chairperson for Government Administration Committee as well as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour.

Mr Speaker then conveyed his condolences to families and children of the two Members on behalf of the Parliament and called upon the House to observe a minute of silence as a gesture of respect.

**Standing Order: 45(f).**

## MOTIONS

### **1.06 Suspension of Standing Orders.**

The Hon. Prime Minister moved a motion to suspend Standing Order 101 so that the *Head of State Amendment Bill 2018* can proceed with its second reading on the same day it was introduced and first read in Parliament.

*Note: After any normal government Bill is first read, it will be set for its second reading on the third sitting day.*

**Standing Order: 192.**

## **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

### **1.07 Three Parliamentary Committee reports tabled.**

A total of nineteen reports were tabled on Friday 5 October: 3 reports from the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee; 9 reports from the Finance and Expenditure Committee; 3 from the Social Sector Committee; and two each from the Economic Sector Committee and Infrastructure Sector Committee.

**Standing Orders: 49 & 52.**

**Parliamentary Paper: 2018/2019 No's 64-65, 67, 69-76, 80-84, 87-88, 90.**

## **SPEAKER**

### **1.08 Other announcement by Mr Speaker.**

Mr Speaker acknowledged the presence of participants for the Parliamentary Primary School Programme 2018 and welcomed them to the House on Friday 5 October. He then conveyed his best wishes for the Samoa Youth Olympic team who were also present.

**Standing Order: 45(e).**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **1.09 Changes made to Sitting Hours.**

On Friday 5 October, the Hon. Prime Minister moved a motion for proceedings to continue until the *Head of State Amendment Bill 2018* is second read and be referred to its responsible Parliamentary Committee.

**Standing Order: 32.**

## STATISTICAL DIGEST

### 5 OCTOBER 2018

LEGISLATION	5 October 2018	Oct 2013 to date
<i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i>		
) Government Bills:		
- Normal Passage	2	95
- Certificate of Urgency	1	42
- Private Members Bills	0	0
) Bills referred to Committees	1	74
OTHER BUSINESS	5 October 2018	Oct 2013 to date
) Number of Sitting days	1	10
) Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions):	1 hour 84 min	477 hours 05 mins
- Business of the Assembly	20 mins	46 hours 13 mins
- Government Business	1 hour 64 mins	415 hours 5 min
- Private Member's Business	0 mins	1 hour 13 mins
- Other opportunities for Private Members	0 mins	0 mins
Questions lodged	0	4
Urgent Questions lodged	0	7
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	7
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	5
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	19	330