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**Day 4**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

**9:23am**

**I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**1. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2020/2021- second reading & Debate on the Bill cont.**

**i. MULIPOLA Laki Leiatua, MEMBER FOR AIGA I LE TAI**

The Member commenced by addressing Samoa in all her honorific salutations. After acknowledging all Heads of Government and Members of Parliament he acknowledged his constituency and his village of Apolima. The Member noted that this Parliamentary Term was unprecedented as it was dominated by HRPP in numbers. He recalled the accusations of the people at the time that HRPP would rule ruthlessly as there was no opposition. The end of this Parliamentary term have proved these accusations wrong. Noting, though HRPP is dominant in Parliament & still being able to speak out against each other illustrates that there are still checks and balances in place.

He acknowledged the works by government in his constituency such as the installation of water pipes at Manono Tai. He thanked the Ministry for new solar lights all around the Island and the many successful projects that was done for his Constituency. He thanked the government for their new school building funded by JICA and as well as a *fale komiti* for women that was also funded by JICA. The member further noted that Garden toilets at Manono Uta and maintenance of the wharf are currently undergoing work. The Member acknowledged the Minister of Works for all the works implemented during the Parliamentary Term.

The member however noted that he had requested the erection of seawalls during the year & noted that their village has done boulders as barriers to act as seawalls for the time being- his request for seawalls remain.

The member concluded by conveying well wishes to the Speaker of the House for his retirement. Acknowledged the Cabinet for their work in the past 5 years. Thanked his constituency for choosing him to be their representative for the past 5 years and affirmed that he would continue to serve the constituency irrespective of not being a Member.

**ii. SALAUSA Dr John Ah Ching, MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST**

The member for Faleata East commenced by acknowledging Samoa in her honorific salutations. He then commended by stating the works for the past 5 years. He first stated that Samoa is in good graces of God and highlighted being Covid-free. He reaffirmed that God has chosen Matai (chief) to be the custodians of Samoa and quoted lyrics from a Samoan song implying that.

The member then stated that he would like to take some time to acknowledge various Ministries whom he has been in contact with in regards to the needs of his constituency. (i) he acknowledged NEOC for their service during the time with measles and also with this pandemic COVID19, they have worked hard to make sure that we are in the safe zone; (ii) acknowledged Hon Tuitama- Minister, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development (MWCSO) for his mentoring during his tenure as his Associate Minister. Noted that his time as Associate Minister for Women has opened his eyes to the importance this ministry plays in the development of Samoa; (iii) acknowledged the Ministry of Finance for excellent financial policies which allows a Supplementary budget for the nation. Noted that for the past 5 years the Ministry of Finance has continued to exceed their Corporate Objectives. He noted that Samoa being able to field many budgets irrespective of market conditions illustrates excellent financial management. The member in his role as Associate minister for MWCSO stressed the importance of family planning according to resources.

**Hon TUILAIPA Lupesoliai Dr Sailele Malielegaoi, PRIME MINISTER- Govt response**

*The Hon PM noted a contradiction in messages dispersed by the PM and the Associate Minister in regards to family planning. In his definition of family planning is management of resources. He stated that some youths are now at Tanumalala all because they could not afford the life that their parents, relatives, wives and husbands want. They end up stealing because of poor family planning. He agreed that family*

*planning should ensure that ones' wants are in accordance with the availability of resources a family has.*

**SALAUZA Dr John Ah Ching, MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'**

The member continued and clearly stated that the family planning he was referring to is “stick to one partner”. He noted the importance of the Aumaga, Aualuma and chiefly systems to the development of the village. Acknowledged the donors overseas for their continued assistance. He then stated that considers his constituency as a “strong constituency”. The member noted that though in the electoral rolls, there is 5,000 names in actual fact the total population residing in his constituency is approximately 13,000.

*Speaker interrupted the Member to halt his speech as Parliament is to be on recess as per procedures*

**Proceedings were suspended at 10:41am**

**Proceedings resumed at am 11:42am**

**SALAUZA Dr John Ah Ching, MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'**

Member continued his speech after recess and stated that everything should be on a budget so he proceeded to educate the public on means to save water. Back in the days, buckets of water were used instead of continuing running the water while being utilized. This should be again revived in families. He then proceeded to state the importance of our foreign reserve which is in good stead which affords us financial autonomy in terms of loans.

He noted that climate change impacts have caused changes within his constituency, particularly families lands. The member brought the attention of the house to the impending threat posed by climate change and cited the stream that runs through Lepea has risen profoundly in the last 5 years. He then called for consultants (engineers) to analyse and compile a report on the flooding as his constituency are the ones that are affected the most during flooding and suggested new solutions to overcome new changes caused by climate change.

The venerable gentleman called for thinking outside of the box and echoed sentiments made by the honourable PM citing Netherlands flood mitigation strategy. He further pushed this view and called for the relevant Ministries to not try to redirect and fight the water path rather extend its width to ensure it does not overflow. The member concluded by acknowledging the growing settlement in his constituency and thanked them for choosing his constituency to reside in.

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*The clock strike 12:00pm and as per S.O sittings on Friday to conclude at 12pm and Speaker gave the Leader of the House the opportunity to put forth a motion*

**MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE- The HONORABLE Tuilaepa  
Lupesoliai Neioti Fatialofa Galumalemana Aiono Dr Sailele Malielegaoi**

*The Honourable Prime Minister noted that due to funeral commitments for the Former Member of Parliament, Fiu Loimata next week he puts forth a motion that Parliament be adjourned today and to reconvene on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

**Proceedings were adjourned at 12:06pm  
Parliament will again reconvene on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9am.**