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Day 5

Tuesday 26th January 2021

9:26am

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

i. SALAUSA Dr John Ah Ching, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR MWCSO & MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'

The member conveyed sympathies for the Former Member for Gagaifomauga No.1 whose funeral was yesterday. He then proudly stated that his constituency houses upstanding members of Government such as the Tama Aiga and his good lady, the Honourable Prime Minister & his good lady, Hon Ministers of Cabinet, Judges, Doctors to name a few. He noted that he remains proud with the works and projects of the past 5 years. The Member acknowledged the inception of the CDC program which targets development projects for the nation; noted that Samoa operates with SDG's as a compass for development; acknowledged the District Development Plans program for the villages.

OLO Fiti Afoa Vaai, MEMBER FOR SALEGA EAST-

Queried times afforded to Members speech in the House as per Standing Orders.

SPEAKER

The Speaker clarified that the Member for Faleata East has had multiple interjections during his speech hence the lengthy speech.

Hon LAUTAFI Fio Selafi Purcell, MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISE & MEMBER FOR SATUPAITEA

Acknowledged the Member for Faleata East on the merits and contents of his speech. Noted that he has in his possession the district guideline plans for Satupaitea of which he will speak of later.

Hon TUILAEPa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, PRIME MINISTER

The Honourable Minister queried the Speaker whether it is enforced for Members to report to the House in a timely manner. Queried if the late arrivals contradict the oath taken by the Members during their swearing in.

SPEAKER

The Hon Speaker clarified that a member is required to report to Parliament in a timely manner and if they cannot do so they should notify the Speaker. He further elaborated that if a member is absent without approval granted from the Speaker for 3 consecutive days; the Standing Orders and Constitution stipulate that they are liable to have their seat vacated.

HON TUILAEPa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, PRIME MINISTER

Noted that he is querying this as it is offensive as this is during the highest house and CEO's have made their time available and to have members not attend at a timely manner or at all seems condescending.

LAAULI POLATAIVAO Leuatea, MEMBER FOR GAGIFOMAUGA No.3

Conveyed apologies on behalf of the Members for Lotofaga and Urban West and attributed their non-appearance to commitments to their constituency.

HON TUILAEPa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, PRIME MINISTER- Point of Order

The Hon PM stated and stressed out that they are guided by Standing Orders and the reason why he is addressing the issue is because when they do not attend a full day sitting they are not aware of the matters discussed. The PM also addressed that when they were under his wing, they were always encouraged during Party Caucus meetings to always be seated early before the sitting starts or before the bell rings.

The Hon PM further reiterated that these are the same individuals whom do not speak and attend Parliamentary proceedings whom go to the public and disseminate erroneous claims.

SALAUZA Dr John Ah Ching, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR MWCSO & MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'

Stated the importance of District Development plans, the Member stressed out that this is the time for Districts to voice out what they need to improve and develop their communities. The member noted that there are instances whereby aid and its target does not meet its intent and noted that all developments should be applicable to the country as there are intricacies to each country and one model does not fit all.

He noted the importance of district development plans which recognises the need of the constituencies and ensures the sustainability of these programs.

HON TUILAEPA Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi, PRIME MINISTER- Point of Clarification

The Hon PM interjected to clarify on what the Member stated "sustainable development" so that members of the public understand. He clarified in simple terms what sustainable development is and commenced by citing the Paris accords. The PM noted that the Paris Agreement targets mitigation of climate change and its effects. Samoa has felt the effects of Climate Change and cited Samoa moving away from an Agriculture based economy. Samoa was one of the 14 countries that factored high flavoured koko that was needed in chocolate making in Germany, Holland, and Belgium. We exported a lot of koko back then, we had huge machines that contributed in drying the koko. We exported two kinds: (i) koko that was exported a whole and (2) the other was just koko skin (pa'u koko). But the PM stated that we do not have the amount to be exported right now, at this stage.

In regards to banana export, the PM stated that we had over a million banana export in 1960, Samoa and other Pacific Islands were the only ones to export to New Zealand. When there was a plight, we were not able to continue with exportation. The PM stated that there were 3 crops that were affected back in the days: Koko, Coconuts and bananas, later on taro plight in September 1994. The PM also stated that when the economy went downhill, there was a protest in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, for 5 years they have encountered protests, and it could have created a war back then but it didn't. The Hon PM noted that Samoa has moved away from an Agriculture based economy and has diversified its economy as a contingency to ameliorate the effects in light of an economic crash.

ALAIASA MOEFAAUOUO MALAGAITUTOGIAI Sepulona Moananu, MEMBER FOR ANOAMAA EAST

The Member sought to clarify comments echoed by the Member for Faleata East in regards to aid and stated that he is aware that there was money given out to other constituencies by some organizations. The member for Anoamaa East wanted to clarify this because his constituency thinks that he is not doing anything whilst others

are reaping the rewards and stated that government does not have a programme such as this and that it was just actions implemented by other organizations the member did not name.

SALAUZA Dr John Ah Ching, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR MWCSO & MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'

In response to the query raised by the Member for Anoama East, the member clarified that he was referring to the aid disbursed for developments of his constituency. The Member also noted that his constituency has a Development Committee with the support of the Women's committee that create a greater foundation for sustainable development in his constituency. He then stated the needs for his constituency: his constituency needs better drainage and cited the ongoing flooding when there is torrential rainfall; Moamoa river to Vaimoso to Fugalei will always flood. He then advised civil engineers to construct stable drainage to resolve flooding. The member requested to remove the sediment layer at Moamoa which has resulted in the shallowing of the drainage and eventually causes flooding in the town area.

In regards to access roads; he has emailed the CEO for LTA for the Constituency request. He cited the feasibility of the use of dry coral as a substitute for the construction of roads.

He suggested for the time being and as an innovative measure his constituency can do to contain the flooding is perhaps use used tyres as a form of blockage. The member noted that the theme he is trying to push to his constituency is self-reliance hence the usage of used tyre initiative. He also called for lawn mowing contracts be given to the village 'aumaga' as a means for them to earn money.

PAPALIITELE Niko Lee Hang, MINISTER FOR MWTI

The Minister responded to the Member's request that they have been noted. In regards to lawn mowing contract to be given to the village aumaga the Minister clarified that this is already in the Ministry's future plans.

SALAUZA Dr John Ah Ching, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR MWCSO & MEMBER FOR FALEATA EAST cont.'

The member concluded his speech by calling his constituency to remain in patience and iterated that patient individuals receive excellent rewards. He then called upon his constituency for their continuous support to ensure further development in Faleata East.

Proceedings were suspended at 10:41 am

Proceedings resumed at 11:32 am

ii. NAFOITOA Talaimanu Ketu, DEPUTY SPEAKER & MEMBER FOR GAGAEMAUGA No.3

The member firstly addressed the House in all its honorific salutations, the three (3) arms of government. The Member conveyed gratitude to the Almighty for being at the helm of Samoa for the past 5 years. He conveyed sympathies for the two members whom have passed away during the Parliamentary Term i) Pa'u Sefo Pa'u ii) Toleafoa Vaafusuaga Ken Poutoa.

He acknowledged the Speaker for being the Presiding Officer for Parliament during the Parliamentary Term and stated that he had learnt a lot during his tenure as his understudy and conveyed well wishes to the Honourable Speaker; acknowledged his constituency for the support.

He then made note that the road at Safai as requested has been met.; the member acknowledged his village of Satoalepai for endorsing his candidacy and noted that Satoalepai now has water and acknowledged the ruling party HRPP for the developments implemented in his village. The Samata road will be constructed in the next Parliamentary Term. He also acknowledged the Leader of Government, the Honourable PM and reasserted that Actions speak louder than words. Reminded that the new Parliamentary term operate with love as the underlying theme of works. Reminded the HRPP to fight hate with love. He further acknowledged his Committee Colleagues; acknowledged his wife and family here and abroad and admitted that he could not have successfully made achievements during the term without their support.

In relation to the Supplementary Budget, he acknowledged the Minister of Finance for excellent financial policies which has resulted in Samoa being able to table a supplementary plan for the FY 2020/2021. He acknowledged the frontliners for keeping Samoa Covid-free; acknowledged the Government of Japan for the construction of a school buildings at Avao; acknowledged the Government of the People's Republic of China for equipping the school buildings of Fagamalo and Avao; recognized the Government for the erection of the Maliolio River bridge; acknowledged ADRA for their continuous support rendered to constituents.

The member concluded by acknowledging his constituency for affording him the highest honour of being their representative in the highest house of Samoa. He

reassured his constituency that developments that have not been implemented will be addressed in the new parliamentary term.

iii. LENATAI Victor Tamapua, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR MCR & MEMBER FOR VAIMAUGA WEST No.1

The Member for Vaimauga West No.1 commenced by acknowledging his constituency and the three (3) arms of Government and conveyed well wishes to the Speaker upon his retirement. He then acknowledged the Minister for Finance, his Associate Minister and the CEO for the Supplementary Budget and conveyed his support.

The Member began relaying his Constituency requests: requests for the Green Climate Fund to assist with funding the Vaisigano Catchment; the River wall at Magiagi and Lelata behind Frankies at Lelata overflows during torrential rain. Noted that flooding causes damage to property with the potential loss of life.

He then acknowledged the PM in leading this Government and making sure that we progress and a developed Samoa; acknowledged the Minister for Customs and Revenue for his support; addressed the road works done in Vaivase towards the Fagalii Airport. Noted that the Vinifou roads to Moataa upgrades are in the pipelines this year.

He acknowledged overseas donors for the contribution as is follows: the Chinese Embassy for new sewing machines donated and trainings for the Women's Committee of Vaiala; acknowledged Japan aid in accepting a request for a new school building for Moataa; acknowledged ADRA for awareness program which focused on how to stay safe during cyclone and natural disasters; the British Tobacco for providing crops for some villages in his constituency; acknowledged the establishment of the Moataa Ecotourism and noted that the construction of garden toilets are in the pipeline for the next Parliamentary term. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) was acknowledged by the member for the walkway in the Mangroves as well as lights and signs installed for the walkway.

**Proceedings were adjourned at 1:04 pm
Parliament will again reconvene on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 9am.**