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Governor Lemanu and Lt. Governor Talauega Remain Committed to Addressing American Samoa's Needs

In response to the recent decision by the Senate not to approve the \$36 million supplemental appropriation bill, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and Lt. Governor Talauega E. V. Ale continue to affirm their commitment to working collaboratively with Fono leaders to address the pressing needs of American Samoa.

While the recent vote by the Senate on the supplemental appropriation bill is disappointing, the administration recognizes that such decisions express the concerns of some Senators. Governor Lemanu acknowledges that this is an integral part of our democratic process and, in many situations, serves as the mechanism through which the government can refine and improve proposed legislation.

"Our government operates on a foundation of collaboration and communication, bringing all parties to the table to work together for the greater good of our people," stated Governor Lemanu. "We respect the opinions and concerns of our Senators, as this diversity of perspectives is fundamental to the efficiency of our system."

The administration remains steadfast in its dedication to collaborating with Fono leaders in order to address their concerns related to the supplemental appropriation bill. Governor Lemanu awaits the House's response to the bill, understanding that it will provide valuable insights into the next steps. The administration is committed to taking necessary actions to guarantee that the appropriations ultimately align with the needs and priorities of the people of American Samoa.

Governor Lemanu emphasized, "Our focus remains on the well-being of the people of American Samoa. We are confident that, through open communication and collaboration with the Fono leaders, we can address concerns and find common ground that benefits our community."

The administration expresses gratitude for the ongoing dedication of Fono leaders and reiterates its commitment to a transparent and inclusive process that prioritizes the interests of the people of American Samoa.

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