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Parliament Passes National Youth Service Act 2016

Parliament on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 passed the Bill titled the **National Youth Service Act 2016**, being an act to establish the National Youth Service and to provide for other related matters.



Minster of Youth Affairs addressing Parliament

Presenting the bill to Parliament, the Minister of Youth Affairs, Hon. Alimamy Kamara, said the memorandum of objects and reasons of the bill, is to establish the National Youth Service Scheme to train graduates in order to better serve the nation. He highlighted the importance of the Bill for the development of Sierra Leonean youth.

Members of Parliament, from both sides of the House welcomed the Bill and appreciated Government's efforts in seeking solutions to youth unemployment.

Both leaders of the House acknowledged the importance of the scheme for both graduates and non-graduates in the employment sector of the country. After the Bill was read the first and second times and committed to the Committee of the Whole House, it was passed with some amendments.

In another development, Parliament has also approved a Government motion tabled by the Minister of Transport and Aviation, Balogun Koroma, on the addendum No.4 to the concession agreement, Container Terminal, at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority by and among Sierra Leone Ports Authority, the government of Sierra Leone, the National Commission for Privatization, Bollore and the Freetown Terminal Limited.