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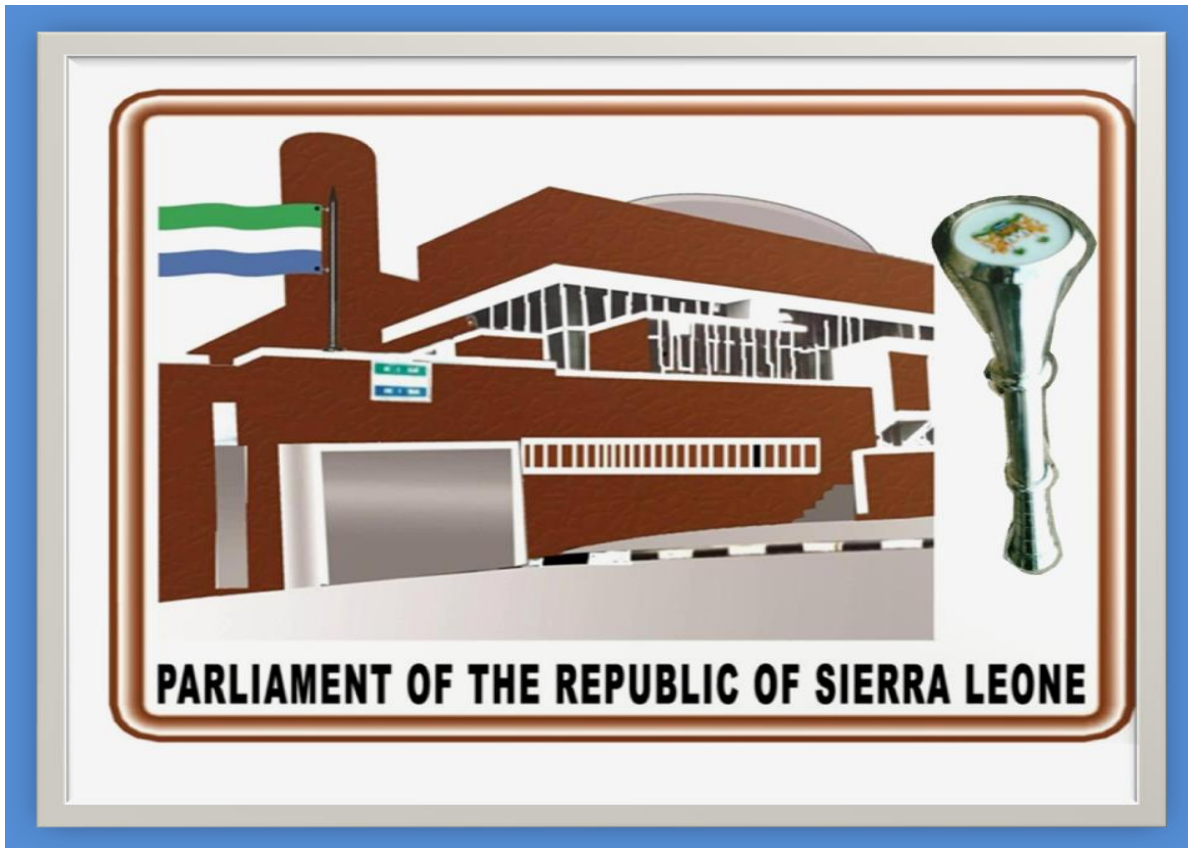
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THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

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**FIRST SESSION-FIRST MEETING
OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

Tuesday, 22nd October, 2013.

The House met at 10:14 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.

I. PRAYERS

[The Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Ibrahim Sulaiman Sesay, Read the Prayers].

[The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah, in the Chair].

The House was called to Order

Mr MOHAMED LEBBIE (*Deputy Clerk of Parliament*): Honourable Members, It is my pleasure to announce to you the unavoidable absence of Mr Speaker. I call on the Deputy Speaker to preside.

Suspension of S. O. 5(2)

II. SWEARING-IN OF ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE 1991 CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, ACT NO. 6).

HON. ALHAJI IBRAHIM S. SESAY (*Clerk of Parliament*): With your leave Mr Speaker, I read the notice from the National Electoral Commission (NEC) on the Parliamentary Bye-Election held on the 28th September, 2013.

Notification of successful Candidate: I write to inform you that the final results for Constituency 001, Kailahun District has been collated, tallied and certified in accordance with the Public Elections Act, 2012. I am pleased to notify you that you received 11,114 votes being the highest number of valid votes cast in the said Constituency. As per the powers vested in me, the National Returning Officer in Section 94 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012), you are hereby declared duly elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 001 (*Applause*).

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is my pleasure therefore to invite the Minority Leader to come forward with the Honourable Patrick Foyah of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP). I also want to invite the Deputy Majority Leader and the Leadership to join me for the newly elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 001 to subscribe to the oath.

The following newly elected Honourable Member subscribed to the oath:

1. Honourable Patrick Foyah.

HON. ALHAJI IBRAHIM S. SESAY: Honourable Patrick Foyah, you have just taken the oath as a Member of Parliament for Constituency 001. I will now take this opportunity on behalf of Mr Speaker to hand over to you this envelope. The envelope contains the instruments or tools you will be working with as a Member of Parliament. These are, the 1991 Constitution, Act No. 6 of Sierra Leone, the Revised Version of the Standing Orders of the Sierra Leone Parliament, the Parliamentary Service Act, 2007, the Parliamentary Prayer, and Officers of Parliament – their contact phone numbers and the Bio-data Form that you will have to complete. It is my pleasure to present to you this first envelop and you will be led to your seat. Thank you very much (*Applause*).

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much Mr Clerk. Honourable Foyah, on behalf of the other Members of Parliament, who do not have the opportunity to congratulate you, I want on my behalf and theirs to congratulate you and welcome you into this House. I wish you well.

III. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2013.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 3rd October, 2013. Mr Clerk, Honourable Members are saying that they do not have copies of the record of Votes and Proceedings. Mr Clerk, please stand up and talk.

HON. ALHAJI IBRAHIM S. SESAY: Mr Speaker, these copies have been distributed to all Members of Parliament few days ago.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Deputy Minority Leader, do you want to say something?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI (*Deputy Minority Leader*): I want to crave the indulgence of the Clerk that the process of going through the record of Votes and Proceedings be put in abeyance until the next sitting. This will enable Members of

Parliament who have claimed that they do not have copies now to bring them at the next sitting. We have done that before.

THE SPEAKER: Any objection to that Honourable Members? I want to encourage all Members of Parliament to search for their copies before the next sitting.

III. PAPER LAID

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

MR FRANKLYN KARGBO (*Attorney-General and Minister of Justice*): Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, pursuant to the Standing Orders 18 of this Parliament, permit me to lay on the Table "Amendment to the Petroleum Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and European Hydrocarbons Limited, (Registered in England and Wales, under company number 04819033, whose Registered Office is at St. Botolph Building, 138 Houndsditch, London EC3A 7AR, United Kingdom ("European Hydrocarbons), Dated, 23rd September, 2013.

ADJOURNMENTS

(The House rose at 10.25 a.m. and was adjourned until Thursday, 29th October, 2013, at 10.00 a.m.)