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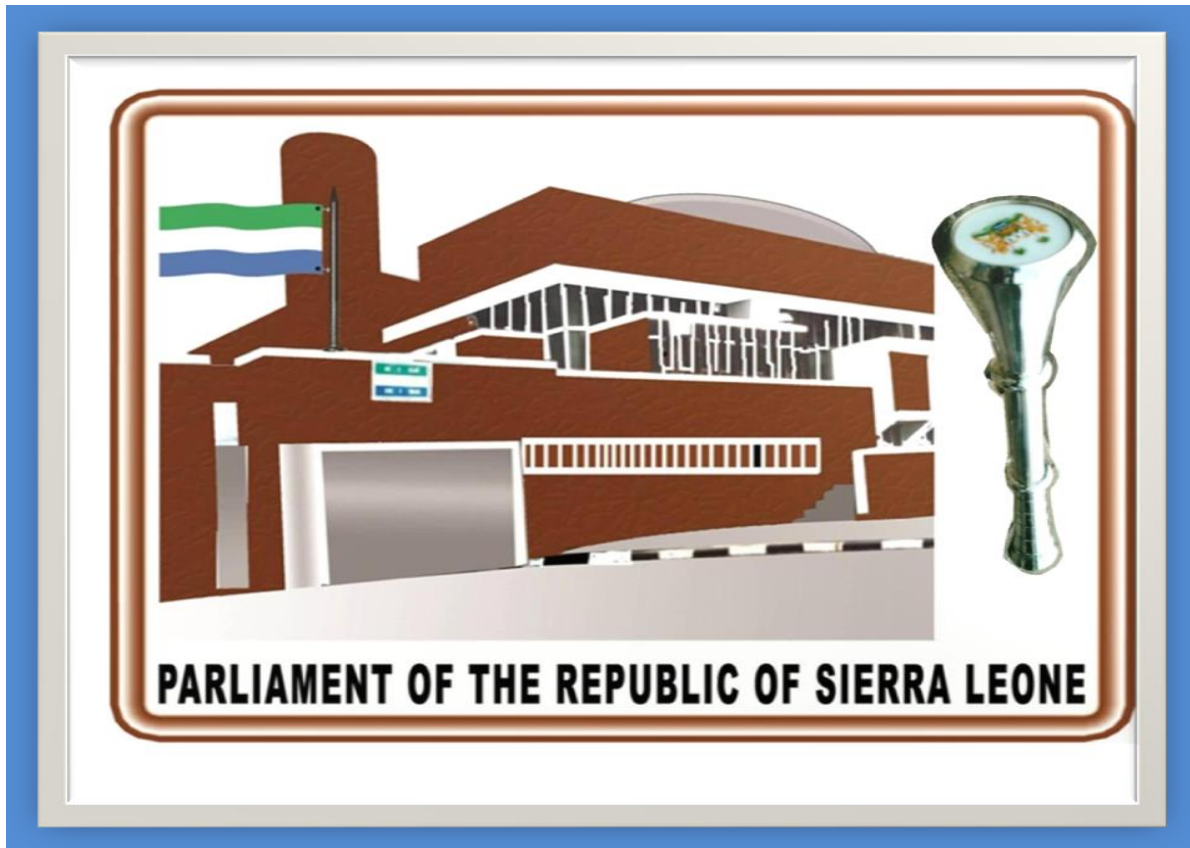
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THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

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

Thursday, 23rd January, 2014.

The House met at 10:15 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.

I. PRAYERS

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

[The Speaker, Hon. Sheku Badara B. Dumbuya, in the Chair].

The House was called to Order

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, 18TH AND FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2013; AND TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 2014

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 18th Friday, 20th December, 2013; and Tuesday, 21st January, 2014. There should be three copies with different dates of the records of Votes and Proceedings for each Member of Parliament. I hope every Member of Parliament is in possession of all the three copies. We start with the record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 21st January 2014. As usual, we go page by page. Page 1?

HON. ANDREW LUNGAY: Mr Speaker, I don't seem to have the other two documents you have just mentioned. I only have the one for Tuesday, 21st January, 2014.

THE SPEAKER: Is there any other person that does not have the three documents mentioned? It should be three copies of the record of Votes and Proceedings with different dates. Honourable Andrew Lungay, I have been told that these documents had been distributed. So the expectation is that everybody should be in possession of the three copies with different dates.

HON. KOMBA E. KOEDOYOMA: Point of observation Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Yes Honourable Member. What is your observation?

HON. KOMBA E. KOEDOYOMA: I was wondering why we have started before time. We are breaking the rule by starting before the stipulated time. We should be starting at 10:00 a.m.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Komba Koedoyoma, there is no certainty that this clock is correct. My own watch is saying 10:00 a.m. Others will have 10:00 a.m. Therefore, we proceed. We go through the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 18th December, 2013. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? There being no further amendment can somebody move that the

record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 18th December, 2013 be adopted as presented?

HON. ALIMAMY G. KARGBO: Mr Speaker, I so move.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. ALIE KALOKO: Mr Speaker, I so second.

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 18th December, 2013 was unanimously adopted as amended).

THE SPEAKER: We now go to the record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 20th December, 2013. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? There being no amendment can somebody move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 20th December, 2013?

HON. SONGOWA BUNDU: Mr Speaker I so move

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. CHERNOR R. M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I second the motion.

THE SPEAKER: Any counter motion?

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 20th December, 2013 was unanimously adopted as amended).

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 21st January, 2014. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? There being no amendment can somebody move that the record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 21st January 2014 be adopted as presented?

HON. DAVID JOHNSON: Mr Speaker, I so move.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. AUGUSTINE TORTO: Mr Speaker, I so second.

THE SPEAKER: Any counter motion?

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 21st January, 2013 was unanimously adopted as presented).

III. PAPERS LAID

(i) THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MR MOMODU KARGBO *(Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development):* Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand before this Honourable House this morning to lay two Papers as stated by the Order Paper:

(a) FINANCING AGREEMENT (SIXTH GOVERNANCE REFORM AND GROWTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY FINANCING) BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, DATED 23RD DECEMBER, 2013;
AND

(b) GRANT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY PROGRAMME OF SIERRA LEONE, BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) AND THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL (WAPP) ON THE ONE HAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AND THE NATIONAL POWER AUTHORITY (NPA), DATED 16TH DECEMBER, 2013.

(ii) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE

HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU

HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU (*Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business*): Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this House a Paper entitled:

REFORMING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SIERRA LEONE-REPORT ON FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVITIES – DATED AUGUST, 2008 TO AUGUST, 2013.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE

HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have before me a list of names of Members of the Committee of Selection in accordance with Standing Order 70. I am going to read it on behalf of the Speaker for the confirmation of Parliament to constitute the Committee of Selection.

- Hon .S. B. B. Dumbuya, Speaker and Chairman;
- Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah, Deputy Speaker;
- Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu, Majority Leader/Deputy Chairman;
- Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai, Minority Leader;
- Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah, Deputy Majority Leader;
- Hon. Ansu J. Kaikai, Deputy Minority Leader;
- Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda, Majority Whip;
- Hon. Sidi M. Tunis, Minority Whip;
- Hon. P.C. Bai Bureh Salu Lugu II; and
- Hon. Ibrahim S. Sesay, Clerk of the Committee.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, those are the names of the Members of Parliament that are to constitute the membership of the Committee on Selection. According to the Standing Orders, it is these people that have to determine the membership of the different Committees in Parliament. So, the names have been presented to you for your approval.

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

(The names that are to constitute the Committee on Selection have been unanimously approved as presented by the Majority Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business)

HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU: Mr Speaker, with your permission I will like to make the following announcements:

- with regret, I want to announce the death of the father of Honourable Mabinty K. Sillah, Member of Parliament for Constituency 028, Bombali District. The funeral Service will take place today, at 2.00 p.m. in Makeni;
- the funeral service of the wife of Honourable Sahr Tengbeh would take place tomorrow at 2.00 p.m. at the New Testament Church, Girls School Drive, Congo Cross, Freetown; and
- all Members of Parliament are invited immediately after sitting for lunch at the Canteen. This is in response to all the good work from the election to the felicitations showered lavishly on the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and all those who received offices on that day. In response to that, we want to say thank you all. I thank you very much for listening.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, there will be a meeting of the Committee of Selection today, at 1.00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Is there any other announcement?

MR IBRAHIM S. SESAY (*Clerk of Parliament*): The Office of the Clerk, with the aid of the Department of Public Relations has introduced a new series of programme information on Sierra Leone Broadcasting Cooperation (SLBC), dedicated to promoting Parliamentary events. The Programme can be watched on SLBC on Fridays and Sundays at 2 p.m. respectively. Committee Chairmen and all Members are encouraged to utilise this new forum for informing and educating the public about Parliamentary issues and activities.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Majority Leader, please read out the Programme for next week.

HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will like to announce to all Members of Parliament that the debates on the Presidential Speech will start on Tuesday, 28th January, 2014. All of you are expected to be here and on time. I will also use this forum to tell all MDAs that it is mandatory for them to be here. The Clerk will send a notice accordingly. Let me forewarn all of them that the consequences for any MDA's absence would be severe. This is a new Parliament with new administrators. You have been warned. I thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

(The House rose at 10.15 a.m. and was adjourned until Tuesday, 28th January, 2014, at 10.00 a.m.)