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Tuesday, 23rd May, 2017.

I. PRAYERS

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

[The House met at 10:40 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]

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

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S. O. 5[2]

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 2017.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? There being no amendment, could someone move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 as presented?

HON. FRANCIS A. KONUWA: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. HANNAH BUNDU-SONGOWA: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 has been adopted]

III. PAPERS LAID

HON. HASSAN B. SHERIFF [Chairman, Committee on Finance]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a document entitled, Parliamentary Service Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2015.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA [Deputy Chairman, Legislative Committee]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S.O. 18[7] and 58[6], in tandem with Section 106 Sub-section 7 to lay on the Table of this Honourable House a memorandum entitled, His Excellency The President's Comments on the Bill entitled the Finance Act, 2017.

HON. FRANCIS A. KONUWA [Deputy Chairman, Sub-Appropriation Committee 5]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the

Report on the Review of the Recurrent and Development Estimates for the Provincial Secretary's Office, Southern Region for Fiscal Year [FY] 2017 Appropriation Sub-Committee 5, held in November, 2016 in Parliament Building.

IV. BILL

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BILL ENTITLED: "THE SIERRA LEONE WATER
COMPANY ACT, 2017"

COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES - MOMODU MALIGIE

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THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, whether you would have to debate this Bill or not, it is not for me to say. The document has now been laid on the Table of the House and by extension, is now a property of this House.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Thank you very much, Mr Chairman.

[1] Introduction

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I rise to present the Third Report of the Legislative Committee, Fifth Session of the Fourth Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the Bill entitled, 'the Sierra Leone Water Company Act, 2017 being an Act to provide for the continuance in existence of the Sierra Leone Water Company to provide for a more efficient and effective management of communities and rural water supply systems in specific areas to provide for facilitation of water related sanitation and delivery in Sierra Leone and to provide for other related matters.'

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, this Bill, having gone through the second reading was committed to Legislative Committee for scrutiny, pursuant to Standing Orders 51[1]. Subsequently, the Committee met on Thursday, 23rd February, 2017 in the Committee Room No.1, Parliament Building with the following objectives:

[i] to scrutinise the detailed provision of the legislative proposal after the second reading in the House;

[ii] to ascertain the Constitution and legal implications contained therein; and
[iii] to report to Parliament in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders of this Honourable House.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, in attendance were the Minister of Water Resources and officials of the Ministry, the Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation [NCP] and team, the Executive Chairperson of the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and team, representatives of the Freetown City Council [FCC], Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Sierra Leone Roads Authority [SLRA], Ministry of Works, Housing and Infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security [MAFS], Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment, Ministry of Energy and the National Protected Areas Authority [NPA].

Recommendations

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, the Legislative Committee, having scrutinised the Bill line by line and clause by clause recommended the following amendments to the House for approval.

[i] In the Long Title of the Bill, we insert the word '**related**' before the word sanitation.

Part One - Preliminary

From the definition word '**board**' to the words '**rural community**' be approved.

2. Interpretation of clauses. I want to recommend that we take off the word 'Sanitation.'

THE CHAIRMAN: So, you want us to take off 'sanitation,' Honourable Member?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Speaker. Take off that whole line.

THE CHAIRMAN: Which line, Honourable Member?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: We should just ignore the word 'sanitation.'

THE CHAIRMAN: So, that is part of the line and not the whole line.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Exactly, Mr Speaker.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let us continue with the others.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: I want the word '**faucal**' to be corrected to read '**faecal.**' It was proposed that two different definitions be made for the word sanitation and hygiene. The following definitions were proposed for your approval:

- a. **Sanitation** means waste management education and disposal of faecal matters as they may affect water use; and
- b. **Hygiene** means conditions necessary for maintaining personal health as they may affect water use.

[iii] From the definition of the phrase '**Service Pipes**' to the phrase '**water works**' be approved.

Part 2 - Continuation of the Sierra Leone Water Company

[1] Clause 2, Sub Clause 3[c] be amended by inserting the word '**two**' after the word '**any**' and the number 2 be put in bracket.

[2] Clause 3 be amended as follows:

A) That the spelling of the word '**bord**' in Sub-clause 2 be corrected to read '**Board.**'

B) Sub-clause 2[b] be amended by inserting the word '**two**' at the start of the sentence and the number 2 be put in bracket. The Spelling of the word '**adminstration**' be corrected to read '**administration.**' Again, I wish to bring this to the notice of the House in my capacity as Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Committee because that is what actually we agreed upon to include 2[e].

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, please refer to the report.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: There is a part that is not included in the report, but it is very important.

THE CHAIRMAN: We hope you do not have different Report from what we have here. We stopped at Part 2[b]. Mr Chairman, probably the Report writer has confused few things here.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: In Part 2[b], we intended to insert a word between 'sector' and 'with.'

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, probably the report writer is responsible for this. Mr Lamin Yasaneh, you should be blaming yourself and not the Chairman because you wrote this report. The problem is with the report and not the Chairman. Honourable Member, do you have a copy of this Bill?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have it with you?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I hope you have copies of this report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Go to your pigeon holes and collect them. Clause 3 be amended as follows: the words 'Board' and 'administration' to be correctly spelt. But on 3[a], the word 'Board' is there, but 3[b] there is no word like 'administration.'

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, that word is being hyphenated and that should not be the case.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, have you got the actual Bill? You should have a copy before we start. Mr Chairman, please proceed.

HONOURABLE DANIEL B. KOROMA: Thank you very much, Mr Chairman. For the attention of the general public, I want it to be known that the said interruption or anomaly was not actually from my own side. I was on track and the wrong Bill was given to some Members of Parliament, including the Speaker and even the Chairman of Water Resources. That is actually the reasons for this anomaly, but I am on track in my capacity as Deputy Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please continue your presentation.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Clause 3[2e] should read:

'Two persons from the Private Sector, one of whom shall be a woman with proven competence, knowledge and experience in Finance, Business Administration, Law or Public Utilities Management, nominated by the Minister.'

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sure you have the support of the Minority Leader of this House.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: The Clause I have just read has to do with gender. In C. Sub-Clause 2[f] be amended by inserting the word 'one', at the start of the sentence and place the number; 1 in bracket.

D – Sub-clause 2 be amended by adding a new sub-clause '**H**' to read: 'A representative from the Institute of Civil Engineers.'

E – Clause 4 be approved.

F – That Clause 5 be amended by deleting the letter 'F' after the word '**Paragraph**' and replacing it with '**E**' and '**F**'.

G – Clause 6 be amended as follows: Sub-clause 2 be amended by deleting the words '**if present.**'

G- Sub-clause 7 be amended by deleting '**2 by 3**' and replacing it with '**two-thirds.**'

H – Clauses 7, 8, 9 and 10 be approved.

I – That Clause 11 be amended by deleting the words '**from Sierra Leone.**'

Part 3 – Functions of Company be amended to read '**Functions of the Company.**'
Insert the word '**the.**'

That Paragraph G of Sub-Clause 2 of Clause 12 be amended by deleting the word '**prescribe**' and replacing it with the word '**provide.**'

Mr Chairman, I have an issue with this as well. In my opinion, I think the word '**prescribe**' applies here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member do you want it to stay as it is?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Chairman. I want 'prescribe' to remain as it is.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, please take note.

Part 4: Supply of Water

That from Clauses 13 to 17 be approved.

2. That Clause 18 sub-clause 2 be amended by inserting the words '**in writing**' after the word '**consent.**'

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Chairman, do you have a copy of the Bill?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: I have, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you want to look at Clause 17 again? Look at the side note.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Clause 17?

THE CHAIRMAN: I see that they have added the words '**of water**' after bulk supply. So it is bulk supply of water instead of just bulk supply. Have you seen that, Mr Chairman?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Noted, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Legislative Clerk should take note of that.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Part 4, Supply of Water

Clauses 13 to 17 be approved.

Clause 18, Sub-Clause 2 be amended by inserting the words '**in writing**' after the word '**consent.**'

Clauses 19 and 20 be approved.

Part 5 – Powers of the Company

Clause 21, Sub-Clause 2 be amended by inserting the word '**Agency**' after the word '**protection.**'

Clauses 22 and 23 be approved.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, please look at the word '**environment.**' It should be '**environmental.**' EPA means Environmental Protection Agency.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Correct, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Lamin Yansaneh, please take note of that.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Clause 24, Sub-Clause 3 be deleted. We also raised a concern that is not included in this report, but I wish to make it known for your consideration. Due to Clause 24 and the provisions contained therein, we suggested that Sierra Leone Roads Authority [SLRA] be included on the Board. This is because it will be very improper to leave out the expertise of SLRA, considering the activities they are under taking.

Clause 25, Sub-clause 2 be amended by deleting the words '**Director of Public Works**' and replacing it with '**Professional Head of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Infrastructure.**'

Clauses 26 to 28 be approved.

Part 6- Administrative Provisions

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, it was suggested that provisions be made for the Board to empower the Management by allowing the Director to appoint.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you are not bound to recommend if you think you want to take it out. You say it and should not form part of your recommendations.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Clauses 29 - 36 be approved.

Clause 37, Sub-clause 2[a] be amended by inserting the words '**subject to the direction of the Ministry**' after the word '**provide**'

Part 7 – Financial Provisions:

Clauses 38 -46 be approved.

Part 8 – Offences:

Mr Chairman, I would like to read this paragraph, but in my capacity as the Acting Chairman, I will give my opinion as well. It reads: "Mr Chairman, Honourable Members,

although the Legislative Committee has recently been recommending penalties for offences, the Committee believes that in this case because of the extreme importance of water-related issues, both fines [upper and lower levels] and imprisonment should be discussed in the Plenary because of the nature and seriousness of the subject matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: This paragraph is very clear.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: It is very clear, Mr Chairman.

Parts 9 – Miscellaneous Provisions:

Clauses 54-65 be approved.

The following places be added to the First schedule:

- a. Jui/Grafton; and
- b. Yams Farm.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that the way Yams Farm is spelt? But when you go to 'C', you make sure you are very careful. Mr Lamin Yansaneh, please take note of the spelling of Yams Farm and when you go to 'C,' make sure you take your time.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Please correct the spelling of Yams Farm.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, go to 'C.'

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: 'C' should be Devil Hole.

THE CHAIRMAN: Where is C, Honourable Member?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: 'C' is Devil Hole and Devil Hole will be part of the Schedule and that community will be given adequate water supply.

THE CHAIRMAN: I hope you were not influenced by Honourable Mohamed Tholley. Honourable Mohamed Tholley, I hope you did not lobby.

THE CHAIRMAN: Go to 'D,' Honourable Member.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: 'D' should be Waterloo and Newton. I have been guided here by the Member of Parliament representing that area to use the word 'Newton' instead of Four Mile.

THE CHAIRMAN: I hope Newton is not too wide to call Four Mile as Newton. I hope so because Four Mile seems to be a limited area. We will take your advice.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: We take Six Mile off and replace it with Newton.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you think Four Mile and Six Mile are both in Newton? Somebody said they are not.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Therefore, we cannot change it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Minister, you wanted to say something.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Thank you Mr Chairman. The Honourable Claude D. M. Kamanda was correct when he mentioned Waterloo, Newton and Six Mile.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr Minister.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: In other words, do we have to add Newton as well?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, Mr Chairman. We replace Four Mile with Newton.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Waterloo, Newton, and Six Mile.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am also confused, Honourable Member. Some Committees are standing on their own, while others have been merged. You have Jui/Grafton, Waterloo/Newton, but Yams Farm, Devil Hole and Six Miles are standing alone. What is the rationale?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: As far as I am concerned, Jui should stand separate from Grafton, but if the Minister so intends, then both should be stated separately.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, you have made your point. Let us listen to the Minister for his comment.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, the difference is just on the coordinate point. It is not seen as the community or the size of the supply area.

THE CHAIRMAN: So, that is why the two were merged?

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Yes, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The same for Waterloo and Newton. Okay, please go to the conclusion.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:

2. Conclusion

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, the Legislative Committee, having scrutinised the Bill entitled: the Sierra Leone Water Company Act, 2017 recommends these proposals to the House for approval. The report reflects the consensus view of the Committee. I therefore move that the House pass the Bill entitled 'the Sierra Leone Water Company Act, 2017 into Law. I thank you for your attention. Signed by Honourable Daniel B. Koroma, for and on behalf of the Chairman, Honourable Ajibola Manley-Spain.

THE CHAIRMAN: What report are you reading from? Is this your signature? Do you have the same signature I have?

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Let me rephrase that, Mr Chairman. Signed by Honourable Ajibola Manley-Spain, Chairman, Legislative Committee. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Honourable Member.

Parts 1 and 2, Clauses 1-11 proposed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, you have to be looking at the clauses in tandem with the Bill before you and the reports.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that Parts 1 and 2 clauses 1-11 stand part of the Bill?

[Question Proposed]

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Thank you, Mr Chairman. Mr Chairman, I just want to say here that we still maintain the word 'Service Pipe' instead of 'Water Works as recommended in this report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Member, where are you reading from?

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, I am trying to tidy up the Bill.

THE CHAIRMAN: Tell us what parts you are reading from?

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, Parts I.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. let us go to the first page.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Are you going by pages?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Short and Long Title will help us.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: No problem, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: That one should be 5, subject to the report because the report attempted to amend it. We are on Page 3.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Thank you, Mr Chairman. Mr Chairman, I am just proposing that the words '**Service Pipe**' remain as they are in the Bill because service pipe is quite different from water works. 'Water works' that is recommended in the report is different from 'Service Pipe.'

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members that is the suggestion. I hope we are all together. The definition of the word 'Service Pipe' to the word 'Water Works' be approved. Nothing has been changed on the report.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Okay, Mr Chairman.

HON. KARIFALA CONTEH: Thank you, Mr Chairman. I want to refer you to part 2, Page 3, Paragraph 'D.' They recommended for 'H' to read: 'a representative from the Institute of Civil Engineers.' I want that to be read as: 'A representative from the Sierra Leone Institute of Engineers, instead of 'Institute of Civil Engineers.' This is on Page 3d.

THE CHAIRMAN: Noted, Honourable Members.

HON. KARIFALA CONTEH: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I am sure there is no objection. We are on Page 5. Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9?

and the top-half of page 10. Mr Chairman are you fine? Mr Minister do you want to move again?

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that Parts 1 and 2, clauses 1-10 stand part of the Bill as amended.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Parts 1 and 2, clauses 1-10 form part of the Bill as amended]

Parts 3, 4, and 5, Clauses 12 – 28 proposed.

[Question Proposed]

THE CHAIRMAN: Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? Page 13? Page 14? Page 15? Page 16? Page 17? Page 18?

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman I think the report recommends that we delete Section 24[3]; but in my opinion, Section 24[3] should stay.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chairman also made an addendum to that statement. He suggested that if 24[3] is going to hold, then SLRA should be inserted.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: I agree with him, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any more on Page 18? Page 19? Page 20? Page 21? Page 22?

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that parts 3, 4 and 5, clauses 12 to 28 stand part of the Bill as amended.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Parts 3, 4 and 5, clauses 12 to 28 form part of the Bill as amended]

Parts 6, 7 and 8, Clauses 29 to 53 proposed.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that parts 6, 7 and 8, clauses 29 to 53 stand part of the Bill.

[Question Proposed]

THE CHAIRMAN: Page 22? Page 23?

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, let us look at page 23, Clause 31[1]. I want to recommend to this House that we make some amendments on Clause 31[1]

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, please pay attention.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: I want to amend 31[1] and insert 31[3].

THE CHAIRMAN: Firstly, you want to amend Clause 31[1] and later propose Clause 31[3]?

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let the House hear you, Honourable Member.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: In the draft Bill, we have 31[1]. With the leave of Mr Speaker, I would like to read. It says: **“That the company shall have a Company Secretary, Finance Officer, Administrative Officer and such other additional technical and administrative staff as may be required for the efficient and performance of its functions.”** I want it to read as: The Company’s Secretary and other Directors of the Company shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the term and conditions as the Board shall determine.’

THE CHAIRMAN: I will overrule you on that. That can come in a statutory instrument or something else.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Okay. Let me move to the next suggestion. I propose that we insert Clause 31[3] to read: ‘That the Managing Director shall appoint members of staff other than those referred to in Sub-section 2 of 31.’ Section 31 is giving authority for the Board to employ the Company’s Secretary and other Directors. Therefore, I am now saying that we add Sub-section 31[3] to also give powers to the Managing Director to be able to appoint other staff so that the institution could always function.

THE CHAIRMAN: As it is in the Bill, whose responsibility is it to appoint those people.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: It should be consistent with other laws we have passed in this House. We are saying that the Managing Director does the employment and it can always go to the Board for approval, but we have to give him the leverage so that he could be able to function as the Managing Director.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, do not allow the Minority Leader to distract you. I have just been advised by the Legal Draftsman that the suggestion makes a lot of sense and it is the usual practice. However, what he is suggesting is that we include that clause in the Bill. But at that level, we all know that it is not the duty of the Board to appoint those people. He has assured me that he would look at the content of the Bill to ensure that it is not found somewhere else before inserting it under 31[3].

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Thank you, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are on Page 23. Page 24? Page 25? Honourable Members, please stop interfering with the Chairman. He is very busy. Page 25? Page 26? Page 27? Page 28? Page 29? Page 30? Page 31? Page 32?

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that parts 6, 7 and 8, Clauses 29 to 53 stand part of the Bill as amended.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Parts 6, 7 and 8, Clauses 29 to 53 form part of the Bill as amended]

[Part 9, including the Schedule, Clauses 54 to 65 proposed]

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that Parts 9, including the Schedule, Clauses 54 to 65 stand part of the Bill.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

THE CHAIRMAN: Page 32? Page 33? Page 34? Page 35? Page 36?

HON. CLAUDE D.M KAMANDA: Mr Chairman, Page 36. I will yield to the Chairman.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: Thank you Mr Majority Whip. Mr Chairman, I ask that we include on the Schedule Hastings, Tombo, Kent, Tokeh, York and Macdonald.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please do it slowly. Honourable Suahilo M. Koroma, the Chief Whip is attempting to lobby to you.

HON. SUALIHO M. KOROMA: He is not, Mr Chairman. Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I ask that we include Hastings, Tombo, Kent, Tokeh, York and Macdonald in the Schedule.

HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA: Mr Chairman, we are on the same page with the Chairman of the Water Resources Committee. We will have Sub-clauses 'a,' 'b,' 'c,' 'd,' 'e,' and 'f.' That is to say, coordinate 'a' Grafton to Waterloo; coordinate 'b,' Newton to Songo; and coordinate 'c,' Kent to Macdonald.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Majority Chief Whip, your suggestion would be very difficult to consider because they are not dealing with the land mass but the water areas.

HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA: That is what I am saying, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: It would be difficult for them to cover that length.

HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA: I think the Minister can respond to that.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, let me respond.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you the Minister? Proceed with your suggestions. Mr Minister, please take note of those suggestions.

HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA: I was saying that instead of having a to f, we have a new 'a,' a new 'b,' etc. For 'a,' the coordinate would be Grafton to Waterloo and that will now cover Jui, Hastings, Yams Farm, Devil Hole and Waterloo. For coordinate 'b,' it will cover Newton to Songo, Six Mile and Joe Town. For coordinate 'c,' it will cover Kent to Macdonald and that will include Tombo to Macdonald.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: We take notes and check the coordinates before we provide the final list to Parliament.

THE CHAIRMAN: No, except you want us to push the Bill.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Accepted, Mr Chairman.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, I believe the areas listed here are being captured by the coordinates. They are not about individual communities.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is what I said.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: It is not about individual communities, but the coordinate coverage. So, once we have these coordinates coverage, there are even

other small communities that fall between Tombo, but we cannot list everything here. It is a coordinate coverage *[Applause]*.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Suahilo M. Koroma, we are dealing with the first Schedule and it is very long. It goes from pages 36 to 47.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Exactly, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please tell us where you expect us to insert these areas in the Schedule. That will assist the Draftsmen and the clerks.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, to complete the Schedule, we need the coordinates, so that we can take note as you have suggested and report back to Parliament.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. You will finalise it with the Draftsman because what we would get back is the Act itself and nothing else. I am sure you do not want to come back here on the same issue.

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: I do not want to come here again to discuss this Bill.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, please let us be patient with ourselves.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Mr Chairman, I ask that we insert the list of these communities before Songo.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is because it covers the Western Area.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Yes, Mr Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the same.

HON. SUAHILO M. KOROMA: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, I am sure we are all together.

HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI *[Minority Leader of the House]*: In this Schedule, you have to look at the spellings of '**Segbwema.**' The spelling in this Schedule is wrong. The same for 'Buedu' on Page 43, under Koindu. It should not be spelt as 'B-u-i-d-u.' It should be 'B-u-e-d-u.'

THE CHAIRMAN: Please check for those spellings.

HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI: Let them go and crosscheck the spellings.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Chairman of the Committee on Water Resources please assists us.

HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI: And when you say 'Njala University Com,' what do you mean? It should read Njala University Campus on Page 46. It should be community On Page 43, you said 'Levu.' It should be 'Levuma.'

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Yes, it should be Levuma.

HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI: You have to check all those spellings.

THE CHAIRMAN: You mean Levuma at Goderich or Levuma at Moyamba?

HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI: Whether Levuma of Moyamba or not, you have to check them properly.

HON. JUFUFU B. MANSARAY: Mr Chairman, I have a concern. If you go to Page 44, you have 'Jimmi Bagbo,' 'Sumbuya' and other smaller villages. There is nothing mentioned about a bigger town like 'Koribondo,' which is in existence. It is very serious 'Koribondo' is even bigger than Pujehun.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, your point is noted, but you have used all your water sources.

HON. JUSUFU B. MANSARAY: Mr Chairman, Koribondo must be included in this Schedule.

HON. CLAUDE D.M. KAMANDA: Mr Chairman, 'Koribondo' is here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Members, even Honourable Jusufu B. Mansaray knows that 'Koribondo' is covered. However, he wanted us to hear the word 'Koribondo.' We know you like the word 'Koribondo.'

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I move that Parts 9, including the Schedule, Clause 54 to 65 stand part of the Bill as amended.

[Question Proposed, Put and agreed to]

[Parts 9 including the schedule clauses 54 to 65 form part of the Bill as amended]

[THE HOUSE RESUMES]

MR MOMODU MALIGIE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I report that the Bill entitled: 'The Sierra Leone Water Company Act, 2017' having gone through the Committee of the Whole House with some amendments, I now move that the Bill be read the third time and passed into law.

[Question Proposed, Put and agreed to]

The Bill entitled: 'The Sierra Leone Water Company Act, 2017' being an Act to provide for the continuance in existence of the Sierra Leone Water Company to provide for a more efficient and effective management of community and rural water supply systems in specified areas, to provide for the facilitation of water related sanitation and delivery in Sierra Leone and to provide for other related matters has been read the third time and passed into law."

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I want to thank the Legislative Committee in collaboration with the Committee on Water Resources for this Bill. I would also like to thank the Legal Draftsman for his time. We hope that by the time we are ready for the next Bill, we would also sail through as easy as we have done today. We hope that the obstacles on the way would be cleared. I want to thank the Minister for his presence here.

HON. MOHAMED K. THOLLEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand on S.O 25[1] to give a notice of motion. The notice of my motion has to do with this Honourable House to call on the Minister of Education, Science and Technology to answer to some concerns raised by the public, especially those dealing with the past National Primary School Examination [NPSE] that was taken just few weeks ago. There were so many anomalies concerning this particular examination that had never happened in Sierra Leone.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, please give your notice.

HON. MOHAMED K. THOLLEY: That a notice of motion be given for the Minister of Education to appear in this House for questioning.

ADJOURNMENT

[The House rose at 11:55 a.m., and was adjourned to Thursday, 25TH May, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.]