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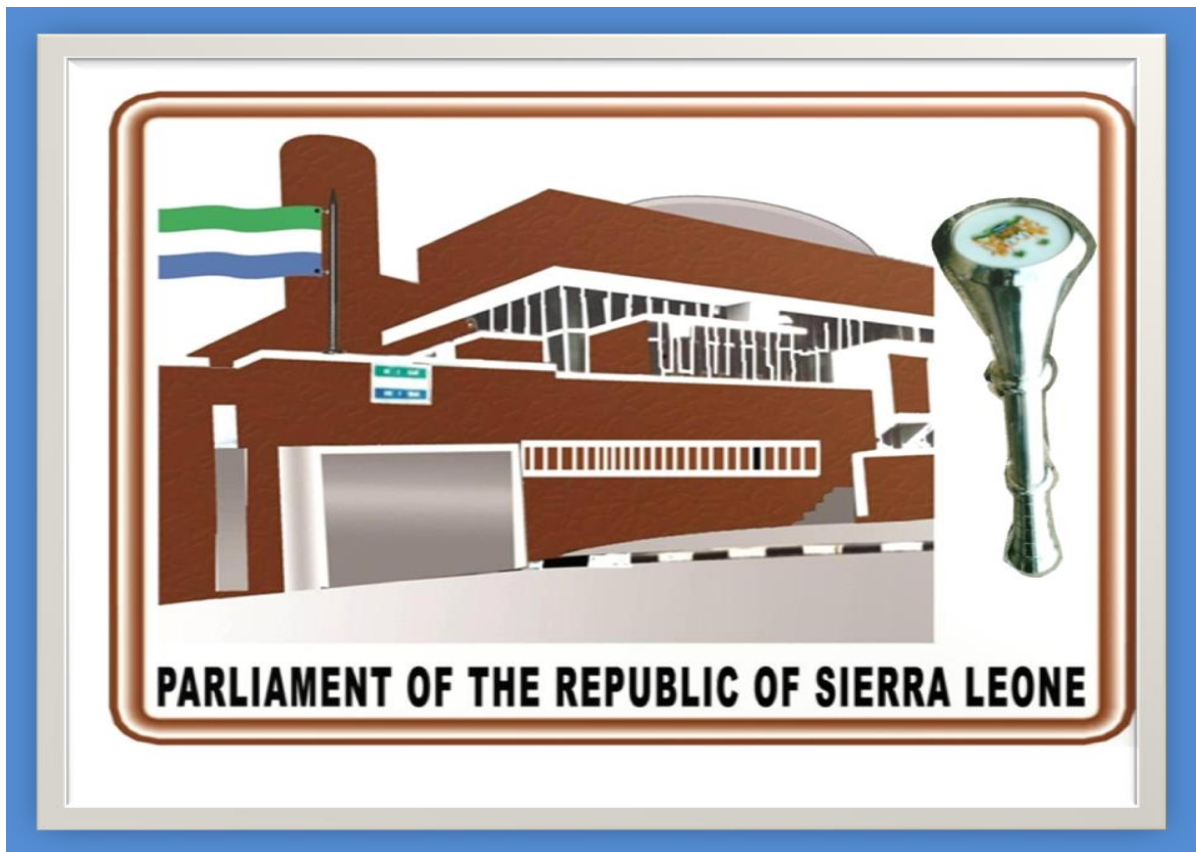
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**FIFTH SESSION – FIRST MEETING  
OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.**

**I. PRAYERS**

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

*[The House met at 10:32 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown].*

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

The House was called to Order

**II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING, HELD ON TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. As usual, we through page by page. Page 1?

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** With your indulgence, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to make an amendment on the Order Paper. I want item IV, 'Government Motion by the Minister of Transports and Aviation to be deleted from the Order Paper. The Minister has an emergency meeting and it is sometimes crucial to adequately inform the House about any Bill, Motion or Agreement a Minister wants the House to deliberate on.

**THE SPEAKER:** Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai, this is just an amendment.

**HON. ANSUMANA J. KAIKAI:** procedurally, Mr Speaker, even an amendment, it has to be... - *[Interruption]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, there is nothing done that is unconventional. Honourable Members, that is the information from the Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business that the Minister of Transports and Aviation, who should have piloted this agreement, is unable to be here this morning due to unforeseen circumstances beyond his control. Therefore, item IV is accordingly deleted from the Order Paper. I hope there is no objection. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3?

**HON. KOMBA E. S. BOYAH:** Mr Speaker, I was absent with an excuse and the Clerk of Parliament is aware of it.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Clerk, please take note. Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6. There being no correction or amendment, would somebody move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 as amended?

**HON. APLHA B. LEWALLY:** Mr Speaker, I so move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. LAHAI MARAH:** I so second, Mr Speaker

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 has been adopted as amended].*

### **III. PAPERS LAID**

#### **C. THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

**HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the document entitled:

“Auditor General’s Report on the Accounts of Sierra Leone, 2015.”

#### **D. THE MINISTER OF ENERGY**

**AMBASSADOR HENRY O. MACAULEY:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the following documents:

- [I] POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT;
- [II] THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT DIRECT AGREEMENT;
- [III] THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT DEED OF TERMINATION;
- [IV] POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT GENERAL CONSENT LETTER;
- [V] THE POWER PURCHASE CHANGE OF CONTROL LETTER;
- [VI] THE GENERATION LICENCE DIRECT AGREEMENT;
- [VII] THE MAIN SITE LEASE;
- [VIII] THE SITE LEASE DIRECT AGREEMENT;
- [IX] THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT;
- [X] THE REIMBURSEMENT AND CREDIT AGREEMENT; AND
- [XI] THE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

I thank you very much, Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this is an announcement, but I also stand on S.O 23. Mr Speaker, there was a Press Release issued by this House on the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 with the captioned ‘**Parliament Frowns at CHRDI Claims.**’ The attention of the House of Parliament has been drawn to a publication by Abdul M. Fatorma from Campaign for Human Rights and

Development International [CHRDI], making grave allegation of misuse of public funds by Members of Parliament. In that light, members of the public are reminded of the obligations of citizens as contained in Section 13 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, under the heading, 'Duties of Citizens.'

Furthermore, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Parliament, being a House of records will encourage CHRDI to produce documentary evidence, backing those claims. i.e., **Le120 Bln** was allocated and expended by parliamentarians in the last five years. Media owners are also advised to pay heed to the obligation for accuracy and responsibility, as per the Media Code of Practice, Articles 1 and 2. Therefore, Parliament wishes to assure the public that though the House was in recess, necessary steps have been taken to adequately address those allegations, which it considers spurious and misleading.

Fortunately for us, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have been able to reach Mr Fatorma and he is presently within the precincts of Parliament. Therefore, I would like to ask Honourable Members to converge in Committee Room 1, immediately the House is adjourned for further deliberations on those allegations.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

*[The House rose 10:55 a.m., and was adjourned to Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 at 10:00a.m.]*