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**FIFTH SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF
SIERRA LEONE**

FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, a memorandum, referenced **SF/OP/19/4** of the 11th September 2012, on the issue of Remuneration and Allowances of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission, (PPRC) Hon. Justice M. E. Tolla Thompson, was recently forwarded from the Secretary to the President for the approval of Parliament.

2. Procedure

The Committee on Finance and Development met on Thursday 20th September 2012 to critically examine the proposed remunerations and allowances of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission, Hon. Justice M. E. Tolla Thompson, and was able to reach a unanimous agreement.

3. Recommendation

The Committee adjudged the proposed Remuneration and Allowances of the Hon. Justice Tolla Thompson, to be commensurate to the positions and responsibilities of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission, and therefore recommend the following proposed remuneration and allowances to the House for approval

**3:1 Re: Remuneration and Allowances of the Chairman, Political Parties
Registration Commission, Hon. Justice M. E. Tolla Thompson**

Basic Salary	-	Le18,988,908 per month
Other Allowances	-	Le 6,460,245 per month

Rent Allowance	-	² US\$1,000 or Leone Equivalent paid yearly
Transport	-	2 gallons of fuel per day
Travelling Overseas	-	Business Class and Allowance at UN rate plus 45% on government Business
Vacation Leave	-	45 days per annum
Death Gratuity	-	One (1) year salary to be paid to next-of-kin
Ex Gratia	-	15% of total emolument

4. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fourth Report of the Committee on Finance and Development is the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fourth Report of the Fifth Session of the Committee on Finance and Development be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Hon. Alhaji Mohamed Sufian Kargb
Chairman

Date

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**MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT IN CONFERENCE ROOM OF PARLIAMENT ON THURSDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 2:00 P. M**

1. Prayers - Members observed a moment of silent meditation.

2. Attendance

2.1 The following Members were present:-

Hon. Alhaji Mohamed Sufian Kargbo - **Chairman**

Hon. Hassan Sheriff

Hon. Alice Foyah

Hon. Matthew Teambo

Hon. Manie Betts Priddy

Hon. Kande C, Bangura

Hon. David Bai Conteh

Hon. Bliss Osho Williams

Hon. Dr. Moses Sesay

Hon. P. C. M.S.K. Banya

3. Witness summoned: The Minister of Finance, Dr. S. M.W. Kamara

4. The agenda items comprised:

i. Ministry of Finance's Payment of the Parliamentary gratuity.

ii. Remuneration and Allowances of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission. Hon. Justice M. E. Tolla Thompson

5;0 **Ministry of Finance's Payment of the Parliamentary gratuity.**

5:1 Chairman's opening remarks:

Welcoming the Minister of Finance and Members of the Committee, the Chairman informed the Minister that for obvious reasons, the Committee has been under intense

pressure for an assurance as to when MPs gratuity would be paid.

In his response after a lengthy deliberation, the Minister said that such payments have to go through a number of stages. Documents relating to the Parliamentary gratuity payments, he said, were currently with the Auditor-General for verification. When that is completed, he went on, executive clearance would have to be obtained and funds sought before payment could be made by the Accountant-General.

Without giving any timeline, the Minister assured the Committee that he was well aware that Parliament was closing on the 25th September 2012 and that he was committed enough to make the payments within the shortest possible time. As soon as the Auditor-General has completed the verification, he said, he would fast-track the remaining processes to make an early payment of the MPs gratuity.

Reacting to suggestions for a 50% bank loan/ advance on the gratuity, the Minister said that it could be arranged.

6.0 Remuneration and Allowances of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission. Hon. Justice M. E. Tolla Thompson

6:1 The Committee had a lengthy deliberation on the issue and unanimously agreed that the proposed remuneration and allowances were commensurate to the positions and responsibilities of the Chairman, Political Parties Registration Commission.

The Committee rose at 3: 15 p. m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees