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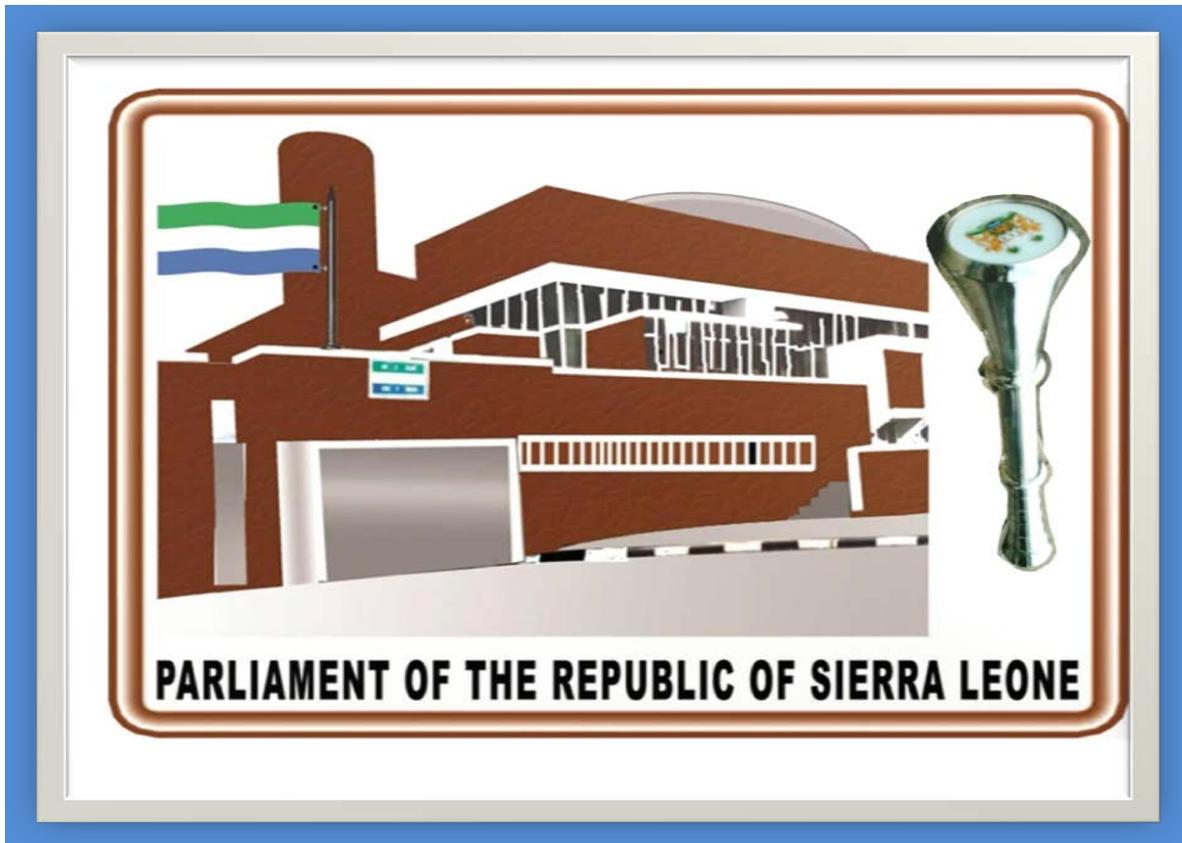
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**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.**

*The House met at 10:00 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.*

**I. PRAYERS**

*[The Table Clerk, Mr Anthony C. Kamara, Read the Prayers].*

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

The House was called to Order

## II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2014

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the records of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014. As usual, we go page by page. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3?

**HON. KELFALA CONTEH:** Mr Speaker, I was present but my name is recorded as being absent.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Clerk, please take note of that. Honourable Kelfala, do you have a proof to show that you were present?

**HON. KELFALA CONTEH:** I was present Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** I was present is not a sufficient proof.

**HON. KELFALA CONTEH:** I signed the register Mr Speaker. And interestingly, somebody signed on my own space. And what I did was to signed adjacently.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Clerk, I want you to verify that? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? If there is no further correction, would somebody move for the adoption of the Votes and Proceeding for Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014?

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

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. ALIEU B MUNU:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

*(Question proposed put and agreed to)*

*(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 was unanimously adopted as amended).*

## III. LAYING OF PAPER

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
AMENDMENT TO PEROLEUM AGREEMENT, DATED 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, ordinarily, even before papers are laid in Parliament, there are certain requirements that should be fulfilled. But in the case of

this particular paper, certain requirements have not been fulfilled. Therefore, this particular paper cannot be laid on the Table. In Parliament, much as we do not claim to know everything, we cannot claim to be perfect and no human being can ever claim to be so. But since we are always professing to do the right thing, we have to ensure that we do the right thing. In this case, the right thing has not been done with regard to this paper. Therefore, it cannot be laid.

Secondly, Honourable Members, I want to talk about item IV on the Order Paper, relating to the Audit Service Act. Our Standing Orders demands that being that it is a Bill, it is not an amendment. It is a new Bill, almost replacing that which has been in existence. Before the Bill is debated in Parliament, there must have been a pre-legislative briefing. That also has not been complied with. In this regard, my ruling is that we cannot proceed with this debate. I regret to say that after the record of Vote and Proceedings, we would not be in a position to transact any other business.

**HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI:** Mr Speaker, I cannot wait but to get up and congratulate myself for having voted for you to become the Speaker of this House.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The presentation ceremony of Honourable Leonard S. Fofanah, Deputy Majority Leader of Constituency 015, Kenema District will be unveiled on Friday. All MPs are kindly requested to attend.

**HON. LEONARD S. FOFANAH:** Mr Speaker, the announcement relating to my presentation is on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

**HON. KUSAN SESAY:** With your leave Mr Speaker, I stand on S. O. 23. Couple of days ago, the houses in one of my villages in my Constituency were raised to the ground by violent storm and 24 houses were destroyed. So, I am pleading to Members of Parliament, especially those who have NGO humanitarian connections to help my people. My people need some building materials, especially the female caucus. This is because the females can do wonderful things than men (*Undertones*).

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Ansu J. Kaikai, do you have an objection to that?

**HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI:** Mr Speaker, he was particularly saying that because of Hon. Isata Kabia, who is an expert in that area. But she is not here yet. So, it fell on deaf ears.

**HON. ANDREW LUNGAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I wish to bring to your notice I will move a motion at the end of this proceeding. I am very much aggrieved. I am not happy with the way the Minister of Health treated this Parliament. She was here a couple of days ago and promised to come back for us to expedite the newly discovered Ebola disease sensitisation. We were told to return to this House on Monday. There were Honourable Members, who came, but she was nowhere to be found. And Mr Speaker, no apology came from the Chief Whip. I am saying this because when they wanted us to assemble here, the Chief Whip urgently sent us text messages, even though the whole situation was bungled on that day, we were first invited to report here at 3:00 p.m.; but and that was cancelled. Later, they asked us to come at 10:00 a.m. When we came again, we were told that the meeting was not going to take place until 3:00 p.m. Honestly Mr Speaker, almost every Member of Parliament here is a very busy person. It is rather unfortunate for the Chief Whip, the Minister or the Leadership of this House to stifle with our time. Mr Speaker, we expected an apology from the Leadership. No apology has been expressed from the leadership or the Minister. In the light, I am going to move a motion.

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Point of order Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** What is the point of order?

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Before he moves a motion, I want to know under which provision of the Standing Orders he is... - *(Interruption)*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Majority Whip, please wait.

**HON. ANDREW LUNGAY:** Mr Speaker, I am moving a motion for the Minister of Health to be invited to this House to give us an explanation.

**THE SPEAKER:** That is noted Honourable Member. Honourable Andrew Lungay, please sit down.

**HON. BENNEH BANGURA:** Mr Speaker, point of order. Mr Speaker, I believe that my colleague stood under S. O. 23. If that is so, I want to emphasize that the provision in the Standing Orders which he said gives him the right to say this is wrong. S. O. 23 should be none controversial. This is a very controversial issue and should have been brought to the attention of the Committee responsible for health in Parliament. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Benneh Bangura, your observation is noted. I agree that there is an element of controversy in this issue, but not to the point where the Member of Parliament should be deprived of his right to say what he wanted to say. But I want to say that the whole arrangement, with regard to that meeting was with the Minister. Everything was done in haste. I was only informed on the very day the programme took place. That was why I was reluctant to even attend the programme. But I had to attend in the name of Parliament. What was regrettable was the fact that there was commotion at the end of the session. And that was regrettable Honourable Members. I said so because I do not expect Members of Parliament to behave the way they said they did.

Honourable Members, after my election as Speaker, I did promise that we would have to meet in Committee Room One (1). It is because the full complement of the leadership is not around yet. After the Easter vacation, I hope to meet with Members of Parliament. Perhaps, on that day, I will ask one of the most senior Members of Parliament in this House in the person of Honourable Ansu J. Kaikai to dilate on the word 'Honourable.' The Minister was not invited by Parliament. Normally, on such issues, the invitation is at the investigation of Parliament. But on that case, she decided to meet Parliament on her own volition and on issues that concern Parliamentarians. It

was an emergency meeting. She did come, but was some accusations about certain things been done for the leadership. All of which was not true. Honourable Members, let us be sure that we always talk about what we know. Let us always be consistent in terms of saying things we know. If you are not sure of anything, do not say anything.

Honourable Members, there is one thing I believe in life. I believe that whatever is done in darkness, no matter you try to suppress, it must come to light someday. It used to be a Reggae song. There was a reggae song when the Speaker was a very good dancer. We should not be too hasty in making conclusions. At times when you rush to make conclusions and at the end you find out that the conclusion is wrong, it is a shame to you. Let us try not to be getting ourselves in that situation.

Honourable Members, the Administration tried to get the Minister, but we were told she is out of the country. She is to return tomorrow. That was what we were told. When she returns, perhaps, we will be able to get something from her. Honourable Andrew Lungay, I want to assure you that as long as I am the Speaker of this House, no Minister will ever insult any Member of Parliament. I will never allow that to happen. Honourable Andrew Lungay, you would agree with me that when I was the Leader of this House, I never allowed that to happen. And I will not allow that to happen, now that I am head of this Parliament. When the Minister comes, we will have to engage her in this case. The programme was not initiated by Parliament at all. She did it on her own. She came and met us; and we showed understanding simply because the case of Ebola is a veritable danger disease.

Honourable Members, on the question of the notification that was given to Members of Parliament, I want to say that there was a mistake on the part of the majority Chief Whip. Mr Majority Chief Whip, I want you to stand now and apologise to Honourable Members for the wrong piece of information you gave them.

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Thank you Sir. I do apologise Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the Chief Whip was told that the meeting was to take place at 3:00 p.m. and not 10:00 a.m. It was a mistake on his part. Honourable Andrew Lungay said that Members of Parliament are busy people. I agree with him. I cannot agree with you more, but what I also want to underscore here is that let all Members of Parliament realise that being a Member of Parliament is a full time job. Whether there is a sitting or not, Committee sittings or not, we always have to be here and be ready for anything. For that matter, we should be ready for any eventuality and that was an eventuality.

**HON. ANDREW LUNGAY:** Not exactly Mr Speaker. We were invited.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Chief Whip, what do you want to say?

**HON. CLAUDE KAMANDA:** I want to make an announcement Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** It is true. And one thing I have to tell all Members of Parliament is that you heard him complementing me a few minutes ago. When Ansu J. Kaikai is here, you have to be careful in what you do, because he is a professional in the Standing Orders. He knows everything.

**HON. CLAUDE KAMANDA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I am pleased to announce that this year's 53<sup>rd</sup> Independence Anniversary will also be celebrated in Constituency 095. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Independent Anniversary football match will be played at the Dr Ernest Bai Koroma's Mini Stadium. The first match will be played between Parliament and Cabinet. The second match will be played between Freetown City Council and Western Area District Council. The third match will be played between F.C Kallon and/or East End Lions or Anti-Drugs. The President of Republic of Sierra Leone is expected to take the kick off. So, I want to advice that the team from Parliament is properly fixed so that we will be victorious. Thank you.

**HON. J. B. MANSARAY:** Mr Speaker, I stand on S. O 23. This time, I take the obligation of what I want to say here. We barely have another seven (7) months for the end of this session. The Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is still lingering. I

believe that the rains will be coming very soon. And if we have to take development to our people under this particular caption, I want to kindly plead with whoever is in charge to start thinking in terms of helping Constituency 073.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to appeal to all those who have issues with that particular funding. It is being pronounced, I have gone to Constituency 073 and statements have been made to that effect. I do not want that to appear as in the case of the district councils. In the case of the district councils, moneys meant to be expended in the first quarter were received in the last quarter. I think every Member of Parliament is yearning to take development to his or her Constituency. I thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable J. B. Mansaray, I want to assure you that it is an issue that is close to the heart of every Member of Parliament. Not that we are waiting for the Leader. We have a deputy; and in the absence of the Leader, the deputy is at liberty to intervene. But as we all know, the Deputy Leader is new. He is new in the sense that he was in this Parliament in the 80s, and so many things have happened since then. There have been so many changes. When the substantive leader comes, we will go to Committee Room 1 and discuss about this Constituency Development Fund.

Honourable Members, you would recalled that a delegation had been sent to Kenya on a study tour, relating to the implementation of the Constituency Development Fund. It is a very good thing, but on the other hand, it is something that we have to be very careful about. There were those of us that never had such facility as it were. We never had the opportunity, but we were able to do what we could. Now that this is being given, expectations would be higher than any mountain you could think of. So, we have to be very careful. I want to assure you that this is going to be addressed.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S. O 23. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have been advocating for the past last one month for our brothers and sisters who should have been enrolled in the Law School. We know that the Council of Legal Education has

taken its stance and it is against the laws of this country. Mr Speaker, fifty (50) of our brothers and sisters who have been called to the Bar, their certificates have been withdrawn.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to move a motion that we invite the Council here to come and explain to us why they are taking such decisions without the knowledge of Parliament, as we did in the case of the Minister of Education. Thank you.

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Mr Speaker, point of order. To straighten the records, the last speaker did say that the decision of the Council of Legal Education was wrong. It was against the laws of this country.

**THE SPEAKER:** Who said so Honourable Member?

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** If I got the last speaker right, can he (for the records to be straightened) quote the section that he was referring?

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Chief Whip, when that issue came up at the last session, it was Honourable Bashiru that brought it up. I looked around, but the Honourable Chairman of Legislative Committee was not around. Now that he is here, I would like him to volunteer. Honourable Manley-Spain, I have to tell you that the matter is getting serious. I have two letters written to me as Speaker of Parliament, although those letters have also been circulated to other important people, but the matter is getting serious.

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAIN:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would not like to give a professional opinion at this moment. But we must realise that the Council of Legal Education is created by law. It is an independent Council; and a decision has been taken. If they want to challenge the decision of the Council through legal means, it is left with them. But there is nothing wrong, in my opinion for us to invite the officials of the Council to give an explanation. We must also not forget that at the moment, there are criminal investigations going on. I would not like Parliament to interfere with that. As you are aware, the Registrar and two other people were being

investigated by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). Therefore, I would not like Parliament to interfere with this issue. With regard to the letters, I have read the letters sent to Parliament. But I believe that if we want to involve in this issue, we have to do things the right way. If Honourable Members look at the letter, it has 2013 Barristers and Solicitors, C/o Sierra Leone Bar Association that cannot be from where it is alleged to be coming from. At the end of the letter, you will see that it has only one signature, 2013 Barristers. The question is, who are they?

**THE SPEAKER:** Are you referring to the latest letter? There was one that was issued to me yesterday. But before then, one had been issued. Which one are you referring to Honourable Member?

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** I have one dated 7<sup>th</sup> April. It is titled "*Invalidation of Certificates of 2013 Barristers.*" My position is that if the number is supposed to be fifty (50) Barristers, they should all sign. This appears to be an anonymous letter. How do we know that this is coming from the lawyers who are being disbarred? So, this cannot be correct in that regard. Thank you Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** What are you saying now? Should this prevent us from calling the officials of the Legal Council of Education to come and explain to Parliament?

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** No Mr Speaker, I am not saying that Sir. All I am saying is that we can call them to Parliament, but we should take into consideration the fact that there are criminal investigations going on.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, according to our rules, when a matter is in court, the process of investigation must not be tampered with.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKI:** Mr Speaker, the matter is not in court at the moment.

**THE SPEAKER:** I know that the matter is not in court, but there is a matter relating to the operation of the Legal Council of Education. I know the Registrar you too knows the Registrar very well. In fact, both of us know him personally. He was here about two

months ago to explain his own side of the story. The matter is still in court. If we want to invite the Council of Legal Education, whom do we specifically invite?

**HON. MANLEY-SPAINE:** The Chairman of the Council Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** You are now referring to the Chief Justice.

**HON. JIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** Yes Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** We will look into that.

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAIN:** I think we should invite her and she will come with those who can explain.

**THE SPEAKER:** Precisely Honourable Member. In that case, in your capacity as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, would you like to invite her?

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** If you so direct Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** I do so direct Honourable Member.

**HON. ANDREW LUNGAY:** I was preempting whether it was advisable to invite the Chief Justice to come and answer questions in Parliament.

**THE SPEAKER:** We are not inviting the Chief Justice in her capacity as Chief Justice, but in her capacity as Chairman of the Council of Legal Education.

**HON. ANDREW LUNGAY:** Thank you very much Sir.

**HON. PATRICK FOYAH:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I carefully listened to your response to Honourable Andrew Lungay's motion in respect of the Ebola and the absence of the Minister. I therefore stand on S. O 23. I was in Liberia last week. The issue of Ebola is very important. The House of Representatives in Liberia met and even proposed a motion for their borders to be closed. The suggestion was made because of the seriousness of the Ebola disease. The Liberian Members of Parliament even asked the President to declare a state of emergency to let the people of Liberia know how serious

this Ebola disease is. I am not asking for that to happen in Sierra Leone. But from what I have sensed from your statement, the House has not invited the Minister to come here and explain to us about this disease. I think it is very timely for us, as a House to officially ask the Minister to come to this House and explain to us what Ebola is.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as the people's Representatives, we need to know the signs, symptoms and effects of this disease. This would enable us, as Members of Parliament what we need to do in order to minimise the spread of Ebola. Senegal has closed its borders. What information has been given to our people here about this Ebola issue? I think the person who can really do that is the Minister of Health. So, I am proposing that we invite the officials of that Ministry, and the substantive Minister. I thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Patrick Foyah, were you present at the meeting on Monday?

**HON. PATRICK FOYAH:** I was not present Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** I want to assure you that the Minister explained everything about Ebola. She explained everything and she did not come alone. She came with some other officials that helped her. The Minister would still have to come because there is an unfinished business with Members of Parliament. I am sure she would still have to come but not again to come and explain to Members of Parliament because she had done that.

**HON. HASSAN SESAY:** Added to that Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, before the Minister came to this House on the Ebola issue, there had been a prior meeting summoned by the Health Committee. Members of the Health Committee were not present, but the Committee Chair coopted other Members of Parliament to help them. We engaged the CMO, who actually gave a detailed explanation to the Committee on the status of Ebola. I think we already had knowledge before even the Minister came to this House to explain about the Ebola and the measures government has taken. The

Ministry of Health and other related sectors were engaged as to how to prevent the spread of the Ebola disease. We must commend them for that. They need to be commended because of the time they got the information and the way they reacted. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Hassan Sesay, what Honourable Patrick was saying is not totally irrelevant. Much as I would join you in commending the CMO and other officials for educating you on the Ebola disease, I will not commend the Health Committee. The Health Committee failed to do what they should have done. It should have been prudent on the part of the Health Committee to summon the Minister to Parliament. I am simply saying this because a Committee, by parliamentary definition is a microcosm of Parliament. A Committee does not include every Member of Parliament. So, what was passed to the Health Committee was known only to those who were at that particular meeting. And for the information to have been properly disseminated, all Members of Parliament should have been informed by way of inviting the Minister to come here. But the Health Committee did not do that. That is a great disappointment on the part of the Health Committee.

**HON. ALUSINE MARAH:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I stand on S. O 23. I want to report to this House and to the government that Koinadugu District is facing fire and wind disasters. In my Constituency, four villages: Yandakolia, Masadukoro, Benikoro and one other village in Mongo Chieftdom were affected. We had fire accident that has led to the loss of life and property. The people are calling on me to report to government for assistance. We have already reported the matter to the Office of National Security (ONS). I want everybody, including NGOs to assist the people of Koinadugu.

**HON. MOHAMED L. MANSARAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I have been engaging my brain for quite a long time. With your leave Mr Speaker, I now engage my mouth (*Laughter*). Mr Speaker, I stand on S. O 23. Members of the Health Committee will agree with me that, we summoned the CMO, who is the technical expert in the

Department of Health. We summoned the CMO for him to give us a comprehensive report on what is happening, especially on the Ebola disease. He did respond Mr Speaker. They came to the Health Committee and explained to us the measures they have taken and what exactly they are doing. In turn, the Chairperson asked them to suggest a date for us to meet again and discuss how far they could be able to engage all Members of Parliament on this Ebola disease. They promised that when they go back, they would try to consult the Minister of Health.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is a Committee that is responsible for the day to day affairs of what is happening in the Health Ministry. The Chairperson called the Minister, asking what has happened; or whether she is well au faint with what is going on. The Minister did not even consult the CMO. That is what exactly happened. I called the Chairperson and asked what was happening in the Committee. She was not even acquainted with what is happening. The Minister came directly to the leadership of this House and the Clerk. We were in the canteen and we saw the clerk calling Members of Parliament for the meeting. To my dismay, my colleagues were asking what was going on. I told them that I was not aware.

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I just wanted to re-echo what my colleague has said, regarding the Health Committee. I believe you have professional people... - *(Interruption)*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, according to our Standing Orders, you do not repeat what has already been said.

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** Mr Speaker, I stand on S. O. 23. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, You have responsible people in the Health Committee; and I strongly believe that... - *(Interruption)*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Do you want to say something different from what has been said by the last speaker?

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** Yes Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Well, say what you want to say. Please, do not repeat any word of what he has already said.

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** I am saying something different Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** Please proceed with what you want to say.

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, our responsibility in the Health Committee is to make sure that this country knows about Ebola. And we have done our best. It is unfortunate that the Minister came without informing the Health Committee and even the Chairperson. We should not waste our time on the mistake that has happened. I think we need to focus on the way forward. The issue is how we can organise ourselves to sensitise the people of this country. Parliamentarians should involve in the fight against Ebola. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, my question to you is, when your people decided to invite the CMO to your Committee to tell them about Ebola, did you extend the same invitation to the Minister?

**HON. DR ABDULAI SESAY:** Mr Speaker, the Chairperson is not here Sir. Therefore, I cannot give you an answer Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** You cannot? Honourable Isata Kabia, was any invitation extended to the Minister?

**HON. ISATA KABIA:** Mr Speaker, unfortunately, I was not here at the time when the CMO was summoned. So, I was not aware of that Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Mohamed L. Mansaray, do you want to say something on that?

**HON. MOHAMED MANSARAY:** The Chairperson did Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** If she did, what is the evidence? Mind you Honourable Mansaray, do you know that when this Parliament summoned anybody, if that individual fails to appear, it is contempt.

**HON. MOHAMED MANSARAY:** Yes Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Now, I do not think an invitation was extended to the Minister. If there is any evidence of that please let me know.

**HON. MICHELE SHO-SAWYER:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S. O 23. I would like to announce to this House the passing of the late Hector Reginald Sylvanus Bolton, who was the last living individual as part of the delegation to Lancaster House for our Independence. There will be a civic laying out on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. There will be a funeral at Christ Church and Mr Bolton's house at King Seller Street, Off Syke Street, Freetown. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you very much. That is the end of all announcements. Honourable Ajibola Manley-Spaine, as I have already said, Parliament would rise for the Easter break next week. So, if we are certain that the Chief Justice is going to engage Parliament, then would you like to suggest a tentative date?

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** Mr Speaker, I would suggest Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014?

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, you have suggested next week Tuesday.

**HON. AJIBOLA MANLEY-SPAINE:** Yes Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, if the Chief Justice has to face Parliament, she will have to meet us in Committee Room 1. She should not come in this Chambers. I hope we understand that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*(The House rose at 11.50 a.m. and was adjourned until Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, at  
10.00 a.m.)*