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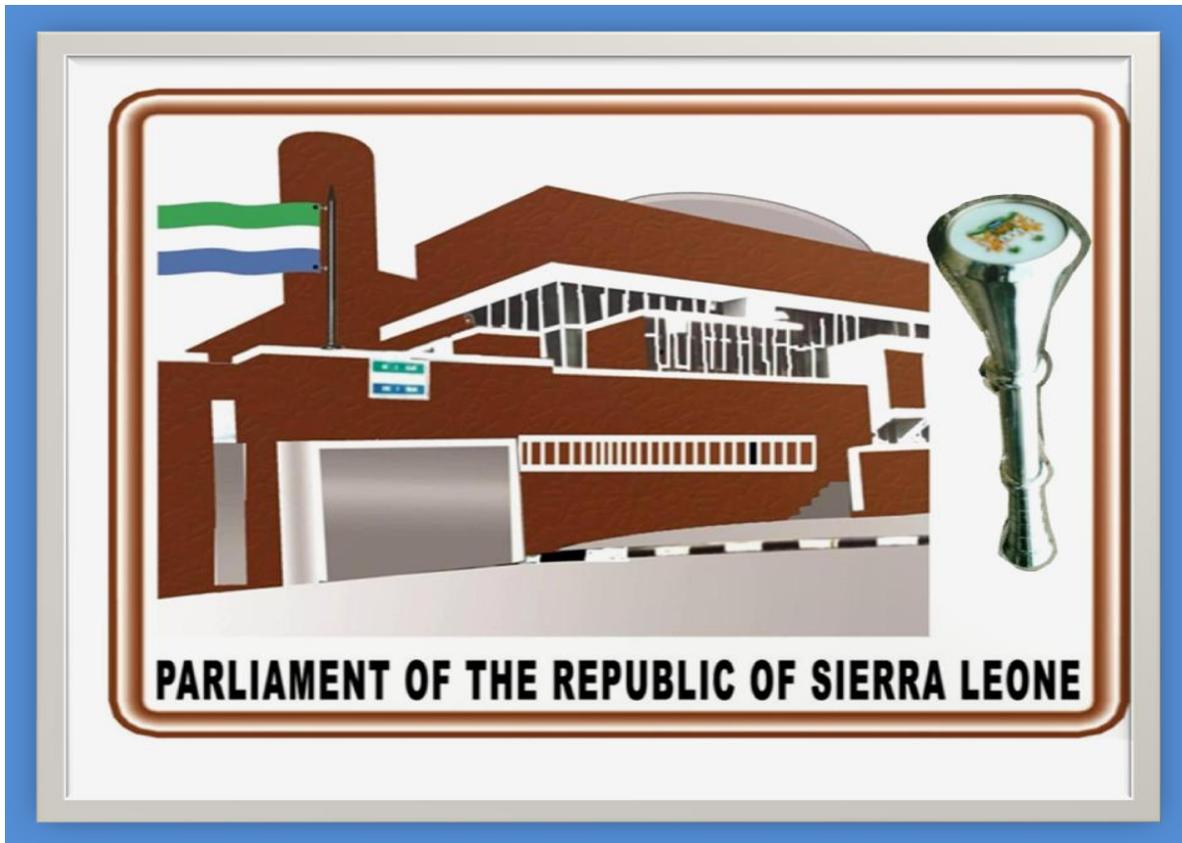
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### **FIRST SESSION-FIRST MEETING OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Thursday, 12 September, 2013.**

*The House met at 10:07 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.*

#### **I. PRAYERS**

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

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

The House was called to Order

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Mr Speaker, I move that S.O 5(2) be suspended so that the business of the House may commence.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. BUNDU SONGOWA:** Mr Speaker I so second.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any counter motion?

*(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)*

**HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA:** Mr Speaker, with your leave I would like to make an amendment on the Order Paper, relating to item III (a). The paper in question is to be laid by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee; but incidentally, he is presently serving as Speaker in today's sitting. In that case, I would like to move an amendment to the effect that the paper be laid by the Honourable Komba E. Koedoyoma in his capacity as the Deputy Chair of the Public Accounts Committee.

**THE SPEAKER:** I am sure there is no objection to that. And if there is no objection, I take it that the Order Paper has been adopted as amended.

*(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To)*

*(The Order Paper was unanimously adopted as amended).*

## **II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2013.**

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Can someone move that the record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 be adopted as presented?

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

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. SULAIMAN M. SISAY:** I so second Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any counter motion?

*(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)  
(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013  
was unanimously adopted as presented)*

### **III PAPERS LAID**

- (i) HONOURABLE KOMBA E. KOEDYOYOMA, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC)

**HON. KOMBA E. KOEDYOYOMA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, permit me to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the Audit Report of the Audit Service Sierra Leone, entitled: "Performance Audit Report on the Rehabilitation of Prisoners by the Sierra Leone Prisons Service, July 2013 (*Applause*).

- (ii) THE CHAIRMAN TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Local Government Act of 2004 gives Local Councils more powers to decide on how to spend public funds in their areas so that they can meet local people's needs. Residence of the locality should be consulted before council approves it. Therefore, the Transparency and Accountability Committee, today presents to this House in accordance with Section 73(3) of the Standing Orders of our Parliament the report that covers all 19 councils in the country. The report is structures in two parts:

1. the executive summary; and

2. Committee sittings and evidences submitted by councils under oath.

Therefore Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the table the Report on follow-up and Sensitization Oversight to Local Councils Nationwide 2013 (*Applause*).

**THE SPEAKER:** Before the Leader says anything, I would just want to kindly request from the Office of the Clerk and that of the Public Relations Department to assist us in ensuring that Sierra Leoneans are well informed about the resumption of Parliament. If you look at the gallery, you will find out that it is empty. I am making this request publicly. I want you to ensure that you execute this exercise.

**HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA:** Mr Speaker, before the announcements commences, I will like you to know that there is a workshop currently organised by the Auditor General's Office for journalists. This has coincided with the opening of Parliament today. Members of the public are quite aware that Parliament is to resume its activities today. That explains why the journalists are not here.

Mr Speaker, I want to make an announcement for the information of all Members of Parliament that there is going to be a pre-legislative briefing on the Bill "*The Produce Monitoring Board*." I am sure there is a notice and all Members are aware of this. I also like to announce that there is going to be a sitting tomorrow. The sitting for tomorrow should have been adjourned to next week, but because of certain circumstances, we are going to have a sitting tomorrow in lieu of the sitting that we would have had the following week. Thank you very much.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*(The House rose at 10.21 a.m. and was adjourned until Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, at 10.00 a.m.)*