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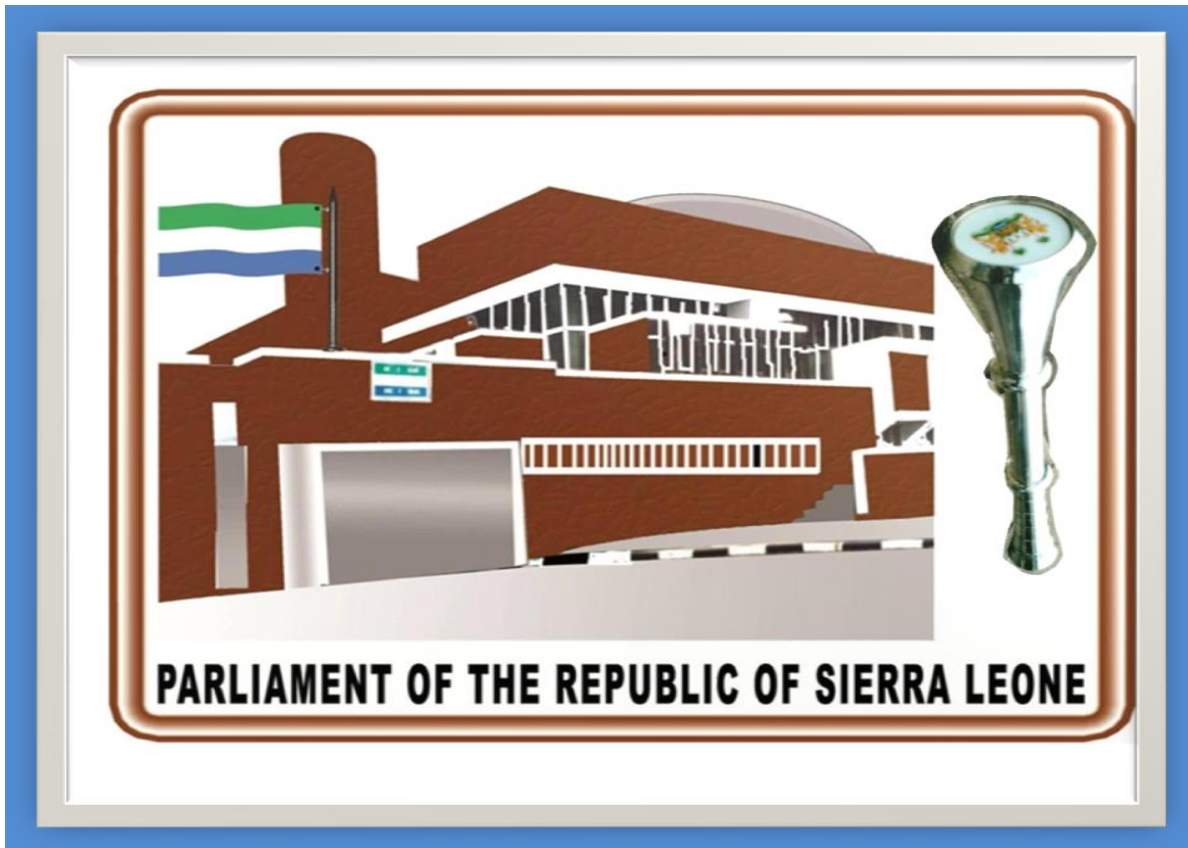
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Monday, 16th December, 2013.

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

I. PRAYERS

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

[The Speaker, Hon. Abel Nathaniel Bankole Stronge, in the Chair].

The House was called to Order

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2013

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the records of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 4th December, 2013. As usual, we go page by page. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Can somebody move that the record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 4th December, 2013 be adopted as presented?

HON. MOHAMED KAMARA: I so move Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. ALIE BADDARA MUNU: I so second Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any counter motion?

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To)

*(Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 4th December 2013
was unanimously adopted as presented)*

III. BILL

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THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I understand that these sittings were specifically for the presentation of reports from different Sub-Appropriation Committees. Are the reports ready?

HON. CLAUDE D. M.KAMANDA (*Majority Chief Whip*): Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Report for Group 1 is ready for presentation.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA (*Majority Leader of the House*): Mr Speaker, my understanding is that the reports of the various Committees have not been distributed to every Member of Parliament.

HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, a copy of my Report has been submitted to the Printing Unit for them to multiply and distribute to Members of Parliament.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, in addition to that the situation in the Chamber is most undesirable as it were. Therefore, it would be difficult for us to sit in this Chamber without A/C. The atmosphere is not conducive at all.

THE SPEAKER: Can you put this in a motion, Honourable Member?

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that, because of the situation in the Chambers and the fact that the reports of the various Committees have not been circulated, we adjourn this sitting to 12:00 p.m.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader, I will strongly urge that we adjourn to tomorrow. There is no certainty on what has been said about these reports.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: I will accept that Mr Speaker. But I want to inform Members that we are in for a crash programme. Therefore, I would agree with the Speaker that we adjourn to tomorrow. But we have to understand that we are in for a crash programme. This is because the process must be completed tomorrow or perhaps, Wednesday. I would like to ask all Chairmen of the Sub-appropriation Committees to ensure that their reports are ready and that they should be circulated to everybody.

THE SPEAKER: If what I am going to say may help, may I therefore suggest that you tell the Chairmen of the various Sub-appropriation Committees that they make themselves available to you latest 12:00 noon today.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: In that respect Mr Speaker, I would ask all Chairmen of the Sub-appropriation Committees to report in my office at 11:00 a.m. today.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Honourable Members, I understand from the Deputy Minority Leader that you were in my office this morning. Did you follow what I suggested to you?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Well, I was waiting for your indulgence Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Whose indulgence, Honourable Member?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Mr Speaker's indulgence.

THE SPEAKER: I disagree with you. Have you forgotten what you told me less than 45 minutes ago?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Mr Speaker, the reason why I did not go by what we said is because we did not have a quorum before you came in. Therefore, I thought it fit not to get up and make the changes we have proposed.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you for accorded me with all this respect. Mr Deputy Minority Leader, can you now do what I suggested to you? You cannot do it on microphone. You know what we spoke about. Have you forgotten what we spoke earlier?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Yes Mr Speaker. That is what I am about to do now.

THE SPEAKER: You have forgotten?

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Mr Speaker, let me have a word with the Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER: Go to him and talk.

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: The Maize is there Mr Speaker. With the leave of Mr Speaker, can we ask that the Maize be covered so that the Majority Leader and I can talk?

THE SPEAKER: I would suggest you go through the respective doors please.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Ansu J. Kaikai has not done it the way it should be done. I am asking that because of this situation, I confer with the Deputy Minority Leader.

THE SPEAKER: You can do that outside.

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is with great sadness that I have to announce to the House that we have lost the former Deputy Speaker of this House, Honourable Elizabeth Alpha Lavalie. She passed away yesterday, the 17th December, 2013. Previously, she had served as Deputy Speaker of this House from the 2000-2007. She was also a member of the ECOWAS Parliament. I wish to let all of us know and let the Lord Speaker himself know that we have lost an illustrious daughter of this country.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Deputy Minority Leader, in accordance with the Parliamentary tradition, may I ask all of us to rise for a minute silence? A minute of silence was observed. May she rest in peace?

ADJOURNMENT

(The House rose at 10.20 a.m. and was adjourned until Tuesday, 17th December, 2013, at 10.00 a.m.)