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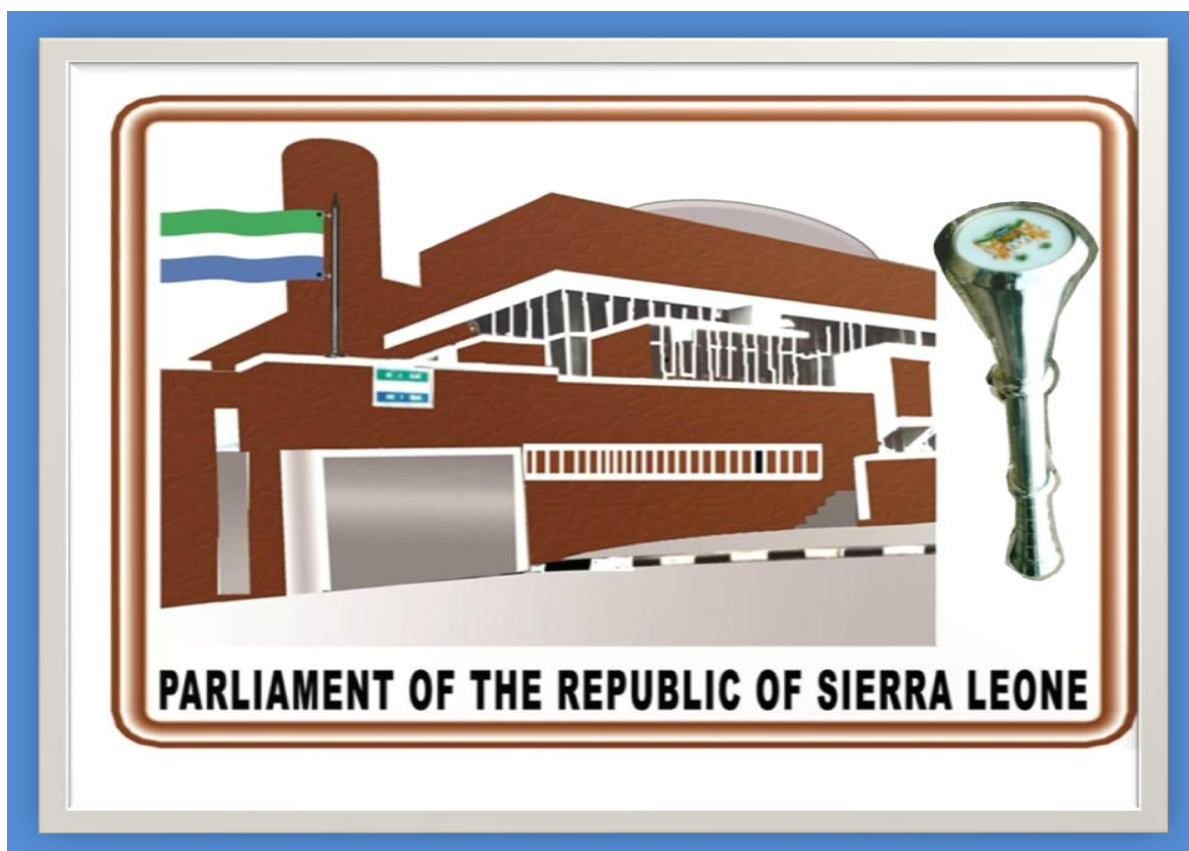
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SECOND SESSION – SECOND MEETING OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC

Tuesday, 1st April, 2025.

I. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Mr Alimamy Lincoln Bangura, Read the Prayers]

[The House met at 10:18 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]

[The Speaker, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, in the Chair]

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S.O 5[2]

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I beg to amend the Order Paper by expunging item A[1] from the Order Paper and A[2] will now become item A[1] and A[3] becomes item A[2]. I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[The Motion to amend the Order Paper has been carried]

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2025.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Thursday, 27th March 2025. As usual, we shall skip Pages 1 to 4 and start with Page 5? Do you have any correction or amendment to make on Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? Page 13? Page 14? If there is no amendment, can a Member move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Thursday, 27th March 2025 as presented?

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. IDRIS S. KAMARA: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[The Record of Votes and Proceedings for the Parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 27th March 2025 has been adopted as presented]

III. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER: I do not have any announcement to make.

IV. PAPERS LAID

A. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

SAPTIEU ELIZABETH SACCOH ESQ [The Deputy Attorney General and Minister of Justice]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with your leave, I beg to lay on Table of this House the following papers:

[i] The Patents Regulations and Industrial Designs Act, 2012 [Act No. 10 of 2012].

- The Patents and Industrial Designs Regulations, 2024
- Statutory Instrument No. 20 of 2024.

[ii] The Trade Marks Regulations, 2024.

- The Trade Marks Acts, 2014 [Act No. 8 of 2014]
- Statutory Instrument No. 19 of 2025

B. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and pursuant to Standing Orders 18 [5], I beg to lay on the Table of this House the following papers:

- The Environment Protection Agency Act, 2022 [Act No.15 of 2022]
- The Lead In Paint Regulations, 2025
- Statutory Instrument No.1 of 2025.

C. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and pursuant to Standing Orders 18 [5], I beg to lay on the Table of this House the following paper:

Financial Year [FY] 2025 Gender Budget Statement.

D. THE MINISTER OF GENDER AND CHILDREN'S AFFAIRS.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on behalf of the Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs and pursuant to Standing Orders 18 [5], I beg to lay on the Table of this House the following paper:

- The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Regulations, 2024.
- The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, 2022 [Act No.23 of 2022]
- Statutory Instrument No. 16 of 2024.

V. GOVERNMENT MOTION

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, a moment ago, I drew your attention to the instruments from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and it is now left with you to engage them. We have written a notice to the Office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice in line with the document from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to avoid legal implications. Furthermore, we also notified them about their document which has stayed too long in the Internal Notice Paper. So, this is a government Motion and therefore it is left with you to engage

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. They have to put somebody in charge of this document, otherwise the Business Committee will expunge same from the Internal Notice Paper if we do not hear from them in the shortest possible time.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, we will send it back to them. Thank you very much Mr Leader of Government Business. Did they send any excuse? Parliament sits at 10:00 a.m. and we cannot continue to be waiting for the Minister.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I beg to amend the Order Paper by expunging item V that ought to have been piloted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed Put and Agreed to]

[The Motion to amend the Order Paper has been carried]

ADJOURNMENT

[The House rose at 2:40 p.m., and was adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 at 10:00 a.m.]