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

Tuesday, 2nd July, 2013.

The House met at 11:10 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.

I. PRAYERS

[The Legislative Clerk, Mr Lamin Yansaneh, Read the Prayers].

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

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S. O 5(2)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I believe you were informed about the late commencement of proceedings today. I was out of the building on official matters which required my presence.

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2013.

As usual, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 20th June, 2013. 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 Thursday, 20th June, 2013 be adopted as presented?

HON. ROSALINE J. SMITH: Mr Speaker I so move.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. ALIEU BADARA K. MUNU: I so second Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any counter motion?

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

***Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 20th June, 2013
Was unanimously adopted as presented***

III. PAPERS LAID

(A) THE MINISTER OF ENERGY

- (i) The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (Fees and Charges) Regulations, 2013
- (ii) The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act, 2012 (Act No. 7 of 2012)
Statutory Instrument No.8 of 2013

MR ROBIN COKER (Minister of Energy): Mr Speaker, Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, I beg to lay before this Parliament;

The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (Fees and Charges) Regulations, 2013 emanating from The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act, 2012 (Act No. 7 of 2012) Statutory Instrument No.8 of 2013. Thank you.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in my capacity as the Leader of Government Business, I beg to lay on the table the following paper:

Treaty for the Construction, Operation and Development of the CLSG Interconnection Line between Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea adopted in Abidjan on 5th March 2012.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Development and in my capacity as Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business, I beg to lay the following papers on the table:

- i. CLSG interconnection Finance Contract between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the European Investment Bank, dated 10th December, 2012; and
- ii. ISTISNA'A Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank concerning Financing for Linking Smallholder Farmers to Markets in the Republic of Sierra Leone, dated 22nd May 2013.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The Council of Legal Education (Admission into Sierra Leone Law School) Regulations, 2013

The Council of Legal Education Act, 1989 (Act No.1 of 1989)

Statutory Instrument No.3 of 2013

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on behalf of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, and in my capacity as Leader of Government business, I beg to lay on the Table the following Statutory Instrument

The Council of Legal Education (Admission into Sierra Leone Law School) Regulations, 2013

The Council of Legal Education Act, 1989 (Act No.1 of 1989)

Statutory Instrument No.3 of 2013

IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSER: HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA

SECONDER: HON. KONBA E. KOEDOYOMA

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the excerpt of the Fourteenth Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the house and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

HON. IBRAHIM BUNDU: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to move a motion in respect of the Statutory Instrument laid by the...- (*Interruption*).

THE SPEAKER: No, excuse me, excuse me Mr. Clerk, which item on the order paper did you call just now? We are now on number 4.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, I would want to ask for a special dispensation. Normally, when a Statutory Instrument is laid on the Table, if there is going to be any motion on that, that has to be stated by somebody in the House. But that is not normally included on the Order Paper that there is going to be a motion on that. After the Statutory Instrument has been laid, then, the motion could follow subsequently. So, I am sure Mr Speaker that was what the Honourable Deputy Majority Leader wanted to do. And if the Speaker does not mind, I would crave the indulgence of the Speaker to allow that dispensation.

THE SPEAKER: I do mind. When next are we sitting? Are we sitting tomorrow?

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: No Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Well, let that motion come up on Thursday Sir.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: As the Honourable Speaker pleases.

THE SPEAKER: Let us move to item 4.

IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSER: HON. S.B.B. DUMBUYA

SECONDER: HON. ERIC KOEDYOYOMA

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the excerpt of the Fourteenth Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, before we proceed, the seconder of that motion is not in the Chamber. Therefore, I would like to make an amendment to the motion on the seconder. Instead of Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma, it is now Honourable Ansumana Jaia Kaikai.

THE SPEAKER: Have you asked for his consent?

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Yes Mr Speaker. Can you read that again please with the amendments?

IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSER: HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA

SECONDER: HON. ANSUMANA JAIA KAIKAI

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I present to you Second Excerpt of the 14th Report of the Committee on Appointments and the public Service on Parliamentary Vetting of Presidential Nominations.

1. Introduction

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service met on Tuesday, 11th June, 2013 and interviewed seven (7) Presidential nominees for appointments to the following positions:

Mr Speaker the three have already been dealt with so I proceed now to the one under discussion.

2. Procedure

The Committee consistently followed its established procedures and put inquiring questions to the nominee pertaining to his educational backgrounds, track records in

relevant work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and his plans and visions for a successful tenure.

3. NINETEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2013

The following nominee was interviewed along six others:

Mr Unisa Sahid Kamara, Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority Representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

Mr Kamara joined the Civil Service in 1993 and after a brief sojourn in the Ministries of Health and Information, was posted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2000 as Assistant Secretary and has worked in that Ministry to date. He is currently the Director of Administration and Finance.

Responding to probing questions, Mr. Kamara noted that as an institutional representative on the board, he was capable of adequately representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and would do his best to meet the Ministry's trust and that of the Committee.

5. Recommendation:

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominee to be suitably qualified for his proposed appointment and is recommended to the House for approval: Mr Unisa Sahid Kamara, Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority, Representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperations.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Second Excerpt of the Fourteenth Report portrays the collective view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Second Excerpt of the Fourteenth Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and

the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendation contained therein be approved. Signed by Honourable S. B. B. Dumbuya, Chairman.

HON. ANSU J. KAIKAI: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members I rise to second the motion.

(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)

(Motion of the Committee on Appointment and the Public Service was unanimously ratified)

THE SPEAKER: Mr Kamara, it is now my duty to congratulate you on your new office. Have a good day Mr Kamara.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO A SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEE:

(I) COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

HON. S. B. B. DUMBUYA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this is a correction to an amendment that had been made and the announcement was made by me. But after some consultations with the Minority Leader, certain corrections have to be made which I am going to announce now. It was previously announced that the Honourable James M. Alie should now go to the Committee on Trade and Industry as Member of that Committee as it was previously. But it was erroneously announced that James Alie was to be the Deputy Chairman of that Committee. Well, as a matter of fact, there had been a substantive Deputy Chairman in the person of Honourable Mustapha Braima. So, the correction now is that, James Alie is a Member of the Committee on Trade; and Member and Deputy Chairman of that Committee is the Honourable Mustapha Braima.

Mr Speaker, I would like to announce this for the information of all Members of Parliament that there is going to be a Supplementary Budget on Thursday, 4th July,

2013. Thursday has been slated for the presentation of the Supplementary Budget.
Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENTS

*(The House rose at 12.05 p.m. and was adjourned until Thursday, 4th July, 2013, at
10.00 a.m.)*