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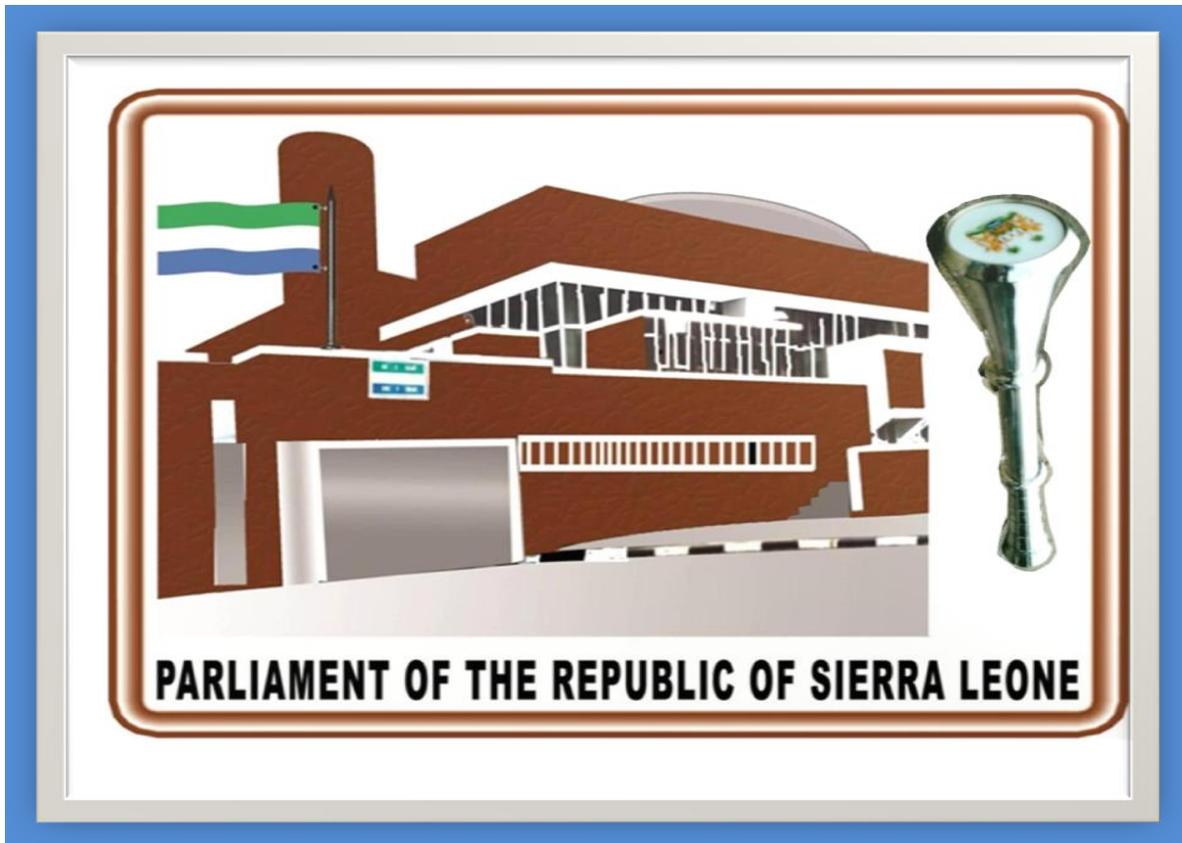
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*THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE*

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**FIFTH SESSION – FIRST MEETING  
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OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.**

**I. PRAYERS**

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

*[The House met at 11:21 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown].*

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

The House was called to Order

*Suspension of S. O. 5[2]*

**II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? There being no corrections or amendments would someone move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

**HON. LAHAI MARAH:** Mr Speaker, I so move.

**HON. MOHAMED KAMARA:** I so second Mr Speaker

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 has been adopted as presented]*

**III. PAPERS LAID**

[A] HON. ALPHA B. LEWALLY – MEMBER OF THE GLOBAL TB CAUCUS

THE GLOBAL TB CAUCUS, 2ND AFRICAN TB SUMMIT REPORT ACCRA, GHANA, 10<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

**HON. ALPHA B. LEWALLY:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Global TB Summit, which was held in Accra, Ghana, on 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

[B] THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, can we proceed with [B] because it has been brought to my notice that there are certain anomalies that are still to be rectified.

**HON. PC BAI KURR KANAGBARO SANKA III:** Mr Speaker, we looked at some of the issues this morning before we came to this Chambers and some were found to be language problems. When we verified the constituencies and wards, we discovered that

that they were correct. I would like to state here that Bamoi Luma is not included and we thought it fit to correct that mistake. The word Kambia was also misspelt. They have agreed to effect the necessary corrections. However, the figures are all correct and we thought it fit to accept the document. We have arranged that with the NEC. The other concerns people raised was when they divided the sections. Some sections are in two wards and the people did not understand. Nevertheless, it has been rectified.

**THE SPEAKER:** Madam Minority Leader, I hope you heard what the Paramount Chief said. There are those who feel that the anomalies in this document are only centred on the language, then we can still proceed to laying them [*Applause*].

**HON. DR BERNADETTE LAHAI [*Minority Leader of the House*]:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we agreed that this document should be laid. However, between the period of laying and debating the document, Members of Parliament should again look at the old and new documents. In other words, after the document would have been laid, Members of Parliament could go back and look at both documents. If there are changes that are not reflected in the new document, then those changes would be brought to the attention of the NEC. If the NEC believes that there is a legitimate change that is not reflected, then those pages where those changes are could only be printed and inserted with the new correction. However, that will only happen if every Member of Parliament takes time to compare the two documents. This is because in the process of working, we were told that they were working on this document till 4 a.m.; and in the process, sometimes mistakes are bound to happen not deliberately, but inadvertently. That was why we agreed for this document to be laid. In that respect, I want to implore Members of Parliament to really look at the two documents together and come up with any concerns to the notice of the NEC; and if the NEC believes that those concerns are legitimate and genuine, then only those pages could be amended and inserted.

**THE SPEAKER:** I have a big apprehension Honourable Members. As a Parliament, we should not lay any paper that is not properly before the House. So, I do not understand when you talked about debating this document. We shall debate these documents, but

then we would have made an initial mistake because this document is not properly before the House. In that regard, it should not have been laid at all.

**HON. HASSAN B. SHERIFF:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I think we should go ahead with the process. We met in the Speaker's Conference Room, where we looked at few constituencies and wards. I think the issue here is overlapping of one ward with another ward within the district and that was acceptable, according to the NEC. So, I do not see any ambiguity in this process. We should go ahead with the process.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, in view of what has been said so far by the Acting Majority Leader and Minority Leader, I will put the question to vote.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[The decision to lay the document was carried]*

**[B] THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

**MR ARROW BOCKARIE** *[Deputy Attorney-General and Minister of Justice]:*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the following Constitutional and Statutory Instruments:

[1] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] ORDER, 2017  
THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.116 OF 2017

[2] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [KAILAHUN DISTRICT] [EASTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017  
THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.117 OF 2017

[3] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [KENEMA DISTRICT] [EASTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017  
THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.118 OF 2017

[4] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [KONO DISTRICT] [EASTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.119 OF 2017

[5] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [BOMBALI DISTRICT]  
[NORTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.120 OF 2017

[6] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [FALABA DISTRICT]  
[NORTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.121 OF 2017

[7] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] KOINADUGU  
DISTRICT] [NORTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.122 OF 2017

[8] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [TONKOLILI  
DISTRICT] [NORTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.123 OF 2017

[9] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES) [KAMBIA DISTRICT]  
[NORTH WESTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.124 OF 2017

[10] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [KARENE DISTRICT]  
[NORTH WESTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.125 OF 2017

[11] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES) [PORT LOKO  
DISTRICT] [NORTH WESTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]  
CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.126 OF 2017

[12] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES]

[BO DISTRICT] [SOUTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.127 OF 2017

[13] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [BONTHE DISTRICT] [SOUTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.128 OF 2017

[14] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [MOYAMBA DISTRICT] [SOUTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.129 OF 2017

[15] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [PUJEHUN DISTRICT] [SOUTHERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.130 OF 2017

[16] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [WESTERN RURAL DISTRICT] [WESTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.131 OF 2017

[17] PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS [DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES] [WESTERN URBAN DISTRICT] [WESTERN REGION] ORDER, 2017

THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 [ACT NO.6 OF 1991]

CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENT NO.132 OF 2017

[18] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 133 OF 2017

[19] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KAILAHUN DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 134 OF 2017

[20] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KENEMA DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 135 OF 2017

[21] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KENEMA CITY COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 136 OF 2017

[22] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KOIDU NEW SEMBEHUN CITY  
COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 137 OF 2017

[23] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KONO DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
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THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 138 OF 2017

[24] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [BOMBALI DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
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THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 139 OF 2017

[25] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [MAKENI CITY COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 140 OF 2017

[26] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [FALABA DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
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THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 141 OF 2017

[27] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KOINADUGU DISTRICT COUNCIL]  
ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 142 OF 2017

[28] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [TONKOLILI DISTRICT COUNCIL]  
ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 143 OF 2017

[29] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KAMBIA DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
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THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 144 OF 2017

[30] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [KARENE DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
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THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 145 OF 2017

[31] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [PORT LOKO CITY COUNCIL] ORDER,  
2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 146 OF 2017

[32] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [PORT LOKO DISTRICT  
COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]  
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 147 OF 2017

[33] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [BO CITY COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017  
THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 148 OF 2017

[34] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [BO DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017  
THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 149 OF 2017

[35] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [BONTHE CITY COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017  
THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 150 OF 2017

[36] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [BONTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 151 OF 2017

[37] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [MOYAMBA DISTRICT COUNCIL] ORDER,  
2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 152 OF 2017

[38] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [PUJEHUN DISTRICT  
COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 153 OF 2017

[39] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 154 OF 2017

[40] THE WARD BOUNDARY [DELIMITATION] [WESTERN AREA URBAN FREETOWN  
CITY COUNCIL] ORDER, 2017

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 [ACT NO.4 OF 2012]

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 155 OF 2017

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, the documents in question have been laid. Before they were laid, I heard the Honourable Bashiru Silikie saying, S.O. 2 'mek den lay dem, we dae go stɔdi dem.' That is quite correct because you should go and study the documents. Statutory Instrument have limitations in terms of the expiry date and the moment those dates expire and nothing is heard by way of objections, the said documents automatically become law. So, please go and study these documents carefully, even scrupulously. That is the piece of advice I would want to proffer.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, these Statutory Instruments are being presented to us as Members of Parliament before now. I believe all of us have studied them and we are very comfortable with these documents. They have been laid as per procedure. If there is no objection, we believe they should become a law. I am saying this because before now, you said that people had contention with these documents. Honourable Members, we should not forget that these documents are coming here now because they had some issues before and they were withdrawn from this Parliament. They have been tabled again today. We have studied the documents before and we have done some corrections. I want to believe that those corrections that we made should have been included. I want to believe again that we are comfortable with these documents.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Bashiru Silikie, the question Honourable Members are asking is that what were you saying? Are you merely re-echoing what the Speaker has said?

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Yes, Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you very much.

**MR ARROW BOCKARIE:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker and Honourable Members.

**THE SPEAKER:** Joseph Fitzgerald Kamara is also a friend of Parliament [*Undertone*].

**ADJOURNEMENT**

*[The House rose at 12:12p.m., and was adjourned to Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017 at  
10:00 a.m.]*