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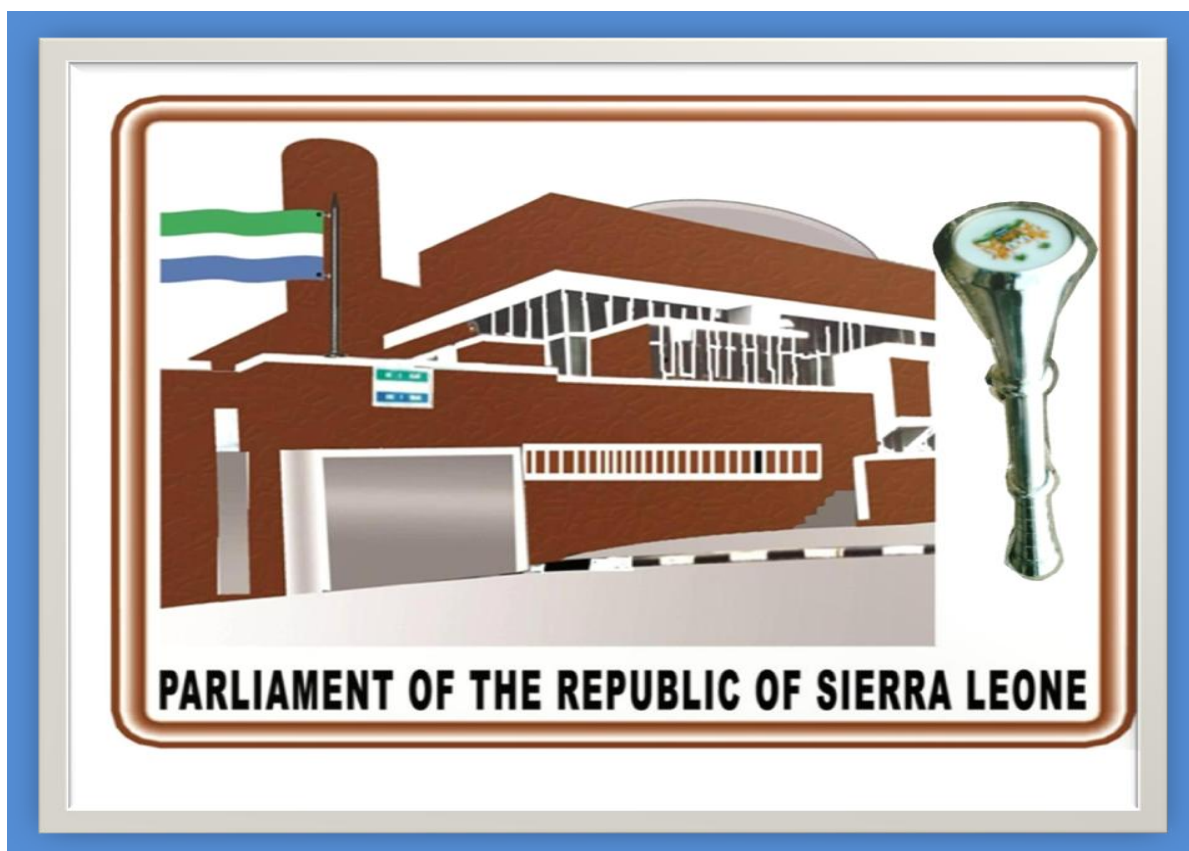
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### **FIRST SESSION – FIRST MEETING OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

#### **I. PRAYERS**

*[The Acting Clerk, Mr Gilbert Bosco N'habay read the Prayers]*

*[The House met at 10:00 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]  
[ The Speaker, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas in the Chair]*

The House was called to Order

## **II. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, as usual we skip from pages 1 to 4. Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10. Can a Member please move the Votes and Proceedings of the parliamentary sitting held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024?

**HON. NENNEH LEBBIE:** I so move Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any Seconder?

**HON. MASSAY ARUNA:** I so second Mr Speaker.

***[Question proposed put and Agree to]***

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 has been adopted]*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER**

**THE SPEAKER:** Proceed!

### **PAPER LAID**

### **THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION**

**MR REX BONAPHA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with your leave I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following Paper:

Concession Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Gento Group of Company Sierra Leone Limited for the design, financing and construction and operationalization of Seaport within the Dublin and Ricket communities of Banana Island and logistic hub [harbour terminal] at Kent in Sierra Leone dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, another thing has started again, which will be contrary for what you wish in this Parliament, because yesterday respectfully I texted the Leader of Government Business if Members have copies of the Bill and he said yes.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Bill?

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Yes, the Bill because Members only received their copies this morning and they are only coming with mine now. We do not want the public to see us been crossed apart, pulling down each other that is not the issue, but for the purpose of propriety can you expect us to do due diligence now? When Members are only having copies of the Bill now and we want to enact an important Law now, do you expect that?

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Leader, this is very serious.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Honourable Speaker, there are structures in this House and we respect those structures. The Chairman of this Committee is Honourable Abdul Latiff Sesay. We talked yesterday on this Bill and I told the Director of Legislative Services to do the circulation of the Bill so I do not know why he is blaming me, please let me make my point, do not interrupt me because when you were talking I allowed you to make your points.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is alright.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Members are expected to be in Parliament from Monday to Friday so the Bill was circulated yesterday so if you did not collect your Bill yesterday why do you have to blame me?

**THE SPEAKER:** No, what he is saying is that he did not get his Bill yesterday.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, he came to me and I said go to the Director of Legislative Services, he is in charge. I cannot sit in my office and serve Members; it is the responsibility of the Director of Legislative Services.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Director when did you circulate the Bill?

**MR MOHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** Yesterday Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** You started yesterday and you completed this morning.

**MOHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** Well it depends because some Members of Parliament were not in Parliament yesterday.

**THE SPEAKER:** But that is why they have their pigeon holes.

**MR MAHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** Yes we did that Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** Good Morning Honourable Sidi Tunis.

**MR MOHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** Honourable Speaker, the administrative structure we have put in place is the fact that whenever a Member goes for paper at the Dispatch he or she should sign for it, so that we have evidence in case a Member comes and says he or she does not have the particular paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** What I want to know is that did you circulate the document yesterday?

**MR MOHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** The notice leading to circulation was made but I cannot ascertain whether all of them received their Bills yesterday.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Daniel Koroma your point is noted.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Legislative Services Director please ensure that Bills or documents are not served to MPs in the Chamber let it be served at least within 24 hours.

**MR MOHAMED LAMIN DEEN ROGERS:** Noted Sir.

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you Leader of the Opposition for bringing this up.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** I do not want to go into the mathematics in calculating 24 hours.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is alright he has just raised a point and it has been resolved. Nobody is blaming you now.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Is alright but I need to make my point and he cannot even blame me. I just want to talk for the Director of Legislative Services to be very honest he is very proactive, so some of these things you cannot blame the Director.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is alright Honourable Leader of the Opposition please seize your bullets.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** You have to reprimand the Chairman for not circulating the Bill.



**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, you and I know that it is not the responsibility of the Chairman to ensure that Bills are circulated to Members on time by any relevant Committee and our business is to do due diligence for posterity because you know your mind and I know my mind.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is alright Honourable Daniel Koroma both of you save your bullets.

**HON. TAMBA KELLIE:** Mr Speaker...

**THE SPEAKER:** Please Honourable Tamba Kellie if it is on this matter let us not go into that please.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, maybe he has relevant point to make or is it the colour of the Bill that is disturbing you?

## **BILL**

### **NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE AMENDMENT ACT, 2024**

#### **THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS**

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that the Bill entitled the National Youth Service Amendment Act 2024 be read for the first time.

#### **[QUESTION PROPOSED PUT AND AGREED TO]**

[The Bill entitled the National Youth Service Amendment Act, 2024 has been read the first time]

#### **SECOND READING**

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that the Bill entitled the National Youth Service Amendment Act 2024 be read the second time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Proceed with your explanation.

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the amendment of the National Youth Service Act, 2009 reads as follows: At the time of

establishing this Act Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there was no North West Region in 2009 so I asked that we have the amendment to include the North West Region in the Act Mr Speaker, Honourable Members. Secondly, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Minister of Youth Affairs has the responsibility to prioritize National Youth Development Program upon consultation with stakeholders is another amendment Mr Speaker, Honourable Members. Another reason for the amendment Mr Speaker, we realized that the National Youth Service only catered for graduates, we want to see how we can bring on board non-graduates to be part of the National Youth Service Mr Speaker, Honourable Members. Another reason why the amendment is necessary Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the National Youth Policy is always consistent with the National Development Priority for the Youth Sector. Another reason for the amendment Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, only the Minister of Youth Service signs Service Level Agreement with serving organizations and supervises the organizations and the Agencies. Among other things Mr Speaker, on this background Mr Speaker, I now move that the National Youth Service Amendment Act, 2024 be read the second time.

### **[QUESTION PROPOSED]**

**THE SPEAKER:** Let me hear the Chairman of the Committee.

**HON. ABDUL LATIFF SESAY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Having listened to the Minister I think the Amendment is in place but however, because of the importance of the Amendment I want to suggest to this House that the Bill be committed to the Legislative Committee.

**THE SPEAKER:** So let me hear the Leader of the Opposition.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, you see what I was trying to avoid in terms of propriety and you see how down we are going when things are not done properly.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is alright Honourable Daniel Koroma please avoid that part and proceed.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, right in your presence.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, I have great respect for Honourable Daniel Koroma, I do not like to interrupt you when making your point.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Then why are you interrupting me?

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** I have the right now.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, I am just holding my peace, but the atmosphere right now I cannot accept any more, everything is just wrong even the Business Committee was never involved in arranging the Business of the House.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Leader, you see some of these things when they come up let us just handle them quietly.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, the Director is here there are text messages to the effect, I do not want to bend down the rules.

**THE SPEAKER:** Leaders meet me in my Chamber.

**MR SPEAKER STOOD DOWN THE HOUSE AT 10:35 A.M.**

**THE HOUSE RESUMED AT 10:50 A.M.**

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have listened to the Minister as he did his presentation on this Bill and I have also listened to the Chairman of the relevant Committee on his proposal, without much ado, if we are to act under S.O. 51[1] maybe this thing will be easily dealt with, otherwise Clause 2 Sub Clause 1 will be a different ball game all together. The Constitution of the governing body has proposed here by way of amendment the total figures is questionable and then sub paragraph [H] excludes Parliament which you cannot because we have Section 105 within our purview so what is stated under sub paragraph [H] can never be enough without parliamentary approval and then this provision can never be completed under your watch and under our watch as current MPs of a Parliament of which you are head that totally ignores representation of Gender especially for paragraph [H]. Gender must be taken into consideration since it is part of our Laws passed by this House you cannot ignore that one for other area. It may be statutory but for that other area must

be substantive appointment by His Excellency the President based on regional representations.

Mr Speaker, on that note, I am urging my Colleagues to contribute meaningfully to this Debate and then if we agree we can commit it to the Legislative Committee but that is left for the decision of the Leader of Government Business to decide and have a final say if we can invoke S.O. 51 [1] then Parliament can do so but in the interim we need to take note of those issues I have raised under Clause 2 Sub Clause 1. I thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Leader of Government Business.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Honourable Daniel Koroma is my personal Lawyer if you fail to consult your personal Lawyer and you want to do things in your own way, you will have problem with him. Mr Speaker, we are trying to defend the basic principles of the Standing Orders, but beyond the Standing Orders there are more things that are more entrenched than the Standing Orders we are trying to defend, so my apology in that respect in trying to strengthen the Board. Mr Speaker, I will talk to my Colleagues on the other side of the Leadership that we need full presentation from the Minister on both Bills before we tender our Report in the interest of progress. Let me assure the Leader on the other side that we need the Committee on Youth Affairs and the Legislative Committee to form a joint Committee to critically look at the Bill and it has to do with two Bills in front of us. One has to do with the Service and the other one has to do with the Commission and the Minister said we should not go into details because the pivotal aspect of our Democracy and the progress of our State has to do with our youth between 15-35 years because even in our Political Parties we are struggling to put in bracket implementing policy for our young leaders that if you are within this age bracket you should be below 35 years. Mr Speaker, if you go to Japan because the life expectancy rate for Japan is high if you are 45 years you are a very young person even at the age of 50 years so for Sierra Leone we are being deprived from our youthful age. Mr Speaker, when you were in Bonthe District those social amenities around were not available, also now in Western Area

here you find it difficult to have those facilities for children. So I was asking a question if we can actually define the two sectors one that has to do with the physiology of our Youth that during our early stage of our development were we actually given the opportunity to be Young Adult? If you take the major Parties in Sierra Leone just ask the APC side and the SLPP side to show you their Young Generation Leader they are all above 35 years old.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Daniel Koroma mentioned about the composition of the representation we have from the different areas. I am proposing that at least two shall be women; we have to take into consideration the gender disparity and try to form the equality that is challenging us. Mr Speaker, on several occasions we have tried as best as we can to see how best we can bring on board the Gender policy, we should not ignore it at all if we are forming a huge composition of such nature. Mr Speaker, we can say for Clause 2[H] a representation from each five administrative Regions of Sierra Leone with knowledge and practical experience in matters relating to financial services, but let us take into consideration that the female representation must be part of the governing body. Mr Speaker, there are more important things that we need to take note of on page 5 Clause 2[c] that has to do with civic responsibility. What do they ought to know as young people? How do we train them? How do we bring them to realise that this is what they need to know?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the other interesting side is about the self-reliance purpose of the Youth. They can also make you a professional person especially when you have in BECE or WASSCE, these are all tools that they can put into the service and the training that can make a professional person and self-reliance so it is all embedded in Clause two from A to J you can see all of these in this particular Clause. Mr Speaker, the reason why we are going to commit it to the Legislative Committee is because we are just distributing the Parent Act, I told them we do not want to do amendment when we have not looked at the Parent Act exhaustively. We need to look at the Parent Act to see which area the Committee is to repeal and what to bring in. If we go to page seven there is a fine they have levied in the old currency, you know we have changed the

currency from Million to Thousand. So those Laws we have levied in Million we need to review them because they will bring an embarrassment to the Court, the Court cannot interpret the Act. There are so many of such nature especially the one that has to do about sexual offences and other offences that we have levied charges and also the Anti-Corruption Act as well. Mr Speaker, I am just bringing you to speed because the last time you said as a progressive Parliament we need to revisit some of these Laws and this is the one that is important at the moment so we ought to look at it. Here they talked about Fifteen Million Leones but they are now proposing Fifty Thousand Leones but we have now seen the text following the fine why are you levying Fifty Thousand Leones? Why it was Fifteen Million Leones in the old currency and you are now saying Fifty Thousand Leones? That is huge money. Mr Speaker, that is why we are saying we should commit it to the Legislative Committee and the Youth Affairs Committee to also join them so that they can really look at these issues.

Mr Speaker, the provision in Section Two for example the functions of the Service Mr Speaker let me read this because the reason for job creation is very important, that is for the Commission indeed. But how do you operationalize the young people to involve themselves into some usable professional skills by having BECE and WASSCE results? The object for which the Service is established is to train graduates and non-graduates and to enhance the ability to provide services to the nation. Mr Speaker, talking about the Office of the National Security, I do not want to say much about this because it is a highly confidential and professional area but I do not know why you want to involve them in talking about operating and to assist by the Office of National Security. I do not know why they have placed it there but for Disaster Management Agency I can understand why you have it to assist but for the Office of National Security I am concerned maybe you need to clear that with me.

Mr Speaker, the Commission is specific, there are two things I would like to pick up with the Commission. First, there is clear provision Clause [E] page three under the rubric functions of the Minister established. I am happy we have this Clause now clearly stating the role of the Minister in this Commission before we were having issues when

you have the Commissioner and the Chairman of the Commission that is not looking at what the Minister is doing. If the policies are not harmonized there will be a problem. The Minister virtually is in charge of policies and he is responsible to roll down policies when the policies are passed into Laws. Mr Speaker, it is very interesting to note that Commission sometimes are appointed by the President and approves by Parliament there are divergence views. I do not know based on individuals or personalities so what we have decided to do usually Mr Minister is to bring the Commission under one umbrella to have the Minister in charge of this Commission to see how best they can run the policy they are trying to roll out.

Mr Speaker, as I said *inter alia*, addressing the issue of drugs within the Commission, one of the things maybe the Minister again has alluded to us is to understand this state of emergency we have put on synthetic drugs we have given them one year. We have not heard much from the Minister of Youth nor the Commissioner we do not know what they are really doing because this Clause provides a focal point in addressing drug abuse by Youth and its related problems. Mr Speaker, when you talk about Youth so many things come to mind as I have said there are two aspects and I challenge with your approval I will continue to talk about it, those who are victims we do not incarcerate them, we will rehabilitate them and treat them with some amount of respect, there are so many things responsible for that. Those who are importing and giving our youth drugs, for one reason or the other we know what you are going through because this is a whole lot of problems, it takes time for people to get heal from what they are going through, there are people without parents. We need to take into cognisance of where you are coming from as policies are gearing to change the dimension of what we are doing to our youth sector. We also need to change the configuration of how do we think about our young people. Today we are at this level, we are no longer at the youth bracket age, we are far above it but we would pass through by the grace of God and some of us because our parents were very careful in dealing with us at our youth age that is why we are here today.

Mr Speaker, that is the reason I fully agree with Honourable Daniel Koroma and the Chairman of Legislative Committee that we should be seen treating the issue of youth very seriously that is why I am pushing that we need to review it. Mr Speaker, is not about nomenclature, forget about nomenclature. Let us do not try to have definition that cannot befit us. In fact, this whole Commission is charged with the responsibility of coordinating them quarterly is also here so what we are saying is to change the thinking of our young people. This issue of 'Okada riding' is not their making is because they are faced with so many challenges in their communities, is the faster way of making money this is all they think about. In life everybody when coming up you look for money whether you get education or not. The Commission is in charge of holding quarterly meetings, youth sector meeting is to change their orientation to engage them positively and they are talking about the established District Youth Council.

Mr Speaker, we started talking about the establishment of Local Council how positively are we engaging them? Are we engaging them in terms of changing their lives or are we only engaging them in terms of vote, or do we want to use them for our own personal use? We need to look at that, so this is a very good one Mr Speaker, but as I said we really need to commit it to the Legislative Committee to take it very seriously. Is an appeal through your good office Mr Minister to really look at this youth bracket age because even the definition here is talking about a graduate below the age of 35 years. Some of these policies are only workable when they befit the comfort of their people if they cannot is not a policy. So that is why when we are using these policies we must domesticate them.

The final point Mr Speaker, before I take my seat, is a point to note for the Commission that they are talking about approval of Annual work plan for the Commission but I have not looked at how you are going to do for this one. Is it going to be under consultative plans? Or is it just going to come from the Commission? Or after the engagement of Youth at different sector as stated in their own very proposals as an amendment, are we now going to have a National Youth work Plan? How are we going to do this operation? We have committed ourselves in making over a thousands of jobs within a



year is it feasible for us? Are these youths employed? What type of jobs are they doing? We are talking about migrant issues; they are going for jobs to seek greener pasture how are we taking them out of this problem? So all of these things that is why we need to align these issues with other Ministries. So Mr Minister, I want you to take note of the established effective, efficient, and sustainable regulatory structure and operational capacity of the Commission so these are things we are looking for and I am happy all of them are here and we are rolling out these policies. Some of us we have involved in a lot of things for our young people even if you construct a youth centre for them you have to go after them, I am a living testament in my own locality.

So today we are happy Mr Speaker, we are having some amendments as I said Mr Speaker, the fine is in variance with the present currency structure you need to look at that one, we have similar one here but let us work together to see how best we can make this policy workable.

Finally Mr Speaker, I support that we commit this Bill to the Legislative Committee so I stand on S.O 51[1] in committing this Bill to the Legislative Committee. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Let me hear from the Minister first and foremost.

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the issue that has to do with the composition of the Board, you know very well when it comes to having Board Members, the larger the Board the more capital intensive it will be. As a responsible Minister having done thorough consultation with the team we realised that we need to reduce the Board, it is as a result of that you see the Board has been reduced to that figure. And the area that has to do with Gender, Mr Speaker, there is a Parent Law that has to do with GEWE Act, He for She there is no way you appoint full Members of the Board without having 30% female representation.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chairman Legislative Committee please take note.

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Mr Speaker, we are saying the area that has to do with gender there is a Parent Law that states 30% of the appointment should be

women and Mr Speaker the other area that has to do with the age bracket Mr Speaker there is a Ministry of Youth Affairs, there is a National Youth Commission, and there is a National Youth Service. The current youth policy that we are using Mr Speaker gives clear definition of a youth. I remember doing consultation with six thousand young people; the definition they gave was that there was a clear question asked who is a Youth? And one said any individual who sits in a ghetto is a youth, but majority of the population said every individual that is within the ages of 15 to 35 years that will be the definition of youth. This is not something that is made up Honourable Members but something based on consultations. Majority of the population are saying every individual that is between the ages of 15 to 35 years.

Mr Speaker, the area that has to do with graduates and non-graduates when COVID struck this country Mr Speaker the first individuals that were called upon to serve were the youths and Members of the National Youth Service it is as a result of this that we are saying, when there is a call for national service, the first point of call is the National Youth Service. Mr Speaker, the area that has to do with drug and substance abuse, the Commission, the Ministry because I am one person that believes that drug and substance abuse is a societal issue and we should have a societal approach to solve this problem.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the responsibility and the roles we have done as a Ministry, you will agree with me that this is the only Government and the only Ministry that has Chiefdom Youth Leaders in all the Chiefdoms across the country including Bonthe Island Mr Speaker. And today we have youth leaders representing young people in all the Chiefdoms and I am pleased to inform you Mr Speaker and Members of Parliament here present that we have new XL bikes given to this young people at Chiefdom level in the area of fighting drug and substance abuse, it is like a social contract Mr Speaker, Honourable Members. We have our role to play as a Government, we have our role to play as Members of Parliament, but I will tell you the bulk of it rest on the young people to take responsibility of their own destiny. There is no amount of stress, no amount of pressure; no amount of hardship should lead any young individual

to drug and substance abuse Mr Speaker, Honourable Members. So I will use this opportunity to call on every Member of Parliament, stakeholders present Mr Speaker, and let us use the community approach to fight drug and substance abuse. The area that has to do with bike riders Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I consider these young people as one of the most economic factor but Mr Speaker S.O. 2 'den dae hanbog me small o'.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Mr Minister, this is not your Ministry, please advise yourself.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is because you are disturbing him, proceed Mr Minister.

**MR MOHAMED ORMAN BANGURA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the area that has to do with bike riding I really want us to consider these young people riding bikes as responsible citizens in our country. Mr Speaker, there are areas in this country that you find out that young people are using their bikes as the major means of transportation. Mr Speaker, you will agree with me that there are areas in this country that are not motorable at all, these young people use their bikes to service their communities. Mr Speaker, again the area that has to do with the engagement of the Youth Council today realises that in most communities there are youth representation in most decision making. Mr Speaker, the area that has to do with the Annual Work Plan and the budget it has to sink in line with the ambition of the Ministry and His Excellency the President because most times when the Commission and the Youth Service prepare their budgets they will not be in Parliament to defend those budgets. What we are saying is that when they prepare those budgets and the work plan in consultation with the Ministry it has to be approved by the Minister of Youth Affairs. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that the Bill entitled the National Youth Amendment Acts 2024, be read the Second Time.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Mr Speaker, we have two Bills so I want you to use your good office to put both of them together that is what I want to talk to my Colleagues about.

**THE SPEAKER:** You want us to put both of them together, after talking to your Colleagues then talk to your Colleagues, but after putting the question then you can move.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** You have not put the question.

**[QUESTION PROPOSED PUT AND AGREE TO]**

[The Bill entitled the National Youth Service Amendment Act, 2024, being an Act to amend the National Youth Service Act 2016, and to provide for other related matters has been read the Second Time].

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Mr Speaker, I noticed the Clerk read only one of the Bills and the presentation so we would report on both and we now commit both to the Legislative Committee.

**THE SPEAKER:** There is some small technical itch there because we have not done the first and second reading for the other Bill but I am using my special leave to ensure that both of these Bills are committed so proceed Mr Leader with the special leave of Mr Speaker.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Before I move my Motion let me hasten to say I realised that we are not in contention with some of the issues you raised. We are trying to have in commonality in addressing the issues. We have skewed policies that are not consistent with our work. We are fully aware of the youth bracket age. We are not also discredited those who are 'Keke and Okada' riders. We said we need to look at some of the policies; we should thank you, some of the youth when they get money because 'Keke and Okada riding is the faster way of getting money, they would now educate themselves and move on. I am just an 'Ataya base man' I know what I have been doing so some of these things we are not in contention with you; we are trying to redefine the destiny of our young people.

Mr Speaker, we have to look at the Parent Bill also there are some issues we need to look at, it is not much but the content is very important and the functioning of the

Youth Service and the Commission vis-a-vis the Ministry also. We really need to look at them and this is mutually inclusive or exclusive.

Mr Speaker, these are some of the things we are just discussing and I hope that is why I said with your leave we should have two Committees not only Legislative Committee the two Committees so that we can make this Amendment a better one. I know what I am saying I have been dealing with them, so that is why I said even before we tender our Report we need to have few minutes discussion with our Colleagues on the other side to have some discussions on the issues that have to do with the Commission and the youths. It does not mean that we are gratified or domesticated with the UN provision. We have our own stories and those stories must be told and those stories must be in line with robust policies that can change the dimension of our young people. Thank you Mr Speaker, for giving me the platform to clarify some of the issues, I hope that we can monitor the Committee. Thank you Mr Speaker with all of these being said I move that the Bill, the Commission and the Youth Service be committed to the Legislative Committee for scrutiny.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any Seconder?

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** I so second Mr Speaker.

### **[QUESTION PROPOSED PUT AND AGREE TO]**

[Pursuant to S.O. 51 [1] the Bills entitled the National Youth Commission Amendment Act 2024 and the National Youth Service Amendment Act, 2024 have been committed to the Legislative Committee for scrutiny].

**THE SPEAKER:** Thank you very much Mr Minister you may now leave.

### **AJOURNMENT**

**MR SPEAKER AJOURNED THE HOUSE TO THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**AT 10:A.M.**

**THE HOUSE ROSE AT 11:35 A.M.**

