

**MEET THE LEADERSHIP OF THE**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT**  
**OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> REPUBLIC OF**  
**SIERRA LEONE**



**INTRODUCING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FIFTH  
PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND  
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**FOREWORD**




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The Parliament of Sierra Leone is the supreme legislative body in the country. Section 73 (1) of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone establishes the legislature of Sierra Leone to be known as Parliament; constituting the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Speaker and 132 directly elected Members of Parliament and 14 Paramount Chief Members of Parliament who are elected by a limited franchise to represent the 14 provincial districts in the country.

Parliament, apart from its oversight and representative duties to the citizenry of Sierra Leone, is also charged with the responsibility of making laws for the peace, security, order and good governance of the country.


It also ratifies loans, grants, agreements, and approves the national budget for the services of the Republic of Sierra Leone.



With the approval of the Finance Act, it enables the Government to generate funds for the running of the state through the alteration and imposition of taxes.

The Fifth Parliament is usually referred to as “a Hung Parliament”. It means none of the parties in the current Parliament assembled has a two thirds majority in the House. It was inaugurated on the 25th April 2018, when the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of Parliament were duly elected by Members of Parliament. The Clerk of Parliament presides over the election of the Speaker of Parliament and the Speaker in turn presides over the election of the Deputy Speaker of Parliament. Both were elected by two thirds of votes cast or by a simple majority of Members of Parliament present. The Speaker also acts as President of Sierra Leone whenever the President and his Vice are indisposed or are unable to perform their duties: pursuant to Section 54 (6) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991).


However, the Fifth Parliament was characterized with some challenges which were addressed by the Bo Declaration of 2019. Thanks to the Leadership of Parliament with support from EU and Westminster Foundation for Democracy which culminated to the said Declaration that is committed to engendering negotiations, consultations, cross-party cooperation and procedural adherence, unity and decorum among political parties in Parliament are today most prevalent.



The Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee acts in the absence of the Speaker of Parliament; and in the absence of both, a Member of Parliament is elected to preside over a day's proceedings in the House. The Public Accounts Committee looks into the queries raised in the Auditor General's Report on the accounts of Sierra Leone after tabling in Parliament and makes appropriate recommendations to Parliament for adoption. In order to hold the executive to account, Parliament has over 30 Committees that are charged with the responsibilities to inquire into the activities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government and make recommendations that may lead to proposals for legislation.

The Fifth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone is constituted by four political parties, namely SLPP with 58 seats; APC 58; C4C 08; NGC 04; 03 Independent MPs; 1 Vacant Seat; and 14 Paramount Chief Members of Parliament; respectively representing 132-Constituencies and 14 Provincial Districts in the country.

The Leadership of Parliament is responsible to ensure that there is discipline, control and decorum in the House; especially for Government business to run smoothly in Parliament without let or hindrance. The Leadership of Sierra Leone Parliament consists of the Hon. Speaker; Hon. Deputy Speaker, Leader of Government Business; Deputy Leader of Government Business;



Leader of the Opposition; Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Leader of C4C; Leader of NGC; Representative, Paramount Chief Members of Parliament; President, Parliamentary Female Caucus and the Hon. Clerk of Parliament.

The Governing Party in consultation with the Opposition Parties ensures that the business of Government passes in the House; and the Opposition Parties most times cooperate and sometimes disagree with the Party in power through acclamations or vote counts.

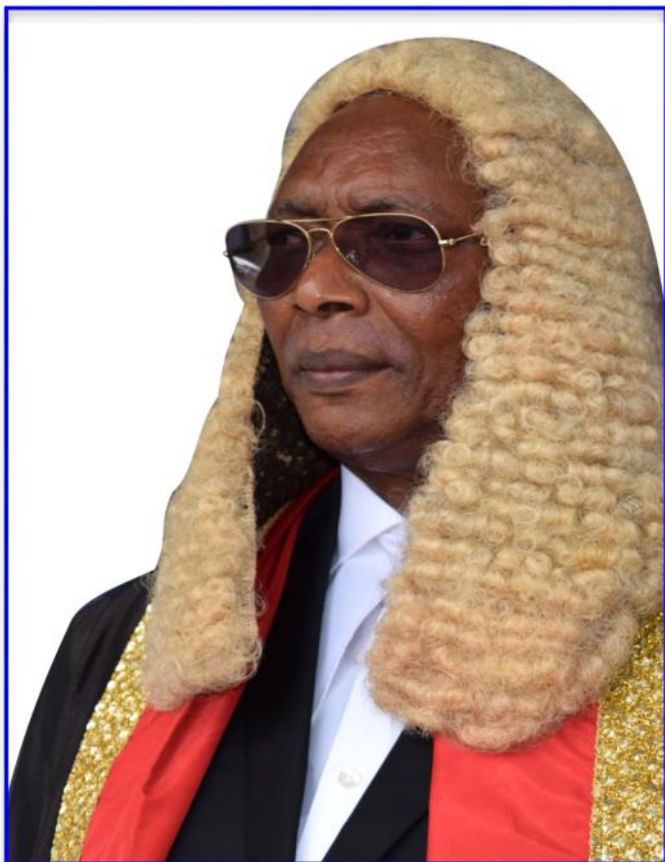
The Parliamentary Female Caucus champions the cause of women aimed at attaining 30% quota for women's representation in governance and also ensures the passage of laws using a gender lens.

The Paramount Chiefs are custodians of our customs and traditions who most times serve as arbiter of peace between the Government and Opposition Parties in Parliament.

The Clerk of Parliament is the Head of the Parliamentary Service or Administration and Secretary to the Parliamentary Service Commission. He is the Chief Accounting Officer of the House who advises the Speaker on matters of procedures in Parliament; using the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone and the Standing Orders of Parliament. He is supported by the Deputy Clerk and a Director-General to run 14 Directorates/Departments that are responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of professional services to enhance the Members of Parliament in the execution of their duties including legislation, oversight and representation.



**HIS EXCELLENCY, BRIGADIER RETIRED  
HON. DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SIERRA LEONE**



**SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT  
RT. HON. DR. ABASS CHERNOR BUNDU**





**DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT**

**RT. HON. SEGEPOH SOLOMON THOMAS**





**LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS  
HON. SAHR MATHEW NYUMA**



**DEPUTY LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**  
**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE**



**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION  
HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH**



**DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION  
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HON. PARAN UMAR TARAWALLY**



**DEPUTY CLERK OF PARLIAMENT  
MR. MOHAMED LEBBIE**



**DIRECTOR-GENERAL, PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE**  
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## Chamber/Well of Parliament



## **Parliamentary Prayers**

**ALMIGHTY GOD, without whose help labour is useless, without whose light, search is vain, we Thine unworthy servants here gathered together in Thy name, do humbly beseech Thee to send down Thy heavenly Wisdom from above to direct and guide us in all our deliberations; and laying aside all private interests, prejudices and partial affections, the result of all our counsels may be to the Glory of Thy blessed Name.**

## **Oath of Office by a Member of Parliament**

**“I...having been elected a Member of Parliament do hereby in (in the name of God swear) (solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Republic of Sierra Leone as by law established, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution of Sierra Leone, and that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of a Member of Parliament. (So help me God.)”**



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