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ACTING SPEAKER HON. NENEH LEBBIE ANNOUNCES 2 MONTHS RECESS FOR MPs

In conformity with Section 88 of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, Honourable Members of Parliament on 30/08/2024, unanimously elected Hon. Neneh Lebbie to preside over a sitting of Parliament as Acting Speaker of Parliament in the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker who are equally engaged in other official functions outside the jurisdiction of Sierra Leone.

After her consensus election, Hon. Neneh Lebbie expressed appreciation to the Members of Parliament for the confidence they bestowed upon her to serve as the Acting Speaker for today's sitting of the Sixth Parliament. She expressed that she is the third woman to have acted as Speaker since the establishment of the House of Parliament.

“I, therefore, put the question, all those in favour of the motion say aye, and all those against say nay. The motion has, therefore, been carried. I, therefore, now call on the elected Honourable Member to withdraw, be robbed, and then take over the Chair as the Acting Speaker”, the Acting Deputy Clerk of Parliament, Gilbert Bosco Nhabay asserted.

During the proceedings, Madam Acting Speaker announced the Lying in State Ceremony in Parliament of Hon. Benneh Bangura of Constituency 55 in Port Loko District. She craved the indulgence of Members of Parliament to attend the ceremony to give last respect to the deceased Member of Parliament at the State Hall just after the adjournment of the parliamentary sitting.

The Acting Speaker said that since the committees have all laid their reports, she spoke on the need and called for those Committee Reports to be debated.

The Deputy Opposition Leader, Hon. Daniel Koroma, danced to the tune of Madam Acting Speaker by amplifying the momentous need to debate the Parliamentary Oversight Reports.

Madam Acting Speaker climaxed her maiden parliamentary sitting with a melodic announcement of a two-month Parliamentary Recess.

“Honourable Members, the recess starts today. And as we go, let us take care of ourselves, and I want to wish you all a happy recess. Go and enjoy time with your families, and we will make sure we do things quietly and honourably. Before I adjourn this House, thank you again for the great honour I am accorded today. This will go down my memory lane. On that note, this House stands adjourned to the 31st of October 2024”.

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