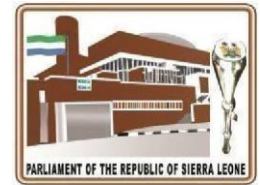




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PARLIAMENT SWEAR IN NEW MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Following the conduct of a bye-election in Constituency 056, in Tonkolili District by the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally has on Wednesday 13/07/2022 administered oath of office to a new MP, Hon. Jawah Sesay as inscribed in the Third Schedule of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

After the oath taken, the Clerk of Parliament handed the copies of the Standing Order and 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone to enable him do his work in Parliament. The new MP was conducted to his seat in Parliament by the Deputy Director of Legislative Services Anthony C. Kamara.

The currently composition of Parliament is as follows: SLPP, 58, APC 59, C4C 08, NGC 04, Independent MPs 03 and 14 PCMP.

In his felicitation, the Leader of Opposition, Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah welcomed the new MP and thanked the Electoral Commission for the conduct of the bye-election. He insisted that, the first credit goes to the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone and asked all and sundry to support the institution. He used the opportunity to ask colleague MPs to be patriotic.

Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma thanked the new MP and applauded the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone. He also referred to the Leader of Opposition, in light of the felicitation extended to the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone. The Leader wished the new MP well and encouraged them to work in the interest of the state.

In his felicitation, the Speaker welcome the new MP and referred to him as 'the last born'. He re-echoed the felicitation of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone. "Mr. Chairman we want to see NEC continue what is right" he stated and asked Parliament to support the independence of the institution.

In another development also , Parliament has continued its debate on the Public Elections Act 2022

The Bill seeks to repeal and replace the Public Election Act, 2022 (Act No.4 of 2012), to provide for supplementary provisions to sections 32 and 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991).

In his submission, Hon. Daniel Koroma said the memorandum and objects of the bill did not capture the intention of the bill and underscored that Section 32 is applicable but questions the relevance of section 33 in the Bill." we only received constitutional amendment for 32 and not 33".he concluded. He said the bill is not properly before the House cognizant of section 33 as started in the long title of the bill and the memorandum of objects and reasons. He also questions the mode of registration as cited in the bill, and underscored that it contravenes the 1991 constitution of Sierran Leone. He also cited other provisions in the Bill that contravene other elections-related matters

A Dilatory Motion was move for the suspension of the debate to a later day by Leader of Government Business Hon. Mathew Shar Nyuma and it was seconded by the Deputy Leader of Government Business Hon. Bashiru Silikie

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