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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT PASSES THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND  
DEMOCRACY ACT, 2022**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 18/11/2022 debated and passed into law with some amendments, the bill entitled, "The National Council for Civic Education and Democracy Act 2022" , for development of Sierra Leone

The bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Council for Civic Education and Democracy for continuous nationwide civic education on the roles and responsibilities of citizens, the duty of patriotism and nationalism, to provide development communication for government and partner programs to the people of Sierra Leone and to provide for other related matters.

Making his submission to the debate, the Chairman for Planning and Economic Development Committee in Parliament, Hon. Musa fofanah said the bill is vital for the development of Civic Education in the country . He said there are lot of disconnect between the main agenda of civic education and that of politics. He went on to welcome the initiative of the government for the introduction of Civic Education. He said in supporting Civic Education, would enhance the development of the State.

Round update the debate, Leader of Opposition Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah said the bill is timely and necessary and went on to note that, Civil Education must take its right footing in society. He said Parliament would ensure the that Minister works with MDAs to actualize the objectives of Civic Education.

Concluding the debate, Leader of Government Business, Hon Mathew Sahr Nyuma said citizens have a role to play in society. He thanked the Minister and his team for bringing the bill to the Parliament for enactment. He also said that Civic Education is in line with the SLPP manifesto and promised to support the process.

The Minister of Planning and Economic Development Dr. Francis M. Kai-Kai piloted the enactment of the Bill into law.

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