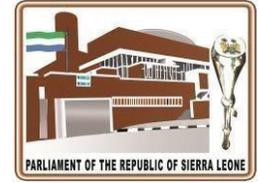




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PARLIAMENT PASSES THE APPROPRIATION ACT 2021

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 21/12/2021 debated intensively, the Bill entitled "The Appropriation Act 2021", (National Budget) and passed it into law with the theme "Building Resilience for Inclusive Green Recovery".

The Bill seeks to authorize expenditure from the consolidated fund for the services of Sierra Leone for the year 2022 and for other related matters

Earlier, MPs had already debated the Bill, that was presented by the Minister of Finance, Dr. Dennis K. Vandi and highlighted the successes and challenges towards the socioeconomic development of the state and committed it to the Appropriation Sub-Committees of Supply for further scrutiny

During the course of presentations of Sub-Appropriation Committees Reports on MDAs activities and deliverables; the Committees recommends that;

Government should ensure adequate, timely and predictable release of funds for effective project implementation to all MDA's; and insist that all supporting documentations including breakdown of expenditures to accompany MDA's questionnaire returned to Parliament before budget hearings.

During the course of deliberations on the Committees Reports, the Honourable House recommended that; the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security be investigated by the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture on issues relating to seed satisfaction and international funds support to the Agriculture sectors and other related matters.

Responding to the eleven Sub-Appropriation Committees Reports for the past days on the Budget, the Deputy Minister II of Finance, Dr. Sheku F. Bangura commended MPs for taking their time to scrutinize MDAs budget for the fiscal year 2021; adding that, there is a classical structural constrain on the budget that is affecting the delay of disbursement of funds to MDA's budgetary allocations.

The Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of January 2022, with a total sum of; ten trillion two hundred and twenty-one billion four hundred and thirty-five million eight hundred and seventy five thousand eight hundred Leones (Le10,221,435,875,800)

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