

FOURTH PARLIAMENT

OF

THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE SECOND SESSION, 2013/2014 SECOND MEETING OF THE HOUSE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS



HONOURABLE SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR -HON. SHEKU B.B. DUMBUYA

VP/4/2/22	THURSDAY	10TH APRIL, 2014

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:00 A.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

- 1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
- 2. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
- 3. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
- 4. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
- 5. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
- 6. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPIA
- 7. HON.BROWN PATRICIA
- 8. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA
- 9. HON.CONTEH KARIFALA S.
- 10. HON.DABUNDEH AIAH DR.
- 11. HON.DUMBUYA ALHAJI S.
- 12. HON.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA
- 13. HON.FATORMA SAHR
- 14. HON.FAWUNDU SENESI
- 15. HON.FOFANA AMADU
- 16. HON.FOFANAH LEONARD S.
- 17. HON.FOYAH PATRICK
- 18. HON.GBAPPY-BRIMA GLADYS GBEMOH
- 19. HON.JABBI BU-BUAKEI DR.
- 20. HON.JAJUA ABU
- 21. HON.JOHNSON DAVID
- 22. HON.JORKIE MOSES B.
- 23. HON.KABIA ISATA

- 24. HON.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSA PAKI
- 25. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
- 26. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J.
- 27. HON.KAISAMBA FRANCIS A.
- 28. HON.KALOKO ABI
- 29. HON.KALOKO ALIE
- 30. HON.KALOKO BAI J.
- 31. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
- 32. HON.KAMARA ALBERT DEEN
- 33. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN
- 34. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO
- 35. HON.KAMARA IBRAHIM
- 36. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
- 37. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED
- 38. HON.KAMARA NICHOLAS
- 39. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BABAH
- 40. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE
- 41. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
- 42. HON.KARGBO ALIMAY G.
- 43. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
- 44. HON.KARGBO ROLAND FODAY DR.
- 45. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
- 46. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
- 47. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA
- 48. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
- 49. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B.
- 50. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO MONYABA
- 51. HON.KOWA EMMA J.
- 52. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
- 53. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.
- 54. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA E.
- 55. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
- 56. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L.
- 57. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU
- 58. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA
- 59. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
- 60. HON.MARAH REGINA
- 61. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.
- 62. HON.MUNU ALIEU BADDARA K.
- 63. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR.
- 64. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
- 65. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N.
- 66. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH
- 67. HON.SANGBAH SAAH

- 68. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO
- 69. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX
- 70. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
- 71. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.
- 72. HON.SESAY DAN Y.
- 73. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
- 74. HON.SESAY KUSAN
- 75. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU
- 76. HON.SESAY VERONICA
- 77. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.
- 78. HON. SILIKIE BASHIRU
- 79. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K.
- 80. HON.SONSIAMA III P.C. SHEKU A.T. FASULUKU
- 81. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M.
- 82. HON.SWARAY MOSES A.
- 83. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN
- 84. HON.THOLLEY MOHAMED K.
- 85. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S.
- 86. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
- 87. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED
- 88. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR.
- 89. HON.TURAY THOMAS B.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

- 1. HON.BRIG.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.(RTD)
- 2. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
- 3. HON.CONTEH BRIMAH
- 4. HON.CONTEH KEMOKOH
- 5. HON.JENGO EDWARD S.
- 6. HON.KALLON DAUDA J.B.
- 7. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
- 8. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
- 9. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
- 10. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA
- 11. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
- 12. HON.MUNDA HABIB B.
- 13. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU
- 14. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
- 15. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J.
- 16. HON.SOURIE FREDERICK S.
- 17. HON.SUMAH FODAY I. DR.
- 18. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR.
- 19. HON.TENGBEH SAHR

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:

- 1. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
- 2. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
- 3. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
- 4. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
- 5. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA D.
- 6. HON.FUNNA MABINTY
- 7. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
- 8. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.
- 9. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
- 10. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.
- 11. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
- 12. HON.MARAH LAHAI
- 13. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN
- 14. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA
- 15. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO

10:00 - 10:03 a.m.

II. Prayers: The Table Clerk of Parliament, Mr. Anthony C. Kamara said the prayers.

10:03 - 10:08 a.m.

II. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL, 2014:

The motion to adopt the record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 3rd April, 2014 was moved by **Hon. Alimamy G. Kargbo**, seconded by **Hon. Alieu Baddara K. Munu** and unanimously accepted by Members with slight amendments.

10:08 - 10:10 a.m.

III. LAYING OF PAPER:

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

Amendment to Petroleum Agreement, dated 19th February, 2014

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Paper could not be laid as it was not properly before the House.

10:10 - 10:15 a.m.

IV. BILL:

The Audit Service Act, 2012

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice.

SECOND READING, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING:

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice.

At this juncture, **Mr. Speaker** disclosed to the House, that the Bill was almost a new one and there was a need for a Pre-Legislative briefing before it could be introduced in Parliament. In the light of the foregoing, no business of the House was to be transacted.

Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai - Congratulated **Mr. Speaker** for his wise decision.

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

V. STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 23:

The following Honorable Members stood on Standing Order (S.O.) 23:

- 1 **Hon. Kusan Sesay** disclosed to the House that 24 Houses were raised to the ground in his Constituency 043 due to heavy storm disaster. He therefore called for help in providing building and other necessary materials.
- 2. **Hon. Andrew V. Lungay** that he was aggrieved with the way the Minister of Health treated Parliament by refusing to come back to Parliament as she promised to explain to Parliamentarians about the outbreak of Ebola in the West African Region.

He added that Members of Parliament came on Monday at 10:00 a.m. and later at 3:00 p.m., but the Minister was absent and did not send an apology for her absence. In the light of the foregoing the **Hon. Andrew V.Lungay** gave notice of a motion for the Minister of Health to be summoned to give an explanation on Ebola.

The following Honourable Members contributed to the debate on the Ebola issue:

3. **Hon. Benneh Bangura** – raised objection to the motion raised by **Hon. Andrew V. Lungay**, that the Honourable Member could not come up with a motion under Standing Order (S.O.) 23, since it was controversial and that the matter should be brought to the Parliamentary Committee responsible for Health.

VI. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

The Honourable Speaker informed Members that the Minister of Health was in Parliament by her own volition and that the Minister was never officially invited by Parliament.

Mr. Speaker however concluded that he would ensure that the Minister of Health meets with Members of Parliament before the House goes for recess.

He added that the Administration of Parliament tried to get the Minister, but she was out of the Country. He said as long as he remain to serve as the Speaker of Parliament, no Minister would ever treat Members of Parliament with levity. He assured the House that Parliament will definitely engage the Minister when she returns. He said the actual time scheduled for the Minister's visit on Monday was not properly communicated by the Chief Whip. He then requested the Chief Whip to apologize to the House.

- 4. **Chief Whip -** The Chief Whip later apologized to Members for the inconvenience caused.
- 5. **Hon.** Patrick Foyah that he was in Liberia last week and that the Ebola killer disease issue was so important that the House of Parliament in Liberia met and moved a motion for the borders with other nearby Countries to be closed and to further declare a State of Emergency by the President. He therefore stressed that it was time for the Minister of Health in Sierra Leone to be summoned to explain everything about Ebola.
- 6. **Hon. Hassan A. Sesay** commended the Health Committee, disclosing to Members that before the Minister came on Monday, there was a prior meeting that was called by the Health Committee on the Ebola issue.

VII. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

That the Health Committee which is a microcosm of Parliament should have invited the Minister to face Parliament, which they failed to do.

- 7. **Hon. Alusine Marah** reported to the House a fire disaster which destroyed four villages in his Constituency 044. He called for assistance for his people.
- 8. **Hon. Mohamed L. Mansaray** informed the House that the Health Committee summoned the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) who gave a

comprehensive report on Ebola and promised to come back and engage all Members of Parliament.

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- 10. **Hon.Dr. Abdulai Sesay** that it was the responsibility of the Health Committee to inform the Country about Ebola; however, he stressed that the focus on the way forward was to sensitize Sierra Leoneans about the outbreak of the Ebola killer disease.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEF WHIP:

That this year's 53rd Independence Anniversary Celebrations will be observed in his Constituency at the **Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma Football Mini Stadium** where a football gala will be organized as follows:

- 1. Parliament Vs Cabinet Ministers
- 2. Freetown City Council Vs Western Area Rural District Council
- 3. F.C Kallon Vs F.C. Johnsen

His Excellency is expected to take the kick-off and all Members of Parliament are cordially invited to attend.

- 11. **Hon. Jusufu B. Mansaray** that the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) was still lingering and pleaded with the Leadership and Administration of Parliament for a speedy implementation of the CDF as the people in Constituency 073 are anxiously waiting for development. He urged Parliament to discuss the CDF in Committee Room 1 as soon as possible.
- 12. **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** advocating for students to be enrolled in the law school, as the Council of Legal Education was still at logger heads with students to be enrolled at the law school. He therefore gave notice of a motion for the Chairman of the Council of Legal Education to be invited to Parliament in Committee Room 1.

The following Honourable Members contributed to the debate on this matter:

13. **Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda** – that Hon. Bashiru Silikie should substantiate his motion by quoting any relevant sections in the law books which said that the Council of Legal Education has violated

the law.

IX. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker Called on **Hon. Ajibola E. Manly-Spain** to make a statement on the matter.

14. **Hon. Ajibola E. Manly-Spain** – informed the House that there was nothing wrong in inviting the Chief Justice to Parliament in her capacity as Chairman of the Council of Legal Education, but stressed that Parliament should not forget that there were some criminal investigations ongoing and that the matter was subjudice.

Secondly, **Hon. Ajibola E. Manly-Spain** disclosed that the letter that was sent to him from the law students was not properly written and also has only one signature.

X. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker in consonance with the views of **Hon. Ajibola E. Manly-Spain** decided that Tuesday 15th April, 2014 would be the tentative date for the Chairman of the Council of Legal Education to be invited to Committee Room 1 at 11:00 a.m.

15. **Hon. Dr. Michel Sho-Sawyer** - announced the passing away of Hector Reginald Sylvanus Bolton, who was among the last leading delegation to Lancaster House, Independence negotiation and that there will be a civic laying out on 14th April, and Funeral service on the 15th April, 2014, at Christ Church. Contact address is Kingseller Street, off Syke Street.

10:45 - 10:50 a.m.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE TABLE CLERK, MR. ANTHONY C. KAMARA:

The following Committees were requested to meet:

- 1. Committee on Agriculture, immediately after sitting in Committee Room 2;
- 2. Committee on Defence, immediately after sitting in Committee Room 1;
- 3. Committee on Tourism, immediately after sitting in the Members' Lounge;

4. There will be an official presentation of Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah to his people of Constituency 015, Kenema District on Friday 18th April, 2014. All Members of Parliament were invited.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday,16th April, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Sitting Duration:
50Mins.