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TUESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022

### The House met at 10:45 a.m. The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu, Presided.

#### I. ATTENDANCE:

### THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONST
1.	Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde	APC	Western Urban	125
2.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Rural	112
3.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh	SLPP	Во	085
4.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
5.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Pot Loko	076
6.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene	066
7.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
8.	Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa	C4C	Kono	027
9.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema	012
10.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
11.	Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass	-	Kambia	-
12.	Hon. Charles Sahr	C4C	Kono	028
13.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
14.	Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu	APC	Western Urban	129
15.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
16.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
17.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
18.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
19.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
20.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Во	078
21.	Hon. Fefegula Simeon	SLPP	Moyamba	096
22.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Rural	107
23.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
24.	Hon. Gbereh III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
25.	Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr	SLPP	Western Urban	116
26.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
27.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
28.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
29.	Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja	SLPP	Kenema	018
30.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040





31.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Rural	109
32.	Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh	APC	Western Urban	119
33.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
34.	Hon. Juana Sahr	SLPP	Kailahun	002
35.	Hon. Kabia Mohamed	APC	Western Rural	106
36.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
37.	Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao	C4C	Kono	024
38.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Во	084
39.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia	059
40.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko	069
41.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus	NGC	Kambia	061
42.	Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Urban	122
43.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene	067
44.	Hon. Kamara Bai Sama	NGC	Kambia	060
45.	Hon. Kamara Foday Mario	NGC	Kambia	057
46.	Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)	APC	Port Loko	068
47.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	C4C	Kono	029
48.	Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah	APC	Port Loko	071
49.	Hon. Kanneh Alusine	SLPP	Кепета	013
50.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun	006
51.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Rural	108
52.	Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun	APC	Port Loko	072
53.	Hon. Kanu Amadu	APC	Moyamba	093
54.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Urban	113
55.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko	077
56.	Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben	APC	Bombali	034
57.	Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai	APC	Tonkolili	047
58.	Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)	APC	Karene	064
59.	Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek	C4C	Kono	026
60.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili	048
61.	Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko	070
62.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu	046
63.	Hon. Koroma John Telson	SLPP	Western Urban	127
64.	Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu	APC	Bombali	036
65.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu	-	Moyamba	-
66.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali	033
67.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)	APC	Western Urban	114
68.	Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice	SLPP	Bonthe	092
69.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun	009
70.	Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru	SLPP	Western Urban	121
71.	Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed	SLPP	Kenema	015





72.	Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh	SLPP	Moyamba	098
73.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Во	086
74.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Во	083
75.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Во	087
76.	Hon. Makieu Josephine	SLPP	Kenema	014
77.	Hon. Mansaray Abu	APC	Port Loko	074
78.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema	017
79.	Hon. Marah Alusine	APC	Falaba	041
80.	Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba	-	Falaba	-
81.	Hon. Moigua Peter Musa	SLPP	Kenema	011
82.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema	021
83.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema	019
84.	Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu	-	Kenema	-
85.	Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Urban	131
86.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun	102
87.	Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	007
88.	Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith	APC	Western Urban	117
89.	Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro	-	Tonkolili	-
90.	Hon. Sankoh Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	049
91.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba	095
92.	Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	050
93.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif	APC	Port Loko	075
94.	Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)	APC	Tonkolili	052
95.	Hon. Sesay Kusan	APC	Koinadugu	045
96.	Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu	APC	Bombali	038
97.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba	039
98.	Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara	-	Bonthe	-
99.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun	005
100.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Во	082
101.	Hon. Tarawalie Issac	APC	Western Urban	118
102.	Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine	APC	Bombali	037
103.	Hon. Tholley James Ozan	APC	Tonkolili	054
104.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe	089
105.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono	022
106.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili	051
107.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	WesternUrban	128
108.	Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)	SLPP	Pujehun	099
109.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura	SLPP	Во	088
110.	Hon. Vincent Horace E.	SLPP	Western Rural	111
111.	Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Во	081
112.	Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)	NGC	Kambia	062





### THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:

1.	Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles	SLPP	Во	079
2.	Hon. Alhadi Lihadi	APC	Western Urban	123
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Urban	115
4.	Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.	APC	Western Urban	126
5.	Hon. Bangura Rosemarie	APC	Tonkolili	055
6.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali	031
7.	Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh	-	Bombali	-
8.	Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr	SLPP	Kenema	016
9.	Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday	APC	Koinadugu	044
10.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema	020
11.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio	APC	Kambia	058
12.	Hon. Kamara Ibrahim	APC	Karene	063
13.	Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria	-	Karene	-
14.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun	103
15.	Hon. Koroma Issa Oye	APC	Port Loko	073
16.	Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa	C4C	Kono	030
17.	Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu	-	Pujehun	-
18.	Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)	-	Во	-
19.	Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel	APC	Western Urban	124
20.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu	043
21.	Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama	-	Koinadugu	-
22.	Hon. Marah Lahai	APC	Falaba	042
23.	Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday	-	Kono	-
24.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun	100
25.	Hon. Sam Paul Saa	C4C	Kono	025
26.	Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka	INDEPENDENT	Pujehun	104
27.	Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama	SLPP	Во	080
28.	Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo	SLPP	Western Urban	120
29.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba	094
30.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun	008
31.	Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	001
32.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun	101
33.	Hon. Turay Abdul	APC	Western Rural	105





- 1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston (Table Clerk).
- 2. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 10:45 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S. O. 5 (2) at 10:45 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Kanneh of Constituency 006, Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

### 3. The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 19th May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Maada Kanja Hafiju of Constituency 018, Kenema District** and adopted by the House.

### The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 23rd May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** and adopted by the House.

### The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Simeon Fefegula of Constituency 096, Moyamba District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Maada Kanja Hafiju of Constituency 018, Kenema District** and adopted by the House.

#### The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Kanneh of Constituency 006, Kailahun District** and adopted by the House.

#### The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 27th May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Habib Kaifa Fabbah of Constituency 078, Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Josephine Makieu of Constituency 014, Kenema District** and adopted by the House.

### The Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Maada Kanja Hafiju of Constituency 018, Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and adopted by the House.

#### 4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, commended and thanked all Hon. Members for their support and staff of Parliament, who acted in the capacity of protocol officers during the 52<sup>nd</sup> CPA Regional conference held in Freetown from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. He said he had received





complimentary messages from delegates who attended the conference for the hospitality they received and that they were satisfied with the outcome. He reported to the House that there were only two causalities; a South African and a Nigerian who fell sick and were admitted at the Choithrams Memorial Hospital for a few days but later recovered sufficiently before their departure to their respective countries.

Mr. Speaker also notified the House about his intention to pursue in line with the Standing Orders, the punishment of **Hon. Lahai Marah of Constituency 042, Falaba District** for his actions in the well of Parliament during the debate of the Presidential Address.

#### **Observation by the Leader of Government Business**

The Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019 rose and responded to some of the accusations and aspersion on Hon. Members over a bill that was not yet before the House. "Hon. Members had been publicly bashed" for the said bill he said. He said that Hon. Members were entitled to fix their numeration and wages as enshrined in Sections 74 (4) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No. 6 of 1991. He quoted "Members of Parliament shall be entitled to such salaries, allowances, gratuities, pensions and such other benefits as may be prescribed by Parliament". He also quoted Standing Orders 61 which reads, "if it appears to Mr. Speaker from the notice of the terms proposed to be embodied in a bill that the proposals are intended to affect or benefit some particular person, association or corporate body, then:

(a) Before allowing such a bill to be read for the first time Mr. Speaker shall satisfy himself that due notice has been given by publication of the bill in an issue of the Gazette and by insertion in two subsequent weekly issues of the Gazette of a Notice of the Bill having been so published and of the issues of the Gazette in which it was published. Mr. Speaker shall also satisfy himself that additional notice of the Bill has been given by advertising a statement of its general nature and objects in the gazette and in at least one newspaper circulating in Sierra Leone one month at least before application is made to the House for leave to introduce the Bill."

The Acting Leader of Opposition, Hon Ibrahim Ben Kargbo of Constituency 034, Bombali District agreed with the submission made by the Leader of Government Business. He said that their position was clear and that it was their constitutional right to fix their entitlements which they would do when the time is right following the due process, and that they would not apologize. He also mentioned that Hon. Members should also consider the welfare of their people.

**Hon. Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella of Constituency 062, Kambia District** also supported the Leader of Government Business. He said Parliamentarians should be incentivized accordingly so as to attract the right caliber of people. He further said that controversies were sometimes good in leadership, and that it would be important for the harmonization of wages in the country.

**Hon.** Rebecca Yei Kamara of Constituency 029, Kono District joined colleague Hon. Members on the issue raised by the Leader of Government Business. She said that their roles as Hon. Members are most times misunderstood by their constituents. They are compelled by their constituents to undertake





projects which sometimes are very costly and leave them heavily in debts. She therefore welcomed any such Bill that would enhance their welfare.

Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas of Constituency 089, Bonthe District fully adopted the statement by the Leader of Government Business. He also emphasized the fact that their role as Hon. Members are misunderstood and even when they try to explain to their constituents, they pay little or no interest which then threatens their seat in Parliament. He said matters related to Members of Parliament should be subjected to a national conversation as the state of Members of Parliament was poor.

**Hon.** Hassan A. Sesay of Constituency 050, Tonkolili District complained about the disrespectful reference made to them as Hon. Members by certain individuals on public platform. He said that they were Hon. Members and should not be referred to as "so called".

### Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** said he believed that the views expressed by some members of the public were not the general view but a view from some minority groups. He said Sierra Leone was not the poorest of the poor and neighboring countries like Kenya, Ghana, and Liberia have all fully utilized their constitutional provision given to them while Sierra Leone was very far from implementing its own. He said that Parliament was a transparent House and that when it was time, the public would be fully aware of what would be contained in the Welfare Bill.

#### 5. Laying of Paper:

The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Minister of Finance to lay the Paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

#### (A) Paper laid by the Deputy Minister of Finance:

The Deputy Minister 1 of Finance, Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura, laid the following paper:

(i) Redenomination of the Leone (Consequential Provisions) Regulations, 2022

The Bank of Sierra Leone Act (Act No.5 of 2019)

Statutory Instrument No.7 of 2022.

Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh of Constituency 032, Bombali District rose on Standing Order 25 and gave a notice of motion for the House to debate the paper laid by the Deputy Minister 1 of Finance.





#### 6. Bill: The National Electronic Communication Act, 2021

**Committee Stage** - The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, called upon The Minister of Information and Communications to proceed on the **Committee Stage** of the bill.

Continued debate on the amendments of the said bill.

(i) The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that parts 11 to 20, Clauses 51 to 105 starting from Clause 90 stand part of the bill.

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, **Solomon Jamiru Esq.**, moved that parts 11 to 20, Clauses 51 to 105 stand part of the bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.

The debate started, and some amendments were made.

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, **Solomon Jamiru Esq.**, again moved that parts 11 to 20, Clauses 51 to 105 stand part of the bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

"All those in favour, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

Through collection of voices, Mr. Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that parts 11 to 20 Clauses 51 to 105 had formed part of the bill as amended.

#### 7. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S. O. 5 (2) at 12:00 p.m. was moved by Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by Hon. Massay Ngahinteh Aruna of Constituency 085, Bo District and approved by the House.

#### **Continued proceedings:**

Mr. Speaker stood down the House for lunch at 1:20 p.m. The House resumed at 2:45 p.m.





#### Continued debate on the amendments of the said bill.

(ii) The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that parts 21 to 30 Clauses 106 to 156 stand part of the bill.

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, **Solomon Jamiru Esq.**, moved that parts 21 to 30, Clauses 105 to 156 stand part of the bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.

The debate started, and some amendments were made.

8. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S. O. 5 (2) at 3:00 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Brima Mansaray of Constituency 017**, **Kenema District** for the proceedings to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay of Constituency 075**, **Port Loko District** and approved by the House.

Continued debate on the amendments of the said bill.

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, **Solomon Jamiru Esq.**, again moved that parts 21 to 30, Clauses 105 to 156 stand part of the bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

"All those in favour, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

Through collection of voices, Mr. Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that parts 11 to 20 Clauses 51 to 105 had formed part of the bill as amended.

(iii) The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that parts 31 to 39, Clauses 157 to 195 stand part of the Bill.

The Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, **Solomon Jamiru Esq.**, moved that parts 31 to 39, Clauses 157 to 195 stand part of the bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.

The debate started, and the amendments were stopped at Clause 160.

#### Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

The House rose at 3:15 p.m.