



FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF
THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETEENTH SITTING



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THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 2021

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu, Presided

I. ATTENDANCE:

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:

1.	Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles	SLPP	Bo	079
2.	Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde	APC	Western Urban	125
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Urban	115
4.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
5.	Hon. Bangura Rosemarie	APC	Tonkolili	055
6.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene	066
7.	Hon. Banyar Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
8.	Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa	C4C	Kono	027
9.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
10.	Hon. Charles Sahr	C4C	Kono	028
11.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
12.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
13.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
14.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
15.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
16.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
17.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo	078
18.	Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr	SLPP	Kenema	016
19.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
20.	Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
21.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
22.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
23.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
24.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040
25.	Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh	APC	Western Urban	119
26.	Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday	APC	Koinadugu	044
27.	Hon. Kabia Mohamed	APC	Western Rural	106
28.	Hon. Kaisamba Amara Francis	SLPP	Kenema	020
29.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
30.	Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao	C4C	Kono	024
31.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Bo	084



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32.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	APC	<i>Kambia</i>	059
33.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	NGC	<i>Kambia</i>	061
34.	<i>Hon. Kamara Allieu Ibrahim</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	122
35.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	APC	<i>Karene</i>	067
36.	<i>Hon. Kamara Bai Sama</i>	NGC	<i>Kambia</i>	060
37.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	068
38.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio</i>	APC	<i>Kambia</i>	058
39.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	APC	<i>Karene</i>	063
40.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Alusine</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	013
41.	<i>Hon. Kanu Amadu</i>	APC	<i>Moyamba</i>	093
42.	<i>Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy</i>	APC	<i>Western Urban</i>	113
43.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Abdul</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	077
44.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	034
45.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	C4C	<i>Kono</i>	026
46.	<i>Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria</i>	-	<i>Karene</i>	-
47.	<i>Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	048
48.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	070
49.	<i>Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima</i>	APC	<i>Koinadugu</i>	046
50.	<i>Hon. Koroma John Telson</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	127
51.	<i>Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	036
52.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	033
53.	<i>Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice</i>	SLPP	<i>Bonthe</i>	092
54.	<i>Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa</i>	C4C	<i>Kono</i>	030
55.	<i>Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	121
56.	<i>Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	015
57.	<i>Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu</i>	-	<i>Pujehun</i>	-
58.	<i>Hon. Lebbie Nenneh</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	086
59.	<i>Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	083
60.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	-	<i>Bo</i>	-
61.	<i>Hon. Mackery Yusuf</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	087
62.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Abu</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	074
63.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	APC	<i>Koinadugu</i>	043
64.	<i>Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	131
65.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	APC	<i>Falaba</i>	041
66.	<i>Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba</i>	-	<i>Falaba</i>	-
67.	<i>Hon. Marah Lahai</i>	APC	<i>Falaba</i>	042
68.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	-	<i>Kono</i>	-
69.	<i>Hon. Munda Boston</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	021
70.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	019



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71.	<i>Hon. Pawa P. C. Prince Mambu</i>	-	<i>Kenema</i>	-
72.	<i>Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>102</i>
73.	<i>Hon. Sam Paul Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>025</i>
74.	<i>Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>117</i>
75.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>120</i>
76.	<i>Hon. Sanka III P. C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro</i>	-	<i>Tonkolili</i>	-
77.	<i>Hon. Sankoh Hassan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>049</i>
78.	<i>Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>095</i>
79.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>050</i>
80.	<i>Hon. Sesay Kusan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>045</i>
81.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>039</i>
82.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	-	<i>Bonthe</i>	-
83.	<i>Hon. Silikie Bashiru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>082</i>
84.	<i>Hon. Tarawalie Issac</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>118</i>
85.	<i>Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>037</i>
86.	<i>Hon. Tholley James Ozan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>054</i>
87.	<i>Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>089</i>
88.	<i>Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>001</i>
89.	<i>Hon. Tucker Tom Issic</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>022</i>
90.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>105</i>
91.	<i>Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>051</i>
92.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>128</i>
93.	<i>Hon. Vincent Horace E.</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>111</i>
94.	<i>Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>081</i>
95.	<i>Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>062</i>

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:

1.	<i>Hon. Alhadi Lihadi</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>123</i>
2.	<i>Hon. Amara Haja Miatta</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>112</i>
3.	<i>Hon. Ansumana Aloysious Bockarie</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>005</i>
4.	<i>Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>085</i>
5.	<i>Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>126</i>
6.	<i>Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Pot Loko</i>	<i>076</i>
7.	<i>Hon. Bockarie Momoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>012</i>
8.	<i>Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass</i>	-	<i>Kambia</i>	-
9.	<i>Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>129</i>
10.	<i>Hon. Conteh John Charles</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>031</i>
11.	<i>Hon. Fefegula Simeon</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>096</i>
12.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh</i>	-	<i>Bombali</i>	-



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13.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr</i>	APC	<i>Western Rural</i>	107
14.	<i>Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	116
15.	<i>Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	018
16.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Musa Bamba Foray</i>	SLPP	<i>Tonkolili</i>	056
17.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Rural</i>	109
18.	<i>Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba</i>	SLPP	<i>Bonthe</i>	091
19.	<i>Hon. Juana Sahr</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	002
20.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	069
21.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	NGC	<i>Kambia</i>	057
22.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	C4C	<i>Kono</i>	029
23.	<i>Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	071
24.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Mohamed</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	006
25.	<i>Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Rural</i>	108
26.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	072
27.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	047
28.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)</i>	APC	<i>Karene</i>	064
29.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	SLPP	<i>Pujehun</i>	103
30.	<i>Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu</i>	-	<i>Moyamba</i>	-
31.	<i>Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)</i>	APC	<i>Western Urban</i>	114
32.	<i>Hon. Lahai Musa</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	009
33.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	SLPP	<i>Moyamba</i>	098
34.	<i>Hon. Makieue Josephine</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	014
35.	<i>Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel</i>	APC	<i>Western Urban</i>	124
36.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Brima</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	017
37.	<i>Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama</i>	-	<i>Koinadugu</i>	-
38.	<i>Hon. Moigua Peter Musa</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	011
39.	<i>Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh</i>	SLPP	<i>Pujehun</i>	100
40.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	INDEPENDENT	<i>Kailahun</i>	007
41.	<i>Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka</i>	INDEPENDENT	<i>Pujehun</i>	104
42.	<i>Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	080
43.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	075
44.	<i>Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	052
45.	<i>Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	038
46.	<i>Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie</i>	SLPP	<i>Moyamba</i>	094
47.	<i>Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	008
48.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	SLPP	<i>Pujehun</i>	101
49.	<i>Hon. Turay Ahmed Samba</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	073
50.	<i>Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)</i>	SLPP	<i>Pujehun</i>	099
51.	<i>Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	088



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1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston (Senior Table Clerk).

2. Adoption of The Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 23rd July, 2021:

The motion for the adoption of Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 23rd July, 2021 was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Tennyson Hindolo Sandy of Constituency 120, Western Urban District** and adopted by the House.

3. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker (**Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**) welcomed all Hon. Members from the recess. He said he sincerely hoped that they were all well rested and well prepared to undertake and execute the tasks ahead. He referred the House to paragraph 10 of the Votes and Proceeding for Friday 23rd July 2021 and notified Hon. Members about the list of items on the "Internal Notice Paper" that the Leader of Government Business had drawn the attention of the House to. He also referred the House to page 7 of the aforementioned Votes and Proceedings and reminded Hon. Members of his ruling based on resolution reached that all Oversight Committees' Reports laid should be debated. He further informed the House about the not too far away budget session. He appealed to all Hon. Members to resume work. He once again welcomed and thanked all Hon. Members.

4. Laying of Papers:

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee to lay the Paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

(I) Paper laid by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee:

The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (**Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas of Constituency 089, Bonthé District**) laid the following paper:

Public Accounts Committee Report on the Auditor General's Report on the Audit of Funds Managed by the National Covid-19 Emergency Response Center and other MDAs.

The Deputy Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District**) rose on S.O. 25 and gave a "notice of motion" for the document laid by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (**Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**) to be debated.

5. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**) moved a motion to amend the Order Paper in order for him to lay the paper that ought to have been laid by the Minister of Trade and Industry due to his absence. He moved that sub-item (ii) under the main item IV (Laying of Papers) should become item ii (a) whilst sub-item (iv) should become sub-item ii (b). The motion was seconded by **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma of Constituency 046, Koinadugu District** and approved by the House.



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Continuation of Laying of Papers:

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Leader of Government Business to lay the Papers that were itemized on the Order Paper as amended.

(II) Papers laid by the Leader of Government Business:

The Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**) laid the following papers:

- a. **The Anti-Corruption Commission Sierra Leone Annual Report 2020.**
- b. **An Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (GoSL) Represented by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Gold Brewery SL Limited dated March 2021.**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation to lay the Paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

Paper laid by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation:

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (**Professor David John Francis**) laid the following paper:

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of Russian Federation on Visa-Free Travels for Holders of Diplomatic or Service Passport.

6. Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service:

Proposer: Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District

Seconder: Hon. Hassan A. Sesay of Constituency 050, Tonkolili District

“Be it resolved: That the Second Report of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.”

The Committee Chairman, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District** presented the Second Report of the Fourth Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the vetting of presidential nominations to the House and the recommendations contained therein on the following presidential nominees:



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- i. **Mr. Sheka Mansaray –Proposed Chairman, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- ii. **Ms. Valnora Anita Christiana Edwin – Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- iii. **Alhaji Sulaiman Bah – Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- iv. **Hon. P.C. Sheku Amadu Tejan Fasuluku Sonsiama III – Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- v. **Rev. Mrs. Olivia Helen Iyesatta Fonnies – Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- vi. **Ambassador Haja Alari Cole – Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- vii. **Mr. John Rogers – Proposed Deputy Director General, National Disaster Management Agency.**
- viii. **Col. (Rtd.) Binneh Kondeh Conteh – Proposed Deputy Commissioner, National Commission on Small Arms.**
- ix. **Mr. Joseph Ahmed Turay, Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**
- x. **Rev. Dr. Shodanke Johnson, Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion.**

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members contributed to the motion.

No	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay	050	Tonkolili
2.	Hon. Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella – Leader of NGC	062	Kambia
3.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina – Leader of C4C	030	Kono
4.	Hon. P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III	Tonkolili



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7. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2):

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 12:00 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the Business of the House to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III of Tonkolili District** and approved by the House.

Continued Debate:

5.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	086	Bo
6.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma	046	Koinadugu
7.	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo – Acting Leader of Opposition	034	Bombali
8.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Leader of Government Business	019	Kenema

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote: “That the Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be approved as amended.”

“All those in favour, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, pronounced that the Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service had been approved as amended.

Mr. Speaker’s Felicitations:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, extended his felicitations to the newly approved presidential nominees and wished them well in their respective appointments. He acknowledged the fact that the Independent Commission for Peace and National Cohesion is good and necessary.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 1:20 p.m.

The House resumed at 2:30 p.m.



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Continued proceedings

8. Bills:

A. The National Payment System Act, 2021 by the Minister of Finance.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the **Introduction and First Reading** of the bill.

Standing Order 34 – (Raising of Point of Order):

The Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) informed the House that the First Reading of each of the bills on that day's Order Paper would be started, but the Second Reading would be suspended for due consultations. He moved a motion for the House to allow the First Reading of the various bills to be done whilst the Second Reading would be suspended for due consultations and deliberations. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina of Constituency 030, Kono District** and approved by the House.

9. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2):

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 3:00 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the Business of the House to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District** and approved by the House.

Continued proceedings:

Introduction and First Reading:

The Deputy Minister II of the Ministry of Finance, **Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the bill entitled "**The National Payment System Act, 2021**" be read the **First Time**.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

"All those in favour, say Aye"

"All those against, say Nay"

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, pronounced that the bill had been read the **First Time**.



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B. The Deposit Protection Fund Act, 2021 by the Minister of Finance.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the **Introduction and First Reading** of the bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

The Deputy Minister II of the Ministry of Finance, **Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the bill entitled “**The Deposit Protection Fund Act, 2021**” be read the **First Time**.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye”

“All those against, say Nay”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, pronounced that the bill had been read the **First Time**.

C. The Customary Land Rights Act, 2021 by the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, called upon the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning to proceed with the **Introduction and First Reading** of the bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

The Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning, **Dr. Turad Senessie**, moved that the bill entitled “**The Customary Land Rights Act, 2021**” be read the **First Time**.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye”

“All those against, say Nay”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, pronounced that the bill had been read the **First Time**.

D. The National Land Commission Act, 2021 by the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis E. Farma**, called upon the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning to proceed with the **Introduction and First Reading** of the bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

The Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning, **Dr. Turad Senessie**, moved that the bill entitled “**The National Land Commission Act, 2021**” be read the **First Time**.



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Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye”

“All those against, say Nay”

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

The Table Clerk, Mr. Francis E. Farma, pronounced that the bill had been read the **First Time**.

E. The Gender Empowerment Act, 2021 by the Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs.

The Table Clerk, Mr. Francis E. Farma, called upon the Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs to proceed with the **Introduction and First Reading** of the bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

The Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, **Madam Manti Tarawalli**, moved that the bill entitled “**The Gender Empowerment Act, 2021**” be read the **First Time**.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye”

“All those against, say Nay”

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

The Table Clerk, Mr. Francis E. Farma, pronounced that the bill had been read the **First Time**.

10. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations):

The following Hon. Members stood on S.O. 23:

- (i) The Acting Leader of Opposition (**Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo of Constituency 034, Bombali District**) referred the House to Section 39, sub-section 1 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) and recited the aforementioned provision as quoted: “When the seat of any Member of Parliament becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by election, not later than six months after the vacancy occurs, in accordance with the provisions of law relating to such election; Provided that if Parliament is dissolved before such election is due to be held, the vacancy shall be filled at the general election.” He reminded the House about a bye election that was held in the **Tonkolili District** upon which an Hon. Member of Parliament was elected as a paramount chief. He informed the House that their worry was that the gentleman has been continuously holding the position of paramount chief as well as Hon. Member of Parliament. He said for the purposes of consistency and democratic practices, they would want to be certain that the said gentleman be replaced.



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(ii) Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah of Constituency 115, Western Urban District (in support to the concerns raised by the Acting Leader of Opposition) referred the House to Section 77, sub-section (1 f) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) and recited the aforementioned provision as quoted: “ A Member of Parliament shall vacate his seat in Parliament – (f) if in the case of such a Member as is referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 74, he becomes a Paramount Chief under any law...” He submitted that the said seat had been vacant from the day the gentleman was pronounced Paramount Chief of that chiefdom.

Mr. Speaker’s Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, thanked **Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah** for his submission but said that his submission was a matter of opinion of which would not guide him in the said matter. He said that the only thing that would guide him in the said matter would be an official notification from the Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (NEC). He finally said that he would not take note of the issue until he received an official notification.

(iii) The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas of Constituency 089, Bonthe District) informed the House about the death of the mother of the Chief Whip of Parliament (**Hon. Dickson M. Rogers**) whose demise took place on the 10th of August 2021 when the House was in recess. He notified the House that she had already been buried. He kindly craved the indulgence of Mr. Speaker for a minute of silence to be observed for the mother of the Chief Whip as well as the mother of **Hon. Peter Musa Moigua of Constituency 011, Kenema District** as requested by the Deputy Leader of Government Business.

Mr. Speaker’s Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, asked all to rise and observe a minute of silence. He recited the following prayer as quoted: “May the gentle souls of the faithful departed rest in perfect peace.”

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 26th October, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 3:30 p.m.



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