

THIRD PARLIAMENT

OF

THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

FIFTH SESSION, 2011/2012

SECOND MEETING OF THE HOUSE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

NO.120/2011/2012

TUESDAY

31stJULY, 2012

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:00 A.M.

MR.SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR – HON. JUSTICE ABEL N.B.STRONGE

ATTENDANCE:

I. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were present

- 1. HON.ALPHA-LAVALIE ELIZABETH T.
- 2. HON.BABONJO EMMANUEL T.
- 3. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
- 4. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
- 5. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
- 6. HON.BANGURA KANDE C.
- 7. HON.BANNISTER MALCOLM S.
- 8. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
- 9. HON.BENYA V P.C. MOHAMED DHAFFIE
- **10. HON.BETTS-PRIDDY MANIE**
- 11. HON.BOYA KES
- 12. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
- 13. HON.CONTEH DAVID B.
- 14. HON.CONTEH KONDEH YAPOH
- **15. HON.CONTEH MOININA**
- 16. HON.CUFFIE JULIUS NYE
- 17. HON.DARAMY ALHAJI A.O.
- 18. HON.DUMBUYA DAUDA
- 19. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B.B.

20. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU GIBRIL

21. HON.FATORMA SAHR

22. HON.FASULUKU SAHR N.

23. HON.FEIKA SOLOMON W.

24. HON.FOYAH ALICE M.

25. HON.HALLOWELL LLOYD MAGNUS

26. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.

27. HON.JONES RAYMOND M.

28. HON.JUMU ERIC B.

29. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA

30. HON.KAIGBANJA TAMBA E.

31. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.

32. HON.KALAWA CHARLES H.

33. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.

34. HON.KAMANDA MOURIE B.DR.

35. HONKAMARA ABDUL R.

36. HON.KAMARA ALHAJI BUYA

37. HON.KAMARA ALIMAMY A.

38. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR

39. HON.KAMARA KOYA KALLA

40. HON.KAMARA MOMORIE MADUSU

41. HON.KAMARA PAUL

42. HON.KAMARA PHILIPSON H.

43. HON.KANU AMADU

44. HON.KANU KHALIL MOHAMED

45. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.

46. HON.KARGBO KEWULAY M.

47. HON.KARGBO MOHAMED S.

48. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.

49. HON.KASANGA II P.C. BAI SEBORA

50. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI

51. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.

52. HON.KING EUSTACE A.

53. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.

54. HON.KONDEH DANDA M.

55. HON KONTEH ABU

56. HON.KOROMA ABU B.

57. HON.KOROMA ISATU G.

58. HON.KOWA EMMA

59. HON KPOSOWA FRANK

60. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.

61. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH

62. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE

63. HON.MACARTHY SAM-MAY L.

64. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMANUEL

65. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.

66. HON.MANSARAY THOMAS I.

67. HON.MARAH III P.C.ALIE BALANSAMA

68. HON.MOIJUEH EMILIE SAFULA

69. HON.MOMOH SIAFA J.

70. HON.MUNU ALLIEUBADDARA K.

71. HON.MUSA JINA JAMES

72. HON.MUSTAPHA JOSEPH A.

73. HON.MYERS BINTU

74. HON.NYUMA MATHEW S.

75. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN

76. HON.ROGERS FRANCESS

77. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH

78. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.

79. HON.SAMURA UNISA S.

80. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO

81. HON.SANKOH ALIE SALIEU

82. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN

83. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX

84. HON.SESAY MOSES M. DR.

85. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.

86. HON.SHERIFF P.C.ALLIEU B.

87. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.

88. HON.SOLOKU EDWARD A.

89. HON.SORIE IBRAHIM

90. HON.TARAWALLIE MOHAMED A.

91. HON.TEAMBO MATTHEW M.T

92. HON.THULLAH ALHAJI Y.

93. HON.TOMMY EMMANUEL W.

94. HON.TOMMY HENRY E.

95. HON.TONDONEH PHILIP TETEMA

96. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.

97. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA

98. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.

99. HON.TURAY SALAMATU

100.HON.YANSANEH REV. MARIE

101.HON.YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.

II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

- 1. HON.FENGAI P.C. KAIMACHENDE S.K.
- 2. HON.HINDOWA V. P.C. BINDI SAMBA
- 3. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
- 4. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.
- 5. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
- 6. HON.KOROMA JACOB I.
- 7. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.

- 8. HON.MAC-BAILEY ALBERT
- 9. HON.MASSAQUOI ALOYSIUS M.K.
- 10. HON.SAM MUSA T.
- **11. HON.SANKOH LEGACY**
- 12. HON.SESAY DAVID A.
- 13. HON.SORIBA DAVID G.
- 14. HON.SUWU THERESA

III. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:

- 1. HON.FALEY ROBIN E.S.
- 2. HON.FORNAH MABINTY
- 3. HON.JALLOH MARIE M.
- 4. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
- 5. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS
- 6. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO
- IV. PRAYERS: The Clerk of Legislative Committee, Mr Lamin Yansaneh said the prayers.

V. STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER: On seating arrangements in the House, Hon.Elizabeth T. Alpha-Lavalie and Hon.Eric K. Koedoyoma, were asked to swop seats, in line with new responsibilities.

VI. CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS HELD ON THURSDAY, 19THJULY, 2012 AND TUESDAY, 24THJULY, 2012 RESPECTIVELY:

Hon. Claude D.M.Kamanda moved a motion for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 19th July, 2012. The motion was seconded by **Hon.Alhaji Y. Thullah** and unanimously accepted by Members, while the record of Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday 24thJuly, 2012 was moved for adoption by **Hon. Koya Kalla Kamara**, seconded by **Hon. Moinina Conteh** and was unanimously accepted by Members with some amendments.

VII. BILL:

The Arms and Ammunition Act, 2012

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:

The Minister of Internal Affairs

The Bill was read the first time and unanimously accepted by Members

SECOND READING:

The Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Raymond Kabia presented the Bill to Members of Parliament.

The following Honourable Members contributed to the Bill at the second reading.

- 1. Hon. Dr. Brima M. Kamanda;
- 2. Hon. Ibrahim Sorie;
- 3. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai;
- 4. Hon. Siaka M.Sama;
- 5. Hon. Ibrahim Sorie S.O 33(b);

MOTION MOVED:

Hon. Siaka M.Sama - moved a motion for the Bill to be deferred, seconded by Hon. Edward A. Soloku.

COUNTER MOTION MOVED:

Hon. Mohamed A. Tarawallie - moved a counter motion for the Bill be continued to its final stage. He was seconded by **Hon. Charles H. Kalawa**.

6. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu - point of Order, S.O. 25(1a&b);

Hon. Siaka M.Sama - motion withdrawn;

Continued Debate

- 7. Hon. Nuru Deen Yillah Sankoh;
- 8. Hon. Emmanuel W. Tommy;
- 9. Hon. S.B.B. Dumbuya;
- 10.Hon. Emmanuel W. Tommy point of Order, S.O. 33(1);

Continued Debate

11.Hon. S.B.B. Dumbuya.

The Bill was read the second time and was unanimously accepted by Members.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 5(2):

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu moved for the suspension of S.O. 5(2), seconded by Hon. Kondeh Y. Conteh.

COMMITTEE STAGE:

The following Honourable Members contributed during the Committee Stage:

- 1. Hon.Dr. Bernadette Lahai;
- 2. Hon.lbrahim Sorie;
- 3. Hon.S.B.B. Dumbuya;
- 4. Hon.Kondeh Y. Conteh;
- 5. Hon.Nuru Deen Yillah Sankoh;
- 6. Hon.Abdul R. Kamara;
- 7. Hon.Ibrahim R. Bundu;
- 8. Hon.Eric K.Koedoyoma;
- 9. Hon.Siaka M.Sama;
- 10.Hon.Alpha Babatunde Lewally;
- 11.Hon.Ajibola Emanuel Manly-Spain;
- 12.Hon.Sam-May L.Macarthy;
- 13.Hon.Manie Betts-Priddy;
- 14.Hon.Ansumana J.Kaikai;
- 15.Hon.Dr. Brima M.Kamanda;
- 16.Hon.Alimamy C.Turay;
- 17.Hon.Edward A.Soloku.

The Bill went through the Committee Stage with the following amendments:

- 1. **PART I: Preliminary** The words "ECOWAS Secretariat" amended to read thus: "ECOWAS Commission".
- 2. **Part I:** under definition of the word "transfer" insertion of the word "to" after "from" to read thus:

"transfer" includes import, export, transit, trans-shipment and transport or any other movement whatsoever of small arms or light weapons, ammunitions and other related materials from, to or through Sierra Leone.

- Part II: Clause 2: deletion of the words "of the" after the word licensing to read thus: (2)The National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons established by the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons Act, 2010 shall be responsible for the regulation and licensing, transfer, manufacture, sale, possession and use of small arms and light weapons throughout Sierra Leone.
- 4. **PART II: Clause 4(2):** amended the word "responding" to "corresponding" to read thus:

(2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the establishment of a register, establish corresponding Small Arms and Light Weapons registries in any part of Sierra Leone as he may think fit.

Part III: Clause 9(1&2): new clause 9(3) inserted to read thus:
9. (3) Very essential Public Buildings must be fitted with screening equipments manned

by accepted security officers.

6. **Part IV: Clause 12(1b):** insertion of the words "and human" after the word "drug" to read thus:

(b) he has not been convicted of any crime of violence to the person, or drug and human Trafficking;

Also Clause 17(c): time should be prescribed to replace the word "such time" after the word "within" to read thus:

(c) has been found but the owner has not been identified,

shall, within such time as may be prescribed, deposit the small arm or light weapon at the National Small Arms and Light Weapons Registry or the nearest police station.

7. **Part V: Clause 18(1):** insertion of the word "to" after the word "from" to read thus:

(1) No persons shall transfer any small Arm and light Weapon or their manufacturing materials from, to or through Sierra Leone, except on a valid licence issued by Registrar for that purpose.

Same for PART V, Clause 18(2): insertion of the word "to" after the word "from" to read thus:

(2) An application for a licence to transfer small arms and light weapons or their manufacturing materials from, to or through Sierra Leone shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Registrar and shall-

8. **PART V: Clause 18(4):** insertion of the word "or refused" after the word "granted" to read thus:

(4)The particulars of every licence granted or refused under this section shall be entered in the National Small Arms and Light Weapons Register and in such form and as may be prescribed.

9. Part V: Clause 19d(ii): insertion of the words "including" after the word "law" and another insertion of the words " and war crimes" after the word "humanity" to read thus:

(ii) for the commission of serious violations of international humanitarian law, including genocide, crimes against humanity; and war crimes.

10. Part VII: Clause 29(1&2): new clause 3 was added to read thus:

(3) Any person who conspires to or knowingly and willfully attempt,aides,abets,counsels, procures or commands the commission of an offence under this Act commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine or term of imprisonment as the Principal offender.

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE INTO LAW:

The Bill was read the third time and unanimously passed into law.

VIII. STANDING ORDER 23:

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

1. Hon.Edward A.Soloku - That the road between Waterloo and Mile Siaka is in a very bad condition with many pot holes, and that his car went into one of them and got damaged in trying to avoid a trailer.

He further said that the road between Moyamba and Rotifunk up to Braford is a cut off zone. He called on the Ministry of Works to take necessary action.

2. **Hon.Sam-May L.Macarthy** - Informed the House about a communiqué signed between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guinea and that of Sierra Leone in respect of the demilitarization of Yenga, the boundary between Guinea and Sierra Leone and added that the communiqué was not time bound.

Secondly, that the objection period during the exhibition of voters lists was not 5 days, but throughout the exhibition period and that it was a breach of the Public Election Act, 2012.

IX. STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:

That the Hon.Elizabeth T.Alpha-Lavalie was asked to occupy the seat of Hon.Eric K.Koedoyoma, while the latter was asked to occupy the seat of Hon.Elizabeth T. Alpha-Lavalie.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:

That the laying out ceremony of the late Hon.Rev.Dr.P.C. Jeremiah Sinnah-Yovonie Kangova II will take place on the 10thAugust, 2012 at the State Hall.

He urged all Members of Parliament to be present and on time.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CLERK:

Mr. Lamin Yansaneh:

The following Parliamentary Committees would meet immediately after sitting as follows:

- 1. Information and Communication Meeting Room, New Administrative Building.
- 2. Trade and Industry Committee Room 1, at 2:00 p.m.

THE HOUSE WAS ADJOURNED TO 7TH AUGUST, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 1:45 P.M.