



**FOURTH PARLIAMENT
OF
THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
THIRD SESSION, 2014/2015
FIRST MEETING OF THE HOUSE
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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

VP/4/3/04

FRIDAY

12TH DECEMBER, 2014

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:15 A.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
2. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
3. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
4. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
5. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
6. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
7. HON.BRIG.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.(RTD)
8. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
9. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
10. HON.BROWN PATRICIA
11. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
12. HON.CONTEH BRIMAH
13. HON.CONTEH KARIFALA S.
14. HON.DABUNDEH AIAH DR.
15. HON.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA
16. HON.FOFANA AMADU
17. HON.FOFANAH LEONARD S.
18. HON.GBAPPY-BRIMA GLADYS GBEMOH
19. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
20. HON.JABBI BU-BUAKEI DR.
21. HON.JAJUA ABU
22. HON.JOHNSON DAVID
23. HON.JORKIE MOSES B.



24. HON.KABIA ISATA
25. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
26. HON.KALLON DAUDA J.B.
27. HON.KALOKO ABI
28. HON.KALOKO ALIE
29. HON.KALOKO BAI J.
30. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
31. HON.KAMARA ALBERT DEEN
32. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN
33. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO
34. HON.KAMARA IBRAHIM
35. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
36. HON.KAMARA NICHOLAS
37. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BARBAH
38. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE
39. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
40. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
41. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
42. HON.KARGBO ROLAND F. DR.
43. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
44. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
45. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.
46. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA
47. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA
48. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
49. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B.
50. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO M.
51. HON.KOWA EMMA J.
52. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
53. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
54. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.
55. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.
56. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L.
57. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
58. HON.MARAH LAHAI
59. HON.MARAH REGINA
60. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
61. HON.MUNU ALIEU BADDARA K.
62. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
63. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
64. HON.SANGBAH SAAH
65. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
66. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.



	67. HON.SESAY DAN Y. 68. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
	<p>69. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU 70. HON.SESAY VERONICA K. 71. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J. 72. HON.SUMAH FODAY I. DR. 73. HON.SWARAY MOSES A. 74. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR. 75. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN 76. HON.TENGBEH SAHR 77. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S. 78. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B. 79. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED 80. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR. 81. HON.TURAY THOMAS B. 82. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO 83. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED J.</p> <p>The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HON.CONTEH KEMOKOH2. HON.DUMBUYA ALHAJI S.3. HON.FATORMA SAHR4. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA5. HON.FOYAH PATRICK6. HON.JENGO EDWARD S.7. HON.KAISAMBA FRANCIS A.8. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED9. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.10. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU11. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.12. HON.MUNDA HABIB B.13. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR.14. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX15. HON.SESAY KUSAN16. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.17. HON.CAPT.SOURIE FREDERICK S.(RTD) <p>The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO



	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPYA3. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA4. HON.FAWUNDU SENESI5. HON.FUNNA MABINTY6. HON.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSAPAKI7. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J. 8. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.9. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.10. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE11. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA E.12. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.13. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA14. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU15. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N.16. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH17. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO18. HON.SILIKIE BASHIRU19. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K.20. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.21. HON.SONSIAMA III P.C. SHEKU A.T. FASULUKU22. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M.23. HON.THOLLEY MOHAMED K.24. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA
10:14 – 10:15 a.m.	I. Prayers: The Table Clerk Mr. Lamin Yansaneh , said the prayer.
10:15 a.m.	II. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2) AT 10:15 A.M.: Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda moved the suspension of Standing Order 5(2), seconded by Hon. Alieu Baddara K. Munu , and was unanimously approved by the House.
10:15 – 10:17 a.m.	III. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2014: The motion for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 11 th December, 2014, was moved by Hon. Benneh Bangura . It was seconded by Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara and unanimously adopted by the House with some amendments.
10:17 – 11:45 a.m.	IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE:



Proposer: Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu

Seconder: Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma

Be it Resolved:

That the Second Report of the Third Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

The Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu** presented the Second Report of the Third Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the following Presidential nominees:

1. **Hon. Justice Vivian M. Solomon** – Proposed Justice of the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone;
2. **Hon. Justice Nicholas Bowne Mark** - Proposed Justice of the Supreme Court;
3. **Hon. Justice Emmanuel Ekundayo Roberts** - Proposed Justice of the Supreme Court;
4. **Hon. Justice Abdulai Hamid Charm** - Proposed Justice of the Court of Appeal;
5. **Hon. Justice Mangeh Fana Deen Tarawally** - Proposed Justice of the Court of Appeal ;
6. **Hon. Justice Ernest V.A. Gooding** - Proposed High Court Judge on Contract;
7. **Mr. Oluniye Robin-Coker** - Proposed Board Chairman, SLIEPA;
8. **Ambassador Allieu Ibrahim Kanu** - Proposed Board Chairman, IMC;



EXCERPT OF THE FIRST REPORT OF WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2014:

9. Mrs. Melinda Ayodele Princess Davies - Proposed Board Member, IMC.

The motion was seconded by **Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma**.

Contributing to the debate on the motion were the following Honourable Members:

1. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma;
2. Hon. Daniel B. Koroma;
3. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai;
4. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu.

Question put and Agreed to.

The motion was unanimously ratified by Members.

CONGRATULATORY STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker congratulated the Presidential nominees on behalf of Honourable Members of Parliament and wished them well in their various fields of endeavour, hoping that they will deliver on their objectives.

Mr. Speaker told the nominees that teaching can be something of a drudgery, and that there are times when a teacher does teach students that are mentally retarded, dull or stupid. But where you have outstanding students, you would enjoy every minute of your time in the classroom, he said. That is the pleasure he derived in teaching people like Justice Nicholas C. Browne Mark and Justice Abdulai Hamid Charm.

He added that he in-directly taught Justice Emmanuel E. Robert, in the sense that, he taught a lecturer who taught Justice Roberts at the University. He said that Justice V. M. Solomom was very impressive, including the rest of the nominees.

The House rose for Lunch at 11:45 a.m and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

HONOURABLE DEPUTY SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR - HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH:



Continued Proceedings:

V. BILL:

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2015

Being an Act to authorize expenditure from the Consolidated Fund for the services of Sierra Leone for the year 2015

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development

(THIRD ALLOTTED DAY)

The various Vote Heads and the amounts allocated thereto as contained in Pillars 1 to 4 were considered by Members to stand part of the schedule. (See Attached document)

The following Honourable Members contributed to the debate under the following Vote Heads:

1. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie

Vote Heads:

701 00 – Kenema City Council
140 00 – Mass Media Services

Motion: - Moved that all the Vote Heads contained in the Bill from Pillars 1 to 4 stand part of the schedule with the exception of Vote Heads 701 00 and 140 00 which should be put on hold. The motion was seconded by Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally.

Question Put and Agreed to:



The motion was unanimously carried.

2. **Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma** - He observed that MDAs were thinly represented in the House. He further stated that it is in the area of procurement that Government resources are wasted simply because procurement procedures are not strictly followed. He recommended that if MDAs are not following procurement rules, then their allocations should be put on hold.
3. **Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda** - He was doubtful whether SLENA which is under the Ministry of Information and Communications is dead or alive, yet this Agency is still receiving funds. He called on the parliamentary Committee on Information and Communications to carry out investigations in that direction.
4. **Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma** - He referred to the Vote Head titled 'Office and General'. That most of the MDAs put their budget line for stationery and vehicles under this Vote Head. They also failed to explain what they expend under this Vote Head. He requested the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to be clear about issues concerning Office and General in the budget for MDAs.

Secondly, that the Parliamentary Service Act of 2007 spells out clearly that Parliament should fix its own budget ceiling and send it to the President for his comments. But he realized that it is the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development that is presently fixing budget a ceiling for Parliament but has no legitimacy to do so.

INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker responded that it is the Commission that will look into the issue.

5. **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu** - Suggested that a distinction should be made between Vote Controllers and Ministers. He also observed that some Permanent Secretaries do not present budget questionnaires to their Ministers and do not know at times what is going on in their Ministries, Example with respect to Assets and Vehicles. He encouraged the Ministers through the Ministry of Transport and Aviation for Vote Controllers to account for vehicles.
6. **Hon. Brimah Conteh** - Under Devolved Functions said that Local Councils according to the Local Government Act, 2004 are responsible for the development of their communities and the welfare of the



people. But realized that most of the Councils are underfunded. He stressed the need to engage the Auditor-General to look into the procurement process, especially in the area of competitive bidding and the purchase of Ministerial vehicles.

INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker explained that some of the concerns raised should be looked into by the relevant parliamentary Committee, in the form of questions to Ministers or Ministerial briefings.

Continued Proceedings:

Hon. Brimah Conteh -

Marine Sector - He observed that there is an increase in license fees and that this sector has been doing well in preventing poachers and trawlers from invading our waters. He also recommended that there is a need to increase their budget allocation. He added that donor funds received must be reported and called on the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to have a record of all MDAs dealing with donor funds.

Single Account - That there is a need for a single account as some of the Government revenues are not reflected in the Consolidated Fund.

7. **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu** - Referred Members to Vote Head 107 00 – Local Government and Rural Development with regards to the duties of Chiefs and Local Councils. He said that some Members of Parliament especially those in the provinces are representing Chiefdoms, and that there are 149 of them being administered by a Chiefdom Cabinet.

That Chiefdom Council meetings have not been regularly held to discuss developmental issues, especially with regards to leakages. He said that according to the Telecommunications Act, for every Telecommunications mast, a certain percentage should be given to Chiefdoms for development purposes, but he realized that Chiefs do receive revenue but do not account for them. The same goes for Chiefdoms in mining areas, wherein a certain percentage from the mining companies is given to the Chiefdoms for development and yet these monies are not accounted for.

That the Chiefdom cabinet should be meeting regularly to discuss issues relating to royalties paid by telecommunications, mining



companies and other investors, in a bid to enhance development in their communities.

He urged the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the Ministry of Local Government and the Parliamentary Committee supervising these Ministries to look into this matter. He was very happy now that Chiefs are paid salaries. That according to the Chieftaincy Act, Section Chiefs and Village Headmen are to be elected, but realized that village headmen are appointed rather than elected. Every Headman, he said must be elected. That section chiefs and headmen cannot be held accountable because they are not paid.

He therefore advocated for the Headmen and Section Chiefs to be on a salary to properly oversee the communities.

8. **Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally** - Referred to Vote Heads – 201 00 Ministry of Defence, 207 00 Sierra Leone Correctional Services – That there are complications and confusion as to who manages and who reports. He observed that they are faced with the problem of delay in transfers and that they managed their own votes, instead of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. He observed that the Ministry of Defence is in control of both the Military and the Ministry and that there is no actual command and control.

He further stated that there is no harmony between the report of the Permanent Secretary and that of the military. He observed that they are placed under one budget Head. He suggested that they be separated.

Parliament 116 00 – That there is a budget line dealing with parliamentary visits to constituencies which to him is misleading, but should read parliamentary oversight visits and urged the administration to provide the correct title.

Income Generating MDAs - He said there is confusion as to where their monies are going. He cited Seaboard receiving monies for their Corporation, but it is not clear how much percentage goes to the Consolidated Fund.

Foreign Affairs - That it is generating income from Foreign Missions yet the funds are not under their direct control.

9. **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu** – On a point of Order, S.O. 34, referred to the 2006 Finance Act, wherein it is stated in the schedules that all monies



<p>1:50 – 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>2:15 – 2:57 p.m.</p>	<p>received by MDAs should be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.</p> <p>10. Hon. Kombor Kamara – Ministry of Works – 408 00 – That this Ministry was created by an Act of Parliament for maintenance and construction of Roads and SLRA was charged with that responsibility. The Parliamentary Sub-Committee realized that the Road Maintenance Fund Administration was detached from the Ministry of Works and placed under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. The Committee observed that there is Administrative conflict between SLRA and RMFA.</p> <p>11. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai - That the parliamentary Appropriation Sub-Committees have done a marvelous job by putting so much work into their reports and that all of them have come out with salient issues. That there is a need for the various reports to be compiled into one document which would serve as research document for Parliament and can also lead to proposals for parliamentary questions, Ministerial statements, issues to be addressed by the parliamentary Committees, or issues for oversight or proposals for legislation, otherwise the whole budget process may become futile.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Security and the Police2. Gender based violence <p>That gender based violence is on the rise especially in Ebola quarantined homes. That there is no budget line for Family support Unit.</p> <p>INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker said that the Inspector-General of Police would be contacted on this issue.</p> <p>The House was stood down at 1:50 p.m. and resumed at 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>Continued Proceedings:</p> <p>12. Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda – Vote Head 309 00 – Dental and Medical Board under Pillar 3 in the Bill - That the Board is making huge sums of money, but cannot report on it. He called on the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Health and the parliamentary Committee supervising these Ministries to look into that matter.</p>
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Local Councils - That Councillors, Managers and Chairpersons of these Councils are not remunerated, but they are charged with the responsibility of collecting funds.

Transport and Aviation(Metrological Department) – That people hardly hear about Metrological Department which is charged with the responsibility of forecasting the weather conditions. That they should be frequently reporting the weather forecasts, if not, their Vote Head will be put on hold.

He concluded that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development should finance the compilation of the various Sub-Committee reports.

13. **Hon. Abu B. Koroma** - on the following areas:

1. 30% of NRA
2. Core staff of Local Councils

Narrated the issue of 30% given to NRA and disclosed that whenever there is a general increase of salaries for public workers, the core staff of the Local Councils do not benefit.

14. **Hon. Dr. Foday Suma** – Local Councils – realized that Local Councils hardly generate income, including Bonthe District Local Council – That there are conflicts between the chiefs and the councils with regards to the collection of revenue. That a new decentralization policy be drafted to avoid conflict. That chiefs must be summoned to Parliament to account for revenues collected in their communities.

Poor Reporting of Councils – He lamentably cited the poor reporting of Councils about their use of Government revenue and that there is a need to create a better format of reporting as seen in the poor presentation of budget reporting of Councils to the parliamentary sub-committees.

15. **Hon. Hassan B. Sheriff** – Compilation of Reports – That in his capacity as chairman of the Finance Committee will do all he could to produce the bound volumes of all the Sub-Committee reports for last year and this year, 2014, respectively.

16. **Hon. Brimah Conteh** – As a rejoinder to **Hon. Hassan B. Sheriff** said that



the compiled reports would serve as a working document for Parliament.

Secondly, he realized that budget disbursements were done quarterly, but is presently done half yearly. He said that this change must be formalized by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and communicated to all MDAs.

17. **Hon. Ibrahim Kamara** – Vote Head 303 00 – Health allocated 80 billion leones of which 40 billion leones directed towards Ebola response(Budget Speech – page 3). Would want to know the reporting system on Ebola , since there are 3 reporting institutions. That there are not enough Ebola holding centres and that every constituency should have a school to be used as a Holding Centre.
18. **Hon. Hassan B. Sheriff** – That Audit exercise be conducted on Ebola funds.
19. **Hon. P.C. Brima Victor Sidi Kebbie** – Refuted the statement that Paramount Chiefs collect revenue. He disclosed that people collect revenue on their behalf.
20. **Hon. Foday Rado Yokie** – Confused about the situation whereby Paramount Chiefs are paid salaries and are also receiving remuneration from the Consolidated Fund, that he needed clarification from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

VI. RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, **Dr Kaifala Marah** responded to some of the issues raised by Members and moved that the various Votes Heads as contained in Pillars 1 to 9 stand part of the schedules.

Question Put and Agreed to:

The motion was unanimously carried.

VII. THIRD READING AND PASSAGE INTO LAW:

2:57 – 2:58 p.m.



<p>2:58 p.m.</p>	<p>The Bill entitled The Appropriation Act, 2015, having gone through the Committee of Supply with some amendments, was read the third time and unanimously passed into law.</p> <p>VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT BY HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Ebola task force will meet on Monday 16th December, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room;2. That the Committee on Appointment and the Public Service will meet on Monday 16th December, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room 1. <p>IX. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 16th December, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE HOUSE ROSE AT 2:58 P.M.</p>
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2:52 – 2:57 p.m.



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