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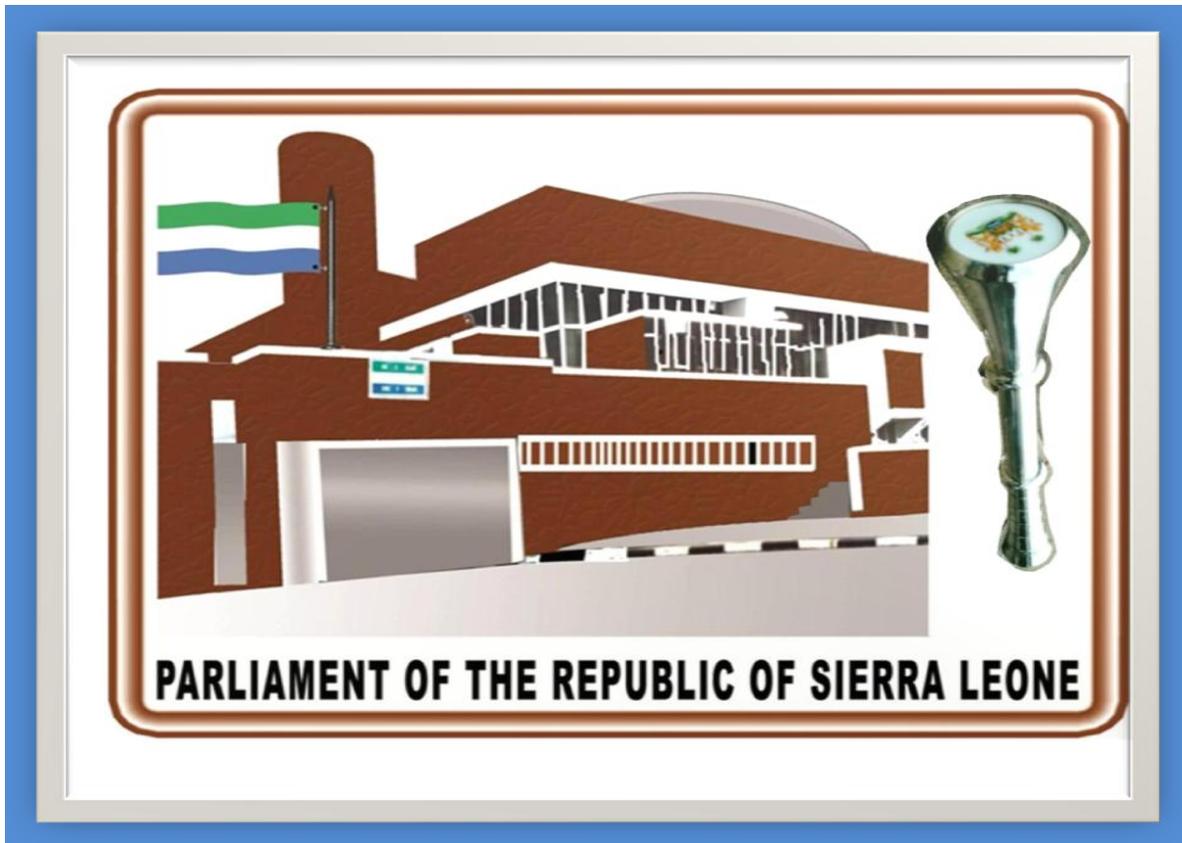
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SECONDER: HON. VERONICA K. SESAY

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE SEVENTH REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE APPROVED.

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THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

Official Hansard Report of the Proceedings of the House

FIRST SESSION – FIRST MEETING OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC

Wednesday, 27th June, 2018.

I. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Mrs Bintu Weston, Read the Prayers]

[The House met at 10:20 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]

[The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas, in the Chair]

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S. O. 5[2]

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Leader of the Opposition and Leader of Government Business, please approach me.

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2018.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 12th June, 2018. We go page by page. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? Page 13? Page 14? Page 15? Page 16? Can any Member move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 12th June, 2018 as presented?

HON. ALUSINE KANNEH: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. JOSEPHINE MAKIEU: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 12th June, 2018 has been adopted as presented]

III. PAPER LAID

MS DR PATRICIA N. LAVERLEY [Deputy Minister of Finance]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following documents:

- The Public Financial Management Regulations, 2018;
- The Public Financial Management Act, 2016; and
- Statutory Instrument No. 4 of 2018.

IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSER: HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA

SECONDER: HON. VERONICA K. SESAY

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I present to you the Seventh Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH [*Leader of the Opposition*]: Mr Speaker, I have a point of objection to make before the Honourable Member proceeds. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I received the Report this morning purportedly to have been compiled by the Clerk of Committees assigned to the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service. Having gone through the Report and considering the subject under discussion, I want to confirm to you, Mr Speaker, that this Report is premature, taking into consideration the provision in S.O. 75. Again, this Report is contrary to what was said in Committee Room 1. In a nutshell, this Report does not reflect the unanimous view of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service. On that note, I am kindly requesting that you expunge this item from the Order Paper for today because we cannot discuss a subject that has not been concluded by the Committee.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, can you read S.O. 75?

HON. CHERNOR R.M BAH: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the sub-heading of that provision says, 'Premature Publication of contents of Select Committee Reports.' With your leave, it reads:

"[1] Evidence given before or any paper forming part of the records of a Select Committee may be printed for the exclusive information of the Members of the Committee, but shall not be published before the proceedings of the Committee are reported to Parliament.

[2] The Evidence taken before any Select Committee and any documents presented to such Committee shall not be published by any Member of such

Committee or by any other person before the Committee have presented their Report to the House.

[3] Contravention of this order constitutes contempt of Parliament.”

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this Report contains my name and what is purported in it is not true and correct. We were supposed to meet this morning at 10:00 a.m. to conclude the Committee hearings. For the information of Members of Parliament, the meeting did not hold. Therefore, this Report was not completed for it to be submitted to this House.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, Honourable Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella.

HON. DR KANDEH KOLLEH YUMKELLA [leader of the NGC]: Mr Speaker, I am a Member of that Select Committee. We have not completed our work and therefore we have not approved this Report for presentation to this House. We agreed to meet this morning. We ask that we follow the process that we agreed on yesterday. Second, I also take exception to S.O 75 because the Department of Public Relations published parts of our discussions yesterday on social media before we concluded our work. That is in violation of S.O. 75.

THE SPEAKER: Interestingly Honourable Members, I listened to Radio Democracy, 98.1 F.M this morning and exactly what is in the report was what I heard over 98.1. We had a journalist who was in attendance yesterday. In the circumstance, Honourable Members, the Report has not been reported to this particular House, so it is premature to take any objection at this stage. Proceed, Honourable Deputy Leader of Government Business.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. May the Lord bless you for your decision taken for the interest of 'mama Salone' [*Laughter from SLPP Bench*].

1. Introduction

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, alive to its constitutional obligations, met on Tuesday, 26th June, 2018 and

interviewed one Presidential Nominee for appointment as Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission [ACC].

2. Procedure

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. The nominee was interviewed on issues pertaining to his educational background to ensure that he has the relevant education and necessary backup experience to hold such an important office of the state. Further probing questions put to the nominee covered wide ranging issues relating to his track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and his vision for a nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into.

3. Eighth Sitting of the Committee on Tuesday 26th June 2018

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the following nominee was interviewed on oath:

Mr Francis Ben Kaifala, Proposed Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission

Mr Francis Ben Kaifala holds double Masters in Law [LLM]; Comparative Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and International Human Rights Law; and Master in Law and Economics [LLM].

He is a specialist in Legal Aspects of International Finance, International Economic Law, Private International Law, Legal Aspects of International Finance, Regulation of Financial Markets, Corporate Law and Finance, Banking Law, Central Banking and Regulation, International Financial Law, International Investment Law, International Trade Law, Climate Change and Energy, Sovereign Finance and Public Debts Management, Sovereign Debt Restructuring, the Law of the World Trade Organisation, International Financial Institution [the IMF, World Bank], to name but few of his areas of specialty.

Mr Francis Ben Kaifala obtained a distinction in one of his theses titled, 'Traditional Impediments to Defeating Corruption in Africa: Demystifying the Legal difficulties of Fighting Corruption in Africa.'

Mr Francis Ben Kaifala was praised across party lines and recommended as adequately qualified and competent for his proposed appointment. The Opposition Leader, particularly described Mr Francis Ben Kaifala as somebody well known to him and that his competency and capacity are not in question at all.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries as to how he intends making the ACC relevant to Sierra Leone, Mr Francis Ben Kaifala said: **"Corruption is known to be one of the biggest impediments to progress and development, both in Sierra Leone and the World over. I intend to take the fight against corruption very seriously by injecting a perceptual shift, so that the people of Sierra Leone will know and believe that corruption should not be tolerated. My intention is to attack that perception and give confidence to the people that corruption is serious and when it is reported to those who are supposed to address it, people will have the confidence that getting away with it is the exception and not the rule. I intend to create a robust atmosphere where there is confidence in the fight against corruption. I also intend to make sure that the ACC, its staff and strategies are well aligned to ensure that the fight against corruption is not a mere shadow boxing, but a realistic fight against what I believe kills more people than any disease or war we have had. My intention is to make sure that the fight against corruption is never the same again."**

2. Recommendations

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential Nominee to be adequately qualified and competent for his proposed appointment and is accordingly recommended to the House for approval:

Mr Francis Ben Kaifala, proposed Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Seventh Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Seventh Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved. Signed by Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma, Acting Chairman.

THE SPEAKER: Any Seconder?

HON. VERONICA K. SESAY: Mr Speaker, I so second.

[Question Proposed]

HON. CHERNOR R.M BAH: I have a counter Motion, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, can you please occupy your seat. Mr Leader of Government Business, please proceed. I expect perfect decorum in this House, especially when we are in the face of the gallery. Can you please occupy your seat?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I also want to remind this House to follow the procedures of Parliament. The vote is not unanimous.

THE SPEAKER: At least, I expected a minority report at this stage.

HON. CHERNOR R.M BAH: Mr Speaker, you would get a minority report when the Committee concludes its job. We have not concluded our job.

THE SPEAKER: You sit down! We would get to that. I have told you to sit down, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M BAH: Mr Speaker, we should follow procedures. This is Parliament... - *[Interruption]*.

THE SPEAKER: Any way, for the sake of what you have just said, please proceed.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I thank you very much. Mr Speaker, I move that this Report, which has been submitted, considering the fact that it is not the true view of what transpired in the Committee and also not unanimous, as purported in this Report, be expunged.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. DR KANDEH KOLLEH YUMKELLA: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[The Motion to expunge item IV on the Order Paper was carried, but the Acting Speaker acknowledged a mistake and reversed the decision of the House by putting the question again]

THE SPEAKER: The Ayes have it. Proceed, Honourable Member. I am sorry the 'Nays' have it. Honourable Members, I can see there is some form of confusion. Honourable Members, please pay keen attention again. I am going to put the question again.

[Question Proposed, Put and Disagreed to]

[The Motion to expunge item IV on the Order Paper was Disagreed to]

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I rise on S.O 45... - *[Interruption]*.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader of the Opposition, you know the procedure. If you are aggrieved, you know the procedure. Occupy your seat.

HON. CHERNOR R.M BAH: Mr Speaker, I am following the procedure.

THE SPEAKER: Occupy your seat, Mr Leader. I am serious and I want you to occupy your seat. Sit down! No, sit down! Sit down! Sit down, Mr Leader! I am serious. Sit down! Seat down! I said sit down! Sit down! No, no hold on, sit down! Mr Leader, I said sit down! Sit down! Sit down! Sit down! Seat down! Sit down! Sit down! Sit down! Honourable Members, as far as I know, this 27th day of June in the year of our Lord 2018, I am presiding here *[Applause]*. The Leader of the Opposition knows, as well as I do that if you are aggrieved by any decision of Mr Speaker, there is a way you go about it, but if I tell you to sit down and I make any ruling as Mr Speaker, it is your place to institute the necessary procedure. If I have overruled, you have to sit down, Mr Leader. You must be a clear example. You are a very senior Member of Parliament *[Applause]*. You must be a very good example to other Honourable Members of Parliament. Sit down! Sit down! Sit down! I said, sit down! Honourable Members, sit down! Sit down!

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader of the Opposition, you know the procedure. If you are aggrieved, you know the procedure to follow. Occupy your sit, Mr Leader. I am serious. Mr Leader, sit down! I am serious. Mr Leader, you do not have my permission.

HON. VERONICA K. SESAY: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I thank you, Mr Speaker. When we were interviewing the proposed ACC Commissioner yesterday, praises were showered on the young man. The young man we are about to approve for this enviable institution has age on his favour. You have said it and we are going to take you by your words. The institution that we are about to approve you for; i.e., the ACC has not been effective in the fight against corruption. Corruption has become the order of the day. It has eaten into the fabrics of this country's developments.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, having gone through his resume, I must say he is over qualified for that job [*Applause*]. Some people may want to say you are very young. Let me restate what I always say here in the Themne language. S. O. [2], Mr Speaker, 'ɔ ɔl kɛɛ ɔ ɔli.' This means he is young but matured. He can do it and I have no doubt in this young man's ability to perform. Age is on his side and he can do better than his predecessors. This is an enviable position. We want you to bark and bite. You should not talk without actions. I am saying this because we have read and heard it from you.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominee has promised the people of this Nation that he would bring an end to corruption. It is not an easy task, but go there and try your own bit. I have no doubt because you have a rich resume as a young Lawyer. You have gone through many rugged roads to be a Lawyer. It is not easy, but I know you will do it. We need you to take actions in the fight against corruption. We have had ACC Commissioners who were just talking without actions. They usually say, 'orders from above.' We want to tell you that 'orders from above' is no longer in existence in this country. You have to make sure that you work for the people of this Country. You are going to represent the people of this Country. In other words, you are going to represent the voiceless and the interest of Government.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the nominee to make sure that the correct thing is done because we want to succeed as a government. It is being stated and the President is very particular about the success of his administration. I believe corruption is one of the worms that is eating into this Country's developments, you have

to make sure you prove it to us that you are capable and competent to make sure that you do the correct thing. We want a situation wherein the voices of the voiceless are heard.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the fight against corruption goes along side with the fight against bad attitude S.O [2] 'dem say if married de sweet, na di bachelor's eve.' You have to make sure that you start in your office. Make sure you try to eradicate some of these corrupt practices in your offices. I want to remind you that corruption is everywhere. S.O. [2], Mr Speaker, 'see me ar see u.' That is corruption to the highest degree.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if you go to our various hospitals like Connaught and Cottage, you have to pay for the bed before the patient is admitted. In fact, they will tell you there is no bed whilst at the same time they will be looking for somebody who has money to pay. You have paid for those facilities through the taxes we pay. That is corruption to the highest level. I want to remind you that you are going to be paid to eradicate all forms of corruption in this country. The instances I have just explained are acts of corruption. Pregnant women and lactating mothers should be comforted and we should not allow them to go through such pains and to even allow them to sit on the floor whilst in pain. It is ridiculous and we must put an end to it. So, go there and stand for those women and relieve them from the pains they have been going through. Please work in the interest of the women. Women carry the bulk of the load and we are so vulnerable.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the proposed Commissioner that there are many institutions where people pass 'brown envelopes' in exchange of the happiness of voiceless people. I am not saying you should not start in this House because we are parliamentarians. Please come to Parliament and do your work. If we go on Oversight activity and see red, but we try to make it look green, that is corruption. So, you have to take note of this and this Parliament will give you the necessary support you will need. We will make sure you do the correct thing and we will make sure we direct you as our son, so that you succeed. The seat you are about

to occupy is an enviable one. As a young man, they might want to convince you to do the wrong thing, but I know you will not be easily convinced. I have no doubt in you and I want you to go and prove to the world that you are capable; go and tell the world that I am young, but I will surprise people; go and tell the world that the ACC will no longer bark, but it will bite this time round. We are supporting you because we have given you the level playing field to do so. We will not give you the rope then hold the cow. We would make sure we support you. If you want any advice, come back to Parliament. There is a Committee that is responsible to oversee your institution.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind this House, especially my colleagues out there that this is a young man and we have been fighting for the young people of this country. The Government has given us a young man and we have to support him. Please, if there were misunderstandings along the line, they could be resolved administratively. We do not want to bring them here, but the young man has no problem at all. We cannot punish somebody who has not done wrong. If he is capable and fit, let him go and do his job. Give him your support because he is your brother. He can make it. He would work in the interest of the youth.

With those few words, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to wish him well. Please, do not let us down. Make sure you work in the interest of 'mama Salone.' I thank you *[Applause]*.

HON. HINDOLO M. GEVAO: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to doff my hat to His Excellency the President, Rtd Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, for nominating a Sierra Leonean who cannot be placed to any political party in this country. I said so because I have known the nominee for the past ten years. We have practiced law at the Sierra Leone Bar. So, when I speak, I speak with facts.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have been elected to represent the people of this country. There have been rumours and we know that some of those rumours are not correct. However, it is good to address them, particularly when we know the facts about the things that they murmur about.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominee before us today is over qualified. I will read the necessary provision in the Anti-Corruption Act that qualifies him. I would also explain for the edification of Members here present and the public. With your leave, Mr Speaker, Section 3, Sub-Section 1 reads: [a] **“The Commission shall have a Commissioner who shall be the head of the Commission. [b] “... A deputy Commissioner, both of whom shall be appointed by the President subject to approval of Parliament.”** Sub-Section 2 reads: **“The Commissioner shall be a legal practitioner having not less than ten years practice in the profession with proven managerial experience and conspicuous probity.”** I will emphasise on the words ‘ten years.’ The nominee seated here has practiced law for more than ten years. I will underline the words ‘practice in his profession’ even if Lord Denning is to interpret this provision, the practice of the legal profession commences on the night of call. The nominee seated here was called to the Bar in 2007; and from 2007 to 2018, he has practiced his profession for more than ten years.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominee is one of those Sierra Leoneans who keeps proper tax record. In other words, he is one of those Sierra Leoneans who pays taxes on every activity for which the law demands tax to be paid. This tells us that he has passed the threshold of conspicuous probity. He is a man of high integrity, both nationally and internationally. Mr Francis Ben Kaifala is somebody highly respected by the international community for challenging national issues that several people thought young people should not challenge. He is somebody who has a huge managerial experience. He is a senior partner of a legal firm, one of the most successful firms in Sierra Leone.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will also crave the indulgence of my colleagues to actually lay bare some of the democratic principles we have decided to practice in Sierra Leone. We have three Arms of Government; i.e., the Legislature, which is charged with the responsibility of making laws, oversee the Executive and represent the people; the Judiciary, which is charged with the responsibility of interpreting the laws; and the Executive, which is charged with the responsibility of executing those laws. I

want the Sierra Leonean populace to note that our duty is to make laws. We cannot interpret laws that are in the domain of the Judiciary of Sierra Leone. The last time I checked, the Judiciary of Sierra Leone is still alive and its doors are opened.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there has been hue and cry on 98.1 about the removal of the former Anti-Corruption Commissioner. If anybody feels so strong about that, it is the domain of the Judiciary. I would draw the attention of this House to Section 61.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: For the records, there was confusion in citing who has been removed from the Commission and who is going to take over. I want the Honourable Member to properly cite that provision.

THE SPEAKER: You are overruled, Honourable Member.

HON. HINDOLO M. GEVAO: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would refer the House to Section 61 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone. I want the Sierra Leonean populace to actually underline the wordings of this Section. It reads: **“Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of any Act of Parliament, the President may constitute offices for Sierra Leone, make appointments to any such office and terminate any such appointment”** [Applause]. I will read that Section again because we have to lay this bare for the Sierra Leonean populace to understand that we are here to represent them and put their anxieties to rest. Section 61 reads: **“Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and of any Act of Parliament, the President may constitute offices for Sierra Leone, make appointments to any such office and terminate any such appointment.”** I will not delve into that further. You need not to be a lawyer to understand the literal context of that provision.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will also take this House to another provision in the 1991 Constitution. With the leave of Mr Speaker, Section 171, Sub-Section 15 reads: **“This Constitution shall be the supreme Law of Sierra Leone and any other Law found to be inconsistent with any provisions of this Constitution shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void and of no effect.”** Mr Speaker, I do not

want to venture into the functions of the Judiciary. I have just read these provisions for the edification of Members of the gallery.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Francis Ben Kaifala is somebody who will actually take the fight against corruption to another height *[Applause]*. He is a young man that has stood up for the right thing. The day I actually climaxed my admiration for the nominee was when certain nominations were hastily done at the Sierra Leone Bar Association for the representation on the General Legal Council, which is the highest professional body in our Profession. Mr Francis Ben Kaifala stood up to say they must do the right thing. Mr Francis Ben Kaifala called a plenary body and we had to vote on those positions.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, try to round up.

HON. HINDOLO M. GEVAO: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, for us the young men, I believe it is high time we 'doffed our hats' when the right thing is being done and when somebody who can perform is appointed to such position. When we were in Committee Room 1 yesterday, I was touched when the Honourable Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella said the man is over-qualified. The Honourable Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella is my senior and he is somebody I admire so much. I used to take Evidence Law classes with Mr Roland Wright and he has got no problems with his credentials. He knows he can perform. Honourable Chernor R. M. Bah, the duty of this Parliament is to look at credentials or people's track records and to find out if they are fit for presidential appointments.

With those few words, I want to hastily urge this House to approve the nominee for the good of Sierra Leone *[Applause]*.

HON. EMELIA LOLLOH TONGI: I represent Constituency 001, Independent Candidate, Kailahun District *[Applause]*. We all know that Mr Francis Ben Kaifala is over-qualified. We have gone through his curriculum vitae. I do not want to elaborate on that. What I want to talk about and advise our future Commissioner is that corruption is a disease. Corruption is Cancer and we all know that Cancer is incurable. Therefore,

corruption is a disease. His Excellency the President, Rtd Brigadier Julius Maada Bio has found prescription and the right prescription is Francis Ben Kaifala and is ready to cure this disease in this Country *[Applause]*. He is young, but very dynamic. He has been working in this Country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I could remember few years back that one of the ministers in China received bribed and he was sentenced to death. Corruption does not take a country forward, but destroys it. It paralyses a country and that is why I want to advise our future Commissioner to take this fight very seriously. If you go to Pamalap, you will find out that we are losing a lot of money because over 800 vehicles crisscross Pamalap. These people amass a lot of money for themselves and not for the country. We have to get into that also.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, my colleague just said 'women pay a lot.' I spoke about how pregnant women are suffering in this Country. Many of them deliver on the way to the hospitals. These women are charged when they get to the hospital the sum of **Le150, 000** for delivering in hospitals. This is corruption.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the proposed Commissioner not to forget the Police Force. We know them and they are also part of it. Let us accept and push Mr Francis Ben Kaifala to a point that corruption could be banned a little bit. I strongly believe that if we support and encourage him, I am sure Sierra Leone will be better for all of us.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to wish the nominee good luck if approved by this House. It is not going to be easy. It is a difficult and a very dangerous position. People are threatening to do something abnormal because they want to do things as usual. Let us work with Mr Francis Ben Kaifala, so that this country could be improved. Corruption is actually killing and destroying our people. All of us have made it in our lives. All of us sitting here have our future well placed. Let us think about tomorrow. These kids are growing up and we have to leave a better place for them. I thank you very much.

HON. QUINTIN SALIA KONNEH: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, for giving me this space. To start with, the situation I am seeing currently is a situation I would like to describe as 'a systemic lupus erythematosus.' I want to believe we should all be happy that for the first time we are getting a 'corrupt-free' somebody to head the ACC. This is really an opportunity for our country. For the first time we are getting somebody who is corrupt free. I am not saying this because Mr Francis Ben Kaifala is with us now, but because he is somebody I have known for quite some time now. I have known him for over twenty years and I have worked with him. I have been with him and I know from all indications that he is corrupt-free. As Parliamentarians, I think our primary focus should be on Sierra Leone and not political parties.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, some of us want to deprive our country from getting the best. This is what I see and it is what we are displaying now. We should not choose to be answerable to our parties. All we need as a Country is to get the best people to take this Country to a higher height. If you look at the Corruption Index, Sierra Leone is one of the least Countries in the world and we want to move away from that. If you travel to other Countries, the moment you say you are a Sierra Leonean, people start watching you with different eyes. I believe for some of us it is discriminatory and it is not good for us. We have got somebody who is very young but has impressive qualifications. I think we should embrace him and put politics aside. Let us look at Mr Francis Ben Kaifala as Francis Ben Kaifala who can take us to another level. We are not doing this because he is being presented by the President. I believe the President is somebody who makes mistakes at minimal level. All the nominees he has presented to this House are people who can deliver. They are people with proven track records.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to plead with my colleagues on the other side to give the President the chance. I am an Independent Member of Parliament, which also mean I am on that side, but let us give the President the space to take Sierra Leone to the destiny World. We want to move away from the current situation and we need the best people who can take us there. Mr Francis Ben Kaifala, irrespective of your age, I know you are a young man, even though heavily loaded with qualifications. I see

you as an academic dinosaur. If approved by this House, please forget about age, region and party, and do your work. Bark and bite! I thank you all.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader of the Opposition, let us round up the debate please.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, today has been a different day in this House. We have done a lot of things that are contrary to parliamentary procedures. I will confirm that and the records will show. Today, no Honourable Member on our side was allowed by the Speaker to contribute. We stood up countlessly to contribute, but we were deprived to do so. Most importantly, one thing that has to be said is that nobody has questioned the competence of the candidate. We do not want the debate to be skewed, but exactly what happened this morning. The debate has been skewed for the public to have a different perception. The perception has nothing to do with his capacity or his qualifications because we did not discuss that at the Committee Stage.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the report was purported to have come from the Committee. I am still challenging that statement. In your earlier ruling, you said that 'the Ayes have it.' That ruling is on record, and it will stay there forever because the Hansard will always be around.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if you look at those who were in attendance and I am sure you have a copy of this Report. That is also fraudulent. For us to have a fraudulent Report in this House is unacceptable. This is a House of Law. That is what I am saying. Those who were in attendance that participated in the debate, this is fraudulent because by the time... - *[Interruption]*.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader, can you please refer me to specifics?

HON. CHERNOR R M BAH: Yes, I will, Mr Speaker. Whatever I say here will be substantiated.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, please refer me to specifics.

HON. CHERNOR R. M. BAH: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I am referring you to Page 4.

THE SPEAKER: Carry on, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R. M. BAH: I refer you to Roman Figure IX and XIII. Honourable Paul Sahr Sam and Honourable Rose Marie Bangura were not present at the interview.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Rosemarie Bangura was not present?

HON. CHERNOR BAH: Yes, Mr Speaker. They both left when we adjourned and they were not present at the interview.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Rosemarie Bangura, please stand up. Were you present at the Committee's meeting yesterday?

HON. ROSE-MARIE BANGURA: Mr Speaker, I was not there.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, were you present?

HON. ROSE-MARIE BANGURA: I was present in Committee Room 1. I was there and I signed the register before I left

THE SPEAKER: Hold on, Honourable Member.

HON. ROSE-MARIE BANGURA: I was not at the interview but I was... -
[Interruption]

THE SPEAKER: Hold on, Honourable Member. I want to be heard in decorum Honourable Members on my left, you are warned. Honourable Rosemarie Bangura, were you present at the Committee meeting yesterday in the morning hours?

HON. ROSE-MARIE BANGURA: In the morning hours, I was present Sir.

THE SPEAKER: Did you sign the attendance register?

HON. ROSE-MARIE BANGURA: I signed the attendance register Sir.

THE SPEAKER: Please sit down. Mr Leader, proceed.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I deliberately used the word 'skewed.' I chose my words very carefully when I mentioned the names Rosemarie Bangura and Paul Sahr Sam and my words were very specific.

The names of the two Honourable Members I mentioned were not present at the interview. Therefore, I will repeat that again. I deliberately chose those words.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on, Mr Leader.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: I refer you to Page 3.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader of the Opposition, this is an Honourable House.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: It is an Honourable House Sir.

THE SPEAKER: The attendance of Members of Parliament here is usually taken at any Committee's meeting.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: You are correct, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: You also heard the Honourable Member that she signed the attendance register.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: You are also correct and I agree with you.

THE SPEAKER: She signed the attendance register. What else do we have to say?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: The Honourable Members did not participate at the interview.

THE SPEAKER: No, Mr Leader of the Opposition. The underlining word here is 'attendance.' Honourable Member, the catch word here is 'attendance' and it is the operational word in this context. Please advise yourself.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I thank you very much, but I did not talk about attendance. The records are on tape. I said they did not participate at the interview. Those were my exact words.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, the wordings in this Report says, 'the following Members of the Committee were present.' And from all indication, they were present.

HON. R.M. CHERNOR BAH: And I am saying they were not present, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, you are a lawyer and you should know that the proof of attendance is the attendance register.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, my position is that they were not present at the interview.

THE SPEAKER: That is not what I am saying. You can proceed and please advise yourself.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: That is what I am saying.

THE SPEAKER: Please advise yourself.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, having said that, I proceed to Page 3, under the recommendations. The purported Report says: **"The Committee adjudged the following Presidential Nominee to be adequately qualified and competent for his proposed appointment and is accordingly recommended to the House for approval."** That statement again is false. Some of us who participated at the interview did not recommend the nominee to this House for approval. Honourable Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella is my witness.

THE SPEAKER: Is that all, Honourable Member?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: That is not all, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, this Report is so fraudulent that it is not good for this House. They went further to say... - *[Interruption]*.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Clerk, please take note.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Clerk, please take proper note. Mr Speaker, the purported Report went further to say: **"The Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee."** I wonder how this can be a unanimous decision when majority of us who were present did not vote for this Report to be presented here. According to the first vote we had, majority of us won and the result was 7 out of 6.

THE SPEAKER: What did you vote for Honourable Member? Please be specific

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, the Acting Leader of Government Business is pointing fingers at me.

THE SPEAKER: Let us edify the public on what you voted for?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: That is what I am trying to do now, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on Honourable Member, let us edify the public.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: That is what I am trying to do, Mr Speaker. I am encouraging the Acting Leader of Government Business to be very calm.

THE SPEAKER: Proceed, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: I am still talking and you will have time to talk. This is a House of records. What we are doing now is for posterity [*Applause*].

THE SPEAKER: Interestingly, laws were passed in this very House during the last term for up to 10 p.m. at night.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I appreciate you so much in participating in the debate. I appreciate your participation, Mr Speaker. You have the right to debate, but I will talk about that. The Speaker has the right to debate, but that is where I will conclude because it is something I mentioned the last time.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will repeat what I said that the debate has nothing to do with the qualifications of the candidate before this House. We did not reach that stage yesterday. I encourage my colleagues to be reading their Standing Orders because we cannot question the conduct of the President. All of us know that we cannot question his conduct; but as a Parliament, I want to encourage all of us to know because I have heard people talking about laws being inconsistent. The Honourable Gevao referred to the Constitution and mentioned certain Acts that are contravening or being inconsistent. I want to remind him that this is not the case. The essence of the ACC Act is to give effect to the Constitution and not to make it inconsistent. There is no inconsistency and I am saying it authoritatively. Let us focus the debate on what is relevant; i.e., on the subject under discussion. I moved a Motion to expunge this particular item on the Order Paper and the Honourable Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella seconded that Motion. My Motion was carried and Mr Speaker confirmed it.

THE SPEAKER: Supported by whom?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: By Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I will ignore that, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, our position is still the same; i.e. we have not changed and at this point and for the next few hours, we will not endorse this Report because it is not our report. I rest my case.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Honourable Chernor R. M. Bah. I can understand you are in a very difficult position. Please sit down. Mr Deputy Leader of Government Business, please take the Floor.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, today is a big day. It is a day we have decided to fight corruption not by words, but by action. Our actions will take us where we want to go; i.e., 'the Promised Land.' We want to go to the Promised Land.' The proposed Commissioner is free from corruption. He is well educated and I am very pleased because I have somebody in the same age bracket. I usually promote young people who are well educated.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I refer the House to Page 2 of this Report. This nominee has started fighting corruption since the day he became a lawyer in this country. He is a man who wants to put Sierra Leone on the pedestal comparable to the Western World in terms of corruption. Let me quote Paragraph 3 of this Report about his theses. It says: **"Mr Francis Ben Kaifala obtained a distinction in one of his theses titled, Traditional Impediment to Defeat Corruption in Africa: Demystifying the Legal Difficulties of Fighting Corruption in Africa."** We want to fight corruption and that is why we start by having a very good candidate. This man can stand tall and say I am corrupt free and he has all what it takes to attract donors to come and help in the fight against corruption. He is not going to compromise like his predecessors. His predecessor indicted some workers of the Freetown City Council [FCC], but only one person was prosecuted. Again, they also brought the Hajj case, but nothing came out of that case. This young man is going to do something about it. We are going to prosecute them *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Leader of the Opposition was talking about procedural issues and not competent or qualifications. But let me quote a reggae artist. He once said: **"It is not easy to bring a good man down."** Indeed, it is not easy to bring a good man down and the proposed ACC Commissioner is a good man by his qualification. The Leaders of the opposing side said this man is overqualified and that statement is on record. It is not easy to bring a good man down *[Applause]*. On this side, knowledge and governance are not a problem for us. You have to accept what is good for Sierra Leone.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Honourable Chernor R. M. Bah is my friend. We were in this Parliament together and we are still serving this House. Do you remember the case of Honourable Foday Rado Yokie? I hope you remember that case. The Honourable Foday Rado Yokie was nominated to serve in the ECOWAS Parliament and that nomination was approved by this House. They came to remove Honourable Foday Rado Yokie and the Honourable Member stood eleven times to make his case, but he was rejected by Honourable Chernor R.M. Bah. That issue is on record, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on, Honourable Member.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: I just want to question the sincerity of... – *[Interruption]*.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I do not know whether you heard what the Honourable Member has just said. He was not a Member of this House during the last Parliament and the reference he is making is not true. I urge that he withdraw it or goes back to the Hansard and produce the evidence. This is un-parliamentary for him to do what he is doing.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, please advise yourself.

HON. MATHEW SAHR NYUMA: Mr Speaker, I stand by what I said because it is on record.

THE SPEAKER: Advise yourself.

HON. MATHEW SAHR NYUMA: I will produce the Hansard for you Sir. We will do it later through the office of the Clerk.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, please ignore that.

HON. MATHEW SAHR NYUMA: Alright. For progress sake, I ignore that. I wanted to cite another instances, but I will leave that for now. I will make sure I submit that record to Members for the sake of sincerity and the development of 'Mama Salone.' I will present it in the Chamber one day and even move a Motion on that issue. This is why we have the Hansard for reference purposes. We will make sure we follow procedures. We will not do things as usual because you have presided over bad things. I want you to note that we still have the records of your decisions. We are not saying you did bad things, but I wanted to remind you about sincerity. I will bring the records here.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when we talk about corruption, people feel it is just receiving brown envelopes. It is not only receiving brown envelopes. Abrogating the laws of this Nation is another form of corruption. That is why people go to court and it is also the reason why we have cases in court. There are Members of this Parliament who contested the elections, but received salaries less than one year before the elections. This is why we have you in court *[Applause]*. I am well-read, Honourable Members. I was just looking at the way you are crisscrossing in this Well.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, stop addressing your colleagues.

HON. MATHEW SAHR NYUMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I am just making instances of corruption. I am pleased for us to have somebody who is qualified and he has been endorsed by Members of the Opposition. Mr Speaker, what I enjoyed most in this Report is stated on Page 1. It says: **"Mr Francis Ben Kelfala holds a double Masters in Law, in Corporate Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and International Human Rights."** In as much as you are going to preside over cases, he is also going to be charged with the responsibility of those who are going to be convicted for crimes on corruption and other issues that will affect the prosecution

process. You cannot detain somebody more than the required time because it is against the Human Rights of the person in question. He is very qualified and people did not make a mistake when they said he is over-qualified.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, my colleagues were talking about procedural and administrative issues. I want to state here that administrative issues cannot stop us from bringing the nominee for approval. They said they wanted to read the document and I asked the Committee to go for break. We went for break for one hour and when we came back, we proceeded with the hearings. They said the nominee 'is a good candidate' but they had problem with procedure. What is the procedure? They were talking about procedure. What procedure were they talking about? They have not told us the procedure *[Applause]*. For us on this side, we believe that we are 'one country, one people.' We know how to look at human beings and tell from their behaviour. When they spoke about procedure, I cited provisions in the Constitution which my brother just clarified using the ACC Act. I used the Constitution in Committee Room 1. We realised that the Executive Power was used wrongly by the former regime. We are using it correctly *[Applause]*. Section 52 will take us to Section 53, Sub-Section 3. It will also take us to Section 171, Sub-Section 15. We have to think about bigger things that will change the face of this Country. If you say this candidate is good, for goodness sake and for the good of this Country, let us approve him *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind my colleagues that they have done many things that were not correct. We supported them for the good of this country. We supported you in the fight against the Ebola epidemic. I want to implore the proposed Commissioner to fight corruption like the way we fought the Ebola virus. Shortly, we will have a corrupt free young man. He is a good man and is endowed with knowledge. Thank you very much for going through the academic crucibles, which you have succeeded. And today, you are on this pedestal because you did a very good job for yourself.

Without much ado, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I recommend this nominee for approval by this Honourable House. Thank you very much *[Applause]*.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]
*[Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service
has been carried]*

[The House was adjourned at 11:50 a. m. for break and resumed at 12:00 noon]

THE SPEAKER: Mr Clerk, do we have a quorum?

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that item V on the Order Paper that has to do with 'Private Members Motion,' be expunged from the Order Paper.

THE SPEAKER: Any Seconder?

HON. ALUSINE KANNEH: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]
[Item V on the Order Paper has been expunged]

HON. UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: Honourable Members, Mr Speaker, will now address the nominee.

THE SPEAKER: Sit down Honourable Member.

HON. HASSAN SESAY: Mr Speaker, I stand on S.O 46.

THE SPEAKER: Sit down, Honourable Member. I want to be heard in silence. If you are leaving the Well, I will be glad, but sit down as long as you are in this Well. Otherwise, I will order your removal.

Honourable Members, I want to say congratulations to Mr Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission. You have to make this Nation proud within two weeks of your approval. I want to see serious activities being undertaken by the ACC. This Nation is dying and we need some form of resolute actions by the ACC. Once again, congratulations and you are released.

Mr UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: Honourable Members, this is an Order of Contempt issued in the name of the Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

Order of Contempt

Pursuant to Section 95 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, [Act No. 6 of 1991] I Honourable Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, hereby issue this Order of Contempt for the arrest and arraignment before Parliament of the Director and Senior Managers of the CSE Construction Company for the Offence of Contempt to Parliament. Signed under my hand this 27th Day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, a Member of Parliament, specifically an SLPP Member of Parliament was insulted by officials of this particular company. The Honourable Member was driving his vehicle to his constituency when one of their trucks hit his vehicle. Two days ago, I summoned the Management of that company to come and explain to us the reason for their conduct. The Honourable Member went to their office and he was insulted. So, I summoned them to come, but they have deliberately refused to come to Parliament. As a result, I have ordered the arrest of the Director and all senior Managers of that particular company to be arraigned before this House at the next adjourned date. Mr Sargent-At-Arms, please communicate to the Local Unit Commander [LUC] to make sure that they are arrested and kept in the nearest police station all those I have just mentioned, preferably at the Criminal Investigation Department [CID] until the next adjourned date.

MR UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: This order is handed over to the Sargent-At-Arms for onward execution.

THE SPEAKER: Members of Parliament have a sacred duty to represent the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone. If this Nation cannot accord Members of Parliament with anything, but at least we should be accorded the kind of respect we deserve. We are all Honourable Members. I saw in the last Parliament where Members of Parliament were arrested. Some of them were beaten up. We came to Parliament and we made fun of that. That will not be tolerated anymore *[Applause]*. In the circumstance, I have ordered their arrest and they should be kept. Mr Sargent-At-Arms, I want you to mark my words. Those people should be kept. We have not ordered any bail to be granted to

them. They should be kept until they are brought before this House at the next adjourned date *[Applause]*.

HON. BERNADETTE W. SONGA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S.O 23. I quite remember it was the sitting before the last one that the Honourable Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella requested that we get a time table in order to allow us to plan our lives around our work as well as our constituencies. On that note, I am kindly requesting that we get a time table. For example, I was here yesterday and I was informed that there was no sitting.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, that is controversial. Please sit down.

MR UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: With the leave of Mr Speaker, I want to assure Honourable Members that a draft time table is already in place and that will be approved by the Parliamentary Service Commission on the 5th and 6th of July. Once that is approved, it will be distributed. According to Mr Speaker, this Parliament will work effectively and efficiently. Let us just clarify certain issues. The President may, by Section 86[1], summon a sitting of Parliament at any time. So, even where Parliament is adjourned to the 3rd we have to be mindful of that provision.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Bernadette W. Songa, please meet me in my office after sitting.

HON. JOSEPH W. LAMIN: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S.O 23. I want to call on the attention of this House to the promised that was made on the 12th June, 2018 that the issue of Members of Parliament's vehicle number plates would be addressed. There is a serious embarrassment as we ply the routes of this Country meted on Honourable Members. There has to be a proper recognition of Members of Parliament. After three years of political battle, we earned the title, 'Honourable.' My brother came back from abroad to check our medical conditions. As we were going to Radisson Blue, a security personnel approached me and I told him, "**I am a Member of Parliament.**" He went further to ask for my Identification Card, but there was no Identity Card with me. I stood firm and I was eventually treated with dignity. On that

note, Mr Speaker, I want to appeal to you for us to get the vehicles number plates. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: I agree with you, Honourable Member. Mr Clerk, this is very important and urgent. Please try to address this concern.

MR UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I thank you for the concern. I want to however assure you that we are working on it. It is an indictment to my office, but we are working on it. The reason you have not got the number plates is because when we were here in the Fourth Parliament, the kind of plates that were given to Members of Parliament were laughable. I call them "washy" plates. You use them for one month and they washed off. This time round, we have decided to give Members of Parliament number plates that will correspond to their dignities and those plates are prepared in Germany. That is why you have still not received them. We are making great efforts and by God's grace they will be available very soon. The Identity Cards are already printed and they will be available by the next adjourned date. The parliamentary photographer has done everything and I can attest to that. They will be distributed to you. For the vehicles number plates, I want to assure you that we will get quality number plates this time round.

THE SPEAKER: Any other announcement?

MR UMAR PARAN TARAWALLY: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we are receiving notices of meetings. Let it be known to the Committee Chairpersons that by procedure, the respective Committee Clerks should sign the notice of any meeting, instead of the Chairperson. So, by the next sitting, all Committees will have received their Committee Clerks. It is only the Committee Clerk attached to a particular Committee who should sign notice of a meeting. Chairpersons give directive, but the Clerks should sign.

Secondly, all notices of meetings should be sent first to the Principal Assistance in the Clerk's Office to avoid clashes before any announcement is made. If you send them directly to the Table Clerk, they will not be announced because we want an orderly process in the Well.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Clerk, I order that all Members of Parliament who are not in the House presently be marked absent. For the records, mark all Members of Parliament who are not in this House absent.

HON. DR KANDEH KOLLEH YUMKELLA: Mr Speaker, I stand on S.O 23. I wanted the Clerk to know that when I put my finger in the machine, the A.A Koroma popped up. I have tried it several times... - *[Interruption]*

THE SPEAKER: Mr Clerk, I am very serious. All those who are not present now be marked absent.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, with your leave, I want us to discuss this issue in your office. This is because you only logged in once when you have the quorum for that particular parliamentary sitting, I think it is a continuation in the afternoon session.

THE SPEAKER: No, I have ordered.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: That is why I said with your leave, we can discuss that in the office.

THE SPEAKER: I have ordered. I want this to be in public.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: I want to plead to you as a Leader that I want to discuss that issue with you... - *[Interruption]*.

THE SPEAKER: We cannot discuss that issue again because I have ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

[The House rose at 12:30 p.m. and was adjourned to Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.]