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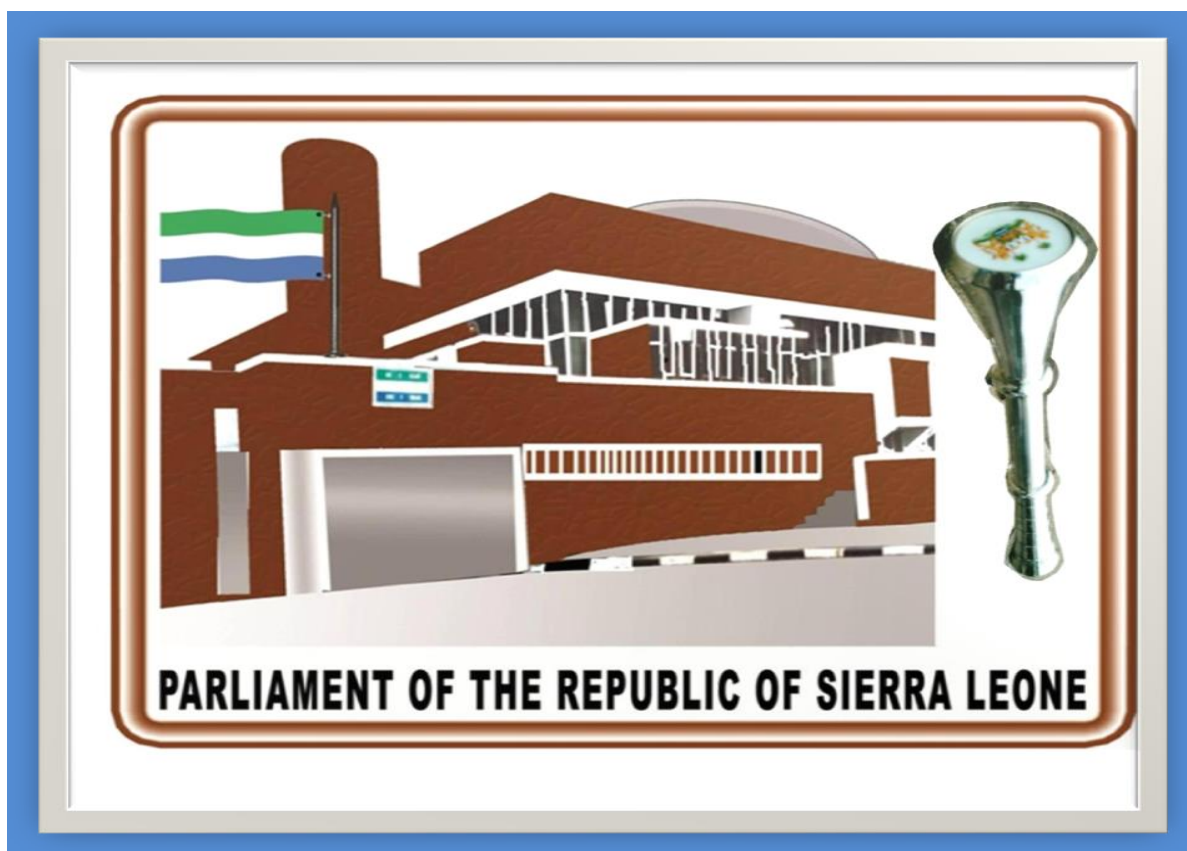
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## **THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

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#### **FIRST SESSION – FIRST MEETING OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2025.**

#### **PRAYERS**

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

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

*[The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh in the Chair]*

The House was called to Order

*Suspension of S.O 5 [2]*

**RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FOR THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025.**

**MR SPEAKER:** Honourable members, we shall consider the record of votes and proceedings for Thursday 10th July 2025. As usual, we shall skip the pages indicating the names of members of Parliament that is pages 1 to 5. But we will start our consideration from page 6

**HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY CONTEH:** Mr Speaker, page 5 this is just for the attention of the Table clerk we have to be very careful with the spelling of names. I see Honourable Christopher K. Vandy here. I don't know whether that is a normal rule, or that's how he spells his name own Christopher. We have to look at that, and I also see in paragraph 4, as Heidner.

**THE SPEAKER:** His name is IDARA.

**HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY CONTEH:** And also to revisit the spelling of Christopher.

**THE SPEAKER:** Yes, Christopher. Take notes; any other corrections?

**HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY CONTEH:** Done for page 5.

**MR SPEAKER:** Page 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Can a Member please move the motion?

**HON. JOSEPH WILLIAM LAMIN:** I so move the motion, Honourable Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. IDRIS S. KAMARA:** I so second Mr Speaker.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 has been adapted as amended)]*

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** I have no substantive announcement, The only announcement I have is, we were confused about the status of happenings in Equatorial Guinea particularly that relate to Balthazar but I think we have received our envoy, and we will be briefed in Committee Room One Members of Parliament will be briefed accordingly in Committee Room One by our envoy.

**HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA:** The head of delegation was the president of the Republic of Sierra Leone, so I do not know if we have to bring him to Committee Room One.

**THE SPEAKER:** We will rely on our own envoy.

**HON:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me Queue from your announcement for giving me the platform. I will not call names, but I will make reference to the text for the integrity and the respect of this House. Mr Speaker, Honorable Members, I read publications about someone referring to us as dishonorable Members of Parliament. I will hold that one as a grave mistake in the history or the life of the individual, but permits me to dwell on one or two issues that have to do with the integrity of Parliament. We are fully aware of the provisions of what we do as Members of Parliament in Section 97, how we behave in and out of Parliament to uphold the dignity and respect of this house. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is this same house, the 5th Parliament and this very Sixth Parliament, they said, we do not listen, we do not pay attention to our people. We are the people's representatives. We are cognizant of the fact that we are always under public scrutiny, but we are also oblivious that we have moral responsibility as Sierra Leoneans, voted into office to serve, together with his Excellency the President and by extension, the President is a Member of Parliament. This body, which I will not quote, the individual knows better if she knows that the supreme body to make law is parliament, which she cannot questioned. So we held consultations upon consultations. I have never made such consultations but I remember members have been to those consultations on several occasions and we had dialogues and in the very day, we went to Committee Room One to address certain issues that have to do with the Child Rights Act Bill in Parliament. Mr Speaker, if someone is referring to Parliament as dishonourable, a Parliament itself, it is this very Parliament that repelled the part 5 of the obnoxious law of the public order. After decades, people tried to do the same parliament that someone is referring to as dishonourable. It is the same Parliament when people fought its donors' money, held meetings, went for consultation in and out of Sierra Leone. We also went as far as making verifications to women, trying to see how better they can get 30 percent, used donors' money, which they did not account for. We did not refer to them as dishonorable. They came to Parliament. We talked to them. And we told them, we promised them that we would do the next thing, which we did. Today, we have 30 percent of women in this House. We coined that law, and today, under the Public elections Act, we have over 30 percent of women who are directly elected. It is the same dishonorable House that coined, formalizes and sanitizes censoriously to pass the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act.

Today, at facet of our administration, we have women adequately represented. Today, we are having a woman Laying the Paper here in front of the Chamber of Parliament. This person refers to us as dishonorable. You know, we are not going to use Section 95 of the Constitution, but for the edification of that individual, I will not reduce this Parliament to call the name of the individual because, her father benefited immensely, and got a platform from this same Parliament.

This Parliament he is referring to as dishonorable. It is this Parliament that we were congratulated for repealing and removing the death penalty in our books, this Parliament. And the president, on many occasions, he acknowledged that one. Permit me to read section 95. I am not asking and I am not going to move motion. We are far above that. That is why I said I am not going to call name and I seek the advice of leadership and I said, we are not going to move the motion. We are not going to give platform to anybody to get glory for our own things that we do. If you are educated enough, you ought to know better. If you are educated enough, you think we have not done the appropriate thing. Read section, 106 of the Constitution, the Bill is still in progress. We have not done with it yet. We are sanitizing it before it is presented to the president for his assent and people are giving comments. It is complete obstruction of the work of Parliament. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me read section 95, which will not dwell to handle the motion of someone who tampered with the dignity and affront to Parliament, which she knows better. I am not going to move it. I am above that, I just want to make sure the public is well informed. I do not want to make that individual relevant. But I am going to expose that individual that we are not useless people here. We are Honourable and we know what we are doing here. They accused us that we do not do consultation with our people. We have done consultation after the enactment because they have collected monies from donors. Try to force us to do something. We have rejected and we put that one into a vote. Appreciate that one. We are together in making laws. We have used bipartisan approach to make laws. And the opposition raised the issues on that day. We went to Committee Room One. And we sanitized this. We came to this hall. This very chamber and we passed the law. You got a very good education because of this house. If your father came to this house and got recognition, national recognition, and you are disrespecting us. We are mothers and fathers in this house, not because you are voted in, you cannot judge any free flow or efforts against us, we are respectable people. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I am reading this provision. But I will not move motion for this provision. But I am using my office to also send a strong message to the individuals to say we Honourable members of this house, in as much as we have served, we are on records. We have passed historic Bills here. We are on records for making history in this Parliament we are on records for given empowerment in this house. Let me now read

the provisions will your leave Section 95. Contempt of Parliament side notes. "any act of omission, which obstructs or impedes Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any member of Parliament or which officer thereof or in the discharge of his duty or affront to the dignity of Parliament, or which tends, either directed or indirectly, to produce such a result shall be content of Parliament. Mr Speaker, we are far above that,

I took this floor to just talk to members we are very thick-skinned. It is not easy to bring a good man down. We are very good people. We may not be rich, but we have made laws and empowered people of this nation. We have changed the dynamics and the trajectory of the political landscape in this country, be it APC, Paramount Chief, or SLPP. We have tried as much as we can because they want to corrupt us, they want to confuse us. We have refused to be confused. That is why they are saying other things against us. But let me use this platform to say thank you very much. For me, respect you cannot just remove it in a minute. What you have done for the 5th and 6th parliaments, history will judge us, things that their father did not do. And we have done it. Well, you know, Governor Clarkson's prayer, that is why you see the sons and daughters of those offspring benefited immensely from this nation. Ask where they are today. I apologize on behalf of what they have said, because they are saying things that they do not know. I have read those provisions; they think we do not know. They have no respect for us. But God, taking us with the Bible and Quran, believe it or not, we are covered with the blood of Jesus and prophet Mohammad is with you Peace and blessings be upon him Amen. We do not lived to satisfy them and their masters. We are in this chamber to make sure that we satisfy our people we represent, the people we serve in this chamber, the people who voted for us, we serve them, we prefer to die for them and sacrifice for them instead of serving their own masters. Because, their masters are bringing obstructions to our governance and our democracy. Mr Speaker, in this Chamber, our similarities are far greater than our differences, irrespective of the different sides of the aisle. Thank you very much. And whatever thing we are going through, be it on social media. Let me as a leader apologize on their behalf. That makes us leader but let us all be thick skinned, Let us not be driven by their excesses, Let us be driven by the good will of these people of the nation. We are better people for those surrounding us. We are better people of this nation we have wasted time to fight against the ills of society, fought against the menace of society.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the floor. As I told you, I will not move the motion but I have just raised the issues that are affecting us and sending support of the Constitution. Thank you very much. May the Lord bless us all?



**HON. DANIEL G. KOROMA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker, you know anything that bothers on the integrity of this house I cannot sleep, I cannot rest. Anything that bothers on the dignity of this house we are guided by Section 97 That we are supposed to be Honourable in and out of Parliament. So if we are expected to be Honourable in and out, then we are also expected to be accorded in and out. We are supposed to have accorded the respect in and out. I had similar experience and I think this is a very nice point to inform this house. The way things are going now, very pathetic. But this is why you would be shocked to know that I was discussing with a key member of one of these MDA's. They have business with Parliament always. So he was discussing with me as his solicitor. He was telling me his family affairs that are confidential anyway. So we stood for over an hour, which is even against my health status. During that time, a Presidential Nominee, who is yet to be approved by this house, was passing in his vehicle. And then the man stopped the nominee. He said, please stop, stop, and stop. The nominee stopped. And then he presented me to him. He said, please the deputy leader of opposition. You know you are a nominee, and you will soon appear before him. He said, so can you please stop then he sat aside. I walked and met him in his car. You know what he told me? I have been nominated by the President to serve in so and so capacity. He said, so please, I do not want noise.

In fact, on that day, the person will be asked to testify if I am lying against him. He said, please, he said, I do not want noise He said, I do not want, you know, you are yet to be approved. And then you have the gut to tell me, please do not remember, I do not want noise. In fact, the man that introduced him to me said, but his office is just like anybody. So he was proud to introduce him to me, at least, to lobby. Also, we acquainted with each other that was his expectation. He was standing there listening to us, and that man said, please, I do not want noise. So it shows how these MDAs treat us as MPs and my status here as an opposition does not make me a nonentity. Mr. Speaker Honourable members, I can make reference to cabinet ministers right now. When their issues were in parliament, they came down to a certain level that even if at that time, we told them to wash our feet and drink the water, they would do it. In other words, they were over-humbled. Number one is the Minister of labour.

### **RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

**MR SPEAKER:** recognized the following Members of Parliament for punctuality for the commencement of proceedings:

1. Hon. Joseph Williams Lamin
2. Hon. Umu Pyre
3. Hon. Ibrahim Kabba

4. Hon. Alie Bayoh
5. Hon. Mariama Ella Goba
6. Hon. Amie N. Moriba
7. Hon. Quintin Salia Koneh
8. Hon. Musa Fofanah
9. Hon. Fallah K. Tengbeh
10. Hon. Hannah Lebbie
11. Hon. Charles O. Abdulai
12. Hon. Alpha Fodie Maddy Jabbie
13. Hon. Marie Kamara
14. Hon. Lucinda Finda Kellie
15. Hon. Alice J. Kumabeh
16. Hon. Mabinty Alice Taylor Bangura
17. Hon. Alpha Ben Mansaray
18. Hon. Sylvester Alrold Maxwell
19. Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara
20. Hon. Alhaji Sheku T.N.K Fanko
21. Hon. Fatmata Sara Sonkonah
22. Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara
23. Hon. Idris Sahid Kamara
24. Hon. Mohamed S. Kargbo
25. Hon. Rugiatu Kamara
26. Hon. P.C Alameen Konneh
27. Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay
28. Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebbie
29. Hon. Alex Mathew Rogers
30. Hon. P.C Alhaji Baimba Foray
31. Hon. Foyoh Tholley
32. Hon. Abdulai A. Kamara
33. Hon. Daniel B. Koroma

Minister of Labour, he scored three penalties for President Bio. He scored three penalties for President Bio because he was humble. He scored the death penalty.

He scored the Public Order Act. He scored the IMC. Because he was humble, Cyber security, which is been used now. He was humble he got it. But you are yet to be approved. And then you got the gut to tell me, I do not want noise. We will reach that day, When that day comes, I do not want to take you on aware.

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** I will debase that particular approval process, I will debase, and I will tell him that, that is an insult against Parliament. Not only against me. It does not mean because I am an opposition. He can tell me, I do not want noise. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members that is unacceptable. But on that day, I will raise it and will see what this House can do. To me it is not good. Thank you very much.

**MR SPEAKER:** I want to thank the two leaders, Leader of Government Business and the leader of opposition. I think their points are well stated and members do acknowledge the importance of what they have said. It is worth noting that we should continue to work assiduously and continue to live up to the expectations and responsibility given to us by the people of Sierra Leone. It is but normal, St. Augustine has said the same for thou have created us for thyself. Our souls shall not rest until they return to thee. So let us continue to do our work and let us focus on the bigger goal to deliver for our people, distraction is part of the process Members of Parliament are not too loved by other people. But for those that loves us, let us serve them and let us do not fall for distraction. I want to thank the two leaders and want us to continue to endure, for the race is not for the strong, neither for the swift, but for those that endure to the end.

Let us keep enduring and let us run the race with endurance. I thank leaders for their contribution and I hope Members of Parliament will continue to exercise patience and not to be impulsive and neither to be reactive. Let us continue to be the leaders, for those who hear and do not react, they sit at the top of the table and let us continue to sit at the top of the table.

## **LAYING OF PAPER**

### **THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.**

**MADAM PLAGIE ALGHALI [DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS]:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members with your leave, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following Papers.

Agreements between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the government of the Republic of Sierra Leone on exemption from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service passports.

Agreements under the United Nations Convention on the Laws of the Sea, on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. Combined six and seven periodic reports on the United Nations

*Convention on the Rights of the Child submitted by the Republic of Sierra Leone under Article 44 of the Convention.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Do we have any announcements? Any announcements? No announcements, no [SO-23] I will accommodate, not more than two [SO-23s] we have another Business. Can anyone hear me?

**MR SPEAKER:** All right, Honourable Member let your [SO-23] be very short. Where is your seat?

**HON. ALPHA BEN MANSARAY:** This is my seat, Mr Speaker; I stand on [S.O-23] to bring to this house the fuel price discrepancy and transportation impact of Sierra Leone. Mr Speaker, Members of Parliament, recently we have seen private companies reducing the price of fuel from Le 2500 to Le 2400, of which we have not seen any press release yet from the Petroleum Regulatory Authority. And I think this has a negative impact on citizens. Since the price of fuel due to the press release of government is at 27 it remains the same. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if you check the world price market compared to the Leones the price of fuel has dropped 20% drastically. So this means we deserve a reduction of the price of fuel.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Mr Speaker, please guide the house. We stood on S.O 23 and you should allow the Member of Parliament to read the S.O 23 so he guides himself. It is at my discretion but he should not introduce something controversial. And what he is doing now is entering into a controversial territory. I can allow you to explain, it is at my discretion, but he should not introduce a controversial subject that is not before the house.

**HON. ALPHA BEN MANSARAY:** Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I will not go controversial, but let us take this issue of the price of fuel

**MR SPEAKER:** Hold on, hold on

**HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA:** Mr Speaker, I suggest that the Honorable Member withdraw S.O 23 and then wish to address you. Because the topic you and I know concerns our people, it concerns all of us. So he will not be caught up with the rules of S.O 23. But as our Honourable Member did the last time regarding NCRA the honorable Aaron from Tonkolili raised an issue he did not stand on S.O 23, but he raised an issue and he got the permission of the Speaker. And NCRA did accordingly. In the next one week, they went to my chiefdom and took photographs of almost every citizen to produce ID cards to make them accessible, which is very commendable by NCRA. So, some of these issues are necessary for the government or

the relevant MDAs to know so they will take necessary action. I do not want him to be limited by S.O 23. With your permission, you can allow him.

**THE SPEAKER:** I have heard you leader, and what I would do is, I think he has already made his point and the chairperson for the Committee on Trade, you engage and try as much as possible to bring the NPRA so that you sit and discuss and understand the dynamics. Why is it that there is whatever you are referring to and it is not reflecting on the subject? So, it has to be a joint Committee meeting. It should be transport and trade. Honourable Member your point is well noted. I advise the Honourable to engage the chairperson for trade and the chairperson or his deputy for transport. Mr Speaker, I landed safely Thank you.

**HON. CATHERINE Z. TARAWALLY:** Mr Speaker, I want to stand on S.O 23 and S.O 26, Mr Speaker, this is very serious. Mr Speaker, our health status is not good. Mr Speaker, S.O-26. I stand on S.O-26 first. Mr Speaker...

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member.

**HON. CATHERINE Z. TARAWALLY:** Yes, sir

**THE SPEAKER:** I would advise you to withdraw 26 and let us wait for a date, wherein the sitting will commence, so we put the business of Members at the front burner. But at this tale end it will have no effect. I understand your point.

**HON. CATHERINE Z. TARAWLLY:** I withdraw Mr Speaker, I withdraw 26 and I stand on S.O 23 Mr Speaker, it is personal to Me, I am not well. Mr Speaker, I am not well. This is personal. The problems of our medication in Sierra Leone are very worrisome. If you go to these medical hospitals, they will tell you have this. When you go to this other person, they will say you have this, so it is very confusing.

**THE SPEAKER:** It is not controversial.

**THE SPEAKER:** She is refusing to say she is pregnant.

**HON. ALPHA BEN MANSARAY:** Mr Speaker, this is serious, also Mr. Speaker, not just Catherine Zainab Tarawally is not well in this house. All our female MPs are seriously sick. Mr Speaker, I am not talking about you men. We are not well too, we the women, Mr Speaker, We are serious. Mr Speaker, please. We want you to use your office to come to our aid, help us we are sick.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member is empathizing with women

**HON. CATHERINE Z. TARAWLLY:** Yes.

**THE SPEAKER:** Is that the case?

**HON. CATHERINE Z. TARAWALLY:** Mr Speaker support us please, we are asking you to use your good office to support us we have women here who are seriously sick and they in dire need of medical attention. I am number one, we want money and we want medical support

**HON. ABDUL KARGBO:** Jawa is very sure of returning to the house. Ye Mr. Speaker, Honourable members we are just trivializing what Honourable Catherine is saying, but it is very important. I raised it on the laying out ceremony of Honourable Bangura and it is true and it is the reality that MPs are exposed to tensions and pressure, Mr speaker there is hardly a member of parliament here who is entirely well and the bureaucracy involved in getting medication for them is unimaginable especially when it comes to emergency cases, you know, we have had couple of Members of Parliament who had been very sick. Some were admitted on emergency bases and most the cases are high blood pressure, so Mr Speaker, we have as a house to do something about our welfare thank God S.O 74 is explicit that we have to arrange our own business. So Mr Speaker we should do everything possible, Mr Speaker is seemingly busy. Mr Speaker at a given point of time we had four Members of Parliament who were admitted and their admission are as a result of very serious cases so had to use their own personal money to fly out of this country for medical attention. We had a lot from both sides of the aisle we had a lot of Members of Parliament and Mr Speaker because of the job we do the people we cater for, the pressures and tensions we have in executing our functions as Members of Parliament I believe health should be our priority. So as a house I want us at the leadership level to hang hands and see how best we can be able to improvise or circumvent the bureaucracies that are involved in seeking medication. I know in the past that facility was abused but I am sure Members of Parliament will not abuse it especially when have seen and we have leant, as I am speaking we have up to three members who are suffering from high blood pressure you see our pressure are extremely high including myself more than ten. So Mr Speaker we should do everything within the limit of our power to seek medications for Members Of Parliament and to avoid the bureaucracies that are involved. I learnt something recently it will surprised you to note that some Members of Parliament depended on the medical facilities of their wives who are working for government and they are in levels, they depend on it, they go to hospitals on the name of their wives, so to me if the women goes to the hospital because of their husbands. They are having medical facilities so to me Mr speaker this issue should not be trivialized until we have another unfortunate incident again, that is not our prayer that is not our wish but as Members of Parliament we have the business to ensure that we arrange our condition because health is very important

so in addition to what Honourable Catherine Zainab had said I will add this and resume my seat.

**THE SPEAKER:** I want to thank the Honourable leader and I will draw the cotton on S.O 23

**MR SPEAKER:** I want to draw the cotton on S.O 23 and let us go to Committee Room One and discuss all these issues including any other emerging issue so that we address the issue of Members of Parliament in our own ways. sometimes when we say things that are very serious that borders on the wellbeing of Members of Parliament it is misconstrued people take it differently and people carry the message in a way wherein Members of Parliament seems to be unsympathetic to the people they represent. That is not the case, so I would advise that whatever that borders on the wealth and wellbeing of Members of Parliament and any other issue that relate to us as Members of Parliament let us retire to Committee Room One and let us discuss and let us take a resolution in Committee Room and we can communicate that resolution to the authorities concern so I advice. I heard there is one announcement,

**HON. EMERSON S. LAMINA:** Mr Speaker, I stand on S.O 23to bring to the attention of this house, you recalled Mr. speaker that we ratify the mines and minerals act some three years ago, and I have repetitive cries across the country and I want to bring for the specific attention of the Ministry of Finance, remember section 144 is very, very clear and very indelible that there should be mining district development money. This fund was created wherein 20% of mining royalties should go to mining communities, I have got complaints from Ministry of Finance as well as from the very Paramount Chiefs living in mining communities three yeas long these monies have not reached them, I use this opportunities Mr Speaker to appeal to the Ministry of Finance that this money is dearly needed by the people living in those mining communities so that the effect for which that particular section was ratify and the goodness of present Maada Bio who accented that particular bill will be felt and eaten by the people living in mining communities. I thank you so much Mr Speaker.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I want to thank the Honourable Member and I would refer the matter back to him as the Chairman of the Committee on Mines for him to go and conduct an investigation. The investigation should not only be limited on the Mines and Minerals Ministry but let it be extended to all parties concern with the implementation of same. Let me take Honourable Jawa's announcement for the concerns for the welfare of a former Member of Parliament.

**MR SPEAKER:** let us go to Committee Room One. I have been told reliably so that what he is about to say concerns the welfare or something about the former Member of Parliament.

**HON. JAWAH:** But Mr Speaker what I want to say is very important seriously.

**THE SPEAKER:** Well if that is not the case I overrule. Unfortunately I have overruled, I am sorry let us go and discuss every other thing in Committee Room One, have you made your announcement? Give me the announcement

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

All Members of Parliament are hereby invited to meeting immediately after sitting at Committee Room One.

There will be a laying out for the late Honourable Ibrahim Conteh of Constituency 53 Tonkolili District at State Hall, Parliament building on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Signed: Honourable Aaron A. Koroma.

**MR SPEAKER:** now that we have the laying out I do not know, I should adjourned to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> but I hope the Business of the House will not exceed beyond 12, because the reason for adjourning to Thursday, it will also help Members of Parliament take the laying out seriously I have seen severally when a former Member of Parliament, the remains of former Members of Parliament are brought to this House, you would count the number of Members of Parliament that are available. It is the same way when your remains will be brought to this House people will ignore it.

### *ADJOURNMENT*

*Mr Speaker adjourned the house to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

*The house rose at 10:57am*