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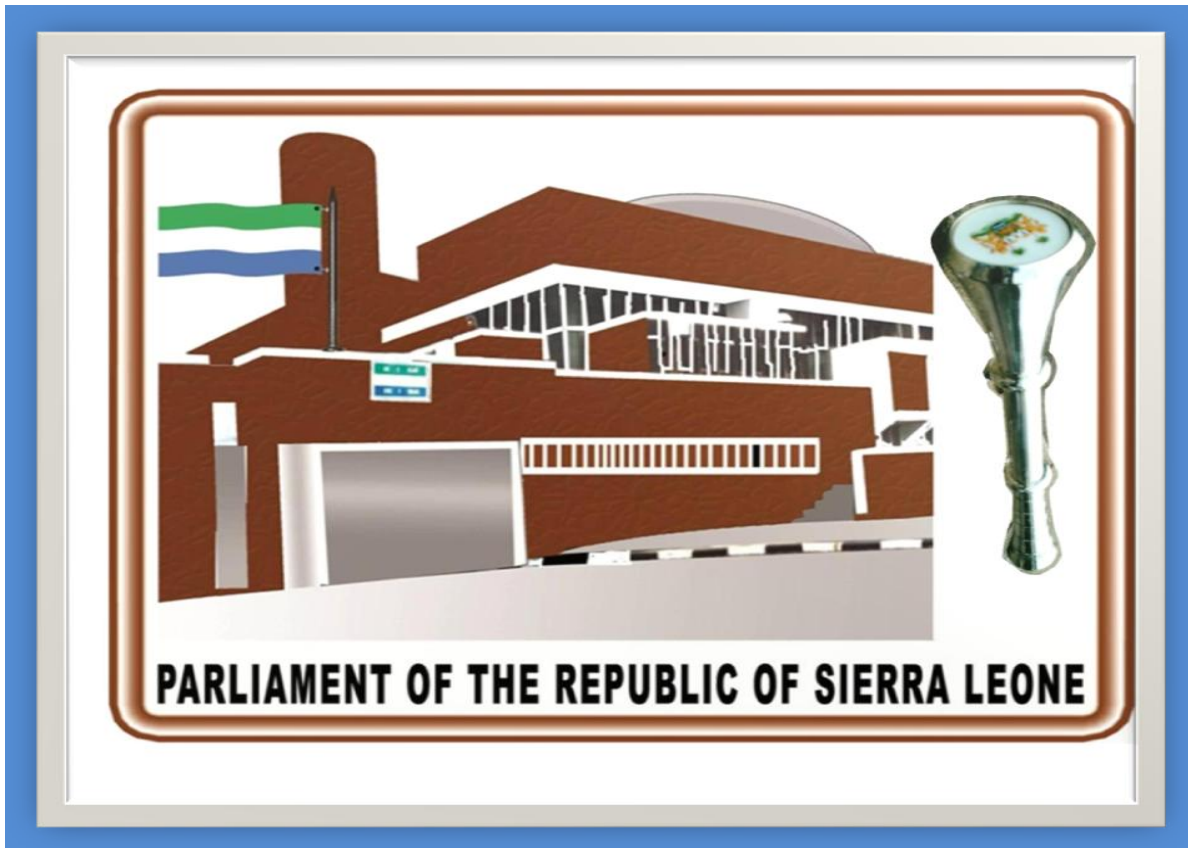
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THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

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

TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL 2026

[The Table Clerk, Miss Yeama Mamie Musa, Read the Prayers]

[The House met at 10:05 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]

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

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S.O 5[2]

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL 2026.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 9th April 2026. Pages 1 to 4, Page 5?

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: Page 5, Mr Speaker, paragraph 3, last line.

THE SPEAKER: Yes.

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: By Honourable Rebecca Yei Kamara instead of Kamari.

THE SPEAKER: Yes, Kamara. Clerk, take note; Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? and page 13? Can a member please move?

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so move, Honourable Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. ABU BAKARR FOFANAH: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed Put & Agreed To]

Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 9th April 2026 has been adopted as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

Honourable Members, I recognized the diligence of the following Honourable Members who came to this Well before my entry or before the commencement of this Sitting. I want the public to know that the names I call here every day Sitting are the names of those Members of Parliament who are treating their work and their service to Sierra Leone very seriously.

No.	Names of Hon. Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Ibrahim Kabba	SLPP	W/Area Urban
2.	Hon. Joseph Williams- Lamin	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Alhaji Yusuf Mackery	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. Alie Bayoh	SLPP	Kenema
5.	Hon. Fatmata Bintu Bockarie	SLPP	Bonthe
6.	Hon. Idriss Sahid Kamara	SLPP	W/Area Urban
7.	Hon. Abdulai Karim Kanu	SLPP	Port -Loko

8.	Hon. Brima Mansaray	SLPP	Kenema
9.	Hon. Mohamed Sheriff Rahman-Coker	SLPP	W/Area Urban
10.	Hon. Umu Pyne	SLPP	Moyamba
11.	Hon. Amie Nyava Moriba	SLPP	Bo
12.	Hon. Alhaji Christopha Kekurah Vandi	SLPP	Bo
13.	Hon. Alpha F.M. Jabbie	SLPP	Falaba
14.	Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby	SLPP	Bo
15.	Hon. Fatmata Sarah Soukenah	SLPP	W/Area Urban
16.	Hon. Princess Kadie Daramy	SLPP	W/ Area Urban
17.	Hon. Charles Osman Abdulai	SLPP	Bo
18.	Hon. P.C. Bai Farama Tass Bubu Ngbak	PC	Kambia
19.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
20.	Hon. Idriss M. Dauda	SLPP	Bonthe
21.	Hon. Foyoh Tholley	SLPP	Tonkolili
22.	Hon. Rtd. Capt. Sylvester A. Boima	SLPP	Moyamba
23.	Hon. Alex M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
24.	Hon. Ishmael Sankoh-Yillah	SLPP	Port- Loko
25.	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	APC	Karene
26.	Hon. Mohamed Fofanah - Tarawalli	SLPP	Kambia
27.	Hon. Hawa Kallon	SLPP	Pujehun
28.	Hon. Beatrice Iyaminde Langley	SLPP	W/Area Rural
29.	Hon. Rugiatu Mussaffa Tarawallie	SLPP	Kenema
30.	Hon. Joseph Bash Kamara	SLPP	Karene
31.	Hon. Alhaji Habib Keifa Fabbah	SLPP	Bo
32.	Hon. P.C. Alameen Kanneh	P.C.	Kenema
33.	Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw	SLPP	Falaba
34.	Hon. Festus Mohamed Lansana	SLPP	Kenema
35.	Hon. P.C. Bai Shebora Sheba Gberah III	P.C.	Port- Loko
36.	Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay	SLPP	Moyamba
37.	Hon. Mohamed Kanneh	SLPP	Kailahun
38.	Hon. Abu- Bakarr Fofanah	SLPP	Kenema
39.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	SLPP	Bo
40.	Hon. Amara Momoh Kargbo	SLPP	W/Area Rural
41.	Hon. Momoh Bockarie	SLPP	Kenema
42.	Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh	SLPP	Bonthe
43.	Hon. Abdul Suliaman Marray- Conteh	SLPP	W/Area Urban

44.	Hon. Edward George	SLPP	Moyamba
45	Hon. P.C. Kandeh Paria Kawalleh II	P.C.	Karene
46.	Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu	SLPP	Moyamba
47.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma	SLPP	Kenema

Honourable Members, I am also to inform you that at the end of this session, there is going to be a period for an occasion for an award. We are going to give awards to Members of Parliament for different roles including attendance and all of that. Do not say I did not inform you and the awards are going to carry compensation. You are not going to carry not ordinary paper but serious compensation *[Applause]* so just take note. Thank you very much; proceed.... *[Undertone]* of course, we are certainly going to go to the Provinces that I can assure you. We could have done that last year but unfortunately we have problem along the way but we will do that this year and the Clerk is working very heavily on that, I have a very active Clerk, is equal to the task and he is been working tirelessly to ensure that the proper thing is done at least for your convenience and the convenience of this branch of Government.

PAPERS LAID

- A. HON. FATMATA BINTU BOCKARIE** – Member of Delegation of the 28 CSPOC 2026 Conference

HON. FATMATA BINTU BOCKARIE: Mr Speaker Honourable Members, I stand on S.O 18[6] and on behalf of the leader of the delegation, I therefore beg to lay on this this Honourable House; Report on the 26th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers for the Commonwealth CSPOC 14th – 16th January 2026 in New Delhi India.

I want this House to congratulate Mr Speaker, as he was elected as the West Africa Representative for the CSPOC Standing Committee for the period of 2026-2028. I thank you all *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very Much *[Applause]* please wait for her to lay the Paper and do not forget to take note of my election, is very important *[Laughter]*

B. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MR EMMANUEL JIWOH ABDULAI [THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with your leave, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following papers entitled Sierra Leone

Community-Based Mangrove Conservation and Restoration Project, SERS [Simple, Equitable Revenue Sharing Agreement]

Mr Speaker, last year, the President announced to the world that Sierra Leone commits to restoring 30,000 hectares of mangrove forests by 2030. Reasons for the President's announcement are to deal with the issues of climate change as well as the livelihoods of our coastal communities. These mangroves provide coastal or help with coastal resilience of our communities by protecting their coastlines. The mangroves are also very efficient at sequestering the carbon dioxide, which is part of our contribution to the world's climate action plan.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, our coastal communities depend mainly on fishing for their livelihoods.....Sorry, My apologies, M Speaker. I have been advised to just lay the paper.

THE SPEAKER: But I was still within your image. You can give some brief, very brief explanation, very, very brief one, if you so wish, very brief one.

MR JIWOH ABDULAI [THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE]: So let me summarize. These mangroves help with coastal resilience for our communities. These mangroves are also important for the economic livelihoods of our communities as they depend primarily on fishing for their livelihoods. I therefore lay this document on the Table of Parliament.

THE SPEAKER: Proceed. Clerk, are you okay?

CLERK: Yes, I am okay, sir.

THE SPEAKER: Have you seen it?

CLERK: It is okay, sir.

THE SPEAKER: Okay.

BILL

THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ACT, 2025

THE CHIEF MINISTER [DR DAVID M. SENGEH]

COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING,

The House resolves into Committee of the Whole.

**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ACT,
2025**

HONOURABLE ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH

CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

HONOURABLE ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: Mr Chairman, may I proceed?

THE SPEAKER: Proceed.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I rise to present the Third Report of the Legislative Committee, Third Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone on the Bill entitled "The National Security and Central Intelligence Act 2025, being an act to repeal and replace the National Security being an act [*Interruption*].

THE SPEAKER: Hold on. Chairman and Leader of Government Business and Deputy Speaker, please approach me.

Yes, Mr Chief Minister.....

Yes. Where is the Chairman? Is he gone out? [*Undertone*] Okay. I called the Chairman and the other Leaders because we needed to discuss a few things with the National Security and Central Intelligence Bill that is before us.

We have arrived at the conclusion that we will only read the report today because we have several issues to look at, and we have received several position Papers. At the end of the day, we will adjourn immediately after reading the report. I just wanted you to know. Thank you! Yes, proceed, Mr Chairman.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, I rise to present the Third Report of the Legislative Committee, Third Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone on the Bill entitled "The National Security and Central Intelligence Act 2025, being an act to repeal and replace the National Security and Central Intelligence Act 2023, Act No.3 of 2023, to provide for the internal and external security of Sierra Leone and to provide for other related matters.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, the Bill having gone through the Second Reading was committed to the Legislative Committee for scrutiny pursuant to Standing Orders 51-1. Subsequently, the Committee met on Monday, 30th March 2026, in Committee Room 1, Parliament Building, with the following objectives:

- To scrutinize in detail the principles and provisions of the bill and to make amendments if necessary.
- To ascertain the constitutional and legal implications contained therein.
- To report to Plenary for consideration by the Committee of the Whole House in line with S.O.53.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Members, in attendance, we had the Inspector General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff, Advisor to the President, the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Chief Minister, the National Security Coordinator, Deputy National Security Coordinator, Director General and Officials from the Office of National Security, the Deputy Director General and Executive Assistant of the Central Intelligence and Security Agency, the Chairman Legislative Committee, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman Internal Affairs Committee, Members of the Legislative, Defense, and Internal Affairs Committees, and other Members of Parliament.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members, the Legislative Committee having scrutinized the bill line by line, clause by clause, recommends the following amendments to the House for approval:

Short Title of the Bill – be amended to read “**The National Security and Central Intelligence Act, 2026**”.

Long Title of the Bill- be approved

PART I – PRELIMINARY:

Clause 1 - Interpretation – be approved

PART II–THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Clause 2(h) – National Security Council – be amended by replacing the phrase **“Rural Development**, with the phrase **“Community Affairs”** to now read, **“The Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs”**.

Clause 2(i) – National Security Council – be amended by inserting the phrase **“and Civil Education”** after the word **“Information”** to now read, **“The Minister of Information and Civil Education”**.

Clause 3 – Proceedings in Council – be approved

Clause 4 sub clause 2(b) (vi) – Functions of Council – be amended by inserting the word **“in”** after the word **“established”** to now read, **“the National Security Council Coordinating Group established in section 6”**.

Clause 5 – Restriction on access to information – be approved

PART III- COUNTRY PLANNING FINANCE

Clause 6 sub clause 1 – National Security Council Coordinating Group – be amended by replacing the word **“consis”** with the word **“consist”** at the third line of the sentence.

Clause 6 sub clause 1(h) – National Security Council Coordinating Group – be amended by replacing the phrase **“the Joint Force Commander”** with the phrase **“the Chief of Army Staff”**

Clause 6 sub clause 1(k) – National Security Council Coordinating Group – be amended to read **“Permanent Secretaries, Director Generals and Senior Civil Servants of other Ministries, Departments and Agencies not below the rank of a Director as the Chairman in Consultation with members may deem necessary”**

Clause 7 – Provincial Security Committees– be approved

Clause 8 - District Security Committees – be approved

Clause 9 – Chiefdom Security Council – be approved

Clause 10 sub clause (1) – Joint Intelligence Committee - be amended by separating the words “**consist**” and “**of**” at the second line of the sentence

Clause 10 sub clause (2)(i) – Joint Intelligence Committee - be amended by inserting the word “**General**” after the word “**Director**” and replacing the word “**Unit**” with the word “**Agency**” to now read, “**the Director General, Financial Intelligence Agency**”.

Clause 10 sub clause (2)(i) – Joint Intelligence Committee - be amended by inserting the word “**General**” after the word “**Director**” and replacing the word “**Unit**” with the word “**Agency**” to now read, “the Director General, Financial Intelligence Agency”.

Clause 11 sub clause 2(b) - Joint Maritime Committee - be amended by replacing the phrase “**the Commander, Joint Force Command**” with the phrase “**the Chief of Naval Staff**” to now read, “**the Chief of Naval Staff, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces**”

Clause 11 sub clause 2(e) - Joint Maritime Committee - be amended by replacing the phrase “**General Manager**” with the phrase “**Director General**” and inserting the phrase “**and Harbours**” after the word “**Ports**” to now read, “**the Director General, Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority**”

PART IV- OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Clause 12 sub clause (1)(b) – Office of National Security – be amended by inserting the word “**security and**” after the word “**coordinate**” to now read “**coordinate security and intelligence at national, provincial, district and chiefdom levels**”.

Clause 13 – National Security Coordinator – be approved

Clause 14 – Functions of National Security Coordinator – be approved

Clause 15 sub clause (1)– Deputy National Security Coordinator – be amended by replacing the word “**hall**” with the word “**shall**” and inserting the phrase “**subject to the approval of Parliament**” to now read, “**There shall be a Deputy National Security Coordinator who shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of Parliament**”

Clause 15 sub clause (2) – Deputy National Security Coordinator – be amended to read, **“A person shall not be appointed Deputy National Security Coordinator unless he -**

(a) is a citizen of Sierra Leone ;

(b) has not being convicted of a criminal offence;

(c) has not held office in a political party; and

(d) holds a master’s degree from a recognized university with five years proven experience and expertise in intelligence and security matters or a Bachelor’s degree from a recognized university with ten (10) years proven experience and expertise in intelligence and security matters. ”

Clause 16 – Functions of Deputy National Security Coordinator – be approved

Clause 17 sub clause 3 – Tenure of office– the Committee unanimously agreed that clause 17 sub clause 3 be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for further deliberation.

Clause 18 – Other staff – be amended by replacing the word **“appoint”** with the word **“recruit”** to now read, **“The National Security Coordinator shall recruit such other staff as may be required for the efficient performance of the functions of the office of National Security”.**

Clause 19 sub clause 8 – Control and licensing of private security companies – be amended by replacing **Le 5,000,000** with **Le 50,000**

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Chairman...

Chairman, what is wrong? Chairman, you can run if you want. Why you can run as well? What is going on, let us be consistent to....Mr Chairman, he is giving us 5 **BIN** in the old currency and 50,000 in the new currency. Well, there is no **NLE**, and it is like he is talking about he is moving from 5 **MIN** old currencies to 50,000 Leones. This is only new one, So..... I just want to make it clear to the Chairman to give you time to look to do the rendition of this one because it is confusing now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can you do that?

HON. ABDUL S. MARRY-CONTEH: Yes. But again, since it is tomorrow that we will be going in-depth, and then we will look at exactly what is there.

THE CHAIRMAN: So stick a pin there and raise that tomorrow or the next adjourned date. Are we set? Proceed. Proceed.

PART FIVE - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY

Clause 20 – Central Intelligence and Security Agency – be amended by deleting the phrase **“now referred to as the Central Intelligence and Security Agency”** and replacing the word **“Unit”** with the word **“Agency”** at the second line of the sentence, to now read, **“There shall continue in existence the Central Intelligence and Security Agency, under the authority of the President, which shall be responsible to -”**

Clause 21– Powers of Agency – be approved

Clause 22 – Ministerial responsibility – be approved

Clause 23 – Annual Report – be approved

Clause 24 sub clause (1) – Director-General - be amended by inserting the phrase **“subject to the approval of Parliament”** immediately after the word **“President”**, to now read, **“The Agency shall have a Director General who shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of Parliament.”**

Clause 25 – Functions of Director-General – be approved

Clause 26 sub clause (1) – Deputy Director-General – be amended by inserting the phrase **“subject to the approval of Parliament”**, after the word **“President”**, to now read, **“The Agency shall have a Deputy Director-General who shall be appointed by the president, subject to the approval of Parliament.”**

Clause 27 – Functions of Deputy Director-General – be approved

Clause 28 sub clause 1 – Tenure of Office – the Committee unanimously agreed that clause 28 sub clause 1 be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for further deliberation.

Clause 28 sub clause 2 – Tenure of Office – the Committee unanimously agreed that the proviso in clause 28 sub clause 2 be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for further deliberation.

Clause 29 – Other Staff – be amended by replacing the word **“appoint”** with the word **“recruit”** and deleting one of the repeated phrase **“may be required”**, to now read, **“The Director-General shall recruit such other staff as may be required for the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency”.**

THE CHAIRMAN: 28?

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: No, it is 28[2]. It is just it is the same, 28[2]. 28 [1] and [2].

THE CHAIRMAN: Ah, okay. Proceed.

PART SIX – TRANS-NATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME UNIT.

Clause 30, Sub-clause 2[A], Transnational Organized Crime Unit - be amended by replacing the phrase "**the Joint Force Commander**" with the phrase "**the Assistant Chief of Defense Staff Operation and Planning**" to now read "**the Assistant Chief of Defense Staff Operation and Planning, Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces**". The second to last line, it should be "**Assistant**" instead of "**Assistants.**"

Clause 30 sub clause [2][f] – Transnational Organised Crime Unit – be amended by replacing the word "**Unit**" with the word "**Agency**", to now read: "**The Head of Compliance and Operations, Financial Intelligence Agency**".

Clause 30 sub clause 2[k] – Transnational Organised Crime Unit – be amended by inserting the phrase "**and Harbor**" after the word "**Ports**" to now read: "**The Head of Operations and Security, Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority**".

Clause 30 sub clause 2 – Transnational Organised Crime Unit – be amended by relettering this sub clause, **d** becomes **c**, **e** becomes **d**, **f** becomes **e**, **g** become **f**, **h** becomes **g**, **I** becomes **h**, **j** becomes **i**, **k** becomes **j**, **l** becomes **k**, **m** becomes **l**, **n** becomes **m**, and **o** becomes **n**.

Clause 31 sub clause (1)(H) – Advisory Board – be amended by inserting the word "**General**" after the word "**Director**" and replacing the word "**Unit**" with the word "**Agency**" to now read, "**the Director General, Financial Intelligence Agency**".

Clause 31 sub clause (1)(L) – Advisory Board – be amended by replacing the word "**Association**" with the word "**Administration**" to now read, "**the Executive Director, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration**".

Clause 31 sub clause (1)(N) – Advisory Board - be amended by replacing the phrase "**General Manager**" with the phrase "**Director General**" and inserting the

phrase “ **and Harbours**” after the word “**Ports**” to now read, “**Director General, Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority**”

PART VII-THE STATE PROTECTION SERVICE

Clause 32 sub clause 1 - State Protection Service – be amended by rearranging the roman numbering the second ii becomes iii, vii becomes vi and viii becomes vii.

Clause 32- State Protection Service – be amended by replacing the number (3) with the number (2).

Clause 32 sub clause 1 – State Protection Service – the Committee unanimously agreed that clause 32 sub clause 1 be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for further deliberation.

PART SEVEN - THE STATE PROTECTION SERVICE

Clause 32, Sub-clause 1 - State Protection Service be amended by rearranging the Roman numbering. The second, Roman Figure Two becomes Three; seven becomes Six; eight becomes seven.

Clause 32 - State Protection Service be amended by replacing the number three with the number Two.

Clause 32, Sub-clause 1 - State Protection Service, the Committee unanimously agreed that Clause 32, Sub-clause 1 be referred to the Committee of the Whole House for further deliberation.

Clause 33 – State Protection Service Committee – be approved

Clause 34 – Functions of State Protection Service Committee – be amended by inserting the word “**shall**” after the word “**Committee**”, to now read, “**The State Protection Service Committee shall be responsible to**”

Clause 35 – State Protection Service Secretariat – be approved

Clause 36 sub clause (1) - Director – be amended by inserting the phrase “**subject to the approval of Parliament**” immediately after the word “**appointment**”, to now read, “**The State Protection Service shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the**

determine, recruit other employees required for the efficient discharge of the functions of the State Protection Service under this Act”.

Clause 38 sub clause (2) – Other Staff – be amended by inserting the word **“of”** immediately after the word **“discharge”**, to now read, **“The State Protection Service may engage the services of such consultants or advisers as it considers necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions”.**

Clause 39 – Secondment of Public Officer - be approved

PART VIII – WARRANTS AND STING OPERATIONS

Clause 40 – Application for Warrant - be approved

Clause 41 – Effect of Warrant - be approved

Clause 42 – Information without Warrant - be approved

Clause 43 – Sting Operation - be approved

PART IX-COMPLAINT TRIBUNAL

Clause 44 sub clause [2] [a] - Investigation of Complaint - be amended by deleting one of the repeated word **“the”**, to now read, **“no action is taken on the complaint within the period specified; or”**

Clause 45 [a] [ii] – Complaint Tribunal – be amended by inserting the letter **“a”** before the word **“lawyer”** to now read, **“a lawyer who is qualified to be appointed as a High Court Judge; and”.**

Clause 46 – Hearing of Complaint – be approved

Clause 47 sub clause [1a] - Proceedings at Hearing – be amended by replacing the word **“is”** with the word **“it”** at the third line, to now read, **“exclude from its proceedings, persons other than the parties to the proceedings and their lawyers, where it considers it necessary in the interest of defenses, public safety, public order, public morality or the protection of the private lives of persons connected to the proceedings;”**

Clause 48 – Decision of Tribunal – be approved

PART X-FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 49 – Administrative Expenses – be approved

Clause 50 – Accounts and Audit – be approved

PART XI-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 51 sub clause [1] [f] - Oaths – be amended by deleting the word “the” after the word “service”, to now read, “every other officer or employee of the Office of National Security, the Agency and the State Protection Service, including service providers and contractors”.

Clause 51 sub clause [2] – Oaths – be deleted

Clause 52 - Confidentiality – be approved

Clause 53 sub clause [3] – Disclosure of Information – be amended by replacing the word “exceeding” with the phrase “less than”, to now read, “A person who contravenes subsection [1] commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years.”

Clause 54 sub clauses [1][b][i] - Disclosure Before Parliament – be amended by inserting the phrase “of information” immediately after the word “class”, to now read: “the document or other evidence belongs to a class of information, the production of which is prejudicial to the security of Sierra Leone; or”.

Clause 54 sub clause (3) – Disclosure Before Parliament – be amended by inserting the phrase “or State Protection Service” after the phrase “of National Security”, , “No action, suit or legal proceedings whether jointly or severally shall be instituted against the National Security Coordinator, Director-General, Deputy National Security Coordinator, Deputy Director-General, or any other employee of the Agency or the Office of National Security or State Protection Service in respect of any decision taken or act done or omitted to be done in good faith in the performance of any function under this Act”.

Clause 55 – Privileged Information – be approved

Clause 56 – Personation - be amended by inserting the phrase “**or State Protection Service**” immediately after the phrase “**of National Security**”, replacing “**Le 20,000,000,00**” with “**Le 20,000,00**” and replacing the word “**exceeding**” at the third and fourth lines, with the phrase “**less than**”, to now read, “**A person who falsely holds himself out as an employee or officer of the Agency or the Office of National Security or State Protection Service commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than Nle. 20,000,00 or to imprisonment for a term not less than 5 years or to both such fine and imprisonment**”.

Clause 57 – Obstruction of Duty – be amended by adding the letter “**s**” to the word “**obstruct**”, inserting the phrase “**or State Protection Service**” immediately after the phrase “**of National Security**” and replacing the word “**exceeding**” at the fourth and fifth lines with the phrase “**less than**”, to now read: “**A person who deliberately obstructs, hinder or assault an employee of the Agency or the Office of National Security or State Protection Service while discharging his duties, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than Le. 20,000,00 or to imprisonment not less than 5 years or to both fine and imprisonment**”.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Hold on. Sorry, Mr Chairman, I want you to draw your attention when we are coming back. Go back to Clause F56. You are using.... It is already legislated that NLE is legal tenure by law of this House we passed, and you are using two... I do not know where we stand now. You said first Le 20,000 and now you came back, you said NLE 20,000.

The first line the third line of Clause 56, you said 20 million with 20,000 and when you down to the last line, you said NLE.

So it is confusing. I am not asking for any reactions, but I am just drawing the attention of my colleagues that we have to be consistent with what we are going to do in terms of this nomenclature of the monies. 20,000 is legitimate, but if you use 20,000 Leones and you come and put NLE in the Text, it is confusing.

So I just want to draw your attention, Mr Chairman, we need to correct this. So I want the Chairman of the Committee to look at this and give us the appropriate numbering and nomenclatures when we come to fines. That is just that and we can proceed.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we are done with the NLE thing.

No, it was different. The one we saw. When we started hold on, Chairman sorry, the leader. When we started, there was a period where you had the old Leones and the new Leones, both being legal tenders at the same time. But we have got rid of the old. So we go back to the prefix, LE, not NLE. Leones is now Leones. We are done with the old Leones and new Leones thing, I suppose? We are done with that.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Chairman, so that is a very good reason I referred to the document. But, well, the banks still like based on legislation, they can talk about when you say 20,000, based on the authority, they can accept. But the legislation we passed is **NLE**. Both of them, by that legislation, are legal tenders. They can accept, both of them are acceptable. But what I am talking now about is what he has given us here. If you go up now, 20 **MIN**, and you said 20,000 Le, he came down and said I do not know if is just typo. **NLE** and said 20,000 Leones. Yes... So I am just saying we have to be consistent.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I agree with what you are saying. I totally agree with you.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Okay. Let him take note and proceed for sake of time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I agree with you. I am only saying that for records

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Oh, yes. That is what you have said. Yes, it is alright.

THE CHAIRMAN: We need some telling around that. We are done with the old Leones, and new Leones thing. We are now Leones, as far as I know.

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: It is clear in the new regulations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Leones is Leones, those who are still in the old can remain in the old. We are going ahead. We are now dealing with thousands, not million. It is 20,000, not 20 million. So if you want to remain in the old, stay there. We are moving on. Proceed, Chairman.

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: Clause 57, Obstruction of Duty be amended by adding the letter "S" to the word "Obstruct," inserting the phrase "All State Protection Service" immediately after the phrase of "National Security" and replacing the word "Exceeding" at the fourth and fifth lines with the phrase "Less Than" to now read a person who deliberately obstruct, hinder, or assault an employee of the Agency or the

Office of National Security or State Protection Service while discharging his duties commits an offense and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hold on. Hold on, Leader. Leader of Government Business, by that notice, I wish to inform through this medium that the Bank Governor does something about that. There should be some kind of public information relating to that. There is too much of confusion around this thing. The Bank Governor should ensure that there is a public notice to that effect, that we are done with one set of things. We have gone now to new Leones. We are done with old Leones, and new Leones.

Let the Bank Governor do something about that. Thank you very much, Leader of Government Business.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Sorry. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I think when we passed that legislation; we agreed there should be a public awareness program. And I think the Chairman of the Finance Committee needs to take lead on that, engage the Bank Governor so they can look at how they can use the Committee to educate the public about this NLE and this old currency stuff. Because it is already legislated, the public needs to be really aware. Sometimes whenever you interact with them in our communities, they will say, "Oh." New Leones; I do not understand; new Leones, old Leones. So it is a very good thing that you brought up, and they need to empower the committee so that they can go around, do something in line with what has happened.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, is the Finance Chairman here? Finance Committee Chairman.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: I saw him around in his smart white dress.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Sierra Leone as a nation, we are done with the transition. We have properly transited into the Leones. Leones is Leones. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: I think, Mr. Chairman, the Deputy Finance Chairman is here. I am sure he will take the message.

THE CHIRMAN: Oh. Where is he?

THE CHAIRMAN: Honourable Mustapha Sellu.

HON. MUSTAPHA M. SELLU: Mr. Chairman..

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, proceed.

HON. MUSTAPHA M. SELLU: Mr. Chairman, the Chairman of Legislative Committee just wants me to comment, but I will not; noted Sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. It is all right. Proceed.

HON. ABDUL S. MARRAY-CONTEH: All State Protection Service, while discharging his duties, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than 20,000 Leones or to imprisonment not less than five years or to both fine and imprisonment.

Clause 58 - Regulations - be approved.

Clause 59 - Repeal - be approved.

Conclusion,

Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members, the Legislative Committee, having scrutinized the Bill entitled: **THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ACT, 2025**, hereby recommend these proposals to the House for approval. The Report reflects the consensus of Honourable Members of the Committee. I therefore move that the House pass the Bill entitled: **THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ACT, 2025**, through Committee Stage, Third Reading and into Law.

I thank you for your attention!

Signed,

Honourable Abdul S. Marray-Conteh,

Chairman, Legislative Committee

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The House resumed from Committee....

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Chief Minister. Thank you very much, you may leave [*Undertone*] Yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Whip, do you want to say something? Okay.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Mr Speaker.....

THE SPEAKER: Yes, Honorable Mohamed Bangura.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Yes.

THE SPEAKER: Yes.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Due to the current worldwide situation, bringing it to Sierra Leone, the price of basic commodities has skyrocketed which makes it very difficult for the ordinary people. So in this I am speaking [*Undertone*].

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, Order....Order...Order!!! Proceed.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: In view of this, Mr Speaker, I would like the Committee of Trade and Industry, Finance the Governor of Central Bank to be summoned to explain to the people of this country, to explain to this Parliament as the remedial measures they have put in place in order to mitigate the current situation in the country.

THE SPEAKER: Is that a motion?

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: No, no, no. It is not a motion.

THE SPEAKER: Move a motion.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I hereby move a motion that the Minister of Trade, the Minister of Finance, and the Governor of the Central Bank to be summoned to the Well of Parliament in order to explain to Members of Parliament and the people of this country, measures they have put in place in order to mitigate the rise in prices of basic commodities.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. ABU-BAKARR FOFANAH: I so second, Mr Speaker.

Question Proposed, Put & Agreed To

[THE MOTION WAS CARRIED]

Mr Clerk, put that into effect to get the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade, and the Bank Governor to explain to the people the actions they have put in place to mitigate the effect of the US-Israel and Iran war on the people of Sierra Leone. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday, 16th April, 2026 at 10:00 AM prompt.

The House Rose at 11: 15 AM