

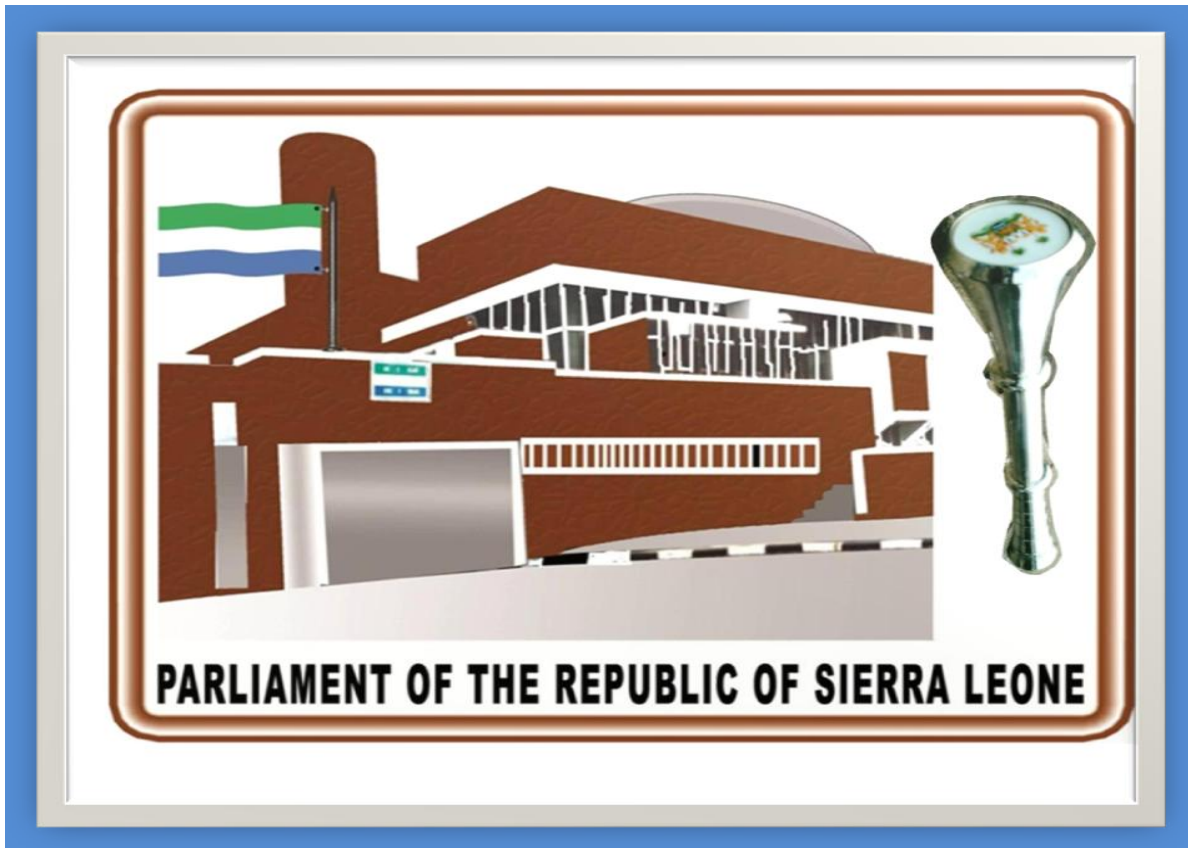
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OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

[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]

[Question Proposed Put & Agreed To]

II. THE ADOPTION OF THE RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2025.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go to the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 28th November, 2025. As usual, we go through it page by page. Pages 1 to 4 are exempted as usual. Page 5? Page 6? And Page 7? Can someone move for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 28th November, 2025?

HON. BILLOH SHAW: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

IDRISS SAHID KAMARA: I so second Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]

[Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday, 28th November, 2025 has been adopted].

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

Mr Clerk, have you informed the Commissioners for the meeting today? I would like to talk to you Mr Clerk. There are some speech images that I would like us to discuss. So please come and talk to me.

THE CLERK: With your leave of Mr Speaker, I would like to inform all Commissioners that the Parliamentary Commission will be meeting on Monday, 8th December, 2025 at 10: a.m. at the Speaker's Conference Room. I thank you!

THE SPEAKER: Yes Honourable Member, what do you want to say?

HON.: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is as if the Information and Communication Technology [ICT] Department has swapped our seats. Honourable Members and I would decide to pass the camera. I have raised this issue with them on several occasions, for the ICT to look over that issue. Mr Speaker, are you paying attention Sir?

THE SPEAKER: Yes Honourable Member! Honourable Members, I have just been informed by the Clerk that in the future, you reach out to him and get it corrected. So

the ICT is working on that quickly. The ICT would reach out to the Clerk and sort things out.

Honourable members, I wish to inform you that I am extremely disappointed with the attendance of some Honourable Members this morning. I had to sit and wait for about 5 to 10 minutes, just for us to have a quorum. It is being a while that we had experienced anything like that in this way. Honourable members have started to be coming late for sittings again. It is about time, I started calling out the names of Honourable Members who are coming late for sittings. We want the public to know those who do not come in time for sittings. So Mr Clerk, please make sure when you write the names of those who are here, you write also those who are late for sittings in the Well of Parliament. It is about time for me to ring the bell for the public to know. Parliament sits at 10:00 a.m. So I do not expect for me to come in time and wait for other Honourable Members in order for us to have a quorum. That is not done Honourable Members! I am also extremely disappointed in some of the leaders. They have not led by example and some leaders are given special privileges in this House just to make the work easy for them as leaders. So, they do not suppose to come late for sittings. So it is really undone!

Honourable Members, going forward, leaders whose names are on my list for not being in the well in time will be deprived of their special privileges. With this kind of behavior, they do not deserved of such special privileges.

Honourable Members, also, the second thing I would do is that if such behavior is not taken care-off and curtail, when a leader stand up to contribute on any sitting, I will allow a junior Honourable Member to talk instead of you as a leader. As a leader, you are expected to lead by example. As a leader, you lead and others follow. So be warned! I thank you.

Honourable Members, I recognise the diligence of the following Honorable Members, beginning with Honourable Umu Pyne. I thank you very much for being here in time. You have always been very diligent to your work as an Honourable Member. So, I am kindly asking you to keep doing the good work and come in time for sittings.

No.	Names of Hon. Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Umu Pyne	SLPP	Moyamba
2.	Hon. Joseph Williams -Lamin	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Ibrahim Kabba	SLPP	Western Area Rural
4.	Hon. Alhaji Yusuf Mackery	SLPP	Bo
5.	Hon. Musa Fofanah	SLPP	Kono
6.	Hon. Idriss Sahid Kamara	SLPP	Western Area Urban

7.	Hon. Francis Amara Kai Samba	SLPP	Kenema
8.	Hon. Alhaji Kekura C. Vandy	SLPP	Bo
9.	Hon. Joseph Abdul Bash Kamara	SLPP	Bo
10.	Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebbay	SLPP	Bo
11.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	SLPP	Bo
12.	Hon. Alex M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
13.	Hon. Mohamed Shebora Bangura	APC	Kambia
14.	Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura	SLPP	Karene
15.	Hon. Cecilia M. Bangura	APC	Karene
16.	Hon. Paul Samba Conteh	APC	Bombali
17.	Hon. John Charles Conteh	APC	Bombali
18.	Hon. Hawa Rosaline Siafa	SLPP	Kailahun
19.	Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa	SLPP	Kailahun
20.	Hon. Idriss M. Dauda	SLPP	Bonthe
21.	Hon. Mariama Ella Goba	SLPP	Kenema
22.	Hon. Ishmail Sankoh Yillah	SLPP	Pujehun
23.	Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara	APC	Karene
24.	Hon. Abdul Sulaiman Marray Conteh	SLPP	Western Area Urban
25.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
26.	Hon. Edward George	SLPP	Moyamba
27.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
28.	Hon. Kemokoh Conteh	APC	Western Area Rural
29.	Hon. P.C. Thor Thor Sheku T.T. N.K. Fanko Lai Marrah	P.C.	Falaba
30.	Hon. Konkofa Farah Mansaray	SLPP	Koinadugu
31.	Hon. Marie Kamara	APC	Bombali
32.	Hon. Piness Kadie Daramy	SLPP	Western Area Urban
33.	Hon. Lolloh Emilia Tongi	SLPP	Kenema
34.	Hon. Beatrice Maaya Kangbai	SLPP	Bo
35.	Hon. Mabinty Alice Taylor – Bangura	APC	Kambia
36.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma	APC	Koinadugu
37.	Hon. Amie Nyava Moriba	SLPP	Bo
38.	Hon. P.C. Alameen Kanneh	P.C.	Kenema
39.	Hon. Regiatu T Mussaffa	SLPP	Kenema
40.	Hon. Beatrice Iyaminde Langley	SLPP	Western Area Rural
41.	Hon. Mathew s. Nyuma	SLPP	Kenema
42.	Hon. Sia Mahawa Tommy	SLPP	Kono
43.	Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofanah	SLPP	Kenema
44.	Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu	SLPP	Moyamba
45.	Hon. Sarty Banya	SLPP	Kailahun
46.	Hon. Sheik Santigie Ibrahim Kargbo	SLPP	Port Loko
47.	Hon. Alpha Ben Mansaray	APC	Moyamba
48.	Hon. Mohamed S. Rahman	SLPP	W/ Area Urban

I am calling on Honourable Kargbo to see me in my Chambers after sitting.

HON. P.C THOR THOR SHEKU N.K FANKO LAI MARRAH: Mr Speaker...*[interruption]*

THE SPEAKER: Yes Mr Clerk, please add his name to the list of good working Members. I thank you. Proceed!

VI. LAYING OF PAPERS

A. HONOURABLE DICKSON M. ROGERS - CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND AVIATION.

HON. DICKSON MOMOH ROGERS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise this morning with your leave Mr Speaker to lay the Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Transport and Aviation on "Stakeholders' Engagement on 4th June, 2005, at the Atlantic Hotel Lumley Beach."

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this engagement formed part of the Committee's Constitutional mandate under Section 93 of the 1991 Constitution to oversee, enquire into, and evaluate the activities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies. Within the Transport and Aviation Sector, the engagement brought together government, institutions, regulatory authorities, private sectors, operators, civil society organisations, and development partners to collectively examine the opportunities, successes and challenges within the sector. This Report presents precise, but substantive deliberations on key traumatic areas, shaping our transport and aviation sectors, namely, digital transformation, sustainable aviation and wind technology, smart infrastructure and trade facilitation, safety and regulation compliance, innovative financing and strengthening public-private partnerships.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Report further outlined critical challenges including infrastructure deficit, weak safety enforcement, limited technological capacity, coordination gaps, and the pressing need for sustainable financing framework. The recommendations are strategic and forward-looking. We call for stronger interagency co-ordinations, enhance regulatory oversight, invest in smart and climate resilience, infrastructure-activated digital integration, improve safety standards across all transport models, and the holistic, multi-sector approach to sectorial development.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this document is not near a summary of proceedings, rather, it is a blueprint of reform. If implemented, the proposal will

significantly advance the creation of a modern, safe, efficient and global competitive transport system and division echo system with national development agenda.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with this in pursuant to standing orders, it is a sub-section 8 of the Reverse Standing Orders of 2006. As Chairman of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Transport and Aviation, I have the honour to lay on the Table of the House, the Committee's Report on 'the stakeholders' engagement' which was held on the 4th June, 2025 at the Atlantic Hotel, Lumley Beach, for consideration by Parliament today, 2nd December, 2025 *[Applause]*.

B. HONOURABLE FRANCIS A. KAISAMBA - CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House, the report on 'the Sessional Report of the Finance Committee on National Revenue Authority [NRA] Border post which was held on 28th August, to 2nd September 2025. I thank you for your attention *[Applause]*.

C. HONOURABLE BERNADETTE WUYATTA SONGA - CHAIRPERSON PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of the House, the Report on Parliamentary Oversight Committee of Health, which was commenced from 1st to 4th July and 15th to 18th August 2025. The oversight was done in Pujehun, Moyamba, and Karene districts respectively. A site visit to hospital structures in Bo, Kenema and western areas was also done. So, I beg to lay on the Table of the House this wonderful Report *[Applause]*.

D. HONOURABLE AMBROSE MAADA LEBBY - CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this House, 'the Report of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Transparency and Accountability. Oversight visits to local councils across Sierra Leone to review compliance with Section 119 of the Local Government Amendment Act 2022 and assess financial and procurement activities for the period 2023 to 2025 *[Applause]*.

E. HONOURABLE ALEX MATTIA ROGERS – CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to lay on the Table of the House, 'the Report on Engagement with the Ministry of Defense and its agencies alongside oversight visits

to various military networks and brigades with the aim of assessing operational management, welfare of personnel, and status of national security nationwide, from 23rd August to 27th August, 2025. Mr Speaker, this Report is done on behalf of the Committee of Defense. Mr Speaker, I am very grateful to the entire membership of the Committee for its support and commitment towards this Report.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this Oversight Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Defense presents its key findings, observations and recommendations that were done by the Committee's activities in the Ministry and the Ministry's departments and agencies. Mr Speaker, the Committee conducted oversight visits to various military barracks, brigades, battalions, and regional offices of those agencies under its supervision.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is good to know that the Committee's assessment revealed significant transformation that is underway within RSLFE, under the leadership of the new Chief of Defense Staff, General Adara. With your leave Mr Speaker, I lay the Report on the Table of this House.

F. HONOURABLE KEMOKOH CONTEH – CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMITTEE AFFAIRS.

HON. MUSA FOFANAH: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the laying of this Report has been expunged from the Order Paper Sir. The Report will be laid at the next sitting of the House Sir.

THE SPEAKER: No Honourable Member, it has not been expunged.

HON. MUSA FOFANAH: It was discussed with Director Rogers.

THE SPEAKER: oh okay.

HON. MUSA FOFANAH: I discussed that with Director Momodu Lamin Deen-Rogers.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on Honourable Member! Mr Leader of Government Business, may I hear you on this?

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA [MAJORITY AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS]: Mr Speaker, let me approach your desk please!

THE SPEAKER: Yes, please do! Honourable Kemokoh please come, and with your leader.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, based on consideration of Mr Speaker and the Leader on the other side, we have agreed to expunge item F on the Order Paper. So Mr Speaker, I so move that the Laying of Paper that has to do with Chairman of the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Foreign Affairs be expunged from the Order Paper.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: I so second Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed Put and Agreed To]

[Motion by the Leader of Government Business has been carried]

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, all of these reports, we are going to choose a day to debate all of them. Probably, we will do that in January. We just need one day to debate all the reports. So please, if you have copies of these reports, you can keep them, because there will not be another copy given to you. So keep the reports here or if you want to read them, read them now and take notes on some of the areas. We will choose a day for us to debate all of these reports, especially the recommendations.

Honourable Members, at least, let us make progress. Let us not just be laying reports and forget about them. Let us find a way of debating these reports, approving the recommendations and informing the relevant MDAs about the approval of these House relating to recommendations.

Honourable Members, please keep your copies and make sure you go through them. Take notes on some of the issues and keep your notes. We have chosen the day. I have already informed the Clerk of Parliament who is working on the day. For those reports on finance department, Mr Clerk, a list of those Committees that received monies to go on oversight will also be given a day for debate. Take note of them and take note of the Committees that have presented their reports. As a result of what they received, all of the Committees that do not present their reports should never be allowed to go on oversight on the funds of Parliament. I thank you.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Mr Speaker...*[interruption]*

THE SPEAKER: Yes Mr Leader!

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Mr Speaker, this Parliament has also gone digital.

THE SPEAKER: Yes Honourable Member, please proceed.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it will even be better in as much as Members will keep their copies to have a special day as suggested Sir. I wonder, most Members do not have their copies now as they only copied Leaders.

THE SPEAKER: Okay!

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: But the Parliament is digital now Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Yes!

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: So, if those reports are uploaded, will they all be in one package?

THE SPEAKER: Yes.

HON. DANIEL B. KOROMA: The Members do not have copies, only Leaders that do have copies.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you! The Clerk will ensure that is done, then he will choose a day for training of MPs in the use of this gadget. I know Members are still serving and probably this one is a little complex for some Honourable Members. So chose a day when there will be training in the handling of document. How to get into document and how to enquire into certain issues on these desktops! Please, I have noticed some form of..... well I do not want to term it, so I will live that for another day. Please, we need some kind of training. I thank you.

V. GOVERNMENT MOTIONS- THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, at the last adjourned date, I gave a ruling, it was not just a ruling, but an order that we will not allow the Deputy Minister to be here if his Minister does not come. I realized that his Minister refuses to come to the Well, even though he was being informed by the Clerk. I verily believe that the Minister is still out of his jurisdiction, so that why we are allowing the deputy again today. Mr Deputy Minister, please informed you superior, your principal to be here when he is in town.

Honourable Members, the Leader of Government Business was not treated kindly that why the Minister is refusing to come. Is that not so? *[Laughter]*

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, MR REX BONAPHA, THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, be it resolved that this Honourable House ratifies the following agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 20th November, 2025, 'the Funder's Direct Agreement for the Freetown International Airport.'

BACKGROUND

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Direct Funder's Agreement was executed on the 16th October, 2025, between the Government of Sierra Leone and the City Bank-America, on behalf of the funders and AIF Limited. In this Agreement, it does not show the ownership of the Airport or create older abilities for modifying the DDP Agreement.

Why is the Ratification Necessary or Required?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Clauses 10-14 mandate parliamentary ratification, without it, Sierra Leone would risk financing disruption, investment establishment and above all explosion to other risks. The key position of this Agreement step in right way, ensuring continuity of Airport operations, terminations, save guards, preserving Government of Sierra Leone's right, and revenue around its clarity for transparency and no new obligations imposed on the Government of Sierra Leone.

THE BENEFITS

- It will strengthen investors' confidence.
- It will ensure long terms operational stability.
- It will protect government from legal and financial risk.
- It will align Sierra Leone with global PP standards.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, ratifying the Agreement is essential to safe guard national interest and ensuring the continuous modification in modernisation of the Airport.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, against this backdrop, be it resolved that this Honourable House ratifies the following Agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 20th November, 2025, 'Funder's Direct Agreement for the Freetown International Airport.'

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the question will not be put today for the approval of this Agreement, but I will allow the debate. I will allow the debate and I will want Members to do justice to this Agreement. Please debate the Agreement thoroughly and bring out the issues and sworn. We will listen to the debate, listen to the argument, but I will not put the question for approval until further date, just so that you know.

Honourable Members, the question is that this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following Agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 20th November, 2025, 'THE FUNDER'S DIRECT AGREEMENT FOR THE FREETOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.'

HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this agreement, like any other agreement we have passed in this House, I

am pretty that this Agreement is not controversial. Mr Speaker, the reason being is that this agreement is bond out of a payment agreement which was passed in this House.

Mr Speaker, Honorable Members, the importance of this agreement like the Minister said, will stabilize the operations of the Airport. Mr Speaker, up till now, we need some new gadgets and improve the security of the Airport. All of us that have passed through our Airport and have passed through other international airports know very well that we need improvement in our Airport.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when this Agreement is passed, it will give confidence to business people who would want to come and invest more in our Airport on areas that have not been improved over the years. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it will also protect the government from financial obligations, because the staff of the Airport are ready to strike very seriously, because they have not been paid of their benefits. The liability of this Agreement, on the Government to pay them whilst it is going through some process to be passed was an issue. The liability will shift, from the Government to the financiers. They will be able to pay workers. We have seen every day here that our economy is tight. If our economy is tight Mr Speaker, we are finding ways to shift the burden from the Government to the financiers. So this Agreement will also serve in that capacity.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is no way this House will debunk this Agreement. If they have to reject it, then they will have to bring the parent's Agreement to do such, because this agreement is born out of the parent agreement.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am not sure, if I would take the Floor for too long. I want to ask Members to please support this Agreement. The reason is because it is like you gave birth to child and you get married to the same woman, and you said this child is mine but not the other child, I will not accept the other child. I am not sure that will be good for your family. If the parent agreement is approved in this House, Mr Speaker, then this one should also be under obligation as a Parliament to pass this agreement.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, so, I want to humbly ask this House to give your support to this Agreement, so that the parent agreement will stand the test of time. I know some people may not like this Agreement, because in the first place, they did not like the first agreement. This Airport is ours, so we on this side of the aisle will do everything possible we can to protect the operations of the Airport. We are under obligation to do it Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on that note, I want to humbly ask you to please give support to this Agreement. I thank you!

HON. TAMBA KELLIE: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have a serious difficulty with this Agreement. Firstly Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is as if Freetown International Airport Limited, which used to be Suman is looking for funds to expand their operations and they want the Government of Sierra Leone to do; this is the essentially what they are asking this nation to do, otherwise there is no need for ratification, because it does not at this point impose any financial obligations of the Government of Sierra Leone.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, however, the question arises was that why would the Government commend this Freetown International Airport? It has been giving a concession and obviously that was based on the representation they made to the people of this country as to their financially capability. There financial muscle to be able to carry out the concession period, managing the airport with their own resources and they want to go out and seek funding and the way for them to get the funding is that they want the people of this country to step into under-write. In fact, there is a stepping club, meaning that the funders can step in the event of the breach of the agreement by the International Airport.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, what is more interesting is that that this Agreement is governed by the law of England. So, why should this be governed by the law of England? Mr Speaker, most of the laws of England, especially the common law are part of the laws of Sierra Leone, so why should the Agreement made in this country be governed by the law of England? Mr Speaker, there is never going to be an agreement made in England that will be governed by the laws of Sierra Leone? So, I have a problem with that as well.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I understand that at this point no financial obligation is imposed upon the Government of Sierra Leone and by extension the people of this country; but when you look at the rationale for the Agreement, it is basically asking the people of this country to under-write the activities of Freetown International Airport and that needs to be looked into Mr Speaker. That is not good for a country.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, those who keep disturbing me about wanting to debate, you have the Floor now and you are not standing up. You gave me no rest that you wanted to debate. You wanted to debate, you now have the Floor for debate. I will reserve the rounding up by leaders for the day of approval that we will not round up today. I will wait on the day we are approving, then the leaders will round up. Mr Minister you are released.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, this sitting is adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday 3rd of December, at 10:00am prompt.

The House rose at 11:55 a.m