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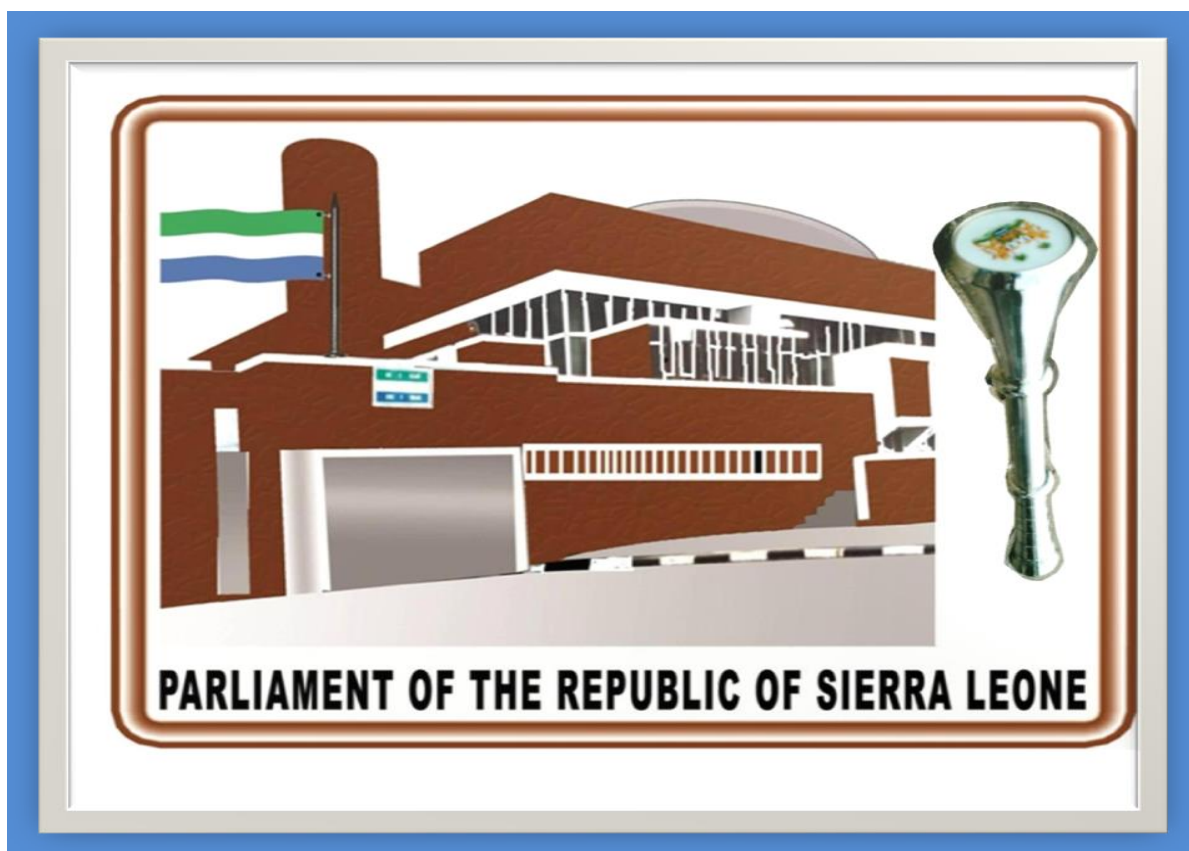
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THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2025

1. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Mrs Fatmata Bintu Winston, read the Prayers]

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

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

The House was called to Order

II. ADOPTION OF THE RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST 2025.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 13th August, 2025. As usual, we shall skip pages 1-4 and start with Page 5? Do you have any correction or amendment to make on Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? If there is no correction or amendment, can someone move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Thursday, 13th August, 2025 as presented?

HON. JOSEEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. IDRIS A. KAMARA: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed Put and Agreed To]

[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Wednesday, 13th August 2025 has been adopted as presented]

III. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR SPEAKER

Honourable Members, you are hatching the Well of Parliament. I know all of you had a wonderful time during the vacation. With the exception of one of us, I thank God that all of us are back safely. I am to inform you that we have lost a brother a couple of days ago. It is sad to announce to you that Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma is not here. He was involved in a fatal accident. Unfortunately, we have lost him. We also lost a former Member of Parliament and this means that today is a very sad day for us. We have lost two very outstanding Members of Parliament; one current Member and one former Member of this House. In this regard, I urge all of you to observe a moment of silence prayers. May their souls rest in perfect peace.

[A moment of silence prayers was observed]

In the circumstances, the APC Members will be having a meeting in the Office of the Leader of the Opposition to plan for the burial of our brother. They will inform us accordingly. I am to also inform you that during the vacation, I endorsed 21 parliamentary Committees to proceed on oversight activities. I also urged all Chairmen to ensure that their Clerks compiled the reports of the oversight activities they have embarked on, so that those reports are tabled in this House and if we see it expedient to debate them, we will do that and take the necessary actions. I am sure 21

Committees went on oversight and we are waiting for more funds for the remaining Committees to proceed on oversight activities. This is because every year or every session, it behooves this Parliament to ensure that these Committees go on oversight. In fact, during the holidays, I had several calls from citizens who actually appreciate the fact that so many Committees went out to deal with various MDAs. I thank you very much. We were all over the country; we were all over the Media. I want to take this opportunity to thank the social media and print media profusely for a job well done.

Honourable Members, as I stated earlier, we are only awaiting for your reports to be properly tabled. Please be informed that any Committee that does not table its report, that Committee will not go on oversight during the next Session or even this session. If you do not table your report, your Committee will not go on oversight. I hope we are all in agreement. This is because when you go on oversight, it is expected that you produce a report. We want to know what you did, so that we can be properly informed about what happened there. This will enable us to inform the public or the citizens of this nation about what you have done as Committees. Thank you very much, Honourable Members.

Honourable Members, let me, at this stage, inform this House about those Members of Parliament who were in the Well at the time I entered the Well. I am going to announce a meeting immediately after sitting today for the attention of the Committee on Selection. Of course, I told you, before the vacation, that we were going to take cognizance of the attendance of Members of Parliament during the selection of the Committee Chairpersons. We were a bit late during the last Session because the rule says that we cannot form Committees after 21 days. As Members of Parliament, we should not be seen flouting our own rules. So, I do not want somebody to say that the Session has started; no because vacation days are not counted. From this day to the 21st day, we should have formed these Committees and endorse them, so that these Committees can start work.

Honourable Members, let me, at this stage, recognise those MPs who were here at the time I entered these Chambers and to inform the general public that these MPs have been very diligent in their service to this nation and to this Parliament. Please give me a round of applause. We are supposed to be very proud of them. These MPs are:

1. Honourable Joseph William-Lamin
2. Honourable Ibrahim kabba
3. Honourable Alpha Fodie Madie Jabbie
4. Honourable Musa Fofanah
5. Honourable Alhaji Yusuf Mackery
6. Honourable Beatrice Maaya Kanbgai

7. Honourable Daniel Fornah
8. Honourable Ella Mariama Goba
9. Honourable Daniel Amadu Bangura
10. Honourable Lucinda Finda Kellie
11. Honourable Alfred Ayodele Thompson
12. Honourable Moses A. Edwin
13. Honourable Rugiatu Kamara
14. Honourable Ambrose Maada Lebby
15. Honourable Marie Kamara
16. Honourable Paul Samba Conteh
17. Honourable Alusine Bash Kamara
18. Honourable P.C. Prince Bio Lansana
19. Honourable Idris Sahid kamara
20. Honourable Fallah Kenawah Tengbeh
21. Honorable Alex M Rogers
22. Honourable Jibrila Sur Moijueh
23. Honourable Christopha Kekura Vandy
24. Honourable Kemokoh Conteh
25. Honourable P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu Meama Kajue Koroma
26. Honourable Musa Lahai
27. Honourable Tamba Kellie
28. Honourable P. C. Paul Ngaba Saquee V
29. Honourable Mohamed Alpha Jalloh
30. Abdulai A Kamara
31. Honourable Memunatu Jalloh
32. Honorable Veronica Kadie Sesay.

Thank you very much.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I want to move that we amend the Order Paper. In the absence of the Minister of Finance, I move that the Acting Leader of Government Business lays the Papers as outlined on the Order Paper.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Motion to amend the Order Paper has been carried]

IV. PAPERS LAID

THE ACTING LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this Honourable House the following papers:

- a. Loan Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank, the Drilling and the Construction of Kambia/Kamakwie Road Project, dated 19th April 2025.
- b. Agency Agreement, Installment Financing between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank, Rebuilding and Reconstruction of Kambia/ Tumapari – Kamakwie Road Project, dated 9th April 2025.
- c. The Framework Agreement, Installment Sale Financing between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank, regarding the Construction, Reconstruction of Kambia – Tumapari - Kamakuwie Assistance Grant Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank, regarding the Reconstruction of Kambia –Tumapari– Kamakuwie Road Project, dated 9th April 2025.
- d. TDCP Grant Agreement, Tripartite Agreement for the first time between SDN, BHD and the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank regarding the Reconstruction of Kambia – Tumapari - Kamakwie Road Project, dated 9th April 2025.
- e. Loan agreement between the reports in November 1446H corresponding to 21st edited, 23rd November 1446H, corresponding to 21st May, 2025 [g].
- f. Agency Agreement, Installment Financing, tranche [II] between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank regarding the Livestock and Livelihood Development Project, dated 23rd November 144H, corresponding to 21st May 2025[g].
- g. Framework Agreement, Installment, Sale, Financing, Tranche [I] between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank, regarding the Livestock and Livelihoods Development Project, dated 23rd November, 1446H corresponding to 21st May 2025.
- h. Framework Agreement, Installment, Sale Financing Tranche between the Republic of Sierra Leone and Islamic Development Bank, regarding the Livestock and Livelihoods Development Project, dated 23rd November, 1446H, corresponding to 21st May, 2025.
- i. Technical Assistance Grant Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank regarding the Livestock and Livelihood Development Project, dated 21st July 2025.

V. OBITUARY SPEECHES

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I have already informed this Honourable House about the passing away of our brother, Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma and a former Member of Parliament, Honourable Helen Kuyembeh. At this stage, I call on the Leader of the Opposition to deliver tributes in honour the former MP.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, before the Leader of the Opposition, I would also want to remind the House that a former colleague Honourable Member, Honourable Patricia Brown has not been buried and even Honourable Agnes Kobba, who was in this Parliament from 2002 to 2007. Honourable Patricia Brown and Honourable Helen Kuyembeh were here from 2012 to 2018.

THE SPEAKER: Oh yes, Honourable Helen Kuyembeh. This tribute is actually meant for Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma. We have only recognised the other MPs.

HON. ABDUL KARGBO: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would have been a very happy man to talk or pay tribute to him while he is alive. The Honourable Member in question is a very committed Member of Parliament from the Opposition. He loves his people, and he is committed in the activities and the running of Parliament. It will interest all of us to know that he was on his way to Freetown, specifically to attend this sitting when this ugly incident captured his life.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma is a first timer, who has done comparatively well for his people. He has launched so many projects for his people in Kambia. Some of his projects account for over a billion old Leones. He lived his life for his people. If you matched his personal achievements to what he has done for his people, you would know that he was living his life for his people. Today, we are having a sitting like this that he should have been part of; regrettably, he is nowhere to be found. Upon hearing the incident of his demise, we rushed to welcome his body at 34 Hospital. All of us in the Leadership who were there could not hold our tears. Why Ernest Dura Koroma?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Honourable Member in question is one of the strongest men in his family. His responsibilities were enormous. His elder brother, who is a senior police officer was there and could not withhold his tears. He dropped down and started crying aloud. I have engaged the Member of Parliament on several occasions and I could remember very recently that the Honourable Member, myself and the Whip of the Opposition were on call for over one hour, when I was in Nigeria. He was seeking for advice, which I rendered to him. Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma has launched so many projects for his people. The question is, who is going to complete those projects?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma's death was specifically on the grounds that his driver slept off while he was heading to Freetown. There are so many insinuations regarding the root cause of his death. Today, the people of Tonko-Limba have lost their only son. When we were at 34 Hospital to receive the corpse, there was an unprecedented mixture of representations from both political parties. The Western Regional Chairman for the SLPP was there, Mr Manso Dumbuya. He cried bitterly. The Deputy Chairman for the SLPP was also there. This shows that regardless of the fact that he is a bona fide Member of the APC, he cuts across and that is how we should live our lives. I hardly shed tears, even at critical circumstances; but on that day, I could not hold my tears at all. We were crying like babies because we know what we have lost. As believers, we want to mourn like people who have faith in God because God who gave had taketh. We have to be courageous. To the family, we pray that God consoles and gives you the courage. To all Members of Parliament, I am sure his death should serve as a lesson. Let us monitor our drivers, especially when we have a long distance to cover. Let us ensure that we force them to go to bed as early as possible. This is because if they failed to rest well, do not allow them to drive. They were four in the vehicle, but only he and his driver died instantly and the two others are receiving treatments, including the younger brother of Honourable Abdul Karim Kamara. They are responding to treatments and we will furnish this House, as soon as possible, the plans ahead. Tentatively, the family is suggesting that he should be laid in Parliament on Friday, 17th October 2025. They promised to meet with the Speaker and the Leadership of Parliament to pay their last respect and after that, he is to be buried in his Constituency in Kambia on Sunday, 19th October 2025.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, our hearts are heavy; this is the least we expected because he was not sick; he was an abled bodied human being, but we are here talking about his demise. May his blessed soul rest in peace. He died in active service and to us, we are pleased with him. I could remember when Jesus was been baptised and a dove appeared and said, this is my son in him I am well pleased. So, if I am to speak in the word and a voice that will appear and I will say Ernest in whom we were well pleased. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: The Acting Leader of Government Business.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am here with a very heavy heart to pay tribute to Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma. Two of our colleagues are also to be buried: Honourable Patricia Brown who was a Member of Parliament representing Kambia central of the APC and the Honourable Helen Kuyembah who was a Member of Parliament representing Bagbo, Bo

District. Today, we have our brother who, until the later part, I managed to know that he was a Member of the APC because it was difficult to know which party he belonged. When we came in 2023, in less than few months, Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma was able to capture the minds of all Members of Parliament. He was all over the place. We have Members of Parliament from the North who are SLPP and I have been struggling to know if he was an SLPP or APC because he was always working together with Honourable Simeon Johnny. They were best of friends and that is how the late Honourable Member was. His closest friend was an SLPP Member and it was later I learnt that he was an APC MP.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma was all over the Committees. He was very supportive to the Committee on Works. He would attend Committee meetings, whether he was a Member of that Committee or not, he would want to be part of the hearings in Parliament and he hardly absent from Parliament. Today, when you were calling the names of those who came early, you did not call Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma and that means Parliament has lost one of the regular and frequent Members of Parliament. There is one thing I could remember during our conversation with Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma. I said when he nurtured the ambition to become an Honourable Member of Parliament. He reminded me of contesting with the Honourable PL. The Honourable PL was with us in 2012 and the Honourable PL told him that he can only come to this Parliament after his death.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the late Honourable Member told me that when he was given the symbol in 2023, few months later, the Honourable PL passed away. He said that is why people should not make such statement in a rush. Today, little did we know that we will be given tributes to him. I could remember, when we were preparing the Committee list, he came and presented his own Committee list to me and said, Mr Deputy Leader, S.O [2], 'duya na me yone Committee list, duya make sure say ar dae dae. He will always lobby Deputy Leader S.O [2] duya na me yone Committee list na u ar habope pa. I usually asked him to go back to his Chief Whip. He was very close to his Leadership; he managed to be part of those Committees and he was very committed. When Parliament was going on recess, he went to my office and said, Leader S.O [2] 'we dae kam renew di Committee dem, duya nor forget me. Are dae kam with me yone Committee list. Mr Speaker, that was what he planned, little did he know that God has his own plans for him. We will definitely going to miss you as a Parliament. We should be each other's keeper.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have always said that this is a work place and we are here for five years. At the end of the day, even during elections, you will see each other supporting you; you will see SLPP Members praying for APC Members to win and

you will see APC Members praying for SLPP Members to win because they have worked together in this environment. During the elections, we called our colleagues, S.O[2] how di elections? Na for try oh; even against our own Party Members because when we are together in this environment for so long, we become friends or family members. We visit ourselves in our homes and know each other's child or children. This is how we believe a Parliament should work.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we will definitely going to miss Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma. In less than two years, I know every Member of this Parliament knows him. We know him by name or by face. There are Members of Parliament that did not know him by name or by face, but it is not just possible for Members of this Parliament not to know him because he is not just APC, he is a full Member of this Parliament. He cuts across party and he is always here. He has never been involved in confrontation with anyone. I believe we will miss him and we will give the APC the maximum support for his burial as a Parliament. We pray that God consoles the Party and the family. I hope that the Party will provide us a Member of Parliament who will take his place.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will not conclude if I fail to mention the other Honourable Members, Honourable Patricia Brown and Honourable Hellen Kuyembeh. We came to this Parliament with Honourable Patricia Brown in 2012. She was on this side while we were on that other side. However, we considered the Honourable Patricia Brown as our mother. I could remember when we came, we were very young, myself, Honourable Paran Umar Tarawally and Honourable Tholley. When Honourable Patricia Brown came from the USA, she had a lot of vehicles. We used to visit her at Spur Loop. Mr Speaker, can you imagine, she called Honourable Paran Umar Tarawally and I, and said S.O[2], 'una na me pikin dem. Are get motorcar are dae gee una.' She gave Honourable Paran Umar Tarawally a Pathfinder and gave me a Mazda MVS. We went to her house at Spur Loop. When we come to Parliament, she called us S.O[2] 'me pikin dem, una kam take dis money ya.' That was the relationship that existed between us and Honourable Patricia Brown.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, during that period between 2012 and 2018, we hardly talked about party politics after our sittings. We were Members of Parliament and whenever we came to the Well, we talked SLPP and APC, but when the cameras are turned off, we were family Members; we visited ourselves. However, there has been so much tension these days between the Opposition and the Ruling Party. I believe this should tell us to work together as a Parliament. During that period, we used to make parties. I could still remember that we used to visit Honourable Tunde Lewally, Honourable Kombor Kamara in their houses and they also visited our houses. When we had challenges, we went to their houses. Today, it is very difficult for us to know where

we live because the Opposition thinks that when they visit our houses, people would shout at them when they go to their party offices; and when we go to their houses, people would say they have sold us. The Fourth Parliament was not like that; we were a family.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Honourable Hellen Kuyembeh was one of our best female MPs. She was the only first timer who, in less than two years, she became a member of the ACP Parliament. She was seated on that side as first timer of the SLPP; and during the Second Session, we gave her the maximum support she needed. Whenever she came from the ACP Parliament, she used to send us perfumes and even gave us lunch. That was the relationship that existed before. They used to take us to the Canteen for lunch; but today, the relationship is so sour. I am craving on the indulgence of this House that the death of Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma should serve as a reconciliatory message to us; we should see ourselves as colleagues; and we should see ourselves as workmates. This is where we are spending the longest time of our moment. We are here from morning to 5:00 p.m. Let us see ourselves as families. Today, our colleague is lying there dead. We should not come here and provide lip service and at the end of the day, we begin to see ourselves as enemies. Today, we want to kill ourselves and even craving for Members of Parliament to lose their seats. Before now, we used to pray for our colleagues.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, during the 2018 elections, we used to call ourselves on the phone. I used to call Honourable Aaron A. Koroma to ask how he was doing. He would ask, S.O [2] Bash, wetin dae apin yanda? At one time Honourable Kemokoh said, S.O[2] 'bra ar don don, na small normor now don lef. Bra, na wan somebody bring certificate en say me na two sim *[Laughter]*. That was the interest we had for ourselves; but today, we have no interest for each other. Honourable Kemokoh is my brother; we were here when he was fighting for his symbol. There is no single day he would not call me. When they wanted to petition him, I supported him and I used to call him, S.O [2] Kemokoh watin dey apin? This is because we had that cordial Relationship. I am sure anything you are doing, we are still supporting you for you not to be arrested... - *[Laughter]*. You have said all sorts of negative things, but we still support you because you are our colleague. When the Honourable Lahai Marah was arrested, we galvanised ourselves and went to the President. We appealed to the President for the release of Honourable Lahai Marah.

THE SPEAKER: He has done it so much that he is now bringing it to Parliament.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Exactly, Mr Speaker. You have done all what you are not supposed to do as a Member of Parliament. The Speaker will not allow you to be arrested.

THE SPEAKER: He is even indicting his own House.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: You said that I allowed Honourable Lahai Marah to be arrested. What have you not done? You have incited violence.

THE SPEAKER: He is inciting the public against Parliament... - *[Laughter]*.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Against Parliament but we are still supporting you because you are our colleague and that should be the relationship. So Mr Speaker I believe, the death of Honourable Ernest Dura should unite us all, the death of Honourable Ernest Dura should bring us together. Let us see ourselves as colleagues, as brothers and as family. We have known ourselves, tomorrow as per this Parliament, we should continue as brothers and sisters; tomorrow after this Parliament, when we have problems, we should be able to go to each other and explain our problems, we should be able to solve our problems.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to crave on the indulgence of this House that today we are planning to lay our brother to rest, let us please, let us please reconsider our positions, let us please come down because all of the fighting we are doing, nobody thought of Ernest Dura will die at this time. Mr Speaker, the worst thing that saddened me was that Ernest Dura was preparing for his lower level elections. He was even coming from a meeting, he was preparing for his lower level elections. There is somebody in his Constituency that he is always complaining about, there is one Keita S.O[2] that oh the posin dey pressure me yanda, dis posin do dis and that is what we planned and all of us are planning for the next elections, but we do not know what God holds for us. So let us be united, we do not know what God holds for us; Ernest was so serious about the lower level, he wanted to please his own people at the lower level so that he comes again in 2028 but today look at where we are.

Mr Speaker. Honourable Members, let us use this situation, let us use this death to reconcile our differences, we are colleagues, we are brothers, we are sisters; let us reduce the tension so that we reduce the tension of Politics in Sierra Leone because we are the inciters, we are the people that our followers follow. We are the ones that tell our supporters to go and fight, do not accept; the things that we accept, we tell our followers not to accept, let us please not escalate the tension; let us reconcile, let us think Sierra Leone. Today we are here, nobody knows tomorrow, all what we say on radios, all what we say on televisions, all of the incitements, maybe you will not even see 2028, so why the tension? Why the fight? So please Honourable Members, let us use the late man's burial as a moment of reconciliation in this House, as a moment of reflection for politicians, let us work as a team, let us think Sierra Leone and let us reduce the tension in Sierra Leone. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, in view of the additional information that has been brought to the attention of this House, I urge Honourable Members to please stand again for a moment of silence prayers for Honourable Ernest Dura Koroma, Honourable Hellen Kuyembah, Honourable Patricia Brown and Honourable Agnes Kobba. May their souls rest in perfect peace.

[A moment of silence prayers was observed for the above mentioned former Honourable Members]

VI. BUSINESS STATEMENT BY THE ACTING OF THE LEADER BUSINESS

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you very much. This is an Internal Notice Paper before the House.

- a. Laying of Papers – The Attorney General and Minister of Justice: Copyright Regulations 2024; the Copyright Act 2011, Act No. 8 of 2011, Statutory Instrument No. 12 of 2024.
- b. Bills – The Public Financial Management [Amendment] Act 2023, the Minister of Finance;
- c. The State-Owned Enterprises and Governance Act, 2025; the Minister of Finance;
- d. The Deposit Protection Fund Act, 2024, the Minister of Finance;
- e. The Petroleum Exploration and Protection [Amendment] Act, 2024, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice;
- f. The Sierra Leone Correctional Services [Amendment] Act, 2024, the Attorney General and Minister of Justice;
- g. The Worker Compensation Act, 2024, the Minister of Labour, Employments and Social Security;
- h. The Occupation Safety and Health Act, 2024, the Minister of Labour, Employments and Social Security;
- i. The Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Act, 2024, the Minister of Health and Sanitation; and
- j. The Merchant Shipping Act, 2024, the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader, do you want to move a Motion?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S.O 5[1] to move that Parliament sit on Monday 13th October 2025 to debate the Presidential Speech of His Excellency the President.

THE SPEAKER: Any Seconder?

HON. ABDUL KARGBO: I so second, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed Put and Agreed To]

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members of the Selection Committee, we need to have a meeting on Monday at 3:00 p.m. immediately after sitting. I urge the Leaders on both sides to make sure that when coming to the meeting, they come prepared based on my directives in respect of the attendance of MPs.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, the Appointments Committee will meet today at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1. The notice has been posted on our Appointments Committee Forum. I just wanted to remind Members of the Appointments Committee that we have a meeting at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

[The House rose at 11:10 a.m., and was adjourned to Tuesday, 13th October, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.]