



**FOURTH PARLIAMENT
OF
THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
SECOND SESSION, 2013/2014
SECOND MEETING OF THE HOUSE
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

VP/4/2/2

TUESDAY

21ST JANUARY, 2014

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:15 A.M.

I. ATTENDANCE:

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were present:

1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
2. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
3. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
4. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
5. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
6. HON.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.
7. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
8. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
9. BROWN PATRICIA
10. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
11. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA
12. HON.CONTEH BRIMAH
13. HON.CONTEH KARIFALA S.
14. HON.CONTEH KEMOKOH
15. HON.DABUNDEH AIAH DR.
16. HON.DUMBUYA ALHAJI S.
17. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B. B.
18. HON.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA
19. HON.FATORMA SAHR
20. HON.FAWUNDU SENESI
21. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA D.
22. HON.FUNNA MABINTY
23. HON.GBAPPY-BRIMA GLADYS GBEMOH

24. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
25. HON.JABBI BU-BUAKEI DR.
26. HON.JAJUA ABU
27. HON.JENGO EDWARD S.
28. HON.JOHNSON DAVID
29. HON.JORKIE MOSES B.
30. HON.KABIA ISATA
31. HON.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSA PAKI
32. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JIAH
33. HON.KAISAMBA FRANCIS A.
34. HON.KALLON DAUDA J.B.
35. HON.KALOKO ABI
36. HON.KALOKO ALIE
37. HON.KALOKO BAI J.
38. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
39. HON.KAMARA ALBERT DEEN
40. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN
41. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO
42. HON.KAMARA IBRAHIM
43. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
44. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED
45. HON.KAMARA NICHOLAS
46. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BABAH
47. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE
48. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
49. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
50. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
51. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
52. HON.KARGBO ROLAND FODAY DR.
53. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
54. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
55. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
56. HON.KOEDYOYOMA KOMBA E.
57. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA
58. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
59. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
60. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B.
61. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO MONYABA
62. HON.KOWA EMMA J.
63. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
64. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
65. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.
66. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
67. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.

68. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMANUEL
69. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
70. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L.
71. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU
72. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
73. HON.MARAH LAHAI
74. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.
75. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
76. HON.MUNDA HABIB B.
77. HON.MUNU ALIEU BADDARA K.
78. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR.
79. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
80. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
81. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH
82. HON.SANGBAH SAAH
83. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO
84. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX
85. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
86. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
87. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.
88. HON.SESAY DAN Y.
89. HON.SESAY KUSAN
90. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
91. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.
92. HON.SILIKIE BASHIRU
93. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K.
94. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
95. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J.
96. HON.SONSIAMA III P.C. SHEKU A.T. FASULUKU
97. HON.SOURIE FREDERICK S.
98. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M.
99. HON.SUMAH FODAY I. DR.
100. HON.SWARAY MOSES A.
101. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR.
102. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN
103. HON.TENGBEH SAHR
104. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S.
105. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
106. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED
107. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR.
108. HON.TURAY THOMAS B.
109. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA
110. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO
111. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
112. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU
113. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA

114. HON.FOYAH PATRICK
 115. HON.FOFANAH LEONARD S.
 116. HON.MARAH REGINA

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPYA
2. HON.FOFANA AMADU
3. HON.THOLLEY MOHAMED K.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:

1. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
2. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J.
3. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA
4. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU
5. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N.

10:15 - 10:20 a.m.

Prayers: The Legislative Committee Clerk, Mr. Lamin Yansaneh said the prayers.

10:20 - 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME STATEMENT BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT:

The Clerk of Parliament, Mr. Ibrahim Sesay welcomed Members of Parliament to the first sitting after the State Opening of Parliament.

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT: SECTION 79 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (ACT NO.6 OF 1991) AND STANDING ORDER 8:

The Clerk of Parliament read as follows:

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

The Act entitled: "The Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013, passed in Parliament on 19th November, 2013, provides in Section 79(1) inter alia:

"The Speaker of Parliament shall be elected by the Members of Parliament from among persons who are –

- a) Members of Parliament and who had served as such for not less than five years or
- b) Qualified to be Members of Parliament and who had served as such for not less than ten years,” and who are not less than forty years.

Consequent upon the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013, referred to above, and pursuant to Section 79(4)(b) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone Act No.6 of 1991,

“The Speaker shall vacate his Office:-

“If any circumstances arise that, if he were not the Speaker, would disqualify him from election as Speaker.”

Consequent upon the above, the Honourable Justice Abel N.B.Stronge stated in his letter to the Clerk dated 15th January, 2014 that pursuant to the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013 referred to earlier, “I am obliged by law to vacate the Office of Speaker.”

As a consequence therefore the Office of the Speaker has become vacant. And Pursuant to Section 79(5) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No.6 of 1991:

“No business shall be transacted in Parliament (other than an election to the Office of Speaker) at any time if the Office of Speaker becomes vacant.”

S.O. 8(1): “Whenever, the House desires to elect a person to be Speaker, whether after a general election or when a vacancy in the Office of Speaker has occurred in any other way, the procedure for the election shall be as provided in this order.”

S.O. 8(2): “Any Member, having first ascertained that the Member or Other person to be proposed is qualified under subsection (1) of Section 79 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013.

QUALIFICATION: SECTION 79(1): “The Speaker of Parliament shall be elected by the Members of Parliament from among persons who are –

- a) Members of Parliament and who had served as such for not less than five years or
- b) Qualified to be Members of Parliament and who had served as such for not less than ten years,” and who are not less than forty years.

“The proposal shall require to be seconded.”

S.O. 8(3): "If only one person is so proposed, the Clerk shall propose the question that the person do take the chair of the House as Speaker."

S.O. 8(5)(b): Every Member who wishes to vote in the ballot shall write upon a ballot paper, to be supplied by the Clerk, either the word "Aye" or the word "Nay."

S.O. 8(6): "If the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the Members of the House are cast in favour of any question put to the House under this order, the Clerk shall declare the person named in the question to have been elected Speaker by resolution of the House."

S.O. 8(7) and the proviso (a):

(a) "If three successive resolutions proposing the election of a Speaker fail to receive the votes of two-thirds of all the Members of Parliament, the Speaker shall be elected by a resolution passed by a simple majority. . . ."

Section 79(6) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No.6 of 1991:

"Any person elected to the Office of Speaker who is not a Member of Parliament shall before entering upon the duties of his Office, take and subscribe before Parliament the oath as set out in the Third Schedule in this Constitution."

NOMINATIONS:

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu nominated the Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya, Majority Party Leader and Leader of Government Business.

It was seconded by Hon.Dr. Bernadette Lahai, Minority Party Leader of the House.

Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally likewise nominated the Hon.Dr. Bu-buakei Jabbi for the position of Speaker.

It was seconded by Hon. Bashiru Silikie.

CLOSURE OF NOMINATIONS:

Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda moved for the closure of nominations.

It was seconded by Hon. Ibrahim M. Bangura.

The two nominated candidates were qualified.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO DEPOSIT THEIR BALLOT PAPERS WAS DONE BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT:

Representatives of the two nominated candidates witnessed the tallying and counting of the ballot papers.

RESULTS OF VOTING:

AYES - 100 for Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya

NAYS - 15 for Hon. Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi.

DECLARATION BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT:

The Clerk of Parliament announced the results and declared Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya as the newly elected Speaker of Parliament with more than two-thirds majority votes.

At this juncture, the defeated candidate, Hon. Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi crossed over and congratulated the winner, Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya in a spirit of acceptance and conciliation.

The Minority Party Leader, Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai also did the same.

The newly elected Speaker was conducted to the Speaker's suite by the Table Clerks to be officially robed and was led back to the Chamber by the Sergeant-At-Arms to preside over the election of the Deputy Speaker as his first function as Speaker of Parliament.

11:50 - 12 Noon.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT SECTION 80 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (ACT NO.6 OF 1991) AND STANDING ORDER 9:

NOMINATIONS:

Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma nominated the Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah to the position of Deputy Speaker.

It was seconded by Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda.

In the absence of any other nomination, Hon. Foday Rado Yokie moved for the closure. It was seconded by Hon. Dickson M. Rogers.

12 Noon.

STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 5(2) SUSPENDED AT 12 NOON:

Moved by Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda, seconded by Hon. Songowa Bundu and unanimously accepted by Members.

<p>12 Noon - 12:05 p.m.</p>	<p>QUESTION PUT AND AGREED TO.</p> <p>Hon.Chernor R.M. Bah was unanimously accepted as the Deputy Speaker of Parliament.</p> <p>SWEARING-IN OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (THIRD SCHEDULE) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE:</p> <p>The Deputy Speaker took and subscribed to the oath of office administered by the Clerk of Parliament in the presence of the Leadership and some senior Members of Parliament.</p>
<p>12:05 - 12:10 p.m.</p>	<p>CLARIFICATION BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT ON THE QUESTION OF OATH TAKING BY THE SPEAKER:</p> <p>The Clerk of Parliament informed Members of Parliament that there was no need for the Speaker to take the oath of office, pursuant to Section 79, subsection 6 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No.6 of 1991, which reads:</p> <p>“Any person elected to the office of Speaker who is not a Member of Parliament shall before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before Parliament the oath as set out in the Third Schedule in this Constitution.”</p>
<p>12:10 - 1:25 p.m</p>	<p>FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT:</p> <p>Felicitations were made by the following Honourable Members of Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. P.C.Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III 2. Hon. Brimah Conteh 3. Hon. Mabinty K. Sillah 4. Hon. Sualiho Monyaba Koroma 5. Hon.Dr. Bliss E. Osho-Williams 6. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai 7. Hon. Songowa Bundu 8. Hon. Patrick Foyah 9. Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally 10. Hon. Augustine B. Torto 11. Hon. Mustapha M. Braima 12. Hon. Rosaline J. Smith 13. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu 14. Hon.Dr. Bernadette Lahai

1:25 - 1:40 p.m.	<p>RESPONSE BY THE SPEAKER:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker responded to the sentiments made by Members of Parliament and also recognized the presence of the Chairman and Leader of the United Democratic Movement and the Chairman and Leader of the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), Chief Sumanor Kapen.</p>
1:40 - 1:50 p.m.	<p>RESPONSE BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:</p> <p>The Deputy Speaker responded to the sentiments expressed by Members of Parliament and also recognized the presence of the Chairman and Leader of the United Democratic Movement and the Chairman and Leader of the Sierra Leone People's Party respectively.</p>
1:50 - 1:55 p.m.	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu - Former Deputy Majority Leader as now Leader of Majority Party of the House and Leader of Government Business 2. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah - Deputy Majority Leader 3. Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda - Chief Whip 4. Hon. Songowa Bundu - Deputy Chief Whip
1:55 - 2:00 p.m.	<p>STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 3 (ALLOCATION OF SEATS):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu was made to occupy the seat of Majority Party Leader, Leader of the House, and Leader of Government Business 2. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah was made to occupy the seat of Deputy Majority Party Leader.
2:00 p.m.	<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday, 23rd January, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE HOUSE ROSE AT 2:00 P.M.</p> <p>DURATION: 3Hrs 45Mins</p>