



**FOURTH PARLIAMENT  
OF  
THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
FIRST SESSION, 2012/2013  
FIRST MEETING OF THE HOUSE  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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**NO.48/2012/2013**

**TUESDAY**

**29TH OCTOBER, 2013**

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**THE HOUSE MET AT 10:00 A.M.  
MR.SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR – HON. JUSTICE ABEL N.B.STRONGE**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**I. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were present**

1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
2. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
3. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
4. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
5. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPYA
6. HON.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.
7. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
8. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
9. HON.BROWN PATRICIA
10. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
11. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA H.
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.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA
18. HON.FATORMA SAHR
19. HON.FAWUNDU SENESIE
20. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA D.
21. HON.FOFANA AMADU
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.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSA PAKI
31. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
32. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J.
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 NICHOLAS
45. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BABAH
46. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE
47. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
48. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
49. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
50. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
51. HON.KARGBO ROLAND FODAY DR.
52. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
53. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
54. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.
55. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA
56. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
57. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
58. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B.
59. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO MONYABA
60. HON.KOWA EMMA J.
61. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK

62. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
63. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
64. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.
65. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA E.
66. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
67. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L.
68. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU
69. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA
70. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
71. HON.MARAH LAHAI
72. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
73. HON.MUNDA HABIB H.
74. HON.MUNU ALIEU BADDARA K.
75. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR.
76. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU
77. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
78. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N.
79. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH
80. HON.SANGBAH SAAH
81. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO
82. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX
83. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
84. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
85. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.
86. HON.SESAY DAN Y.
87. HON.SESAY KUSAN
88. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
89. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.
90. HON.SILIKIE BASHIRU
91. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K.
92. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J.
93. HON.SONSIAMA III P.C.SHEKU A.T.FASULUKU
94. HON.SOURIE FREDERICK S.
95. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M.
96. HON.SUMAH FODAY I. DR.
97. HON.SWARAY MOSES A.
98. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR.
99. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN

- 100. HON.TENGBEH SAHR
- 101. HON.THOLLEY MOHAMED K.
- 102. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S.
- 103. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR.
- 104. HON.TURAY THOMAS B.
- 105. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA
- 106. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO
- 107. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
- 108. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU
- 109. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA
- 110. HON.FOYAY PATRICK

**II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:**

- 1. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
- 2. HON.KABIA ISATA
- 3. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED
- 4. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.

**III. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:**

- 1. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
- 2. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B.B.
- 3. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
- 4. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.
- 5. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
- 6. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
- 7. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
- 8. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED

**IV. STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 10(2) AND SECTION 88(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, ACT NO. 6 WERE INVOKED TO ENABLE THE DEPUTY SPEAKER TO PRESIDE.**

**V. PRAYERS:** The Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Ibrahim Sesay** said the prayers.

**VI. AMENDMENT OF ORDER PAPER:**

The Order Paper was amended by the Deputy Leader of the House and of Government Business with the inclusion of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013. This amendment was unanimously accepted by Members.

**VII. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER AND TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2013 RESPECTIVELY:**

The record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013 was adopted by the House on a motion moved by **Hon. Patricia Brown**, seconded by **Hon. Mabinty K. Sillah** and unanimously accepted by Members, while that of Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013 was adopted by the House on a motion by **Hon. Alhaji S.Dumbuya**, seconded by **Hon. Alie Kaloko** and accepted by all Members with slight amendment.

**VIII. BILL:**

The Right to Access Information Act, 2013.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING:**

The Minister of Information and Communication.

The Minister of Information and Communication, **Alhaji Alpha Kanu** read the bill for the first time and it was unanimously accepted by Members.

**SECOND READING, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING:**

The Minister of Information and Communication presented the objects and reasons of the Bill to Members of Parliament.

The following Honourable Members contributed to the debate during the second reading:

1. **Hon. Ajibola E. Manly-Spain;**
2. **Hon. Mustapha M. Braima;**
3. **Hon.Dr. Michel Sho-Sawyer;**
4. **Hon. Frank Kposowa;**
5. **Hon. Mabinty Funna;**
6. **Hon. Andrew V. Lungay;**
7. **Hon. Brimah Conteh;**
8. **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay;**
9. **Hon. Hassan A. Sesay;**
10. **Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba;**
11. **Hon. Foday Rado Yokie;**
12. **Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai;**
13. **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu;**

**IX. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2) AT 12 NOON:**

**Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda** moved for the suspension of S.O. 5(2), seconded by **Hon. Songowa Bundu** and accepted by Members.

**Continued Debate:**

The Minister of Information and Communication, **Alhaji Alpha Kanu** responded to the various comments raised by Members and moved that the Bill be read the second time.

The Bill was read the second time and was unanimously accepted by Members.

#### **COMMITTEE STAGE:**

A motion moved by the **Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai**, seconded by **Hon. Jusufu B. Mansaray** for the Bill to be committed to the Legislative Committee was defeated by a counter motion raised by **Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda**, seconded by **Hon. Alpha Babatunde Lewally** for continued consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House.

The Bill went through the Committee of the whole House with the following amendments made during the Committee Stage:

#### **AMENDMENTS:**

##### **PART I Preliminary:**

1. Definition of Person - to be included in the interpretation section as "Any citizen of Sierra Leone who is of sound mind and not a criminal or convict and is 15 years old and above"
2. Additional 'f' to be inserted after 'e' under the definition of "public authority" to read: (f) body or organizations that receives funds on behalf of the people of Sierra Leone
3. Definition of Public Information Officer - a person appointed under section 28, sub clause 3 to be inserted under the noun "public authority" after the newly created item 'f'
4. The words 'Information Commissioner' should read 'Information Commission' wherever they are found in the Bill

**PART II, Clause 3, sub clause 8** was deleted in its entirety. It read: "A Public Authority may not inquire into a Person's identity on account of a request for access to any information or inquire as to the purpose of that person's request"

**PART II, Clause 4(1)**, the word 'compiled' to be amended to read 'complied' with the following rendering: "... shall be complied with ...."

**PART II, Clause 4(2)**, the word 'complied' to be amended to read 'complied'

**PART II, Clause 7(1) (a)**, the preposition 'from' to read 'form'

**PART III, Clause 18(a)**, the preposition 'of' be inserted after the noun 'detection' to read '... detection of crime'

**PART III, Clause 18(c)**, delete the words 'the administration of Justice' and insert 'matters that are Sub judice'

**PART III, Clause 21, sub section 2(c)**, to delete the words 'Government activities' and insert 'Public Authority and Private body' - to read:

(c) the disclosure is necessary in order to subject public authority and Private body to Public scrutiny

**PART IV, Clause 28, sub section 6**, to delete the pronoun 'that' and insert 'than' to read:  
"An Official ...."

Secondly the word 'date' should be inserted in sub clause 6, to read, his name, designation and date

**PART IV, 28** - under arrangement of sections page numbered Roman ii, to delete the preposition 'of' after the noun 'information' and also delete the letter 's' from Officers to read: 'Information Officer'

**PART V, Clause 30 sub section 1** - Establishment of Information Commission on the following words -

There is hereby established a body to be known as the Information Commission

**Clause 30 sub section 2** - The Commission shall consist of:

(a) the Information Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Commission and four other Commissioners representing each of the Provinces and the Western Area

**Clause 30 sub section 3** - The Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister and subject to the approval of Parliament

**Clause 31 sub section 3** - to delete the pronoun 'his' after the preposition 'of' and insert 'Its' to read 'performance of its functions'

**Clause 31 sub section 8(d)** - to insert the words - not exceeding ten million leones (Le 10,000,000) for natural person and not less than a hundred million leones for corporate body

**PART VIII, Clause 46(e)** - to insert the words - 'for natural person' after the words 'ten million leones' and also insert the words 'and not less than a hundred million leones for corporate body' after the word 'person'

**PART IX, Clause 49, subsection 6** - to delete the preposition 'of' in the last line after the word 'with' to read 'with subsection 2'

### **THIRD READING AND PASSAGE INTO LAW:**

The Bill entitled "**THE RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION ACT, 2013**" was read the third time and unanimously passed into law.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CLERK, MR. LAMIN YANSANEH:**

The under-mentioned Parliamentary Committees were requested to meet after sitting:

1. Parliamentary Committee on Health and Sanitation, Committee Room 1;
2. Committee on Works, Housing and Infrastructure, Committee Room 1;
3. Committee on Mines and Minerals, Committee Room 1;
4. Committee on Information and Communications, Committee Room 1;
5. Committee on Human Rights, Conference Hall , New Administrative Building;
6. Paramount Chiefs and Chairpersons of Committees on Agriculture, Lands, Legislative and Energy were invited to a brief workshop on Household and Commercial Biomass Energy organized by the Ministry of Energy, Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Committee Room 1;
7. Female Caucus to meet after sitting;
8. Members were kindly informed that there would be training at the Main Bowl of the National Stadium for the Parliamentary Football Team at 4:30 p.m;
9. The death was announced of the mother of Hon. Helen Kuyembeh, Mrs. Franciss Caulker. She would be laid to rest on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. The corpse would depart Freetown for Sumbuya, Bo District on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. A burial service would be made at the St. Anthony's Church, Brookfields on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Speaker** adjourned the House to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

**THE HOUSE ROSE AT 2:45 P.M.**