



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

HONOURABLE SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR - HON. S.B.B. DUMBUYA

VP/4/2/57

THURSDAY

30TH OCTOBER, 2014

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:10 A.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

1. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
2. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
3. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
4. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
5. HON.BRIG.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.(RTD)
6. HON.BROWN PATRICIA
7. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
8. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA
9. HON.CONTEH KARIFALA S.
10. HON.CONTEH KEMOKOH
11. HON.DABUNDEH AIAH DR.
12. HON.DUMBUYA ALHAJI S.
13. HON.FAWUNDU SENESI
14. HON.FOFANAH AMADU
15. HON.FOFANAH LEONARD S.
16. HON.FOYAH PATRICK
17. HON.FUNNA MABINTY
18. HON.GBAPPY-BRIMA GLADYS GBEMOH
19. HON.JABBI BU-BUAKEI
20. HON.JAJUA ABU
21. HON.JOHNSON DAVID
22. HON.JORKIE MOSES B.
23. HON.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSA PAKI

24. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
25. HON.KAISAMBA FRANCIS A.
26. HON.KALLON DAUDA J.B.
27. HON.KALOKO ABI
28. HON.KALOKO ALIE
29. HON.KALOKO BAI J.
30. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
31. HON.KAMARA ALBERT DEEN
32. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN
33. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO
34. HON.KAMARA IBRAHIM
35. HON.KAMARA NICHOLAS
36. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BARBAH
37. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE
38. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
39. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
40. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
41. HON.KARGBO ROLAND F. DR.
42. HON.KEBBIE P.C. BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
43. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.
44. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA
45. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
46. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
47. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO M.
48. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
49. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
50. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE (DR.)
51. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
52. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
53. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
54. HON.MARAH REGINA
55. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
56. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
57. HON.SANGBAH SAAH
58. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO
59. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX
60. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
61. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.
62. HON.SESAY DAN Y.
63. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
64. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
65. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.

66. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
67. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J.
68. HON.SWARAY MOSES A.
69. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN
70. HON.TENGBEH SAHR
71. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S.
72. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
73. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED
74. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR.
75. HON.TURAY THOMAS B.
76. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED J.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
2. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
3. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPYA
4. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
5. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
6. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA D.
7. HON.JENGO EDWARD S.
8. HON.KABIA ISATA
9. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
10. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED
11. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
12. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.
13. HON.MARAH LAHAI
14. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.
15. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
16. HON.MUNDA HABIB B.
17. HON.MUNU ALIE BADDARA K.
18. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR.
19. HON.SESAY KUSAN
20. HON.SILIKIE BASHIRU
21. HON.CAPT.SOURIE FREDERICK S.(RTD)
22. HON.SUMAH FODAY I. DR.
23. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR.
24. 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.CONTEH BRIMAH

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. HON.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA 4. HON.FATORMA SAHR 5. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B. 6. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J. 7. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G. 8. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I. 9. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA 10. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B. 11. HON.KOWA EMMA J. 12. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA E. 13. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L. 14. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU 15. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA 16. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU 17. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N. 18. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH 19. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU 20. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K. 21. HON.SONSIAMA III P.C. SHEKU A.T. FASULUKU 22. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M. 23. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA 24. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO |
| <p>10:10 – 10:11 a.m.</p> | <p>II. Prayers: The Table Clerk Mr. Lamin Yansaneh, said the prayer.</p> <p>III. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2) AT 10:11 A.M.:</p> <p>Hon. Songowa Bundu moved the suspension of Standing Order 5(2), seconded by Hon. Amadu Mohamed Kanu, and it was unanimously approved by the House.</p> |
| <p>10:11 – 10:13 a.m.</p> | <p>IV. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2014:</p> <p>The motion for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 23rd October, 2014, was moved by Hon. Amadu Mohamed Kanu . It was seconded by Hon. Brig.Komba E.S. Boyah(Rtd) and unanimously adopted by the House with one amendment.</p> |

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| <p>10:13 – 10:14 a.m.</p> | <p>V. PAPERS LAID:</p> <p>(i) The Minister of Labour and Social Security</p> <p>The Minimum Wage Order, 2014</p> <p>The Minimum Wage Act, 1997 (Act No. 1 of 1997)</p> <p>Statutory Instrument No. 6 of 2014</p> <p>Laid by the Minister of Labour and Social Security, Dr. Matthew M.T. Teambo.</p> <p>(ii) The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business</p> <p>(a) State of Human Rights Reports (SOHR) 2013</p> <p>(b) The Public Service Commission (Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations, 2014</p> <p>The Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991)</p> <p>Constitutional Instrument No. 7 of 2014</p> <p>Laid by the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu.</p> |
| <p>10:14 – 10:15 a.m.</p> | <p>VI. STANDING ORDER 25(1C):</p> <p>Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah - on a point of Order, S.O. 25(1)C</p> <p>In the light of the foregoing moved that the Paper laid on the Table concerning the State of Human Rights Reports (SOHR) be debated by the House.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Hon. Komba E.S. Boyah and unanimously carried by the House.</p> |
| <p>10:15 – 10:16 a.m.</p> | <p>VII. STANDING ORDER 31 - WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION:</p> <p>Secondly, the Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah referred the House to the record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 9th October, 2014, regarding the Paper that was laid entitled: Proposal for the Privatization of the Sierra Leone Ports Authority Marine Slipway and Ship Repair Facility, in which he moved</p> |

a motion preferring a hold on the document laid and for it to be debated.

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| <p>10:16 – 10:17 a.m.</p> | <p>In the light of the aforesaid, the Honourable Member standing on S.O. 31 withdrawal of motion:</p> <p>Moved that his previous motion be withdrawn considering the documents that have been sent to Parliament on request from the National Commission on Privatization and other engagements with officials from the Ministry of Transport and Aviation.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai and was unanimously carried by the House.</p> <p>VIII. INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>I. That the 21- day time – limit within which a negative (annulment) procedure can be effected, pursuant to subsection 7 of section 170 of the Constitution, (Act No. 6 of 1991) commences on Thursday 30th October, 2014, consequent upon the Honourable Deputy Speaker’s withdrawal of his notice of motion.</p> <p>II. Called the attention of Members to an innovative installation of plasma televisions in the well of Parliament.</p> |
| <p>10:17 – 12:25 p.m.</p> | <p>IX. COMMENTS AND UPDATES ON EBOLA BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT:</p> <p>The following Honourable Members provided updates on Ebola within their Constituencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hon.Dr. Thomas M. Turay;2. Hon. Patricia Brown;3. Hon. Jusufu B. Mansaray;4. Hon. Hassan A. Sesay;5. Hon. Alhassan Kamara; <p>X. INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>That Ebola is in the increase in the Western Area and it is a serious cause for concern.</p> <p>Secondly, that there are some quarantined Houses without food, they must be provided with food. He called on Members to help rectify this omission.</p> <p>Thirdly, that the awareness must be brought home to the people that during a State of Emergency certain activities are strictly forbidden.</p> |

Continued Comments:

6. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally;
7. Hon. Karifala S. Conteh;

XI. INTERVENTION BY MR. SPEAKER:

Many people die of cases that are not Ebola - related, and so the Hospitals must continue their normal functions. He asked the Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Health to engage the Ministry of Health and Sanitation on this matter.

Continued Comments:

8. Hon. Mabinty H. Bangura;
9. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu - **Statement by the Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business:**

He informed the House:

that he graduated with an Advanced certificate on understanding Ebola virus and how you can avoid it .

that Port Loko is one of the highest infected Districts in the country and that it is not only quarantined but 6 out of its 11 Chiefdoms have been isolated. He assured Members that this is not out of inaction by stakeholders in the Chiefdom.

He said that Mabaseneh Hospital is presently international, hosting sick patients from Liberia, Guinea and other neighboring regions. Also Port Loko is the district that is hosting the highest mining and sea-port activities. All these put together, Port Loko is vulnerable, and not negligent. However, as a drive to productive action, H.E, the President, has cautioned key stakeholders like Paramount Chiefs, Imams, Pastors to come out and robustly fight against Ebola, giving them a 21 - day ultimatum for positive results.

The Leader of the House called on H.E. the President to extend the ultimatum also to the public, civil servants, security officers, contractors, food distributors and so on to join the fight.

He further explained that stakeholders in Port Loko have mapped out positive and productive strategies, and put in place protective check points.

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| <p>12 NOON.</p> | <p>He also noted that huge sums of money have been given to Sierra Leone in the form of grants and loans amounting to billions of dollars, pounds and euros, but that the Sierra Leone Government is not the only implementor, since 70% of the monies are in the hands of the multinationals or NGOs. In this regard , Parliament must robustly monitor the use of these funds. Otherwise, the people will hold their representatives accountable.</p> <p>XII. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 5(2) AT 12 NOON:</p> <p>Hon. Songowa Bundu moved the suspension of (S.O.) 5(2), seconded by Hon. Benneh Bangura, and was unanimously accepted by the House.</p> <p>Continued Statement by Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business:</p> <p>He said that at the end of the Ebola crisis, permanent structures including the development of capacity building must be seen, so that in the event of a recurrence of the outbreak it can be easily tackled. He craved the indulgence of the House to form a special select committee on Ebola to monitor all the activities of the multidonor agencies. In the light of the foregoing, he moved the following motion:</p> <p><i>That consistent with section 93 subsection (2) of the 1991 Constitution a special select committee to be charged with responsibility for monitoring all activities on Ebola be formed by Parliament, through the Speakership.</i></p> <p>Section 93, subsection 2 reads:</p> <p>In addition to the Committees referred to in subsection(1), Parliament shall appoint other Committees which shall perform the functions specified in subsection(3)</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Hon.Dr. Bernadette Lahai after a short statement by the Honourable Member, affirming that 70% of the monies on Ebola are not in the hands of the Government, and that Parliament must religiously, objectively and judiciously, monitor monies that are given to the Sierra Leone Government in the fight against Ebola, so as to enhance the establishment of permanent structures and to promote capacity building.</p> <p>Question put and agreed to:</p> <p>The motion was unanimously carried.</p> |
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12:25 – 12:28 p.m.

XIII. STATEMENT BY HON.DR. BERNADETTE LAHAI - LEADER OF DELEGATION TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP):

She thanked and was grateful to her colleague Members of Parliament who have upheld the fight against Ebola while her delegation was out of the country attending the Ordinary Session of PAP. Their attendance, She said, was very important to Sierra Leone as a country fighting Ebola.

She disclosed that the delegation arrived very late in South Africa, as it took them 4- days' journey. On their arrival, they shared the Ebola experiences in Sierra Leone with their colleagues, consequent upon which an urgent motion on Ebola was moved. It won an overwhelming support, including a condemnation of the travelling ban put on the three countries affected by Ebola.

She further disclosed that a resolution was tabled during their deliberation at the conference, which will also be tabled in the national Parliament of the next sitting, in a bid to encourage Members of the Sierra Leone Parliament to add their own contribution to the resolution.

She added that the Sierra Leone delegation did not suffer any iota of stigmatization from their colleague PAP Members in South Africa, but that much goodwill was shown to them.

She concluded by extending thanks to the President of PAP, and others for the warm welcome they received.

XIV. STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER - HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH:

Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah thanked the Speaker for the long time given to Members who came out with various contributions in the House, and further asked the press to note that the Minister of Labour and Social Security has tabled The Minimum Wage Order, 2014, Statutory Instrument No. 6 of the parent Act No. 1 of 1997. The minimum wage in 1997 was pegged at Le. 21. 000, but has been raised to Le. 500.000. He said that he expects the press to inform the public accordingly and bring out positive things.

He said that, the last minimum wage, pronounced by H.E the President was Le. 430,000 for all public workers, but today the minimum wage for every Sierra Leonean is Le. 500.000. The press should report this on the front pages of their news papers.

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| <p>12:28 – 12:29 p.m.</p> | <p>XV. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:</p> <p>Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu, announced a meeting of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on Monday, 3rd November, 2014 in Committee Room 1 at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>XVI. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker informed the House that although the recall of Parliament interfered with the period of its recess, Parliament has however, now resumed its normal session.</p> <p>Secondly, Mr. Speaker disclosed that he received a letter of complaint from Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma and called on the Leadership, and the Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Privileges and Ethics to look into the matter.</p> <p>He cited certain sections in the 1991 Constitution that give Members of Parliament immunity in Parliament, provided that statements made are not defamatory.</p> |
| <p>12:29 – 12:30 p.m.</p> | <p>XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE TABLE CLERK - MR. LAMIN YANSANEH:</p> <p>The following announcements were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the meeting of the Committee on Energy, was postponed to 5th November, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the New Administrative Building Hall. 2. Parliamentary Female Caucus were requested to meet immediately after the sitting; 3. Kono Parliamentary Caucus were requested to meet at the New Administrative Building Hall, immediately after the sitting. |
| <p>12:30 p.m.</p> | <p>XVI. ADJOURNMENT:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 6th November, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE HOUSE ROSE AT 12:30 P.M.</p> |

