



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT
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THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2021

The House met at 10:40 a.m.
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu in the Chair

I. ATTENDANCE:

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONST
1.	<i>Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles</i>	SLPP	Bo	079
2.	<i>Hon. Alhadi Lihadi</i>	APC	Western Urban	123
3.	<i>Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde</i>	APC	Western Urban	125
4.	<i>Hon. Amara Haja Miatta</i>	APC	Western Rural	112
5.	<i>Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh</i>	SLPP	Bo	085
6.	<i>Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu</i>	APC	Western Urban	115
7.	<i>Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.</i>	APC	Western Urban	126
8.	<i>Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty</i>	APC	Karene	065
9.	<i>Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz</i>	APC	Pot Loko	076
10.	<i>Hon. Bangura Mohamed</i>	APC	Karene	066
11.	<i>Hon. Bangura Rosemarie</i>	APC	Tonkolili	055
12.	<i>Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa</i>	C4C	Kono	027
13.	<i>Hon. Braima Zainab Kama</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	010
14.	<i>Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass</i>	-	Kambia	-
15.	<i>Hon. Charles Sahr</i>	C4C	Kono	028
16.	<i>Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	130
17.	<i>Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu</i>	APC	Western Urban	129
18.	<i>Hon. Conteh Ibrahim</i>	APC	Tonkolili	053
19.	<i>Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	132
20.	<i>Hon. Conteh Samba Paul</i>	APC	Bombali	035
21.	<i>Hon. Davies Kadijatu</i>	APC	Western Rural	110
22.	<i>Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa</i>	SLPP	BO	078
23.	<i>Hon. Fefegula Simeon</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	096
24.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr</i>	SLPP	Kenema	016
25.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr</i>	APC	Western Rural	107
26.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Musa</i>	C4C	Kono	023
27.	<i>Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	116
28.	<i>Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba</i>	-	Port Loko	-
29.	<i>Hon. George Edward</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	097
30.	<i>Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	003



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31.	<i>Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril</i>	-	<i>Kailahun</i>	-
32.	<i>Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>018</i>
33.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Musa Bamba Foray</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>056</i>
34.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>119</i>
35.	<i>Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>091</i>
36.	<i>Hon. Kabia Mohamed</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>106</i>
37.	<i>Hon. Kaisamba Amara Francis</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>020</i>
38.	<i>Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>032</i>
39.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>084</i>
40.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>059</i>
41.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>069</i>
42.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>061</i>
43.	<i>Hon. Kamara Allieu Ibrahim</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>122</i>
44.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>067</i>
45.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>058</i>
46.	<i>Hon. Kamara Bai Sama</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>060</i>
47.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>057</i>
48.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>063</i>
49.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>068</i>
50.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>029</i>
51.	<i>Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>071</i>
52.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Alusine</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>013</i>
53.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>006</i>
54.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>072</i>
55.	<i>Hon. Kanu Amadu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>093</i>
56.	<i>Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>113</i>
57.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Abdul</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>077</i>
58.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>034</i>
59.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>047</i>
60.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>064</i>
61.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>026</i>
62.	<i>Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria</i>	-	<i>Karene</i>	-
63.	<i>Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>048</i>
64.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>070</i>
65.	<i>Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>046</i>
66.	<i>Hon. Koroma John Telson</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>127</i>
67.	<i>Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>036</i>
68.	<i>Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu</i>	-	<i>Moyamba</i>	-
69.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>033</i>
70.	<i>Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>114</i>
71.	<i>Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>092</i>



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72.	<i>Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>030</i>
73.	<i>Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>121</i>
74.	<i>Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>015</i>
75.	<i>Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>-</i>
76.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>098</i>
77.	<i>Hon. Lebbie Nenneh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>086</i>
78.	<i>Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>083</i>
79.	<i>Hon. Makieu Josephine</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>014</i>
80.	<i>Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>124</i>
81.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Abu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>074</i>
82.	<i>Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>-</i>
83.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>041</i>
84.	<i>Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>-</i>
85.	<i>Hon. Marah Lahai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>042</i>
86.	<i>Hon. Moigua Peter Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>011</i>
87.	<i>Hon. Munda Boston</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>021</i>
88.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>019</i>
89.	<i>Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>102</i>
90.	<i>Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>100</i>
91.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>007</i>
92.	<i>Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>104</i>
93.	<i>Hon. Sam Paul Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>025</i>
94.	<i>Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>117</i>
95.	<i>Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>080</i>
96.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>120</i>
97.	<i>Hon. Sanka III P. C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>-</i>
98.	<i>Hon. Sankoh Hassan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>049</i>
99.	<i>Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>095</i>
100.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>050</i>
101.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>075</i>
102.	<i>Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>052</i>
103.	<i>Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>038</i>
104.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>039</i>
105.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>-</i>
106.	<i>Hon. Silikie Bashiru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>082</i>
107.	<i>Hon. Tarawalie Issac</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>118</i>
108.	<i>Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>037</i>
109.	<i>Hon. Tholley James Ozan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>054</i>
110.	<i>Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>089</i>
111.	<i>Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>001</i>
112.	<i>Hon. Tucker Tom Issic</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>022</i>



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113.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	101
114.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	APC	Western Rural	105
115.	<i>Hon. Turay Ahmed Samba</i>	APC	Port Loko	073
116.	<i>Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba</i>	APC	Tonkolili	051
117.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	128
118.	<i>Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	099
119.	<i>Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura</i>	SLPP	Bo	088
120.	<i>Hon. Vincent Horace E.</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	111
121.	<i>Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph</i>	SLPP	Bo	081
122.	<i>Hon. Yumkella Kande Kolleh (Dr.)</i>	NGC	Kambia	062

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:

1.	<i>Hon. Ansumana Aloysious Bockarie</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	005
2.	<i>Hon. Banya Sarty</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	004
3.	<i>Hon. Bockarie Momoh</i>	SLPP	Kenema	012
4.	<i>Hon. Conteh John Charles</i>	APC	Bombali	031
5.	<i>Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew</i>	SLPP	Bonthe	090
6.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kande</i>	-	Bombali	-
7.	<i>Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie</i>	SLPP	Falaba	040
8.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	109
9.	<i>Hon. Juana Sahr</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	002
10.	<i>Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday</i>	APC	Koinadugu	044
11.	<i>Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao</i>	C4C	Kono	024
12.	<i>Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	108
13.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	103
14.	<i>Hon. Lahai Musa</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	009
15.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	-	Bo	-
16.	<i>Hon. Mackery Yusuf</i>	SLPP	Bo	087
17.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Brima</i>	SLPP	Kenema	017
18.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	APC	Koinadugu	043
19.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	-	Kono	-
20.	<i>Hon. Pawa P. C. Prince Mambu</i>	-	Kenema	-
21.	<i>Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	131
22.	<i>Hon. Sesay Kusan</i>	APC	Koinadugu	045
23.	<i>Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	094
24.	<i>Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	008



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1. Prayers were read by **Mrs. Tangella M.C. Sam (Table Clerk)**.
2. **Suspension of Standing Order 5(2)**
The motion for the suspension of S. O. 5 (2) at 10:40 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Muniru Lansana of Constituency 121, Western Urban District** and approved by the House.
3. **Adoption of The Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 11th March, 2021:**
The motion for the adoption of Record of Votes and Proceedings for **Thursday 11th March, 2021** was moved by **Hon. Horace E. Vincent of Constituency 111, Western Rural District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Jebbeh Alice Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and adopted by the House.
4. **Mr. Speaker's Announcement:**
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that the ECOWAS Parliament would hold its First Extraordinary Session in Freetown from 23rd to 25th of March 2021. He told the House that the Extraordinary Session would start with a Seminar of which he had been invited to give the Key note Address. He also informed the House that the Seminar would be followed by the First Ordinary Session from 29th March 2021 to 2nd April 2021 of which His Excellency the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone (**Dr. Rtd. Brigadier Julius Maada Bio**) had been invited to give the key note address on the Opening Session (29th of March 2021). He informed the House about the 1993 ECOWAS Revised treaty that was negotiated and signed by all Heads of State of the West Africa region. He implored all Hon. Members to make it a point of duty to be in full attendance.
5. **Laying of Papers:**
The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M.C. Sam**, called upon the Minister of Transport and Aviation to lay the Papers that were itemized on the Order Paper.

Papers laid by the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

The Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Kabineh M. Kallon**, laid the following paper:

- (i) **Agreement Cargo Tracking Note System by and Among Sierra Leone Port Authority (SLPA) and the Government of Sierra Leone; Represented by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (GOSL) and National Commission for Privatization (NCP) and Logistics... Solutions and Services (SL) Ltd. (The Contractor), dated 4th day of February, 2020.**



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- (ii) **First Amendment to the Cargo Tracking Note System by and among Sierra Leone Port Authority (SLPA) and the Government of Sierra Leone; Represented by the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (GOSL) and the National Commission for Privatization (NCP) and Logistics... Solutions and Services (SL) Ltd. (The Contractor), dated 25th day of January, 2021.**

Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, reminded the House about certain papers that were laid by The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice some time ago of which the Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah of Constituency 126, Western Urban District**, moved a motion that was carried for the clock to be brought to a halt on those Constitutional Instruments. The Rt. Hon. Speaker called upon the Leader of Opposition to inform the House about his Current position on the said issue.

The Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah of Constituency 126, Western Urban District**, informed the House that his position was still the same since the reason that he moved that motion for was still persisting.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, reminded the House that the driving force behind the Leader of Opposition's motion was the principle of retroactivity of penal legislation as proscribed by the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) as the Leader of Opposition did not want retroactivity to be given to the papers laid and to the regulations contained therein.

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**, informed the House that he himself seconded the motion that was moved by the Leader of Opposition. He accepted the motion and advised that the House should move with that motion.

The Deputy Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas of Constituency 089, Bonthé District**, moved a motion for those regulations to be passed into law on the understanding that the regulations would not have retroactive effect. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District** and approved by the House.

6. Bill: The Cybercrime Act, 2020 by the Minister of Information and Communications

The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M.C. Sam**, called upon the Minister of Information and Communications, **Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swarray**, to continue with the debate on the Second Reading of the bill.



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Mr. Speaker Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that the debate on the Second Reading of the bill would continue but doubted that it would be ended on that day's sitting (Thursday 18th March, 2021) because he had observed from the Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 11th March, 2021 that the decisions taken by the House was that the general public should be sufficiently engaged. He called upon the Minister of information and Communications to inform the House about the public engagements concerning the Cybercrime bill.

The Minister of Information and Communications' Response:

The Minister of Information and Communications, **Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swarray**, informed the House about the two pre-legislative sessions held with Hon. Members of Parliament to discuss the key and critical bits of the bill and the essence for the Cybercrime Act, 2020 to be passed into law. He emphatically stated that under his leadership they were able to bring to town a delegation from one of the biggest social media providers to engage the general public, Hon. Members of Parliament and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on the Cybercrime Act, 2020 and the use of social media. He told the House that (sometimes in 2019) representatives from Facebook were in Freetown and they had various engagements with the general public and Hon. Members. He finally assured the House that the engagements with the general public for the popularization of the said bill would continue even after the bill has been enacted into law.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, thanked the Minister of Information and Communications, **Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swarray**, for his statement. He said that the interest of the House was to ensure that the ordinary citizens of the country from extremity to extremity were well informed about the content of the bill. He advised that they should take extraordinary efforts to ensure that the popularization of the bill reached the farthest extremities of the country. He called upon some Hon. Members who were knowledgeable to suggest ways of popularizing the bill so it could reach the ordinary people.

The following Honourable Members suggested ways of popularizing the bill:

No.	Names of Hon. Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III	Tonkolili
2.	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	066	Kambia
3.	Hon. Jebbeh Alice Kumabeh	092	Bonthe
4.	Hon. Shiaka M. Sama	104	Pujehun



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7. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S. O. 5 (2) at 12:00 noon was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Jebbeh Alice Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

Continued suggestions

	Hon. Shiaka M. Sama	104	Pujehun
5.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	100	Pujehun

Standing Order 37 (1) (Dilatory Motion):

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District**, rose on S.O. 37 (1) and moved a motion to postpone the debate on the bill entitled “**The Cybercrime Act, 2020**” to another future date that the House would so call upon it. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah of Constituency 126, Western Urban District** and approved by the House.

The Table Clerk’s Pronouncement:

The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M.C. Sam** pronounced that: “Pursuance to Standing Order 37 (1), the bill entitled “**The Cybercrime Act, 2020**” had been adjourned.”

8. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations):

The following Hon. Members stood on S.O.23:

- (i) **Hon. Horace E. Vincent of Constituency 111, Western Rural District** informed the House about the war that had been raged on transformers across the country. He told the House that his constituency had been a victim of the vandalisation of transformers. He craved the indulgence of the Security apparatus to wage a war against the people that had been causing those vandalizations on transformers.

Mr. Speaker’s Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that the issue of vandalizing transformers had been an age-old problem. He told the House that the people vandalizing those transformers were looking for coopers. He advised that the security personnel should be looking at other possibilities for investigation and not limited to the port.

- (ii) **Hon. Christopha K. Vandy of Constituency 088, Bo District** thanked **Hon. Horace E. Vincent** for raising up the issue on the vandalization of transformers across the country. He informed the House about the four contract staff of the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA) that were caught. He told the House cable theft should not be associated with EDSA because there were institutions that also trained



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Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, ordered that the matter be delegated to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Energy to do a thorough examination. He ordered that the security forces, EDSA and any other interesting party should be invited, and a detailed report should be brought forth for the consideration of the House.

- (iii) The Deputy Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo of Constituency 034, Bombali District**, informed the House about his Private Member's Motion on the amendments of procurement laws in the country that he presented to the Office of the Clerk and other offices of the secretariat about six months ago upon which he had not heard anything about. He said he was wondering whether that motion was dead or alive.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** declared that the motion moved by **Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo** should see the light of day in the House and ordered that the said motion should be definitely put on the Order Paper.

- (iv) **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara of Constituency 059, Kambia District** informed the House about the status of the Standard Bureau. He told the House that Standard Bureau had mobility challenge, and the personnel that manned the Bureau was ninty including cleaners across the country. He

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, ordered that the matter on the status of the Standard Bureau should be remitted to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Trade to do a thorough examination and bring forth a detailed report within two weeks for the consideration of the House. He further reminded the House about the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 that was passed by the House.

- (v) **Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles of Constituency 079, Bo District** informed the House about the issue of Question Time. He said that the issue of Question Time was well overdue

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** totally agreed with **Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles** that Question Time was well overdue. He called upon the Clerk of Parliament (**Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally**) to look at his own administrative procedures. He ordered that the Clerk of Parliament should expedite the process of Question Time so that they could actualize the decisions that were taken some time ago.

- (vi) **Hon. Boston Munda of Constituency 021, Kenema District** informed the House about the gifts of 5,000 face masks that were given to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Information and Communications by Qcell S.L. Ltd. of which the said Committee had extended its olive branch for the 5,000 face masks to be shared to all Hon. Members.



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- (vii) **Hon. Horace E. Vincent of Constituency 111, Western Urban District** also informed the House about the massive constructions taking place on both sides of the bridges at Hastings and Rogbanba Junctions.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, ordered that the matter be referred to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Works to do a thorough examination and bring forth a report within two weeks.

Section 119, sub-section 5 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991):

Hon. Lahai Marah of Constituency 042, Falaba District rose on Standing Order 34 (Point of Order) and referred the House to Section 119 sub-section (5) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone for the Auditor-General's report to be debated. He recited the following sub-section (5) as quoted "Parliament shall debate the report of the Auditor-General and appoint where necessary in the public interest a committee to deal with any matters arising therefrom." He reminded the House about the motion that was moved by **Hon. Dr. Kande Yumkella**. He said that they had received two Auditor-General's reports of which either of them had been debated.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, said that the aforementioned issue had been a matter that had been deviling the proceedings of the House. He expressed his understanding of the provision. He invited the Leadership to join him and look at that particular provision of the constitution so that they could do their due diligence to the said provision.

Hon. P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka of Tonkolili District reminded the House about the motion that was firstly raised by him and **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** to debate the Auditor-General's report of 2018 which was unanimously passed. He also reminded the House about the Auditor-General's report of 2019 as well as the Covid-19 report which were yet to be debated. He told Mr. Speaker that he was standing on a weak ground.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** invited the Leadership of the House to join with him at the earliest opportunity to look at the said issue again. He said that those who had raised the issue were quite right because the language of the Constitution should be their guide. He advised that Hon. Members should be in the vanguard of the fight against corruption.

9. Adjournment:

- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- The House rose at 1:05 p.m.