



THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT
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FIRST SESSION, 2018/2019:
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THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2019.

1. **PREAMBLE:** The House met at 11:35 a.m. with the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu in the Chair.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** The following Honourable Members of Parliament were present:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONSTITUENCY
1.	HON. ABDULAI OSMAN CHARLES	SLPP	BO	079
2.	HON. ALHADI LIHADI	APC	WESTERN URBAN	123
3.	HON. ALU-CONTEH ALUSINE KAINDE	APC	WESTERN URBAN	125
4.	HON. ANSUMANA ALOYSIOUS BOCKARIE	SLPP	KAILAHUN	005
5.	HON. ARUNA MASSAY NGAHINTEH	SLPP	BO	085
6.	HON. BAH ALPHA AMADU	APC	WESTERN URBAN	115
7.	HON. BAH CHERNOR R.M.	APC	WESTERN URBAN	126
8.	HON. BANGURA CECILIA MABINTY	APC	KARENE	065
9.	HON. BANGURA HARIYATU ARIANA	APC	WESTERN URBAN	116
10.	HON. BANGURA IBRAHIM AZIZ	APC	POTLOKO	076
11.	HON. BANGURA MOHAMED	APC	KARENE	066
12.	HON. BANYA SARTY	SLPP	KAILAHUN	004
13.	HON. BHENDU FRANCIS SAA	C4C	KONO	027
14.	HON. BOCKARIE MOMOH	SLPP	KENEMA	012
15.	HON. CHARLES SAHR	C4C	KONO	028
16.	HON. CONTEH EMMANUEL SAIDU	APC	WESTERN URBAN	129
17.	HON. CONTEH IBRAHIM	APC	TONKOLILI	053
18.	HON. CONTEH IBRAHIM TAWA	SLPP	WESTERN URBAN	132
19.	HON. CONTEH JOHN CHARLES	APC	BOMBALI	031
20.	HON. CONTEH KEMOKOH	APC	WESTERN RURAL	108
21.	HON. CONTEH SAMBA PAUL	APC	BOMBALI	035
22.	HON. DAVIES KHADIJATU	APC	WESTERN RURAL	110
23.	HON. EDWIN MOSES ANDREW	SLPP	BONTHE	90
24.	HON. FEFEGULA SIMEON	SLPP	MOYAMBA	096
25.	HON. P. C. FINNOH III KANDEH	-	BOMBALI	-
26.	HON. FOFANAH ABUBAKARR	SLPP	KENEMA	016
27.	HON. FOFANAH ABU BAKARR	APC	WESTERN RURAL	107
28.	HON. P. C. GBEREH III BAI SHEBORA SEHBA	-	PORT LOKO	-
29.	HON. GEORGE EDWARD	SLPP	MOYAMBA	097
30.	HON. GEVAO MOIWO HINDOLO	SLPP	KAILAHUN	003



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31.	HON. JALLOH OSMAN WURIE	SLPP	WESTERN RURAL	109
32.	HON. JALLOH TIMBO WURROH	APC	WESTERN URBAN	119
33.	HON. JORKIE MOSES BAIMBA	SLPP	BONTHE	091
34.	HON. JUANA SAHR	SLPP	KAILAHUN	002
35.	HON. KABBA LAMIN FODAY	APC	KOINADUGU	044
36.	HON. KABIA MOHAMED	APC	WESTERN RURAL	106
37.	HON. KAISAMBA AMARA FRANCIS	SLPP	KENEMA	020
38.	HON. KALOKOH MAHMOUD MARK (DR.)	APC	BOMBALI	032
39.	HON. KAMANDA KOMBA MANSAMAYAO	C4C	KONO	024
40.	HON. KAMARA ABDUL KARIM	APC	KAMBIA	059
41.	HON. KAMARA ABDUL KARIM	APC	PORTLOKO	069
42.	HON. KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO	APC	FALABA	040
43.	HON. KAMARA ALIMAMY O.	SLPP	BO	078
44.	HON. KAMARA ALUSINE BASH	APC	KARENE	067
45.	HON. KAMARA ALUSINE OSAIO	APC	KAMBIA	058
46.	HON. KAMARA BAI SAMA	NGC	KAMBIA	060
47.	HON. KAMARA FODAY MARIO	NGC	KAMBIA	057
48.	HON. KAMARA IBRAHIM	APC	KARENE	063
49.	HON. KAMARA IBRAHIM BUN (DR.)	APC	PORT LOKO	068
50.	HON. KAMARA JOSEPH ABDUL BASH	SLPP	BO	084
51.	HON. KAMARA MOMOH	APC	WESTERN URBAN	120
52.	HON. KAMARA SAIDU BABAH	APC	PORT LOKO	071
53.	HON. KANJA MAADA HAFIJU	SLPP	KENEMA	018
54.	HON. KANNEH ALUSINE	SLPP	KENEMA	013
55.	HON. KANNEH MOHAMED	SLPP	KAILAHUN	006
56.	HON. KANU ALIMAMY BRUN	APC	PORTLOKO	072
57.	HON. KANU AMADU	APC	MOYAMBA	093
58.	HON. KANU RUGIATU ROSY	APC	WESTERN URBAN	113
59.	HON. KARGBO ABDUL	APC	PORT LOKO	077
60.	HON. KARGBO FODAY ROLAND (DR.)	APC	KARENE	064
61.	HON. KARGBO IBRAHIM BEN	APC	BOMBALI	034
62.	HON. KARGBO JOHN SATTIE	APC	WESTERN RURAL	111
63.	HON. KARGBO PAPA ABDULAI	APC	TONKOLILI	047
64.	HON. KASSEGBAMA SHEK DAVID AIAH	C4C	KONO	026
65.	HON. KOROMA AARON ARUNA	APC	TONKOLILI	048
66.	HON. KOROMA ABDUL KARIM	APC	PORT LOKO	070
67.	HON. P. C. KOROMA MEAMA KAJUE FATMATA HAJA BINTU	-	MOYAMBA	-
68.	HON. KOROMA MMANUEL ALLIEU	2 APC	BOMBALI	036
69.	HON. KOROMA UNPHA SORIE GBASSAY (DR.)	APC	WESTERN URBAN	114



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70.	HON. KOROMA YAMBA PETER	APC	BOMBALI	033
71.	HON. KUMABEH JEBBEH ALICE	SLPP	BONTHE	092
72.	HON. LAHAI MUSA	SLPP	KAILAHUN	009
73.	HON. LAMINA EMERSON SAA	C4C	KONO	030
74.	HON. LANSANA MOHAMED FESTUS	SLPP	KENEMA	015
75.	HON. LAVALIE JAYBEH TSHOMBE DOMINIC	SLPP	MOYAMBA	098
76.	HON. LEBBIE NENNEH	SLPP	BO	086
77.	HON. LEBBY MAADA AMBROSE	SLPP	BO	083
78.	HON. P. C. MACAVORAY KANGBAI JOE	-	BO	-
79.	HON. MAKIEU JOSEPHINE	SLPP	KENEMA	014
80.	HON. MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMMANUEL	APC	WESTERN URBAN	124
81.	HON. MANSARAY BRIMA	SLPP	KENEMA	017
82.	HON. MANSARAY MOMODU ESKIMO	APC	KOINADUGU	043
83.	HON. MARAH ALUSINE	APC	FALABA	041
84.	HON. P.C. MARAH III ALIE BALANSAMA	-	KOINADUGU	-
85.	HON. MARAH LAHAI	APC	FALABA	042
86.	HON. P. C. MARRAH III FASALIE KULAKO DEMBA	-	FALABA	-
87.	HON. MOIGUA PETER MUSA	SLPP	KENEMA	011
88.	HON. MUNDA BOSTON	SLPP	KENEMA	021
89.	HON. NYUMA SAHR MATHEW	SLPP	KENEMA	019
90.	HON. PANDA GENEWAI SAMUEL	SLPP	KAILAHUN	010
91.	HON. RAHMAN-COKER MOHAMED SHERIFF	SLPP	WESTERN URBAN	131
92.	HON. ROGERS ALEX MATTIA	SLPP	PUJEHUN	102
93.	HON. ROGERS DICKSON MOMOH	SLPP	PUJEHUN	100
94.	HON. ROLLINGS-KAMARA SIRAJIN MUNIRR	APC	WESTERN URBAN	127
95.	HON. SALIA-KONNEH QUINTIN	Independent	KAILAHUN	007
96.	HON. SAM PAUL SAA	C4C	KONO	025
97.	HON. SAMURA HAJARATU FAITH	APC	WESTERN URBAN	117
98.	HON. SANDY ISHMAIL SAMA	SLPP	BO	080
99.	HON. P. C. SANKA III BAI KURR KANAGBARO	-	TONKOLILI	-
100.	HON. SANKOH HASSAN	APC	TONKOLILI	049
101.	HON. SELLU MUSTAPHA MUSA	SLPP	MOYAMBA	095
102.	HON. SESAY ABDOUL HASSAN	APC	TONKOLILI	050
103.	HON. SESAY ABDUL LATIF	APC	PORT LOKO	075
104.	HON. SESAY DANIEL ABDULAI	APC	TONKOLILI	052
105.	HON. SESAY KUSAN	APC	KOINADUGU	045
106.	HON. SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU	APC	BOMBALI	038
107.	HON. SESAY VERONICA KADIE	SLPP	MOYAMBA	094
108.	HON. SHAW MOHAMED BILLOH	SLPP	FALABA	039



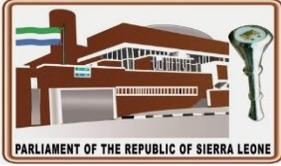
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109.	HON. P. C. SHERIFF ALIE BADARA	-	BONTHE	-
110.	HON. SILIKIE BASHIRU	SLPP	BO	082
111.	HON. SILLAH FODAY ABUBAKARR FODAY	APC	WESTERN URBAN	128
112.	HON. SONGA WUYATTA BERNADETTE	SLPP	KAILAHUN	008
113.	HON. TARAWALIE ISSAC	APC	WESTERN URBAN	118
114.	HON. TARAWALLY ZAINAB CATHERINE	APC	BOMBALI	037
115.	HON. THOLLEY JAMES OZAN	APC	TONKOLILI	054
116.	HON. THOMAS SOLOMON SEGEPOH	SLPP	BONTHE	089
117.	HON. TIMBO OSMAN ABDAL	APC	WESTERN URBAN	130
118.	HON. HON. TONGI LOLOH EMILIA	Independent	KAILAHUN	001
119.	HON. TUCKER TOM ISSIC	APC	KONO	022
120.	HON. TURAY ABDUL	APC	WESTERN RURAL	105
121.	HON. TURAY AHMED SAMBA	APC	PORT LOKO	073
122.	HON. TURAY ALHAJI SORIEBA	APC	TONKOLILI	051
123.	HON. TURAY SHEKU MUNIRR	SLPP	PUJEHUN	099
124.	HON. WILLIAM - LAMIN JOSEPH	SLPP	BO	81

3. ATTENDANCE CONTINUES: The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONSTITUENCY
1.	HON. AMARA HAJA MIATTA	APC	WESTERN RURAL	112
2.	HON. BANGURA ROSEMARIE	APC	TONKOLILI	055
3.	HON. CAREW SHERIFF MOHAMED KASIM	APC	WESTERN URBAN	122
4.	HON. P. C. GONDOR II FORAY CYRIL	-	KAILAHUN	-
5.	HON. KAMARA REBECCA YEI	C4C	KONO	029
6.	HON. KAMARA TITUS ABDUL	NGC	KAMBIA	061
7.	HON. KEMOKAI ABU	SLPP	PUJEHUN	103
8.	HON. MACKERY YUSUF	SLPP	BO	087
9.	HON. MANSARAY ABU	APC	PORT LOKO	074
10.	HON. MANSARAY AHMED	APC	WESTERN URBAN	121
11.	HON. SAMA SHIACA MUSA	Independent	PUJEHUN	104
12.	HON. P. C. SESAY III KANDEH WUSU	-	KARENE	-
13.	HON. VANDY CHRISTOPHA KEIKURA	SLPP	BO	088
14.	HON. P.C. PEWA PRINCE MAMBU	-	KENEMA	-



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4. **ATTENDANCE CONTINUES:** The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONSTITUENCY
1.	HON. FOFANAH MUSA	C4C	KONO	023
2.	HON.P.C. BUBU NGBNAK IV BAI FARAMA TASS	-	KAMBIA DISTRICT	-
3.	HON. JALLOH FORAY BAMBA MUSA	SLPP	TONKOLILI	056
4.	HON. KOROMA DANIEL BRIMA	APC	KOINADUGU	046
5.	HON. P.C. LANSANA-MINAH MATILDA YAYO	-	PUJEHUN	-
6.	HON. P. C. MBRIWA II SAHR YOUNGAI KONTANDAY	-	KONO	-
7.	HON. TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED	SLPP	PUJEHUN	101
8.	HON. YUMKELLA KANDEH KOLLEH	NGC	KAMBIA	062

5. **PRAYERS:** The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, said the prayer.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2):**

Hon Dickson M. Rogers of Constituency 100, Pujehun District moved for the suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 11:35 a.m. for the commencement of proceedings. It was seconded by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** and approved by the House.

7. **ADOPTION OF RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2019.**

The motion for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 15th January, 2019 was moved by **Hon. Brima Mansaray of Constituency 017, Kenema District**, seconded by **Hon. Sahr Charles of Constituency 028, Kono District** and adopted by the House with some amendments.

8. **PAPER LAID: Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma, Acting Leader of Government Business.**

THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS (ENLARGEMENT OF THE TIME FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION IN KAMBIA DISTRICT WARD 196) ORDER 2018, THE PUBLIC ELECTIONS ACT, 2012 (ACT NO. 4 of 2012) STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO.69 OF 2018

Laid by the Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**.

9. **STANDING ORDER 25 (Notice of Motion):**

Hon. Alusine Osiao Kamara of Constituency 058, Kambia District – He rose on S.O. 25 and gave a notice of debate on the Public Elections (Enlargement of the Time for the Conduct of Local Council Bye Elections in Kambia District Ward 196) Order 2018. **It was seconded by Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District.**



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The question was put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker - At this juncture, Mr. Speaker laid emphasis on the point that the 21 days period would start to run on the Statutory Instrument that was just laid before the House.

10. THE CHAIRMAN, PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR WAIVER OF CUSTOM DUTY AND TAXES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL STAFF (THE OFFICIAL STAFF OF AUTHORITY), HEAD OF ALL CHIEF’S STAFF, PRESIDENTIAL LAPEL PINS AND SIERRA LEONE FLAG LAPEL PINS.

The Committee Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, **Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba of Constituency 020, Kenema District**, presented the Second Report of the Committee on Finance to the House and moved for its adoption. It was seconded by **Hon Lahai Marah of Constituency 042, Falaba District**.

The question was put and agreed to.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2):

Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District moved for the suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12 noon for proceedings to continue during lunch. It was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** and approved by the House.

12. AMENDMENT OF ORDER PAPER

Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Constituency 100, Pujehun District, moved for the amendment of the Order Paper for item V: **“CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, PRODUCE MONITORING BOARD”** be considered last by the House, since the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry was not present in the Chamber. It was seconded by **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**.

The question was put and agreed to

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13. GOVERNMENT MOTION: The Minister of Labour and Social Security.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONVENTIONS WHICH WERE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2018:



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- i. **CONVENTION 97 – MIGRATION FOR EMPLOYMENT CONVENTION (REVISED) 1949.**
- ii. **CONVENTION 143 – MIGRANT WORKERS (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS) 1975.**
- iii. **CONVENTION 155 – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, 1981.**
- iv. **CONVENTION 187 – PROMOTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS 2006.**
- v. **MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006.**

The Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Security, **Mr. Lansana Mohamed Dumbuya** presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification.

14. Question proposed for consideration:

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Members of Parliament	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Kusan Sesay	045	Koinadugu
2.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	100	Pujehun
3.	Hon. Mohamed Kabia	106	Western Rural
4.	Hon. Mohamed Festus Lansana	015	Kenema
5.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	059	Kambia
6.	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	081	Bo
7.	Hon. Alex Mattia Rogers	102	Pujehun
8.	Hon. Hariyatu Ariana Bangura	116	Western Rural
9.	Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi	001	Kailahun
10.	Hon. Foday Mario Kamara	057	Kambia
11.	Hon. Sahr Charles	028	Kono
12.	Hon. Hassan A. essay	050	Tonkolili
13.	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo	034	Bombali
14.	Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma	019	Kenema

The Deputy Minister responded to the issues raised by Honourable Members and again moved the ratification motion.

The question was put and agreed to.



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INTRODUCTION OF QUESTION TIME IN PARLIAMENT: The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston.**

15. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

The Hon. Speaker stated that Parliament would reintroduce Question Time in Parliament and explained to Honourable Members that it would be categorized in the following manner:

- (i) **GOVERNMENT'S MONTHLY QUESTION TIME:** Which would take place every last Thursday of the month. He further stated that such questions would be addressed to the President and in response the President would send a suitable representative from his Cabinet to appropriately answer to the questions in Parliament.
- (ii) **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WEEKLY QUESTION TO MINISTERS:** For this category, Mr. Speaker stated that Members of Parliament would have the opportunity to ask questions to Ministers and receive answers to those questions accordingly.

For the edification of Honourable Members and the general public, the Honourable Speaker read out S.O 19 and 20 to the House and emphatically stated that no MDA (Ministry, Department and Agency) is immune from parliamentary scrutiny. He requested that Honourable Members should liaise with the Legislative Department for guidance in the drafting of Parliamentary Questions.

Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo of Constituency 034, Bombali District – He drew the attention of the House to justify that Question Time has been practised in Parliament over the years but however agreed to the intention of the Hon. Speaker which seemed to be completely different from what had been practised in the past.

Hon. Mathew Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District – He extended his felicitations to the Honourable Speaker for reintroducing Question Time in Parliament. He stated that Members should bear in mind not to use it maliciously.

Mr. Speaker – Again for the edification of the House and the general public, read out S.O. 21 to the House and stated that in his capacity as Speaker he would not tolerate any question that was inimical or might affect the security interest of the State.

Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah of Constituency 126, Western Urban and Leader of the Opposition – The Hon. Member stated that he could not agree more with the Hon. Speaker and drew the attention of the House to S.O. 32 (9).



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**16. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS OF CONTEMPT AGAINST:
THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, PRODUCE MONITORING BOARD**

Mr. Speaker – He called on the Sergeant at Arm to present Dr. James Vibbi before the House and was arraigned at the Bar of the House. The Rt. Hon. Speaker referred Hon. Members to the Votes and Proceedings of the 15th of January, 2019 and read out the last paragraph of page 11 captioned: **“STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER”**. In that regard, Mr. Speaker called on the Clerk of Parliament to give a feedback to the House for Hon. Members to know whether Dr. James Vibbi had complied with the three orders given to him by the Hon. Speaker. The letters as read out by the Clerk of Parliament are as follows:

1. **Letter addressed to Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay, dated 16th January, 2019: “LETTER OF APOLOGY** – With reference to the above subject, and with proceedings in the Well of Parliament on Tuesday, 15th January, 2019 where I was ordered by the Honourable Speaker of Parliament to formally write a letter of apology to you apologizing for the incident that happened in my office on the 24th December 2018 and the letter of complaint I sent to the Leader of Government Business in Parliament against you dated 27th December 2018 – for which I was summoned to Parliament.

I am unreservedly and unconditionally apologizing to you, and to again reiterate that I respect you as a person, as an Honourable Member of Parliament, as Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and above all as a woman. I hold you in high esteem and I will not do anything intentional to disrespect you.

Once again, please accept my sincere and unreserved apologies.

Yours sincerely

James Vibbie (PhD), Executive Chairman.

Cc: The Hon. Speaker, Chief Minister Office of the President, the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Secretary to the President Office of the President, the Hon. Deputy Leader of Government Business Parliament of Sierra Leone, the Hon. Clerk of Parliament, the Senior Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade and Industry.”

2. **Letter addressed to Hon. Sidie M. Tunis, Leader of Government Business, dated 16th January, 2019: “RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT** – With reference to the above subject, and with proceedings in the Well of Parliament on Tuesday, 15th January 2019 where I was ordered by the Honourable Speaker of Parliament to withdraw my letter of complaint (here attached) against Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay dated, 27th December, 2018, I am formally withdrawing this letter.

I am unreservedly and unconditionally withdrawing my letter of complaint against Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay, and I want to as well apologize to Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay, the leadership of our Honourable House of Parliament and all Honourable Members of Parliament.

I want to end by reiterating the point I made in Parliament yesterday 15th January, 2019, that I highly respect the Honourable House of Parliament and all its Honourable Members, and I will not do anything



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to intentionally disrespect an Honourable Member of Parliament. I hold Parliament in high esteem as it is an important arm of Government whose independence and open-mindedness foster and facilitate the growth of our democracy.

Please accept my unreserved apologies.

Yours sincerely

James Vibbi (PhD), Executive Chairman.

Cc: The Hon. Speaker, Chief Minister Office of the President, the Minister of Trade and Industry, the Secretary to the President Office of the President, the Hon. Deputy Leader of Government Business Parliament of Sierra Leone, the Hon. Clerk of Parliament, the Hon. Verinica Kadie Sesay (MP), the Senior Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade and Industry.”

17. STATEMENTS:

Hon. Veronica K. Sesay of Constituency 094, Moyamba District – The Hon. Member extended her sincere thanks and appreciation to the Hon. Speaker, the Leadership and the entire Membership of Parliament for showing solidarity with her. She also stated that people should learn to always give respect to women and that she had forgiven Dr. James Vibbi for the unfortunate incident that transpired between them.

Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District and Acting Leader of Government Business – The Hon. Member thanked the entire Membership of Parliament especially Members of the Opposition, for their contributions and support given in respect of Hon. Veronica K. Sesay and stated that the dignity of Parliament must be maintained.

Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah of Constituency 126, Western Urban District and Leader of the Opposition – The Hon. Member stated that even though he was not copied in both letters of apology which tended to give an impression that his input was not needed, he expressed his view by saying that “*Parliament is one family*”. Nevertheless, he stated that he would accept the apologies from Dr. James Vibbi and encouraged staff of Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) not to allow themselves to fall in such situation. He advised that people should always be respectful especially to Hon. Members of Parliament.

18. MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker then drew the attention of the House to the third order issued to Dr. Vibbi, to reinstate all the officers he had unconditionally suspended from duty, pending proper establishment of the Board. Dr. Vibbi in response reiterated his earlier position that he would not comply with the third order even if it cost him his job. He further maintained that he had the authority of the Chief Minister and the Minister of Trade and Industry to issue a letter of suspension to the officers.

At that juncture, Mr. Speaker called for the Senior Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mr. Abdul R.M. Fofanah, to clarify his Ministry’s position on the matter.



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19. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 5(2):

Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Constituency 100, Pujehun District moved for the suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3: p.m. for proceedings to continue. It was seconded By **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** and approved by the House.

.....**Proceedings Continued**.....

20. THE SENIOR PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

The Senior Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mr. Abdul R.M. Fofanah, stated that the decision by Dr. Vibbi took to dismiss officers alone and without the authority of the Board was ultra vires his powers. He said the Ministry had not initially approved the suspension by Dr. Vibbi but due to the intervention of the Office of the Chief Minister, they had permitted him to do so. In any event, the suspension was due to end on the 31st December, 2018, followed by the resumption of duty by the suspended officers. Nevertheless, Dr. Vibbi had still refused to reinstate the officers concerned. He then tendered the Letter of 8th November, 2018, the Ministry had written to Dr. Vibbi as follows:

Letter addressed to the Executive Chairman, Produce Monitoring Board from the office of the Senior Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, dated 8th November, 2018:

“GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRODUCE MONITORING BOARD (PMB) – I am directed to refer to the above subject and your appointment by His Excellency the President as Executive Chairman followed by the recent Parliamentary approval of same and to express concerns that contrary to the consultative approach of the Ministry you have recently embarked upon solo operations and decision taking without reference to your supervisory Ministry.

I must draw your kind attention to the provisions of the Produce Monitoring Board Act of 2013, which amongst other things, made provision for a Board to be constituted and to be headed by an Executive Chairman, and other Board Members to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

It is therefore evident that whilst you can carry out some administrative duties in collaboration with the Acting Executive Secretary, please note that certain decisions that require the consultative work of a constituted Board cannot be single handedly taken by you.

In the recent past, the Ministry notes with grave concerns, the dismissal and recruitment of key staff without reference to the Ministry or a constituted Board. Furthermore, your attention is hereby drawn to an existing moratorium on recruitment by Government through the Human Resource Management Office. Therefore, all recruitments must be cleared with the Director-General, Human Resource Management Office. Your Letter to the Financial Secretary for salary payment is contrary to the rules of Government recruitment; and Government cannot be committed to spend funds without due process being followed.



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Similarly, the Ministry notes your suspension of the Acting Executive Secretary without due process and procedure, and this has the tendency of wrecking the institution, which to a very large extent has been without a Board for the past four years. You are hereby requested to rescind the suspension with immediate effect until such a time when the Board is set up.

In adherence to the provisions of the Produce Monitoring Board Act of 2013 you would agree with me that most, if not all action taken so far are ultra vires and have the tendency to undermine the smooth operations of the Board. As you are aware, a team of Internal Auditors have been assigned to audit the Board's activities for 2016 – 2018 Financial Years, and that exercise can only be smoothly done with the assistance of those officers that were there during the period under reference. Consequently, you are requested to put mechanisms in place where the dismissed officers can interface with the Auditors till the process is completed.

Therefore, you are hereby instructed to revisit your decisions with a view to operating within the ambit of the law.

I count on your fullest cooperation in this matter so that together we can make the meaningful changes that would stand the test of times.

Yours sincerely

Abdul R.M. Fofanah, Senior Permanent Secretary

Cc: The Minister MTI, the Minister of Finance, the Chief Minister, the Deputy Minister of Finance, the Deputy Minister MTI, the Secretary to the President, the Financial Secretary Ministry of Finance, the Chief Director and Professional Head MTI, the Ag. Executive Director PMB."

The following Hon. Members spoke on the matter:

No.	Names	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	100	Pujehun
2.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay	050	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma	019	Kenema
4.	Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah – Leader of the Opposition	126	Western Urban
5.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	059	Kambia
6.	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	095	Moyamba
7.	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	066	Karene
8.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	077	Port Loko
9.	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	115	Western Urban
10.	Hon. Emillia Lolloh Tongi	001	Kailahun
11.	Hon. Osman Abdal Timbo	130	Western Urban
12.	Hon. Dr. Rolland Foday Kargbo	064	Karene



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21. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker stated that pursuant to Section 95 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone Act No. 6 of 1991, he described Dr. Vibbi's demeanor, conduct and arrogant expression of defiance as tantamount to an affront to the dignity of Parliament and therefore contemptuous of Parliament. He then ordered that Dr. Vibbi be detained until the next adjourned date.

22. RESPONSE BY DR. VIBBI:

He responded that he had felt constrained to withdraw the letter of suspension from the officers.

23. PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION:

PROPOSER: HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA, ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT

SECONDER: HON. HASSAN A. SESAY

Be it resolved: That the Executive Secretary of Produce Marketing Board having violated the Produce Monitoring Board Act 2013 and expressly refused to effect an order of Parliament, consistent with the orders of the supervisory Ministry contained in the November 8th, 2018 correspondence signed by the Senior Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Trade and Industry, move that Parliament hereby withdraws its approval of Dr. James Vibbi as Executive Chairman of Produce Monitoring Board.

24. RULING BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker once again gave Dr. Vibbi the liberty to respond to the House before a resolution could be passed. In that regard the Hon. Speaker again posed the question to Dr. Vibbi whether he was ready to comply with the third Order. Dr. Vibbi adamantly and arrogantly refused and said he was ready to lose his job rather than comply. The Hon. Speaker ruled that Parliament had found Dr. Vibbi guilty and disrespectful by his conduct, which was of prima facie contempt of Parliament. Mr. Speaker stated that the motion moved by the **Acting Chairman of the Committee on Appointment, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, would be deliberated upon, on the next adjourned date. Meanwhile, the Hon. Speaker ordered the Sergeant at Arms for the detainment of Dr. Vibbi until then.

25. ADJOURNMENT-

- **The House was adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**
- **The House rose at 4:40 p.m.**