



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



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

VP/4/2/53

WEDNESDAY

17TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

THE HOUSE MET AT 10:18 A.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

1. HON.ALIE JAMES N.
2. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
3. HON.BAH IBRAHIM PATEH
4. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
5. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
6. HON.BROWN PATRICIA
7. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
8. HON.BUNDU SONGOWA
9. HON.DABUNDEH AIAH DR.
10. HON.DUMBUYA ALHAJI S.
11. HON.EBBA TAMBA ENTOCHEMA
12. HON.FATORMA SAHR
13. HON.FAWUNDU SENESI
14. HON.FOFANAH AMADU
15. HON.FOFANAH LEONARD S.
16. HON.GBAPPY-BRIMA GLADYS GBEMOH
17. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
18. HON.JOHNSON DAVID
21. HON.KABOMBOR II P.C. MANSA PAKI
22. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
23. HON.KAISAMBA FRANCIS S.
24. HON.KALOKO ABI

24. HON.KALOKO ALIE
25. HON.KALOKO BAI J.
26. HON.KAMARA ALBERT DEEN
27. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN
28. HON.KAMARA ALHASSAN JERO
29. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
30. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED
31. HON.KAMARA NICHOLAS
32. HON.KAMARA SAIDU BABAH
33. HON.KATTA ALFRED BRIMA
34. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
35. HON.KOEDOYOMA KOMBA E.
36. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
37. HON.KOROMA SUALIHO M.
38. HON.KOWA EMMA J.
39. HON.KUYEMBEH HELEN
40. HON.LAHAI BERNADETTE DR.
41. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
42. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA E.
43. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
44. HON.MANSARAY MOHAMED L.
45. HON.MARAH III P.C. ALIE BALANSAMA
46. HON.MARAH ALUSINE
47. HON.SALLU-LIGBU II P.C. BAI BUREH
48. HON.SANGBAH SAAH
49. HON.SANNOH SHEKU
50. HON.SESAY ABDULAI DR.
51. HON.SESAY DAN Y.
52. HON.SESAY HASSAN A.
53. HON.SESAY KUSAN
54. HON.SESAY OSMAN SALLIEU
55. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
56. HON.SHO-SAWYER MICHEL DR.
57. HON.SILIKIE BASHIRU
58. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
59. HON.CAPT.SOURIE FREDERICK S.(RTD).
60. HON.SUMAH FODAY I DR.
61. HON.SWARAY MOSES A.
62. HON.TARA-KOROMA TAWORO DR.
63. HON.THOLLEY MOHAMED K.
64. HON.THOMAS SEGEPOH S.
65. HON.TURAY THOMAS M. DR.
66. HON.TURAY THOMAS B.
67. HON.YEK II P.C. ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA
68. HON.KAMARA MOHAMED J.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BANGURA MABINTY H.
2. HON.BANYA IV P.C. MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
3. HON.BOIMA IV P.C. PRINCE LAPPYA
4. HON.BRIG.BOYAH KOMBA E.S.(RTD)
5. HON.BRAIMA MUSTAPHA M.
6. HON.BRAIMA SAMUEL H.
7. HON.CONTEH KARIFALA S.
8. HON.CONTEH KEMOKOH
9. HON.FAWUNDU DAUDA D.
10. HON.FOYAH PATRICK
11. HON.JAJUA ABU
12. HON.JENGO EDWARD S.
13. HON.KABIA ISATA
14. HON.KAINPUMU II P.C. ALEX M.J.J.
15. HON.KALLON DAUDA J.B.
16. HON.KAMARA IBRAHIM
17. HON.KANU ABDUL SALAAM
18. HON.KANU AMADU MOHAMED
19. HON.KOROMA ABU BAKARR
20. HON.LUNGAY ANDREW V.
21. HON.MARAH LAHAI
22. HON.MARAH REGINA
23. HON.MBAYOH ROSKY M.
24. HON.MOMOH MOIWAI
25. HON.MUNDA HABIB B.
26. HON.MUNU ALIEU BADDARA K.
27. HON.PEWA P.C. PRINCE MAMBU
28. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
29. HON.ROGERS DICKSON M.
30. HON.SANKOH IBRAHIM NOX
31. HON.TARAWALLY UMAR PARAN
32. HON.TENGBEH SAHR

The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with excuse:

1. HON.CONTEH BRIMA
2. HON.FUNNA MABINTY
3. HON.JABBI BU-BUAKEI DR.
4. HON.JORKIE MOSES B.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M. 6. HON.KANNEH ALUSINE 7. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G. 8. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M. 9. HON.KARGBO ROLAND FODAY DR. 10. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I. 11. HON.KONGOMOH II P.C. JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA 12. HON.KOROMA AARON ARUNA 13. HON.KOROMA DANIEL B. 14. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK 15. HON.MANSARAY SAIDU 16. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS E. DR. 17. HON.SALAMY BOCKARIE N. 18. HON.SANKA III P.C. BAI KURR KANAGBARO 19. HON.SILLAH MABINTY K. 20. HON.SMITH ROSALINE J. 21. HON.SONSIAMA II P.C. SHEKU A.T. FASULUKU 22. HON.SOBBA-STEPHENS MIMA Y.M. 23. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B. 24. HON.TUNIS SIDIE MOHAMED 25. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO
10:15 – 10:17 a.m.	<p>II. Prayers: The Clerk of Legislative Committee, Mr. Lamin Yansaneh said the prayers.</p>
10:17 a.m.	<p>III. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (S.O.) 5(2) AT 10:20 A.M.:</p> <p>Hon. Songowa Bundu moved for the suspension of Standing Order (S.O.) 5(2), seconded by Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah and unanimously accepted by Members.</p>
10:17 -10:20 a.m.	<p>IV. RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2014:</p> <p>The motion for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 11th September, 2014 was moved by Hon. Alhaji S. Dumbuya . It was seconded by Hon. Amadu Fofanah and unanimously adopted by Members with some amendments.</p>
10:20 – 10:21 a.m.	<p>V. LAYING OF PAPERS:</p> <p>The Minister of Finance and Economic Development</p> <p>(a) Grant Agreement (Public Financial Management Improvement and</p>

<p>10:21 – 10:50 a.m.</p>	<p>Consolidation Project) MDTF Grant Number: TF017201, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association (Acting as Administrator of MDTF for Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Prject), dated 25th July, 2014</p> <p>(b) Financing Agreement (Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project) Credit Number 5350-SL, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association, dated 17th January, 2014</p> <p>(c) Financing Agreement (Energy Sector Utility Reform Project) Credit Number 5333-SL, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association, dated 17th January, 2014</p> <p>Laid by the Minister of State Finance, Mr. F.B.L. Mansaray.</p> <p>VI. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE:</p> <p>Proposer: Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah</p> <p>Seconder: Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma</p> <p>Be it Resolved:</p> <p>That the Eighteenth Report of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.</p> <p>The Acting Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service and Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah presented the Eighteenth Report of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the following Presidential nominees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Unisa Sesay - Proposed Chairman/Commissioner, Right to Access Information Commission; 2. Ms. Yeama S. Thompson - Proposed Commissioner, the Right to Access Information Commission; <p>The motion was seconded by Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma.</p>
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<p>10:50 – 11:40 a.m.</p>	<p>Contributing to the debate on the motion were the following Honourable Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma; 2. Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai; 3. Hon. Alhaji S. Dumbuya; 4. Hon. Bashiru Silikie; 5. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai; 6. Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah. <p>The motion was unanimously ratified by Members.</p> <p>VII. CONGRATULATORY STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>On behalf of the entire Parliament, Mr. Speaker congratulated the Presidential nominees.</p> <p>VIII. GOVERNMENT MOTION:</p> <p>The Minister of Finance and Economic Development</p> <p>Be it Resolved:</p> <p>That this Honourable House ratify the following Agreements which were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday 17th September, 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Grant Agreement (Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project) MDTF Grant Number: TF017201, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association (Acting as Administrator of MDTF for Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project), dated 25th July, 2014 (b) Financing Agreement (Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project) Credit Number 5350-SL, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association, dated 17th January, 2014 (c) Financing Agreement (Energy Sector Utility Reform Project) Credit Number 5333-SL, between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Development Association, dated 17th January, 2014
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<p>11:40 – 11:43 a.m.</p>	<p>The Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), Mr. F.B.L. Mansaray presented the motion to Members of Parliament.</p> <p>Contributing to the debate on the motion, were the following Honourable Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Hassan B. Sheriff; 2. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma; 3. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai; 4. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu. <p>IX. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:</p> <p>Mr. Speaker expressed gratitude to Members of Parliament for responding sacrificially to emergency calls to Parliamentary sittings at a time that the House is in recess. He also commended the excellent work of the current Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy Mrs. Zainab Buya Kamara, a former senior administrative staff of Parliament, whose presence he recognised.</p> <p>The Minister of State(MoFED) responded to the various issues and comments raised by Honourable Members and moved for the ratification of the motion.</p> <p>Hence, the motion was unanimously ratified by the House.</p>
<p>11:43 – 12:14 p.m.</p>	<p>X. PERSONAL EXPLANATION (STANDING ORDER 23):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Mohamed K. Tholley – informed Hon.Members about the deadly scourge of Ebola in the Bo District which has claimed the lives of 30 people in the Kalia Chiefdom. He said some of the people were presently quarantined and were in dire need of food. <p>He further disclosed, that the Ebola Burial Team has not been paid their weekly allowances. In addition, he said there was only one ambulance available to be used by the team. He therefore pleaded with the House to help him attract additional support for his constituents.</p> <p>He thanked the President for providing a 36 bedroom holding centre in one of the affected communities in his Constituency.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Hon. Francis S. Kaisamba – said while Members of Parliament were busy sensitizing their constituents, a radio station, FM 98.4 Star Line was airing negative information that has the potential to derail the

efforts of Members of Parliament in fighting the Ebola virus disease.

He cited a radio interview with a mad woman pretending to be a nurse making spurious claims, which led to plans by certain individuals to burn down the Hospital.

He called on Members to take necessary action against the said radio Station, 98.4 FM.

He also requested the House to ignore the widespread false information relating to Ebola mass graves in his Constituency.

Finally, he said some people were in the habit of making derogatory remarks against Members of Parliament for monies given to them to carry out Ebola sensitization.

3. **Hon. Helen Kuyembeh** – expressed concern over the change in the operation hours among the Banks in the ongoing Ebola crisis. She explained her recent experience at the Rokel Commercial Bank at 7:30 a.m., wherein she witnessed a huge crowd rushing into the Bank without paying close attention to precautionary measures in line with the regulations enacted by the House and bye-laws established.

She called for Parliament to impress upon the Minister of Finance and Banking Institutions, to commence service to the public at 8:00 a.m. Prompt, and for Government to consider extending the service time.

4. **Hon. Hassan B. Sheriff**– referring to the statement made by **Hon. Helen Kuyembeh**, said that he would be instrumental in resolving the Banking time as he will try to engage the Board Members of Sierra Leone Commercial Bank and other Chairmen in a bid to opening more windows to provide prompt services to the public.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker advised that Members should hang heads in order to invite the appropriate persons in the Banking sector, to resolve the issue.

Continued S.O. 23:

5. **Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai** – that Members of Parliament spent good time engaging heads of institutions and other stakeholders so as to be at the same level of understanding in the fight against Ebola and that the discussions were very frank, agreeing on a few action points, but said they were disturbed by the contents of certain radio broadcasts reprimanding Members and inciting the public against them.

She quoted Chapter 2 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone which deals with the respective obligations of the Government and the people for the attention of the Minister of Information, SLAJ and IMC.

She stressed that she was disappointed at the reaction of the President of SLAJ, who has been on the defense in the matter. She cited his interview on Universal Radio and Awoko News paper publication (which he edits) as taking the same stance, inspite of commendations of some Media Houses.

She added that she was bombarded with phone calls from Kenema that the proprietor of FM 98.4 Star Line Radio, was saying that Members of Parliament have no power to summon them.

She concluded by saying that this was not the time to draw daggers when Ebola is challenging the nation, but that Members of Parliament have been openly challenged.

In the light of the foregoing, the Honourable Member moved a motion that the CEO of Star Line Radio and two others in possession of recordings of his statements be summoned to Parliament.

She stressed that rights must go with responsibilities.

6. **Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu** – in supporting the Minority Leader, referred the House to section 95, Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

Section 95:

“Any act or omission which obstructs or impedes Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any

