



THIRD PARLIAMENT  
OF  
THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
FOURTH SESSION, 2010/2011  
THIRD MEETING OF THE HOUSE  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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NO.30/2010/2011

WEDNESDAY

16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011

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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 were Present

1. HON.ALPHA-LAVALIE ELIZABETH T.
2. HON.BABONJO EMMANUEL T.
3. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
4. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
5. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
6. HON.BANGURA KANDE C.
7. HON.BETTS-PRIDY MANIE
8. HON.BOYAH KES
9. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
10. HON.CONTEH DAVID B.
11. HON.CONTEH KONDEH YAPOH
12. HON.CONTEH MOININA

13. HON.CUFFIE JULIUS NYE
14. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B.B.
15. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU GIBRIL
16. HON.FALEY ROBIN E.S.
17. HON.FASULUKU SAHR N.
18. HON.FEIKA SOLOMON W.
19. HON.FENGAI P.C.KAIMACHENDE S.K.
20. HON.FORNAH MABINTY
21. HON.FOYAH ALICE M.
22. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
23. HON.JOHNSON VICTOR C.
24. HON.JONES RAYMOND M.
25. HON.JUMU ERIC B.
26. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
27. HON.KAIGBANJA TAMBA E.
28. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.
29. HON.KALAWA CHARLES H.
30. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
31. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
32. HON.DR.KAMANDA MOURIE B.
33. HON.KAMARA ABDUL R.
34. HON.KAMARA ALHAJI BUYA
35. HON.KAMARA ALIMAMY A.
36. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
37. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.
38. HON.KAMARA PAUL
39. HON.KAMARA PHILIPSON H.
40. HON.KANGOVA II P.C.JEREMIAH SINNAH-YOVONIE
41. HON.KANU AMADU
42. HON.KANU KHALIL MOHAMED
43. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
44. HON.KARGBO KEWULAY M.
45. HON.KARGBO SUFIAN M.
46. HON.KASANGA II P.C.BAI SEBORA
47. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
48. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
49. HON.KING EUSTACE A.
50. HON.KOEDYOYOMA KOMBA E.
51. HON.KONDEH DANDA M.
52. HON.KONTEH ABU
53. HON.KOROMA ABU B.

54. HON.KOROMA ISATU G.
55. HON.KOROMA JACOB I.
56. HON.KOWA EMMA
57. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
58. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.
59. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH
60. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
61. HON.MACARTHY SAM-MAY L.
62. HON.MAC-BAILEY ALBERT
63. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMANUEL
64. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
65. HON.MANSARAY THOMAS I.
66. HON.MARAH III P.C.ALIE BALANSAMA
67. HON.MASSAQUOI ALOYSIUS M.K.
68. HON.MOIJUEH EMILIE SAFULA
69. HON.MOMOH SIAFA J.
70. HON.MUSA JINA JAMES
71. HON.MUSTAPHA JOSEPH A.
72. HON.MYERS BINTU
73. HON.NYUMA MATHEW S.
74. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS
75. HON.PUJEH MOMOH
76. HON.SAM MUSA T.
77. HON.SAMURA UNISA S.
78. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN
79. HON.SESAY DAVID A.
80. HON.DR.SESAY MOSES M.
81. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
82. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
83. HON.SOLOKU EDWARD A.
84. HON.SORIBA DAVID G.
85. HON.SUWU THERESA
86. HON.TARAWALLIE MOHAMED A.
87. HON.DR.TEAMBO MATTHEW M.T.
88. HON.THULLAH ALHAJI Y.
89. HON.TOMMY EMMANUEL W.
90. HON.TOMMY HENRY E.
91. HON.TONDONEH PHILIP TETEMA
92. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
93. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA
94. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.

- 95. HON.TURAY SALAMATU
- 96. HON.REV.YANSANEH MARIE
- 97. HON.YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.
- 98. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO

II. The following Honourable Members were absent:

- 1. HON.BANNISTER MALCOLM S.
- 2. HON.DARAMY ALHAJI A.O.
- 3. HON.BUMBUYA DAUDA
- 4. HON.HALLOWELL LLOYD MAGNUS
- 5. HON.KAMARA KOYA KALLA
- 6. HON.KAMARA MOMORIE MADUSU
- 7. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
- 8. HON.MUNU ALLIEU BADDARA K.
- 9. HON.ROGERS FRANCES
- 10. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.
- 11. HON.SHERIFF P.C.ALLIEU B.

III. The following Honourable Members were absent with Excuse:

- 1. HON.BANYA IV P.C.MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
- 2. HON.BENYA V P.C. MOHAMED DHAFFIE
- 3. HON.HINDOWA V P.C. BINDI SAMBA
- 4. HON.JALLOH MARIE M.
- 5. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
- 6. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
- 7. HON.DR.LAHAI BERNADETTE
- 8. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
- 9. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C.BAI BUREH
- 10. HON.SANKA III P.C.BAI KURR KANAGBARO
- 11. HON.SANKOH ALIE SALIEU
- 12. HON.SANKOH LEGACY
- 13. HON.SORIE IBRAHIM

IV. PRAYERS: The Clerk of Parliament said the prayer,after a quorum was formed.

V. CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTINGS HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011:

The Order Paper was amended by the Deputy Majority Party Leader, Hon. M. Sufian Kargbo such that item II Correction of Votes and Proceedings comes after item III, Committee of Supply. This was unanimously accepted by Members.

However, much time was not available for the Votes and Proceedings to be adopted.

VI. POOR ATTENDANCE OF MDA's:

The Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N. B. Stronge and the following Honourable Members contributed to the debate on the above issue.

1. Chairman – Hon. Justice Abel N. B. Stronge
2. Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy
3. Hon. P. C. Jeremiah Sinnah-Yovonie Kangova II.
4. Hon. Victor C. Johnson
5. Hon. Kewulay M. Kargbo

DECISIONS REACHED:

The Chairman observed that the representation of MDAs at the sitting of Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 was very poor and enquired from the Deputy Majority Leader and the Clerk of Parliament whether another radio announcement was made on the attendance of MDAs.

The Deputy Majority Leader replied that the issue of the Attendance of MDAs had been discussed several times with the Clerk, but it seemed that MDAs are deliberately not taking the business of Parliament seriously.

In light of the above, the Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N. B. Stronge instructed the Clerk of Parliament to take appropriate action and to ensure strict registration of MDAs

VII. BILL:

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development

The Appropriation Act, 2011

Being an Act to authorize expenditure from the Consolidated Fund for the Services of Sierra Leone for the year 2011.

(SECOND ALLOTTED DAY)

VIII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE IV BY THE CHAIRMAN, HON. ALBERT MAC-BAILEY ON THE FOLLOWING VOTE HEADS:

112 00 – Office of the Vice President	-	2,717,159,000
117 00 - Cabinet Secretariat	-	387,600,000
121 00 - Audit Services	-	2,478,090,000
122 00 - Human Resource Management Office	-	844,050,000
123 00 - Public Service Commission	-	336,498,000
303 00 - Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs(Cultural Division)	-	208,600,000
405 00 - Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs(Tourism Division)	-	672,700,000
306 00 - Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment	-	1,627,080,000
309 00 - Dental and Medical Council	-	208,000,000
139 00 - National Commission for Privatization	-	907,494,000
403 00 - Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs	-	8,481,300,000
404 00 - Ministry of Transport and Aviation	-	4,049,100,000
404 02 - Meteorological Department	-	390,700,000
416 00 - Civil Aviation Authority	-	523,300,000
418 00 - Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute	-	2,214,160,000
420 00 - Sierra Leone Environmental Protection Agency	-	592,250,000
407 00 - Ministry of Employment, Labour and Social Security	-	2,250,800,000
701 00 - Local Government Administration and Grants in respect of the following devolved functions	-	2,840,300,000
a) Freetown City Council		
b) Western Rural District Council		
c) Bonthe Municipal Council		
d) Bonthe District Council		

During the reading of the report by the Chairman of Sub-Committee IV several issues were raised by the following Honourable Members:

1. Hon. Justice Abel N.B. Stronge – Chairman
2. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie
3. Hon. Abdul R. Kamara
4. Hon. Victor C. Johnson
5. Hon. Eric B. Jumu
6. Hon. Momoh nPujeh
7. Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya
8. Hon. Tamba E. Kaigbanja
9. Hon. Emmanuel Babonjo

10. Hon.Chernor M.Bah

11. Hon.Dr.Moses Sesay

ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE IV:

1. That there are differences between the amount allocated and what was expended by the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs.
2. That the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs were separated sometime ago.
3. That the Minister of Finance who is the pioneer of the Bill should be in a position to explain how much money was allocated to both Ministries.

In response to the above issues,the Chairman of Sub-Committee IV,Hon.Albert Mac-Bailey,told the House that the differences in budgetary allocations and expenditure for the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs were due to overspending and added that the Ministries were combined during the initial reading of the Budget Speech.

Hon.Victor C.Johnson stressed that Ministries that are guilty of overspending must be summoned to Parliament for explanation.

4. That the Ministry of Political Affairs was not mentioned in the report.

The Chairman expressed regret to Members for the failure of the Committee to mention the Ministry of Political Affairs in the report and further disclosed that the Ministry failed to appear before the Sub-Committee when summoned.

At that juncture,the Chairman,Hon.Justice Abel N.B.Stronge enquired from the Majority Party Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business about the existence of the entity known as Political Affairs Ministry and was further desirous to know the extent of the powers of Parliamentary Committees with regard to the failure of MDA's to respond to summons issued by Parliamentary Committees.

In response,Hon.Sheku B.B.Dumbuya,replied that, the powers of Parliamentary Committees are vast,ranging from taking the necessary steps to ensure compliance or withholding their allocations.

The Hon.S.B.B.Dumbuya then stressed that failure of the Ministry of Political Affairs to respond to the call of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee IV should have been stated in the report.

Hon.Emmanuel Babonjo then expressed regret to Members for not including the Ministry of Political Affairs in the report.

At that juncture,Hon.Victor C.Johnson said that Members should look at the Appropriation Act itself with regards to the allocation made to the Political Affairs Ministry and further recommended that the allocation to that Ministry be withheld.

The business of the House was brought to adjournment by the Chairman because the various issues in the report could not be easily resolved.

In this regard,the House adjourned at 11:05 a.m. for an hour and resumed at 12:10 p.m. in order for the Chairman of Sub-Committee IV to make the necessary adjustment regarding conflicting issues in the report.

Resumption of the House at 12:10.p.m.

IX. PRESENTATION AND READING OF AN ADENDUM BY THE CHAIRMAN,SUB-COMMITTEE IV ON VOTE HEAD 403 00 – POLITICAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION:

Mr.Chairman,Honourable Members,an amount of Le100,000,000 was allocated to this Division in 2010.An amount of Le865,000,000 was allocated to this division in 2011.

However,this Division failed to appear before the Appropriation Committee IV to defend their expenditure for 2010 and the budget estimate for 2011.

The Committee therefore recommends that the budgetary allocation of this division that has now been transformed to a Ministry be withheld.

On page 19 Roman IV on the report.

Hon.Albert Mac-Bailey continued to read the report interspersed by additional points of Order.

At that juncture, Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya pleaded with Members for the Chairman to complete the reading of his report since it was only in one area that the report was defaulted.

Hon. Tamba E. Kaigbanja at that point, amended the report such that the Ministry of Political Affairs be included as the fourth Division.

The Chairman of Sub-Committee IV completed the reading of the report.

X. DEBATE ON THE VOTE HEADS OF SUB-COMMITTEE I (CHAIRMAN – HON. M. SUFIAN KARGBO)

The Clerk of Parliament Pronounced the various Vote Heads and the Allocations to stand part of the Schedule

The Chairman proposed the question for debate and the following Honourable Members contributed to the debates under the following Vote Heads:

1. 501 00 - Miscellaneous
2. 130 00 - National Revenue Authority
3. 509 - Arrears
4. 601 00 - Public Dept Charges

1. The Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N. B. Stronge
2. Hon. Victor C. Johnson
3. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu
4. Hon. Momoh Pujeh
5. Hon. Elizabeth Alpha-Lavalie
6. Hon. Dr. Brima M. Kamanda
7. Hon. Alimamy A. Kamara
8. Hon. Sheku B. B. Dumbuya
9. Hon. Hassan Sheriff
10. Hon. Eric B. Jumu
11. Hon. Jacob I. Koroma

DECISIONS REACHED:

1. Hon.Victor C.Johnson, Chairman Public Account Committee,informed the House that the Ministry of Finance should supply Parliament with a profile on the use of Miscellaneous. Head 501 00 in 2010.  
Miscellaneous, he said,must be withheld since it involved a colossal amount.
2. Since the inception of the N.R.A,the institution has failed to produce statement of Accounts for the past four years.In the light of the foregoing,Hon.Victor C.Johnson moved the following motion:

Be it Resolved

That because the N.R.A has failed to present their statement of Accounts to the Auditor General's Department for the last four years, 75% of their allocation to that body be withheld until adequate and proper statement of Account is produced.

This motion was seconded by Hon.Momoh Pujeh,Minority Party Leader of the House and was unanimously accepted by majority votes.

75% Of N.R.A budgetary allocation was withheld.

3. A counter motion proposed by Hon.Alimamy A.Kamara for the lifting of the ban imposed by the House on N.R.A was withdrawn by the Honourable Member.
4. Based on a motion moved by Hon.Elizabeth Alpha-Lavalie and seconded by Hon.Momoh Pujeh,it was agreed that the non submission of the statement of Account of N.R.A be looked into by the Public Accounts Committee instead of the Finance Committee.

The Minister suggested that the Parliamentary Administration endeavours to introduce a special report on the budget process and the problems associated with it.

The various Vote Heads and the allocations thereto for Sub-Committee I were unanimously accepted as amended by a collection of voices.

XI. PRONOUNCEMENT OF VOTE HEADS BY THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENT AND THE ALLOCATION THERETO FOR SUB-COMMITTEE II TO STAND PART OF THE SCHEDULE.

Question proposed by the Chairman,Justice Abel N.B.Stronge for the commencement of debate.

The Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N.B. Stronge and the following Honourable Members contributed to the debate on Vote Head 107 03 – Eastern Province

1. The Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N.B. Stronge
2. Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy
3. Hon. M. Sufian Kargbo

DECISIONS REACHED:

1. Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy – realized that the amount allocated under the Head 107 03 – Eastern Province – Le 266,800,000 was incorrect. However, the amount shown in the Appropriation Act, when compared with the amount shown in the report proved to be the same. He was overruled by the Chairman.

The Honourable Member however, stressed that an amendment be made on the details of the report.

2. Devolved Functions: Koinadugu District Council, Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy observed that the figure for Koinadugu District Council on page 2 in the report was incorrect.

Hon. M. Sufian Kargbo, Deputy Majority Leader, clarified the issue by disclosing that Koinadugu requested Le 4,699,436,906.25 but was given Le 3,395,800,00

DECISIONS REACHED:

The Chairman, Hon. Justice Abel N.B. Stronge, after due consideration with the Minister of Finance, decided that the sitting be adjourned in order for the Minister of Finance to enable the Sub-Committees II, III and IV to harmonize their figures with those of the Ministry of Finance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Members of the Committee on Internal Affairs were requested to meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room 2.
2. Members of the Network of Parliament for the protection of - Sierra Leone were requested to attend a very important meeting at the Member's Lounge.

THE HOUSE WAS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 3:00 P.M.