



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

NO.41/2010/2011

TUESDAY

29TH MARCH, 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 of Parliament were Present

1. HON.BABONJO EMMANUEL T.
2. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
3. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
4. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
5. HON.BANGURA KANDE C.
6. HON.BANNISTER MALCOLM S.
7. HON.BANYA IV P.C.MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
8. HON.BETTS-PRIDY MANIE
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.BUMBUYA DAUDA
15. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B.B.
16. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU GIBRIL
17. HON.FASULUKU SAHR N.
18. HON.FEIKA SOLOMON W.
19. HON.FENGAI P.C.KAIMACHENDE S.K.
20. HON.HALLOWELL LLOYD MAGNUS
21. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
22. HON.HINDOWA V P.C. BINDI SAMBA
23. HON.JOHNSON VICTOR C.
24. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
25. HON.KAIGBANJA TAMBA E.
26. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.
27. HON.KALAWA CHARLES H.
28. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
29. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
30. HON.KAMARA ABDUL R.
31. HON.KAMARA ALHAJI BUYA
32. HON.KAMARA PAUL
33. HON.KANGOVA II P.C.JEREMIAH SINNAH-YOVONIE
34. HON.KANU AMADU
35. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
36. HON.KARGBO KEWULAY M.
37. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
38. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
39. HON.KING EUSTACE A.
40. HON.KOEDYOYOMA KOMBA E.
41. HON.KONDEH DANDA M.
42. HON.KONTEH ABU
43. HON.KOROMA ABU B.
44. HON.KOROMA ISATU G.
45. HON.KOROMA JACOB I.
46. HON.KOWA EMMA
47. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
48. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.
49. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
50. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMANUEL
51. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
52. HON.MANSARAY THOMAS I.

53. HON.MARAH III P.C.ALIE BALANSAMA
54. HON.MASSAQUOI ALOYSIUS M.K.
55. HON.MOMOH SIAFA J.
56. HON.MUSA JINA JAMES
57. HON.NYUMA MATHEW S.
58. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS
59. HON.PUJEH MOMOH
60. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
61. HON.SAM MUSA T.
62. HON.SAMURA UNISA S.
63. HON.SANKOH ALIE SALIEU
64. HON.SANKOH LEGACY
65. HON.SESAY DAVID A.
66. HON.DR.SESAY MOSES M.
67. HON.SHERIFF P.C.ALLIEU B.
68. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
69. HON.SOLOKU EDWARD A.
70. HON.SORIBA DAVID G.
71. HON.SORIE IBRAHIM
72. HON.DR.TEAMBO MATTHEW M.T.
73. HON.THULLAH ALHAJI Y.
74. HON.TOMMY EMMANUEL W.
75. HON.TOMMY HENRY E.
76. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
77. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA
78. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.
79. HON.YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.

II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BENYA V P.C. MOHAMED DHAFFIE
2. HON.BOYAH KES
3. HON.DARAMY ALHAJI A.O.
4. HON.JONES RAYMOND M.
5. HON.DR.KAMANDA MOURIE B.
6. KAMARA ALIMAMY A.
7. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
8. HON.KAMARA KOYA KALLA
9. HON.KAMARA MOMORIE MADUSU
10. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.

11. HON.KAMARA PHILIPSON H.
12. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
13. HON.MACARTHY SAM-MAY L.
14. HON.MAC-BAILEY ALBERT
15. HON.MUNU ALLIEU BADDARA K.
16. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.

III. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent with Excuse:

1. HON.ALPHA-LAVALIE ELIZABETH T.
2. HON.FALEY ROBIN E.S.
3. HON.FORNAH MABINTY
4. HON.FOYAH ALICE M.
5. HON.JALLOH MARIE M.
6. HON.JUMU ERIC B.
7. HON.KANU KHALIL MOHAMED
8. HON.KARGBO SUFIAN M.
9. HON.KASANGA II P.C.BAI SEBORA
10. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
11. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
12. HON.DR.LAHAI BERNADETTE
13. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH
14. HON.MOIJUEH EMILIE SAFULA
15. HON.MUSTAPHA JOSEPH A.
16. HON.MYERS BINTU
17. HON.ROGERS FRANCESS
18. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C.BAI BUREH
19. HON.SANKA III P.C.BAI KURR KANAGBARO
20. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN
21. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
22. HON.SUWU THERESA
23. HON.TARAWALLIE MOHAMED A.
24. HON.TONDONEH PHILIP TETEMA
25. HON.TURAY SALAMATU
26. HON.REV.YANSANEH MARIE
27. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO

IV. PRAYERS: The Clerk of Parliament read the prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (S.O) 5(2).

Standing Order 5 (2) was suspended on a motion moved by Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu, the Chief Whip and seconded by Hon. Alhaji Buya Kamara so that the business of the House will continue.

V. CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTING OF PARLIAMENT HELD ON THURSDAY 24thMARCH,2011:

The Votes and Proceedings record (No.40/2010/2011) of Thursday 24thMarch,2011 was adopted by the House following a motion moved by Hon.Thomas I.Mansaray and seconded by the Deputy Speaker of Parliament,Hon.Victor C.Johnson.

VI. BILL :

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The Minister of Health and Sanitation,Mrs.Zainab H.Bangura introduced and read the Bill entitled “ **THE SIERRA LEONE HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSION ACT,2011** “

Mr.Speaker put the question and the motion was carried by the House.

SECOND READING PASSAGE.

At the Second Reading passage of the Bill the Minister of Health and Sanitation, moved that the Bill entitled “ **THE SIERRA LEONE HEALTH SERVICE ACT,2011, ‘ being an Act to provide for the establishment of the Sierra Leone Health Service Commission to assist the Ministry responsible for health in the delivery of affordable healthcare services to the people of Sierra Leone and for other related matters ‘** “

DEBATES ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE BILL.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament contributed to the debate on the general principles of the Bill during the second reading passage :

1. Hon. Tamba E.Kaigbanja
2. Hon. Dr. Moses Sesay
3. Hon. Ansumana Kai Kai
4. Hon. Moinina Conteh
5. Hon. Dr. Matthew Teambo
6. Hon. P.C.Jeremiah Sinnah-Yovonie Kangova II
7. Hon. Ibrahim R.Bundu – Chief Whip
8. Hon. Momoh Pujeh – Minority Leader
9. Hon. Sheku B.B.Dumbuya – Majority Leader

RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

The Minister responded to several comments made by Honourable Members on the generality of the Bill during the Second Reading.

She further informed the House that over the years, the problems in the health sector had been compounded among other factors by :

1. The acute shortage of health professionals at all levels of the cadre;
2. Bureaucracy attached to the recruitment process of health workers by the Human Resource Management Office; and
3. The failure to attract and retain trained and qualified health professionals.

She highlighted some of the benefits that Sierra Leoneans are likely to derive from the establishment of the Health Service Commission as follows :

- (a) Improved accessibility and affordability of health services;
- (b) Improved the quality of health service delivery system for all;
- (c) Capacity building of health institutions;
- (d) Improved conditions of service ;
- (e) Effective monitoring of health service delivery system; and
- (f) The need to reconstitute “ **THE HOSPITAL BOARDS** “ to make them effective;

The Minister further observed that, with the establishment of the Health Service Commission by an Act of Parliament, the priorities of the Ministry would be to formulate policies relating to;

1. Human Resource Management and Planning;
2. Distribution of drugs and other medical supplies to Government Hospitals and the Peripheral Health Units;
3. Records and Health Information Management system;
4. Health Care financing;
5. Public Health Education on Environmental Sanitation ; and
6. The coordination and monitoring of Regulatory bodies within the health care system.

COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

The following provisions of the Bill were amended during the consideration of the Bill at the Committee of the Whole House.

DATE OF PUBLICATION.

Hon. Chernor R.M.Bah moved a motion for the amendment of the date of publication on the Bill read as 2011, instead of 2010. The motion was seconded by Hon. Hassan B.Sheriff.

LONG TITLE.

The long title of the Bill was amended on a motion moved by Hon. Chernor R.M.Bah, by deleting the word “**services**” at the beginning of the last sentence to read as follows : “ **Being an Act to provide for the establishment of the Sierra Leone Health Service Commission to assist the Ministry responsible for health in the delivery of affordable and improved health to the people of Sierra Leone and for other related matters**”.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT OF SIERRA LEONE HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSION

PART II, CLAUSE 3 (1) to 4 sub-clause (2) – were moved by the Minister to stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker put the question and the motion was carried by the House.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (S.O) 5(2).

At 12:00 noon, Standing Order 5 (2) was suspended on a motion moved by the Chief Whip, Hon. Ibrahim R.Bundu and seconded by Hon. Julius Nye Cuffie for the business of the House to continue.

CONTINUATION OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

The Minority Leader, Hon. Momoh Pujeh drew the attention of the House to the inconsistency in the provisions of certain Legislations relating to the fixing of remuneration of members of various Commissions i.e. “**THE CHILD RIGHTS ACT, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PRIVATIZATION ACT, THE TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION ACT**”,. Remunerations for members of Commissions *established by Acts of Parliament* should be subject to the approval of Parliament.

In view of the above, Clause 5 (Remuneration of members of Commission) was amended to read thus:

“ 5. The Chairman and other members of the Commission shall be paid fees or allowances as may be fixed by the Commission subject to the approval of Parliament”.

Mr. Speaker put the question and the motion was carried by the House

The Minister further moved that Clause 6 (1) (Meetings of Commission) to CLAUSE 9 (2) (h) to stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker put the question and the motion was carried by the House.

PART III – CLAUSE 10 (1) to sub-clause (3) (d) were moved by the Minister to stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker put the question and the motion was carried by the House.

PART V CLAUSES 15 to 16 were moved by the Minister to stand part of the Bill. The motion was carried by the House.

REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING.

The House resumed and the Minister reported to the House as follows :

That the Bill entitled **‘THE SIERRA LEONE HEALTH SERVICE ACT,2011’** having gone through the Committee of the Whole House with some amendments be read the third time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker put the question and the motion for the passage of the Bill into law was carried by the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were made by the Principal Clerk of Committees:

1. There will be a meeting of the Committee on Transport and Aviation in Committee Room 1, Parliament Building immediately after sitting.

1. The Minority Leader, Hon. Momoh Pujeh announced there will be a short meeting of the following Chairmen of Committees in his Office immediately after sitting.

1. Chairman – Public Accounts Committee
2. “ - Finance Committee
3. “ - Local Government and Rural Development
4. “ - Agriculture and Food Security
5. “ - Trade and Industry

6. “ - Health and Sanitation
7. “ - Labour and Industrial Relations
8. “ - Marine Resources
9. “ - Energy and Water Resource
10. “ - Privileges Committee.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 2:00 P.M.

