



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

NO.35/2010/2011

THURSDAY

3RD 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.ALPHA-LAVALIE ELIZABETH T.
2. HON.BABONJO EMMANUEL T.
3. HON.BAH CHERNOR R.M.
4. HON.BANGURA BENNEH
5. HON.BANGURA KANDE C.
6. HON.BANYA IV P.C.MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
7. HON.BENYA V P.C. MOHAMED DHAFFIE
8. HON.BETTS-PRIDY MANIE
9. HON.BOYAH KES
10. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
11. HON.CONTEH DAVID B.
12. HON.CONTEH KONDEH YAPOH

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

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

95. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA
96. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.
97. HON.TURAY SALAMATU
98. HON.REV.YANSANEH MARIE
99. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO

II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
2. HON.CONTEH MOININA
3. HON.BUMBUYA DAUDA
4. HON.HINDOWA V P.C. BINDI SAMBA
5. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.
6. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
7. KAMARA ALIMAMY A.
8. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
9. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.
10. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
11. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.
12. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH
13. HON.MUNU ALLIEU BADDARA K.
14. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.
15. HON.SESAY DAVID A.

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

1. HON.BANNISTER MALCOLM S.
2. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
3. HON.KASANGA II P.C.BAI SEBORA
4. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
5. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
6. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C.BAI BUREH
7. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN
8. HON.YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.

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

V. CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTING OF PARLIAMENT HELD ON TUESDAY 1STMARCH,2011:

Hon.Manie Betts-Priddy moved a motion for the adoption of the Votes and Proceedings of March 1st; 2011.It was seconded by Hon.Mohamed A.Tarawallie, and was unanimously accepted by the House.

VI. LAYING OF PAPERS:

(A) The Minister of Public Affairs

1. The Commission of Inquiry (The Hanci-Maps Adoption) Notice,2010

The Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No.6 of 1991)

Statutory Instrument No.16 of 2010

2. Annual Report of the National Electoral Commission for the Year 2010

Laid by the Minister of Public Affairs - Mr. Alpha Kanu

(B) The Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Loan Agreement between the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development and the Republic of Sierra Leone for the Partial Financing of the Implementation of the Solar Street Light Project in Freetown and 13 Municipalities in the Republic of Sierra Leone

Laid by the Majority Party Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon.Sheku B.B.Dumbuya on behalf of the Minister.

VII. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE:

Hon.S.B.B.Dumbuya read the Report on the following under mentioned Presidential Nominee, - Mr. Cecil E.O.Coker – (Rept.Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sierra Leone) – Proposed Member, Corporate Affairs Commission with slight amendment. He was seconded by Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu. The motion was unanimously carried.

THE SPEAKER CONGRATULATED THE NOMINEE.

VIII. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE MOTION OF HON.EMMANUEL W.TOMMY,TO THROW OUT OF PARLIAMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF H.E.THE PRESIDENT IN RESPECT OF THE RETIREMENT GRATUITY OF MR.V.T.COLLIER,FORMER ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSIONER BY HON.M.SUFIAN HARGBO – CHAIRMAN,SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

Hon.M.Sufian Kargbo, Chairman of the Committee read and moved the motion for the adoption of the report. He was seconded by Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu. The Chairman resumed his seat on a Counter Motion moved by Hon.Tamba E.Kaigbanja.

COUNTER MOTION BY HON.TAMBA E.KAIGBANJA

Be it Resolved:

That the report of the Special Select Committee to look into the motion of Hon. Emmanuel W.Tommy to throw out of Parliament the recommendations of H.E.the President in respect of the retirement Gratuity of Mr.V.T.Collier,former Anti-Corruption Commissioner by Hon.M.Sufian Kargbo – Chairman, Special Select Committee

Be not accepted by this Honourable House. He was seconded by Hon.Dr.Bernadette Lahai

THERE WERE TWO MOTIONS ON THE FLOOR

First motion by Hon.M.Sufian Kargbo for the report to be adopted and the Second by Hon.Tamba E.Kaigbanja for the report to be rejected.

QUESTION PUT FOR VOTE

The question was resolved unanimously in favour of the adoption of the report.

At that juncture, Hon.Tamba E.Kaigbanja who was not satisfied with the motion stood on Standing Order (S.O) 71(1) which deals with the appointment of Special Select Committees. He maintained that Members of the Special Select Committee mentioned in the report were not appointed by the House and therefore had no “Locus Standing” and therefore asked for the imposition of a temporary injunction on the report.

A point of Order was then raised by Hon.Momoh Pujeh, Minority Party Leader, that the motion before the House was for debate on the report and, sought the concurrence

of the Majority Party Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya, indicating that the motion was not properly presented to the House.

Hon. Tamba E. Kaigbanja was allowed to take the floor on another point of Order, explaining that they, who proposed and seconded the motion, were not invited or summoned to the meeting of the Special Select Committee. He insisted that they had a right to be heard. In the light of the foregoing the Honourable Member referred Members to Standing Order (S.O) 73(3) and 76 (3 and 4) respectively, and stated that no minutes were attached to the report.

This led the Speaker to enquire from the Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. M. Sufian Kargbo about the contents on page 5 in the report. The Honourable Member replied that page 5 contained the minutes circulated with the report to all Members.

Hon. Tamba E. Kaigbanja however, cautioned that minutes should be done in the proper format including date, time and place which were also missing.

The following Honourable Members contributed to the debate on the issue

1. Mr. Speaker - Hon. Justice Abel N. B. Stronge
2. Hon. Sheku B. B. Dumbuya
3. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
4. Hon. Momoh Pujeh
5. Hon. Mohamed A. Tarawallie
6. Hon. Elizabeth Alpha-Lavalie

It was agreed that the Heading on page 5 of the report be amended by the Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. M. Sufian Kargbo to read as follows:

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

The Heading on page 5 of the report was consequently deleted.

In spite of the amendment made on page 5 of the report, the issue of the minutes not properly presented to the House could not be easily resolved

DECLARATION OF MR. SPEAKER:

Since the amended minute did not contain date, place and time, and that the motion was not properly presented before the House, the Speaker ruled that further debate on this matter be adjourned to give time to the Committee to make corrections and advised that reports submitted to Parliament must be thoroughly done, in order to maintain the dignity and status of Parliament.

At that point, the Speaker requested the Clerk of Parliament and the Leaders to see him in his Office immediately after sitting.

ADOPTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2011:

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu moved a motion for the adoption of the Parliamentary Calendar for the year 2011. He was seconded by Hon. Thomas I. Mansaray and was unanimously accepted by Members of Parliament.

STANDING ORDER(S.O) 23 BY HON. ROBIN FALEY

The Honourable Member brought to the floor two related issues

1. Commitment on improving quality Education for the girl child between the ages of 18 and 19 years. That some Members of Parliament had done extremely well in improving the girl child Education and went on to say that money had been appropriated in that direction, but for two years now, implementation of this project had been a fiasco.

Mr. Speaker advised that the matter be referred to the appropriate Parliamentary Sub-Committee or summon the Minister of Education to explain under Parliamentary questioning.

2. That 50% of the budgetary allocation to WAEC was yet to be given to that Council. The Member of Parliament was similarly advised to summon the Minister of Education on that matter

STANDING ORDER (S.O) 23 BY HON. DR. BERNADETTE LAHAI

The Honourable Member disclosed that few weeks ago, a group of Members of Parliament from Sierra Leone went to Liberia to attend a meeting and that, they were impressed by the warm hospitality accorded them by the Sierra Leone Ambassador to Liberia, Mrs. Bernette.

The Honourable Member reported that they were taken to the Sierra Leone Embassy in Liberia which had been beautifully rehabilitated in preparation for the 50th anniversary celebrations. She added that the Ambassador pleaded with the Sierra Leone Government through the visiting Members of Parliament, for supplementary budgetary allocation to assist in the preparation for the celebrations, so that Sierra Leoneans in Liberia would not be left behind in participating in the 50th anniversary celebrations. She added that the Sierra Leone Embassy in Liberia should reflect, market and represent Sierra Leoneans and appealed to the Government to assist in allocating additional money for the smooth running of the Embassy.

In support of that request, the Speaker instructed that the matter be sent to the Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee and further informed the House that him and the Clerk of Parliament were in Liberia sometime ago and were well treated by the same Ambassador, and added that he will definitely facilitate the process to make this request a practical reality.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Majority Party Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya made the following announcements.

That the following Bills and Agreements are expected to come up on Tuesday, 8th March, 2011

1. The Disability Bill.
2. The Freedom of Information Bill.
3. The ECOWAS Agreement.
4. Debate on reference Bill and a Pre-Legislative hearing on Monday 7th March, 2011 in Committee Room 1 at 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERK

1. Members of the Finance Committee were requested to meet immediately after sitting in Committee Room 1
2. Members of the Committee on Defence and Presidential Affairs were invited to attend a very important meeting in Committee Room 1 at 2:00 p.m. to deliberate on Disability Persons and those Wounded in Action
3. Members of Parliament and other interested personalities were requested to join the people of Lungi in the Kaffu Bullom Chiefdom to welcome the son and brother, the Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya, Leader of the Majority Party and Leader of Government Business on Sunday, 6th March, 2011
4. Members of the Committee on Lands and the Environment were requested to meet at 2:00 p.m. after sitting in Committee Room 1.

5. Members of the Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Energy and Water Resources were requested to meet immediately after sitting in Committee Room 2

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 11:15 A.M.