



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

NO.42/2010/2011

THURSDAY

31ST 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.BANNISTER MALCOLM S.
7. HON.BANYA IV P.C.MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
8. HON.BENYA V P.C. MOHAMED DHAFFIE
9. HON.BETTS-PRIDY MANIE
10. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
11. HON.CONTEH DAVID B.
12. HON.CONTEH KONDEH YAPOH
13. HON.CONTEH MOININA

14. HON.CUFFIE JULIUS NYE
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.FORNAH MABINTY
21. HON.HALLOWELL LLOYD MAGNUS
22. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
23. HON.HINDOWA V P.C. BINDI SAMBA
24. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
25. HON.KAIGBANJA TAMBA E.
26. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.
27. HON.KALAWA CHARLES H.
28. HON.KAMARA ABDUL R.
29. HON.KAMARA ALHAJI BUYA
30. HON.KAMARA ALIMAMY A.
31. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
32. HON.KAMARA PAUL
33. HON.KAMARA PHILIPSON H.
34. HON.KANU AMADU
35. HON.KARGBO KEWULAY M.
36. HON.KARGBO SUFIAN M.
37. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
38. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
39. HON.KOEDYOYOMA KOMBA E.
40. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
41. HON.KONDEH DANDA M.
42. HON.KONTEH ABU
43. HON.KOROMA ABU B.
44. HON.KOROMA ISATU G.
45. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
46. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.
47. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH
48. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
49. HON.MAC-BAILEY ALBERT
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.MOIJUEH EMILIE SAFULA
56. HON.MOMOH SIAFA J.
57. HON.MUSA JINA JAMES
58. HON.NYUMA MATHEW S.
59. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS
60. HON.PUJEH MOMOH
61. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
62. HON.ROGERS FRANCESS
63. HON.SAM MUSA T.
64. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.
65. HON.SANKA III P.C.BAI KURR KANAGBARO
66. HON.SANKOH ALIE SALIEU
67. HON.SANKOH LEGACY
68. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN
69. HON.SESAY DAVID A.
70. HON.DR.SESAY MOSES M.
71. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
72. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
73. HON.SOLOKU EDWARD A.
74. HON.SORIE IBRAHIM
75. HON.SUWU THERESA
76. HON.TARAWALLIE MOHAMED A.
77. HON.DR.TEAMBO MATTHEW M.T.
78. HON.THULLAH ALHAJI Y.
79. HON.TOMMY EMMANUEL W.
80. HON.TOMMY HENRY E.
81. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
82. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA
83. HON.TURAY SALAMATU
84. HON.REV.YANSANEH MARIE
85. HON.YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.

II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BOYAH KES
2. HON.DARAMY ALHAJI A.O.
3. HON.BUMBUYA DAUDA
4. HON.JONES RAYMOND M.

5. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
6. HON.DR.KAMANDA MOURIE B.
7. HON.KAMARA KOYA KALLA
8. HON.KAMARA MOMORIE MADUSU
9. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.
10. HON.KANGOVA II P.C.JEREMIAH SINNAH-YOVONIE
11. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
12. HON.KING EUSTACE A.
13. HON.KOROMA JACOB I.
14. HON.MACARTHY SAM-MAY L.
15. HON.MUNU ALLIEU BADDARA K.
16. HON.SAMURA UNISA S.
17. HON.SHERIFF P.C.ALLIEU B.
18. HON.SORIBA DAVID G.

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

1. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
2. HON.FALEY ROBIN E.S.
3. HON.FOYAH ALICE M.
4. HON.JALLOH MARIE M.
5. HON.JOHNSON VICTOR C.
6. HON.JUMU ERIC B.
7. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
8. HON.KANU KHALIL MOHAMED
9. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
10. HON.KASANGA II P.C.BAI SEBORA
11. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
12. HON.KOWA EMMA
13. HON.DR.LAHAI BERNADETTE
14. HON.MUSTAPHA JOSEPH A.
15. HON.MYERS BINTU
16. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C.BAI BUREH
17. HON.SANKA III P.C.BAI KURR KANAGBARO
18. HON.TONDONEH PHILIP TETEMA
19. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.
20. 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 invoked on a motion moved by Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu, the Chief Whip and seconded by Hon. Kewulay M.Kargbo so that the business of the House would continue.

V. CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTING OF PARLIAMENT HELD ON TUESDAY 29thMARCH,2011:

During the consideration of the record of the Votes and Proceedings (No.41/2010/2011) of Tuesday 29thMarch,2011,Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu and Hon. Charles H.Kalawa drew the attention of Mr. Speaker to some mistakes on page 7 of the Votes and Proceedings. The first relates to **CLAUSE 3 (1)** in which the Hon.Ibrahim R.Bundu pointed out that the motion moved by him was not seconded by any Member of Parliament and therefore,the clause quoted by the Clerk on page 7 of the Votes and Proceedings should be deleted. The second error highlighted by Hon. Charles H.Kalawa relates to a typographical error on the same page. The word **“be”** was omitted in between the words **“may”** and **“fixed”** in the sentence cited below to read as follows:

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

In view of the above,Mr.Speaker ruled that the Votes and Proceedings (No.40/2010/2011) of Tuesday 29thMarch,2011 be withdrawn so that the Office of the Clerk of Parliament would make necessary corrections before its presentation to the House for adoption.

VI. LAYING OF PAPERS.

Chairman, Parliamentary Finance Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee (Fourth Session 2010/2011) on the proposed Terms and Conditions of service attached to the positions of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission presented for the attention of Parliament.

The Minority Leader, Hon.Momoh Pujeh, observed that the memorandum relating to the matter was addressed to the Clerk of Parliament with a copy extended to the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Therefore, in his view, it was improper for the Chairman to lay such document on the Table of the House.

The Leader of the House and Leader of Government business, Hon. Sheku B.B.Dumbuya recommended to the House that the matter be deferred to a later date for consideration by the House. He further observed that in view of the fact that the Minister of Finance and

Economic Development did not inform him of the document to be laid by him, he was not in a position to lay that paper on his behalf.

In view of the above, Mr. Speaker further ruled that the Report of the Finance Committee relating to the approval of the Terms and Conditions of the Commissioner and his Deputy be withdrawn.

VII. BILL :

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Local Courts Act, 2011

SECOND READING, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Local Courts Act, 2011

Hon. Legacy Sankoh moved a motion that the debate on **“THE LOCAL COURTS ACT, 2011”** be deferred due to the fact that Honorable Members received copies of the parent Act i.e. **“THE LOCAL COURTS ACT OF 1963”** twenty minutes before the commencement of the plenary sitting. The motion was seconded by Hon. Moinina Conteh.

The Leader of the House and Leader of Government business noted that the motion was Pre-mature.

He further observed among other things that:

1. At the Pre-Legislative hearing on the Legislative proposal, it was agreed that copies of the parent Act should be made available to Members of Parliament before the commencement of the debate on the Bill.
2. The parent Act is an appendage to the Bill before the House.

Against this background, Hon. Sheku B.B. Dumbuya moved a counter motion that the House should proceed with the debate on the Bill. The motion was seconded by Hon. Julius Nye Cuffie.

MR. SPEAKER’S RULING.

In view of the two motions put before the House, Mr. Speaker ruled that Honourable Members should vote on the issue by show of hands either in favour of the motion or against it.

The results of the voting were announced by Mr. Speaker as follows:

ALL IN FAVOUR - 34 VOTES

ALL AGAINST - 20 VOTES.

Consequently, the debate on **“THE LOCAL COURTS ACTS, 2011”** was deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

1. There will be a meeting of Honourable Members of the Sierra Leone – Israeli Allies Caucus on Thursday 31st March, 2011 in Committee Room 3 immediately after sitting.
2. The Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights will meet on Thursday 31st March, 2011 after sitting in the State Hall of Parliament.
3. The Committee on Transport and Communications will meet on Thursday 31st March, 2011 in Committee Room 1, Parliament Building at 1:00 p.m.

The Honourable Speaker of Parliament announced that there would be an emergency meeting of the Parliamentary Service Commission in the Conference Room, Parliament Building at 11:00 a.m.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 10:45 A.M.