



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

NO.43/2010/2011

TUESDAY

5TH APRIL, 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.BOYAH KES
11. HON.BUNDU IBRAHIM R.
12. HON.CONTEH DAVID B.

13. HON.CONTEH KONDEH YAPOH
14. HON.CONTEH MOININA
15. HON.CUFFIE JULIUS NYE
16. HON.DUMBUYA DAUDA
17. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU B.B.
18. HON.DUMBUYA SHEKU GIBRIL
19. HON.FASULUKU SAHR N.
20. HON.FEIKA SOLOMON W.
21. HON.FENGAI P.C.KAIMACHENDE S.K.
22. HON.FORNAH MABINTY
23. HON.FOYAH ALICE M.
24. HON.HALLOWELL LLOYD MAGNUS
25. HON.HINDOWA V P.C. BINDI SAMBA
26. HON.JOHNSON VICTOR C.
27. HON.JONES RAYMOND M.
28. HON.KAIKAI ANSUMANA JAIA
29. HON.KAIGBANJA TAMBA E.
30. HON.KAISAMBA JAMES A.
31. HON.KALAWA CHARLES H.
32. HON.KAMANDA CLAUDE D.M.
33. HON.DR.KAMANDA MOURIE B.
34. HON.KAMARA ABDUL R.
35. HON.KAMARA ALHAJI BUYA
36. HON.KAMARA KOYA KALLA
37. HON.KAMARA MORLAI B.S.
38. HON.KAMARA PHILIPSON H.
39. HON.KANGOVA II P.C.JEREMIAH SINNAH-YOVONIE
40. HON.KANU AMADU
41. HON.KARGBO ALIMAMY G.
42. HON.KARGBO KEWULAY M.
43. HON.KARGBO SUFIAN M.
44. HON.KING EUSTACE A.
45. HON.KOEDYOYOMA KOMBA E.
46. HON.KOMBE-BUNDU FLORENCE
47. HON.KONDEH DANDA M.
48. HON.KONTEH ABU
49. HON.KOROMA ABU B.
50. HON.KOROMA ISATU G.
51. HON.KOROMA JACOB I.
52. HON.KOWA EMMA

53. HON.KPOSOWA FRANK
54. HON.DR.LAHAI BERNADETTE
55. HON.LAVALIE JOLLY-BOY M.
56. HON.LEBBIE NENNEH
57. HON.MAC-BAILEY ALBERT
58. HON.MANSARAY JUSUFU B.
59. HON.MASSAQUOI ALOYSIUS M.K.
60. HON.MOIJUEH EMILIE SAFULA
61. HON.MOMOH SIAFA J.
62. HON.MUSA JINA JAMES
63. HON.MUSTAPHA JOSEPH A.
64. HON.MYERS BINTU
65. HON.NYUMA MATHEW S.
66. HON.OSHO-WILLIAMS BLISS
67. HON.ROGERS FRANCESSE
68. HON.SALLU-LUGBU II P.C.BAI BUREH
69. HON.SAM MUSA T.
70. HON.SAMURA UNISA S.
71. HON.SANKOH ALIE SALIEU
72. HON.SANKOH LEGACY
73. HON.SANKOH YILLAH NURU DEEN
74. HON.SESAY DAVID A.
75. HON.DR.SESAY MOSES M.
76. HON.SESAY VERONICA K.
77. HON.SHERIFF P.C.ALLIEU B.
78. HON.SISAY SULAIMAN M.
79. HON.SOLOKU EDWARD A.
80. HON.SORIBA DAVID G.
81. HON.SORIE IBRAHIM
82. HON.SUWU THERESA
83. HON.TARAWALLIE MOHAMED A.
84. HON.THULLAH ALHAJI Y.
85. HON.TOMMY EMMANUEL W.
86. HON.TOMMY HENRY E.
87. HON.TORTO AUGUSTINE B.
88. HON.TURAY ALLIEU BADARA
89. HON.TURAY ALIMAMY C.
90. HON.REV.YANSANEH MARIE

II. The following Honourable Members of Parliament were absent:

1. HON.BANYA IV P.C.MOHAMED SAMA KAILONDO
2. HON.DARAMY ALHAJI A.O.
1. HON.KALLON MARCUS B.
2. HON.KAMARA ALIMAMY A.
3. HON.KAMARA KOMBOR
4. HON.KAMARA MOMORIE MADUSU
5. HON.KAMARA PAUL
6. HON.KARGBO PATRICK L.M.
7. HON.KEBBIE P.C.BRIMA VICTOR SIDI
8. HON.KEMOKAI LANSANA I.
9. HON.LEWALLY ALPHA BABATUNDE
10. HON.MACARTHY SAM-MAY L.
11. HON.MARAH III P.C.ALIE BALANSAMA
12. HON.MUNU ALLIEU BADDARA K.
13. HON.PUJEH MOMOH
14. HON.RADDAR HENNEH HASSAN
15. HON.SAMA SHIAKA M.
16. HON.DR.TEAMBO MATTHEW M.T.

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

1. HON.BANGURA IBRAHIM M.
2. HON.FALEY ROBIN E.S.
3. HON.HASSAN SHERIFF B.
4. HON.JALLOH MARIE M.
5. HON.JUMU ERIC B.
6. HON.KANU KHALIL MOHAMED
7. HON.KASANGA II P.C.BAI SEBORA
8. HON.KONUWA FRANCIS A.
9. HON.MANLY-SPAIN AJIBOLA EMANUEL
10. HON.MANSARAY THOMAS I.
11. HON.SANKA III P.C.BAI KURR KANAGBARO
12. HON.TONDONEH PHILIP TETEMA
13. HON.TURAY SALAMATU
14. Hon. YEK ALHAJI BAI SHEBORA II P.C.
15. HON.YOKIE FODAY RADO

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

STATEMENT BY MR.SPEAKER.

Before the commencement of the business of the House, Mr. Speaker demanded an explanation from the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (S.L.B.C) camera men responsible for the coverage of the sittings of the House for their absence in the sitting of the 31stMarch,2011.The officers explained with apologies.The Speaker then warned them that in the future they should ensure that they report for duty on time and to be punctual.

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 was seconded by Hon. Kewulay M.Kargbo so that the business of the House will continue.

V. CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT HELD ON TUESDAY 29th AND THURSDAY 31STMARCH,2011:

The Correction and adoption of the records of Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31stMarch, 2011, was deferred due to late printing and distribution to Honorable Members.

VI. LAYING OF PAPERS.

(A) The Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Project Financing Agreement (Rehabilitation and Community-Based Poverty Reduction Project) between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Fund for Agricultural Development,dated 20thFebruary 2004, restated as of 26thJanuary,2011.

Laid by the Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Development – Mr. Momodu Kargbo.

(B) The Minister of Trade and Industry

Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Goldtree (S.L.) Limited and Goldtree Holdings.

Laid by the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry – Miss. Mabinty Daramy

VII. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Proposer: Hon. S.B.B.Dumbuya

Seconder : Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu

Be it Resolved :

That the Seventh Report of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

The Presidential Nominees were as follows :

- (1) Maj.Gen.(Rtd) M.S.Tarawalli - Chairman,Advisory Committee,Sierra Leone National Commission on Small Arms.
- (2) P.C John G. Russell Nyama - Member, advisory Council, National drug law Enforcement Agency [abeyance]
- (3) Mr. Osman M.Conteh - Member,Corporate Affairs Commission.
- (4) Mr. Solomon A.J.Jamiru - Member,Sierra Leone Insurance Commission.

The following Honourable Members of Parliament contributed to the debate on the motion

- 1. Hon. Ansumana J. Kai Kai
- 2. Hon. S.B.B Dumbuya
- 3. Hon. Abdul R. Kamara
- 4. Hon. Danda M. Kondeh
- 5. Hon. Kondeh Yapoh Conteh
- 6. Hon. Elizabeth Alpha Lavalie
- 7. Hon. Emmanuel W. Tommy

STANDING ORDER 27 [AMENDMENT OF A MOTION]

In his contribution,the Hon.Ansumana J.Kai Kai stood on Standing Order 27,and moved that the ratification of the nomination of P.C John J. Russell Nyama, as member of Advisory Council, National drug law Enforcement Agency, be held in abeyance due to the ongoing criminal investigation against him by the Police. He was seconded by Hon. Aloysius M.K Massaquoi.

However the opinion of the Majority Party Leader and Government business was that the matter had already been brought up in the Committee of Appointment and the Public Service during its last sitting, but the Hon. Member failed to substantiate his allegation and there was no need to bring this matter again in the well of Parliament.

DECLARATION OF MR. SPEAKER

In the light of the foregoing, the Speaker was of the view that no harm will be done with the ratification of the position of the Presidential nominee if the matter is put in abeyance.He therefore deferred the matter to subsequent sitting.

The Motion was ratified with the exception of P.C John Russell Nyama- Member Advisory Council National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

The Speaker congratulated and admonished the Nominees to serve diligently in their respective duties

VIII. BILL :

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Local Courts Act, 2011

The Bill was read the first time and was unanimously accepted.

SECOND READING, COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING.

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice

The Local Courts Act, 2011

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice – Mr. Franklyn Bai Kargbo and the following Honourable Members contributed to the debate.

- (1) Minister – Mr.Franklyn Bai Kargbo;
- (2) Hon. P.C. Jeremiah Sinnah-Yovonie Kangova II;
- (3) Hon.Ibrahim Sorie;
- (4) Hon.Siafa J.Momoh;
- (5) Hon.P.C.Mohamed Dhaffie Benya V.

Hon. Kondeh Y.Conteh moved the suspension of Standing Order (S.O) 5 (2) at 12:00 p.m,and was seconded by Hon.Charles H.Kalawa. The motion was unanimously accepted.

CONTINUED DEBATE

- (6) Hon.P.C.Bindi Samba Hindowa;
- (7) Hon.Legacy Sankoh;
- (8) Hon.Moinina Conteh;
- (9) Hon.Kondeh Y.Conteh;
- (10)Hon.Jusufu B.Mansaray;
- (11)Hon.Alimamy C.Turay;
- (12)Hon.Amadu Kanu;
- (13)Hon.Dr.Bernadette Lahai.

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice responded to various issues raised and moved for the Second Reading of the Bill.

The Bill was read the Second Time and was unanimously accepted at that stage.

Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy – Standing Order (S.O) 51 (1) moved that the Bill be committed to the Legislative Committee for further scrutiny. He was seconded by Hon. Eric Koedoyoma. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The Bill was committed to the Legislative Committee

STANDING ORDER (S.O) 23

1. Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy : The Honourable Member observed that the ongoing Lumley – Torkeh Road Construction is progressing very slowly and requested that the Minister of Works be invited to Parliament to explain the status or progress made so far on that road.
2. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu : Brought up for the second time ,the matter relating to carrying young babies on motor bikes (Okadas) which he considered to be very dangerous. He disclosed that he had witnessed several accidents in the Provinces wherein motor bike riders abandoned their victims and dodged away from police arrest.

The Honourable Member requested that both the Minister of Transport and Aviation and the Inspector of Police be invited to Parliament to seek a remedy on this matter.

3. Hon. Moinina Conteh : The Honourable Member wanted to know the plans that have been put in place by the 50th Anniversary Committee with regards to the participation of the School Children, Teachers, and Young men since no sign of the observance of the celebration was visible beyond Waterloo.
4. Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda: The Honourable Member wanted to know what plans Parliament has made towards the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The Speaker at that juncture, disclosed that at the last meeting of the Parliamentary Service Commission (P.S.C), it was decided that Members of the 50th Anniversary Committee be invited to meet with the P.S.C to address the issues raised by both Hon. Moinina Conteh and Hon. Claude D.M. Kamanda.

5. Hon. Manie Betts-Priddy: That the National Flag be respected and the mnemonics “AWOL” should not be inserted on it.

Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah replied that the mnemonics “AWOL” were not actually inscribed on the flag, but were printed on a separate white cloth.

6. Hon. Benneh Bangura : That Standing Order (S.O) 23 should not be controversial.

7. Hon.Dr.Moses Sesay: – Disclosed that about 9 out of 25 houses got burnt down in his Constituency. It was a severe blow to the inhabitants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were made by the Senior Assistant Clerk:

1. Members of the Human Rights Committee were invited to a meeting in Committee Room 1, immediately after sitting to examine and investigate complaints on abuses and violations of rights reported to the Committee.
2. Members of the Internal Affairs Committee were invited to a meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 1.
3. Members of Parliament from Bo District were requested to attend a meeting at the Members' Lounge immediately after sitting.
1. All Members of Parliament were informed that at its sitting of Thursday 24th March, 2011, the Parliamentary Service Commission adopted the formation of a Committee to authorise the participation of Members of Parliament and Staff to Oversee Seminars, Conferences and Meetings.
2. Members of the Committee on Local Government and Rural Development were requested to meet, in Committee Room 2 , immediately after sitting.
3. Members of the Finance Committee were invited to a meeting in Committee Room 1 immediately after sitting.
4. Members of the Female Parliamentary Caucus and Associates were requested to meet in Committee Room 2, immediately after sitting.
5. Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security were requested to attend a very important meeting in Committee Room 2 ,meeting immediately after sitting
6. All Tonkolili District Members of Parliament were invited to a meeting immediately after sitting.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 1:40 P.M