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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the third edition of the Legislative Digest (LD). It considers findings from monitoring of the 55th Legislature of Liberia. The Digest generally aims to foster "Legislative Openness, Responsiveness, and Accountability" in Liberia. The two previous editions presented findings on the number of activities conducted under the core functions of the 54th Legislature during the period 2018 – 2022.

Between January and July, 2024, the House and Senate performed their three critical functions of lawmaking, oversight, and representation. In performing these roles, either House has to undertake a series of compelling actions. Some include sitting for plenary sessions, enacting laws, confirming of executive officials by the Senate, etc.

The House and Senate combined sittings during the period under review were 73. It passed 12 laws. Senate Chamber statistics show that 893 executive officials were confirmed by the Liberian Senate, etc. There were 34 public hearings held by the House as recorded, with the month of July recording the highest number, 9. The month of January had no hearings. The breakdown is captured in various tables in this document

With the 55th Legislature now seated, it is equally anticipated that the current legislature will embrace and execute crucial reforms. This will be needed to strengthen its institutional capabilities in exercising oversight, promoting inclusion, advancing democracy and accountability.

#### ABOUT NAYMOTE PARTNERS **FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT**

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is a good governance and research institution working to advance the principles of democracy, rule of law, and participatory governance in Liberia. The institution believes that a determined and effective civil society is needed to set the national policy agenda, stimulate sound and healthy grassroots responses to governance issues, and influence the uneven power dynamics that characterize the relationship between Liberia's citizens and government. Since its establishment in 2001 by students' leaders and activists, the institution has initiated several programs to foster political accountability in an effort to make elected leaders more accessible, responsible, and accountable to the electorates; and to build the capacity of local leaders to be more effective in the delivery of essential government services.

The institution, Naymote has played a pivotal role in enhancing Liberia's democratic institutions and empowering citizens to participate actively in governance and has trained some of the most prominent young politicians and civic leaders in Africa.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Naymote Partners for Democratic Development is continuing one of its flagship programs, Legislative Digest. This is a publication that will be produced periodically, with a focus on its annual production. The program assesses the Liberian Legislature's performance of its three core functions of representation, lawmaking, and oversight, as well as accountability and level of transparency. This edition of the digest reports on activities of the legislature for the period January – July 2024. It focuses more on the sittings of the legislature during the period as the outputs in terms of legislative instruments, and engagement with the public through hearings and petitions.

An inclusive, accountable, accessible, and responsive legislature is a pillar of constitutional democracy. Under Liberia's system of constitutional democracy, like in many other democracies, the legislature is responsible for enacting legislation, representing citizens, and overseeing executive policy implementation and performance. In many ways, an effective and responsive government depends on the outputs and quality of legislative decisions. Despite, their crucial roles, not much has been done in recent years to demand accountability from the members of the legislature. Besides electoral periods, citizens have limited opportunities to exact accountability from their elected representatives. This might be partly due to the lack of information and awareness on the roles, functions, and activities of the legislature among citizens; and partly due to the lack of transparency in the workings of the legislature, among other factors.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Like previous Legislative Digests, the Naymote and its collaborating institution, the Legislative Information Service, (LIS) conducted desk reviews, reading newspapers, government publications, national budgets per year, and what others have written about the Legislature.

Secondly, Naymote conducted a Key Informant Interview, (KII) to collect information from several persons from both Houses including staff of lawmakers, lawmakers, and professionals working in the legislature who have firsthand knowledge about the Liberian Legislature.

A study of closed and open-ended questionnaires was administered for the KII, data were collected and analyzed, verifications were made on the information collected and a final report was produced for publication.

#### **FINDINGS**

#### **Gender Composition**

The Liberian Legislature has 103 members, comprising 73 members of the House of Representatives (HOR) and 30 members of the Senate. The HOR consists of 65 males and 8 females, while the Senate consists of 27 males and 3 females.

The gender breakdown is presented in the table and figures below:

Table 1: Gender Composition of the Legislature, 2024

Gender composition of the Legislature as of 2024							
Gender	House of Reps.	Senate	Total				
Male	65	27	92				
Female	8	3	11				
Total	73	30	103				

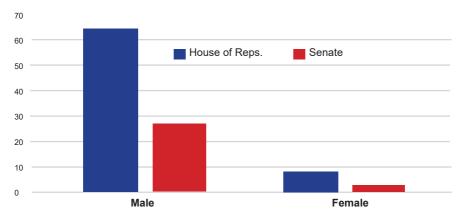


Figure 1: The Legislature

#### Sittings of the Legislature

Sittings are the meetings of the legislature where proposals (for example bills and budgets) are deliberated and decided upon. The two Houses have separate meetings but sometimes meet for joint sittings. Four types of sittings were tracked during the period under review.

- **1. Regular Sitting:** This is the routine plenary sitting/meeting of members of a House (Representatives or Senate) consistent with their rules. Currently, regular sittings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week of a legislative session, save for public holidays falling on those days. Regular sessions are usually open and observed by the press and the public.
- **2. Executive Sitting:** This sitting is held behind closed doorscannot be observed by the press and the public-and is usually meant to discuss sensitive national security and defense matters. These meetings are dubbed by the public-as 'secret' sittings.
- **3. Special Sitting:** This sitting is held outside of the regular/ statutory sitting-which is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **4. Extra Ordinary Sitting:** A sitting that takes place when the legislature adjourns but has to return to perform official duty based on a decision by the lawmakers themselves or by request from the president.

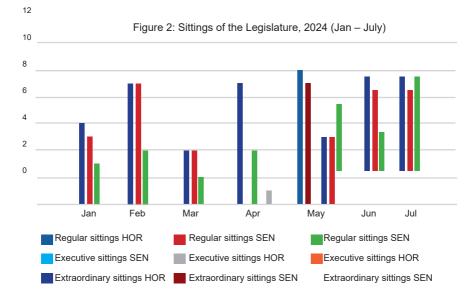
During the period under review, statisticians from both chambers reported [a total] of seventy-three (73) regular sittings. Of this number, there were 38 regular sittings of the House and 35 regular sittings of the Senate. There were 28 executive/secret sittings held by the House, with the Senate holding none.

The period under review records two (2) Special Sessions (Senate 1 and House 1) called for, by the President of Liberia in April. With

regards number of sittings during this session, it is recorded that the House had 10 sittings while the Senate had nine (9). The table and figures below show the number of sittings held at the legislature under each category during the reporting period. In total of 122 sittings were held during the report period.

**Table 2:** Sittings of the Legislature 2024 (Jan – July)

Month	Regu sittin		Exec		Speci sitting		Extraordinary sittings	
	HOR	SEN	HOR	SEN	HOR	SEN	HOR	SEN
Jan	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	9	9	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	4	0	0	0	10	9
May	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
June	7	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
July	7	6	7	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	35	28	0	1	0	10	9
Grand Total	73		28		2			19



Some sittings are by Certificate: A legislative certificate is an instrument that supports additional time for legislative work to continue either because it is about to go on constitutional break or to return. There is no certificated sitting recorded.

#### **Bills and Resolutions**

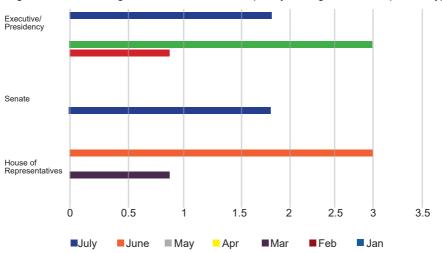
A bill is an instrument/proposal presented to the legislature for enactment into law. These instruments (bills) are presented by an individual lawmaker or group of lawmakers, the president, or any member of the public but through a member of the legislature.

During the period under review, the House of Representatives passed four (4) bills that were concurred with by the Senate. The Senate for its part acted on eight (8) instruments: (3 ratifications, 1 amendment, and 4 enactments). However, the three ratified instruments were not forwarded to the Senate, according to relevant House Chamber staff. Detail statistics including Executive bills will be provided in the Digest at the end of this First Session of the 55th Legislature.

Table 3: Legislative Instruments Acted Upon

<b>Number of Legislative Instruments</b>						
House of Representatives	Senate					
4	5					

Figure 3: Number of Legislative Instruments Acted upon by the Legislature 2024 (Jan - July)



In addition to bills, the legislature also adopts resolutions-a decision reached by the legislature that is not a law that requires presidential approval to make it binding on all.

#### **Public Hearings**

A public hearing is a meeting or session of a Senate, House, joint, or special committee of the legislature, usually opened to the public. It involves obtaining information and opinions on proposed bills, conducting an investigation, or evaluating/overseeing the activities of a Ministry, Agency, or Commission, (MACs). The members of the public are usually invited to speak as experts on issues discussed at public hearings. Between January and July, the House of Representatives conducted 31 public hearings. The Digest could not obtain statistical information on public hearings from the Senate. The below table and figures show the statistics:

**Table 4:** Public Hearings conducted by the legislature, 2024 (Jan – July)

Public Hearings							
Month	House of Representatives	Senate	Joint				
Jan	0	0	0				
Feb	3	0	0				
Mar	4	0	0				
Apr	4	0	0				
May	3	0	0				
June	8	0	0				
July	9	0	0				
Total	31	0	0				

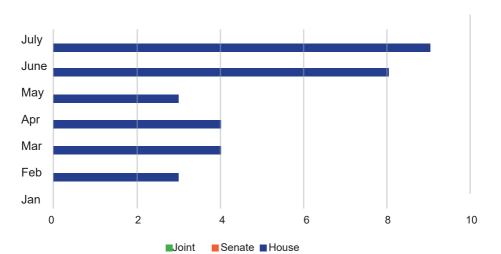


Figure 4: Public Hearings, 2024 (Jan – July)

#### **Petitions Received**

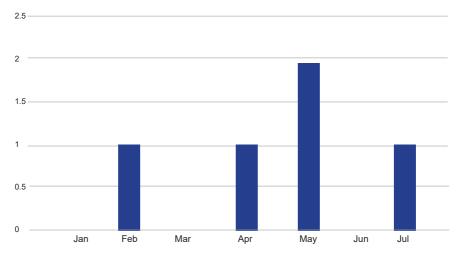
There were five (5) petitions recorded for the period under review as reported by the House of Representatives. A petition is a formal request presented by a citizen to the legislature to address an issue of interest or grievance. The Constitution of Liberia provides "All persons, at all times, in an orderly and peaceable manner, shall have the right to assemble and consult upon the common good, to instruct their representatives, to petition the Government or other functionaries for the redress of grievances…"

The table below shows the number of petitions received.

Table 5. Petitions received by the Legislature, 2024 (Jan - July) Specifically from the House

Petitions						
Month	No. of Petitions					
Jan	0					
Feb	1					
Mar	0					
Apr	1					
May	2					
June	0					
July	1					
Total	5					

Figure 5: Number of Petitions, 2024 (Jan – July)



#### **Budget of the Legislature**

The 55th Legislature passed a budget of US738,859,827.00. That is 738.86m. Out of this amount, the Legislature's appropriations are US53.376.575.00. The House of Representatives carries US 32,505,188.00, while the Senate takes 16,110.271 million United States Dollars

**Table 6:** The annual budget of the Legislature, 2024

The annual budget of the Legislature, 2024					
Fiscal year Amount					
The 55th Legislature, 2024	USD53,376,575.00				

As reported in our maiden publication, despite huge financial support to the legislature, the body has no official publication on its activities nor an official website for public information. The assessment would not find any reports on voting records, making it nearly impossible for citizens to track their elected representatives' legislative and voting decisions. However, the separate retreats held by both Houses in June revealed numerous commitments made—to change this sad trend.

Similarly, it was impossible to access reports of Ministries and Agencies at the legislature mainly as the majority of Ministries and Agencies have not been submitting quarterly reports to that body under the 54th Legislature. This further indicates that the legislature has been derelict in exercising its oversight responsibilities over the Executive branch. A review carried out at the Archives under the supervision of the Legislative Information Service shows that the challenge persists. Not many reports are seen from Ministries and Agencies for the first and second quarters of this current year-2024. We hope this trend changes!

#### **Core Terminologies:**

- **LAWMAKING:** Legislators make laws that address the concerns of the citizens of Liberia through the submission of bills from the Executive, individual members, or group of members of the Legislature or petitions from citizens.
- **REPRESENTATION:** The representative function requires that lawmakers attend sessions regularly and participate in deliberations and decision-making; during deliberations, they speak on issues affecting the lives of their constituents. Each lawmaker is required by their rules to speak on every issue on the agenda once or they may choose to cede their right to speak to another lawmaker.
- **OVERSIGHT:** Legislative oversight in particular seeks to ensure that the executive and its agencies, or those to whom authority is delegated, remain responsive and accountable to the people, represent good value for money; in compliance with applicable policies, laws, regulations, and ethical standards.

The functions of legislative lawmaking, representation, and oversight deepen social accountability and the delivery of public goods and services. Strong oversight improve accountability and transparency in the management of the state and the national resources, this is where the legislature has to improve and built public trust in government.

#### **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The 55th Legislature is in its first (2024) of six sessions. Like the 54th Legislature, the findings of this report reveal the activities of the current legislature—that is, the output from those activities in the forms of legislative instruments such as bills and resolutions. Furthermore, these findings reveal that during the reporting period—citizens interacted with the legislature through public hearings.

Also, an important issue that remains of concern is the highly unequal representation of men and women in both chambers. While the electoral process is theoretically open for all citizens to participate, the disproportionate representation (ratio) of men to women (HOR, 65:8; SEN, 27:3) in the legislature is an indication that other social and economic factors continue to limit the potential of women in ascending to elected offices in the country.

Like other reports, this initiative could not report on some factors including quality of oversight, expenditure pattern, and tracking of various legislation due to the scarcity of information from the legislature and the lack of a public source of information (such as a newsletter or website) on legislative activities. Nonetheless, it is anticipated that citizens, civil society organizations, political leaders and partners would find this report useful in their engagements with the legislature on issues of accountability and democratic development in Liberia.

#### Based on the findings of this report, the institution recommends the following:

- That the legislature implements immediate institutional reforms to strengthen its various oversight committees, and establish the appropriate systems for transparency, accountability, including limiting "executive/secret" sessions to only matters with serious implications for national security and defense as required under the law.
- That the institution sets up a functional website, and ensures voting records of members of that body are made public and available to effectively assess the performance of its members.
- That, with system audits—that are either underway or have ended at the House of Representatives or the Senate, each House must ensure that full-scale audits are conducted as the General Auditing Commission, (GAC) may deem appropriate and consistent with its Act.
- The legislature provides the necessary tools or digital applications to enhance the grossing clerks' and stenographers' data collection and reporting skills to foster legislative openness and effectiveness.
  - That the Joint Public Accounts,
- Expenditures and Audits Committee be supported to host town hall meetings, and public engagement, and use social media platforms to educate citizens about the ongoing works, prospects, challenges, and recommendations to ensure accountability and transparency in the management of public funds, etc.

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- That the legislature makes a deliberate effort to support constitutional reforms in support of affirmative action that increases the proportion of women in both Houses.
- That the legislature, as part of its oversight responsibilities, ensures ministries, agencies, and commissions (MACs) submit their regular quarterly and annual reports made available to the public.

#### **Dates of Adjournments of the Liberian Legislature:**

First Adjournment (First Constituency visit/break First Adjournment (First Constituency visit/break): The First Constituency visit/break shall commence not later than the third Friday of March of each year and end on the second Friday of May yearly.

Second Adjournment (Second Constituency visit/break): The Second Constituency visit/break shall commence not later than the third Friday of July of each year and end on the second Friday of October yearly.

Third Adjournment (Third Constituency visit/break): The Third Constituency visit/break shall commence not later than the second Friday of December of each year and end on the Friday immediately preceding the second working Monday of January of each year to satisfy Article 32 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, 1986.

#### **ANNEX**

#### The Liberian Senate: Report on Legislations

55th Legislature, 1st Session Legislations passed during the 1st Session, 55th Legislature Period Under Review: January 16- July 17, 2024

	RATIFICATIONS						
No.	BILLS	DATE AND TIME PASSED					
1.	An act Ratifying the loan agreement between republic of Liberia and African development fund (Mano River Union Road development and transport facilitation Programme Phase IV	Thursday, July 4, 2024					
2.	An act Ratifying the loan agreement amongst republic of Liberia and African development bank and African Development Fund (as Administrator of transition support Mano River Union Road Development and transport Facilitation programme Phase IV	Thursday July 4, 2024					
3.	An act Ratifying the loan agreement between republic of Liberia and African development fund (Mano River Union River Road, Development and Transport facilitation programme-Phase IV						

	AMENDMENTS						
No.	BILLS	DATE AND TIME PASSED					
1.	An act to amend part II chapter 10 of the revenue code, 2000 to provide for value added tax (VAT) replacing goods and services tax (GST)	Tuesday, April 30, 2024					

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No.	BILLS	DATE AND TIME PASSED						
1.	An act to authorize the government of the Republic of Liberia to spend the amount of forty- One Million three hundred thousand United States Dollars (USD\$41,300,000.00) as reflected in the detailed attachment to cover the government operations for the month of February 2024.	2024						
2.	Joint resolution #001/2024 of the Liberian Senate and house of representatives of the republic of Liberia on the mechanisms for the establishment of an extraordinary criminal court and domestic corruption court for war and economic crimes respectively.	•						
3.	An act to approve the national budget for the fiscal year period beginning <b>January 1, 2024</b> and ending <b>December 31, 2024</b> to provide for the expenditure for government of the republic of Liberia	Tuesday, April 30, 2024						
4.	An act to repeal the 2012 act creating the Harbel college and to Establish in lieu thereof Margibi University and to grant it a chapter"	Tuesday, July 16, 2024						

AM	ENDMENTS BILLS PASSED BY THE	HOUSE OF R	REPRESENTATIVES	55™ LEGIS	SLAUTRE JA	<b>NUARY 2024</b>	- DECEMBER 2029
No.	TITLE	DATE READ	DATE PASSED	SPONSOR	DATE SENT TO SENATE	DATE CONCURRED	DATE SENT TO PRESIDENT
EB-1	An Act To Approve One Twelfth Of The Budget For The Fiscal Period Beginning January1, 2024 And Ending December 31, 2024 Providing For The Expenditure Of The Government Of Liberia For The Month Of February 2024	February 15, 2024 Ways, Means and	February 20, 2024	Executive	February 20, 2024	•	Forwarded to the Executive and was approved and Signed by the Executive on February 26, 2024
HJR-1	Joint Resolution #001/2024 of the Liberian Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia on the Mechanisms for the Establishment of an Extraordinary Criminal Court and Domestic Corruption Court for War and Economic Crimes Respectively	March 5, 2024	March 5, 2024	Legislature	March 5, 2024	Senate concur April 9, 2024	Forwarded to the Executive for Approval on April 16, 2024  Approved by the executive on April 25, 2024  Approved on May 1, 2-24
EB-3	An Act to Amend part III Chapter 10 of the Revenue Code 2000 to provide for value tax (VAT) replacing Goods service Tax (GST)	April 23, 2024	April 25, 2024 and Means, Judiciary and Public Account and Expenditure		April 29, 2024	Senate concur April 30, 2024	Forward to the Executive for approval May 8, 2024
EB-1	DRAFT NATIONAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024	April 2, 2024	April 29, 2024 Means, Finance and D e v e I o p m e n t Planning	Executive	April 30, 2024	Senate concur April 30, 2024	Forward to the Executive for approval May 8, 2024  Approved by the Executive on May 8, 2024 @5:00  Printed into handbill on May 16, 2024

M a y 16, 2024	May 16- July-18 2ND QUARTER SITTING	2nd QUARTER	55TH	LEGISLAT URE	1ST	SESSION	2024
No.	TITLE	DATE READ	DATE PASSED	SPONSOR		DATE CONCURRED	DATE SENT TO PRESIDENT
HB-1	A Bill to Establish the Paynesville Community College in the City of Paynesville	•	June 13, 2024 Education	Hon. Michael Thomas	June 17, 2024		
HB-1	Liberia Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Commission Act of 2024	April 16, 2024	June 13, 2024	Hon. Muka Kamara	June 17, 2024		
HB-6	An Act to Establish the Liberia Capitol Police (LCP), 2024 Republic of Liberia	April 25, 2024	June 18, 2024 National Security, Defense, Judiciary and Ways, Means,	Hon. Marvin Cole	June 19, 2024		

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No.	TITLE	DATE READ	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO	SPONSOR	DURATION	ORIGIN	REMARK
HB-1	A Bill to Amend Certain Provisions of the Liberia Alien and Nationality Law of 2022	Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Judiciary, National Security, Labor, Foreign Affairs and Good Governance	Hassan Bility	Open	House	Forwarded to the Executive and was approved and Signed by the Executive on February 26, 2024
HP-1	Petition from a Cross Section of Women of Liberia joining their voices to Amb.  Julie Endee requesting for justice	February 22, 2024	Claims and Petition and Judiciary		Open		

HB-2	Liberia Barbering Cosmetology Board Act	March 5, 2024	Health and Judiciary	Hon. P. Mike Jurry	2 Weeks	Hiuse	
HB-2	An Act to create the Liberia National Railway Authority of the Republic of Liberia	•	Transport and Judiciary	Hon. Briggs- Mensah	2 Weeks	House	Co-sponsors Sampson Weah T. Romeo Quioh Clarence Banks Steve Tequah Manna Bishop Thomas Goshua Siafa Kpoto Robert Womba Michael Thomas Marie Johnson
No.	TITLE	DATE READ	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO	SPONSOR	DURATION	ORIGIN	REMARK
APRIL 1-30, 2024	EXTRA – ORDINARY SITTING	1ST QUARTER	55TH	Legislature	1ST	SESSION	2024
EB-2	Financing Agreement (Second Additional Financing for rural Economic Transformation Project) between Republic of Liberia and International Development Association	April 2, 2024	Ways, means, Finance and Development planning and Agriculture	Executive	Open	Executive	
HP-2	Petition from resident of Electoral District 10 Montserrado County under the banner district 10 Redemption Council (DRC)	April 9, 2024	Hon. Kolubah	DRC	Oepn	DRC	
HB-1	Bill to Amend Certain Provisions of the Liberia Alien and Nationality Law of 2022	April 16, 2024	Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, National Security and Good Governance		Open	House	

HB-2	An Act to Prohibit Child Labor	April 16, 2024	Judiciary, Labor and Gender	Hon. Thomas Romeo Quioh	2 Weeks from April 16-30	House	
HB-3	Bill to Establish a Toll ways payment system in Liberia	April 16, 2024	Transport, Public Works, Judiciary	Hon. Isaac B. Choloplay Wuo	2 Weeks from April 16-30	House	
HB-4	An Act to Establish Liberia National Tourism Authority	April 23, 2024	Wasn't referred	Hon. Bernard Benson	Open	House	to work along with the Executive to request their version of the Tourism Act since it was mentioned during the President annual message in order to reconcile the two version instead of acting upon one before the other come
HB-5	An Act to Amend Chapter 2, Section 32 of the patriotic and cultural observance law-title 25 Liberia-code of law revised to provide for sub section 32.6 Electoral district Flag	April 23, 2024	Internal affairs, Good Governance, and Information Culture and Tourism	Hon. Briggs- Mensah	2 Weeks from April 23-May 7 2024	House	
EB-3	Loan Agreement between Republic of Liberia and African Development Fund (ADF) (Program for Advancing youth Entrepreneurship in Liberia	April 29, 2024	Ways and Means, Commerce and Judiciary	Executive	Oepn	Executive	
HB-6	An Act Declaring Bokomu Administrative District A Magisterial Area within Gbarpolu County, Republic of Liberia	April 30, 2024		Hon. Luther S. Collins	Upon return from the break	House	
EB-4	An Act to Amend Title 12, Chapter 1, part 1, Executive Law, Liberian Code of Law revised by creating a new sub-chapter "E" to be know as president Transition Act	April 30, 2024	Executive, Judiciary and Election and Inaugurations	Executive	2 Weeks from April 30-May 15 2024	Executive	

EB-5	An Act to Amend Title 30, Public Authorities Law, Liberian Codes of Laws revised to Establish the Liberia National Tourism Act (LNTA)	April 30, 2024	Information, Culture, Broadcasting and Tourism, Judiciary, and Internal Affairs	Executive	2 Weeks from April 30-May 15 2024		
EB-6	An Act to Repeal chapter 25, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Title 12, Executive Law of 1972, Liberian codes of law revised, to establish in its stead, A New Chapter 25, to be known as the ministry of Internal Affairs, title 12, executive law revised, to establish in its stead, A new Chapter 25, to be known as the Ministry of Local Government	April 30, 2024	Internal Affairs and Judiciary	Executive	2 Weeks from April 30-May 15 2024	Executive	
May 16, 2024	May 16- July 18 2ND QUARTER SITTING	2ND QUARTER	55TH	Legislature	1ST	SESSION	2024
No.	TITLE	DATE READ	COMMITTEE REFERRED TO	SPONSOR	DURATION	ORIGIN	REMARK
HP-1	Discharge Petition seeking the Revitalization Agriculture Bank of Liberia (An Act to Revitalize the Agriculture Bank of Liberia)		Banking and C u r r e n c y , Agriculture and Judiciary		3 Weeks from May 21-June 11 2024	House	A discharge petition was signed to discharge the Bill out of Committee room to be sent to a committee
HP-2	Discharge petition for a communication seeking the re-visitation of out-sourcing contract right given to concession in Liberia	May 23, 2024		Hon. Alfred Flomo	No time	House	

HB-1	An Act for the ownership management, Licensing and Operations of Community Radio Stations in Liberia	June 4, 2024	Information, Culture, Broadcasting and Tourism and Judiciary	<u> </u>	2 Weeks from June 4-11, 2024	House	
EB-1	Loan Agreement Between Republic of Liberia and African Development Fund (Mano River Union Road development and Transport Facilitation Programmephase IV	June 13, 2024	Ways and Means, Judiciary, Transport, Public Works and Foreign Affairs	Executive	2 Weeks from June 13	Executive	
EB-2	Loan Agreement amongst Republic of Liberia and African development fund (As Administrators of the Transition Support Facility) Mano River Union Road Development and Transport facilitation Programme-Phase IV	June 13, 2024	Ways and Means, Judiciary, Transport, Public Works and Foreign Affairs	Executive	2 Weeks from June 13	Executive	
EB-3	Protocol to the African Charter on Human And People's Rights on the Establishment of An African Court on Human and People's Right	June 27, 2024	Human Rights, Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, Executive and Good Governance	Executive	2 Weeks from June 27 - July 11, 2024	Executive	
EB-4	Statue of the international Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	July 2, 2024	Mines, Energy, and Natural Resources and Judiciary	Executive	Open	Executive	
HB-3	An Act to Declare the Paynesville Wetlands as Paynesville Ecotourism Zone, 2024 Republic of Liberia	July 4, 2024	Mines &Energy, Natural Resources & Environment, Water Sanitation & Hygiene , Information and Judiciary	Hon. Cooper	Open	House	

HP-3	Discharge petition requesting several Bills from the Executive to be discharged from Committee Room.	July 16, 2024	Previous Committees	Hon. Richard Koon	2 Weeks	House	
HB-4	An Act to Create the Monrovia Vocational and Technical College (MVTC) to an Associate Degree Granting Institution for Formal Sector	•	Education, Youth and Sports, Judiciary and Ways, Means and Finance	Kanneh	2 Weeks from July 7, upon return from the break	House	
HB-5	An Act to Establish the Johnsonville Magisterial Court in District #2, Montserrado County	July 16, 2024	Judiciary, Good Governance and Ways, Means and Finance	Hon. S. Kanneh	2 Weeks Upon return from the break		
HB-6	A Bill for An Act to Amend Chapter 14, Sub-Chapter "D" of the new penal code to Create a New Section 14.8 making Homosexuality a criminal offense (ANTIHOMOSEXUALITY LAW OF LIBERIA 2024)	July 18, 2024	Judiciary, Gender, Health and Internal Affairs	H o n . Johnson Williams	Open	House	
HB-7	AN ACT TO CREATE ZEYEAMA DISTRICT WITHIN LOFA COUNTY REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA	July 18, 2024	Judiciary, Internal Affairs and Ways, Means and Finance	Hon. Kollince	Open	House	

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