



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
FIRST SESSION, 2023/2024
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH SITTING**



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THURSDAY 2ND MAY, 2024

**The House Met at 10:05 a.m.
The Acting Clerk, Mr. Mohamed Lebbie, Conducted the Proceedings.**

I. ATTENDANCE:

| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT: | | | |
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| NO | NAME | PARTY | DISTRICT |
| 1. | Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman | SLPP | Bo |
| 2. | Hon. Amara Haja Miatta | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 3. | Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh | SLPP | Bo |
| 4. | Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 5. | Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim | SLPP | Karene |
| 6. | Hon. Bangura Adama | SLPP | Kambia |
| 7. | Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty | APC | Karene |
| 8. | Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 9. | Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz | APC | Port Loko |
| 10. | Hon. Bangura Mariama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 11. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed | APC | Karene |
| 12. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa | APC | Bombali |
| 13. | Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie | APC | Tonkolili |
| 14. | Hon. Banya Sarty | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 15. | Hon. Barrie Ibrahim | APC | Bombali |
| 16. | Hon. Bayoh Alie | SLPP | Kenema |
| 17. | Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 18. | Hon. Bockarie Momoh | SLPP | Kenema |
| 19. | Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.) | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 20. | Hon. Conteh Adama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 21. | Hon. Conteh Hawa | APC | Koinadugu |
| 22. | Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 23. | Hon. Conteh John Charles | APC | Bombali |
| 24. | Hon. Conteh Kemokoh | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 25. | Hon. Conteh Mohamed | APC | Falaba |
| 26. | Hon. Conteh Paul Samba | APC | Bombali |
| 27. | Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 28. | Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 29. | Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa | SLPP | Bo |
| 30. | Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 31. | Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr | APC | Wester Area n Rural |



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| 32. | Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie | SLPP | Kambia |
| 33. | Hon. Fofanah Musa | SLPP | Kono |
| 34. | Hon. Fornah Daniel | APC | Tonkolili |
| 35. | Hon. Forna Mabinty | APC | Tonkolili |
| 36. | Hon. Gbreh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba | - | Port Loko |
| 37. | Hon. George Edward | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 38. | Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 39. | Hon. Goba Mariama Ella | SLPP | Kenema |
| 40. | Hon. Gondon II P. C. Foray Cyril | - | Kailahun |
| 41. | Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie | SLPP | Falaba |
| 42. | Hon. Jalloh Memunatu | APC | Port Loko |
| 43. | Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha | APC | Falaba |
| 44. | Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 45. | Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 46. | Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon | SLPP | Kono |
| 47. | Hon. Kabba Ibrahim | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 48. | Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara | SLPP | Kenema |
| 49. | Hon. Kallon Hawa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 50. | Hon. Kamara Abdulai A. | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 51. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Kambia |
| 52. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Port Loko |
| 53. | Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash | APC | Karene |
| 54. | Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 55. | Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash | SLPP | Bo |
| 56. | Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan | APC | Kambia |
| 57. | Hon. Kamara Mamoud | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 58. | Hon. Kamara Marie | APC | Bombali |
| 59. | Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei | SLPP | Kono |
| 60. | Hon. Kamara Rugiatu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 61. | Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama | - | Tonkolili |
| 62. | Hon. Kangbai Beatrice Maaya | SLPP | Bo |
| 63. | Hon. Kargbo Abdul | APC | Port Loko |
| 64. | Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 65. | Hon. Kargbo John Sartty | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 66. | Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff | APC | Karene |
| 67. | Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 68. | Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei | - | Bo |
| 69. | Hon. Kanneh Mohamed | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 70. | Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 71. | Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy | APC | Western Area Urban |



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| 72. | Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria | - | Karene |
| 73. | Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba | - | Bombali |
| 74. | Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda | APC | Kono |
| 75. | Hon. Kellie Tamba | APC | Kono |
| 76. | Hon. Kemokai Abu | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 77. | Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna | APC | Tonkolili |
| 78. | Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima | APC | Koinadugu |
| 79. | Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura | APC | Kambia |
| 80. | Hon. Koroma Ibrahim | SLPP | Kenema |
| 81. | Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu | - | Moyamba |
| 82. | Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba | APC | Bombali |
| 83. | Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay | APC | Wester Area n Urban |
| 84. | Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 85. | Hon. Lahai Musa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 86. | Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson | SLPP | Kono |
| 87. | Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 88. | Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince | - | Bonthe |
| 89. | Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay | APC | Tonkolili |
| 90. | Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada | SLPP | Bo |
| 91. | Hon. Lebbie Nenneh | SLPP | Bo |
| 92. | Hon. Mackery Yusuf | SLPP | Bo |
| 93. | Hon. Mansaray Brima | SLPP | Kenema |
| 94. | Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla | APC | Koinadugu |
| 95. | Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah | SLPP | Koinadugu |
| 96. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balasama | - | Koinadugu |
| 97. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai | - | Falaba |
| 98. | Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 99. | Hon. Moigua Musa Peter | SLPP | Kenema |
| 100. | Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 101. | Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu | SLPP | Kono |
| 102. | Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava | SLPP | Bo |
| 103. | Hon. Munda Boston | SLPP | Kenem |
| 104. | Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu | - | Kambia |
| 105. | Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr | SLPP | Kenema |
| 106. | Hon. Pyne Umu | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 107. | Hon. Quee Komba | SLPP | Kono |
| 108. | Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 109. | Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 110. | Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh | SLPP | Pujehun |



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| 111. | Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 112. | Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 113. | Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya | SLPP | Kenema |
| 114. | Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 115. | Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba | - | Kono |
| 116. | Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 117. | Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff | APC | Port Loko |
| 118. | Hon. Sesay Aminata | APC | Port Loko |
| 119. | Hon. Sesay Jawah | APC | Tonkolili |
| 120. | Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 121. | Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman | APC | Bombali |
| 122. | Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 123. | Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh | SLPP | Falaba |
| 124. | Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 125. | Hon. Silikie Bashiru | SLPP | Bo |
| 126. | Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 127. | Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 128. | Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab | APC | Bombali |
| 129. | Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 130. | Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice | APC | Kambia |
| 131. | Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 132. | Hon. Tholley Foyoh | SLPP | Tonkolili |
| 133. | Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 134. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 135. | Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 136. | Hon. Timbo Zinab | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 137. | Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia | SLPP | Kono |
| 138. | Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 139. | Hon. Tucker Tom Issic | APC | Kono |
| 140. | Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 141. | Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba | APC | Tonkolili |
| 142. | Hon. Turay Benjamin | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 143. | Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura | SLPP | Bo |
| 144. | Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph | SLPP | Bo |
| 145. | Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT: | | | |
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| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE: | | | |
| 1. | Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 2. | Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben | APC | Moyamba |



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1. Prayers were read by Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura (Table Clerk).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:15 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** from **Moyamba District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh** from **Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

3 Statement by the Clerk of Parliament:

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, informed the House that there had been a vacancy in the office of the Speakership of Parliament. He, thereby, called upon the Director General of Parliament to read the resignation letter from the former Speaker of Parliament (**Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**).

The Director General of Parliament, **Madam Finda F. Fraser**, read the letter of resignation from the former Speaker. Please see attached

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, stood on a point of order and stated that the letter of resignation from the former Speaker should have been addressed to the House instead of His Excellency as provided in Section 159 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991).

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, responded to the submission made by the Minority Leader by stating that His Excellency is a Member of Parliament as provided in Section 73 (1) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991). He also referred the House to Section 79 (5) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991).

Roll call by **Tangella M C Sam Esq.** to confirm the Members present for the election of Speaker.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, informed the House through the Acting Clerk that the two Members that were absent were on official duties.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, responded that Hon. Members of Parliament should be absent from sitting by tendering a reasonable excuse as provided in SO 77.

4. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 Noon:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers** from **Pujehun District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma** from **Tonkolili District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued:



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5. ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 79 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (ACT NO. 6 OF 1991) AS AMENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013 AND STANDING ORDER 8.

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, called upon the Director of Legislative Services to inform the House about the constitutional and procedural requirements regarding the election of the Speaker.

By the leave of the Acting Clerk, the Director of Legislative Service (**Mr. Momodu Lamin Deen Rogers**) explained the procedural and constitutional requirements regarding the election of the Speaker as enshrined in Section 79 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) as amended by the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013 and Standing Order 8. As for the votes of two-thirds, he explained that the calculation would be done out of the current 147 Members of Parliament even two were absent due to official assignments.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, stood on a point of order and stated that the two-thirds should be calculated out of 145 Members of Parliament that were present in the chamber.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, referred the House to Section 79 (2) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) especially the proviso. He recited the said provisions and submitted that the calculation of two-thirds should be done out of 147 Members of Parliament even when two MPs. were already absent.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT:

First Nomination:

Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District moved a motion to nominate **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** to be elected Speaker of Parliament. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Sidie Mohamed Tunis** from **Pujehun District**.

Second Nomination:

Hon. Abdul Kargbo moved a motion to nominate **Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma** to be elected Speaker of Parliament. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally**.

CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS:

In the absence of any other nomination, the Acting Clerk declared nominations closed.



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The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, stood on a point of order and submitted that **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas** who had been nominated for the position of Speaker was then the current Deputy Speaker. He, thereby, submitted that **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas** should relinquish his position as Deputy Speaker before contesting the election of Speaker.

The Acting Majority Leader, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, responded by referring the House to Section 159 (1) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6) of 1991.

- I The Acting Clerk, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, firstly put the question for vote as quoted: "That **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** be elected as Speaker of Parliament."

Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Tangella M C Sam Esq.** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Election Results for the First Ballot:

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes - 93 votes.

Nays – 52 votes.

Void – 0

Abstinance – 0

Pursuant to Section 79 (2) and its proviso, the Acting Clerk declared that the resolution had not been agreed to. He, thereby, called for a second ballot.

- II The Acting Clerk, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, secondly put the question for vote as quoted: "That **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** be elected as Speaker of Parliament."

Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Ms. Esther Boima** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Election Results for the Second Ballot:

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes - 96 votes.

Nays – 49 votes.

Void – 0

Abstinance – 0

Pursuant to Section 79 (2) and its proviso, the Acting Clerk again declared that the resolution had not been agreed to. He, thereby, called for a Third ballot.



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III The Acting Clerk, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, thirdly put the question for vote as quoted: "That **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** be elected as Speaker of Parliament."

Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Tangella M C Sam Esq.** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Election Results for the Third Ballot:

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes - 95 votes.

Nays – 50 votes.

Void – 0

Abstinance – 0

Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma who was the second nominee for the position of speakership and who was waiting for his own successive turns of three ballots to prove two-thirds withdrew his candidature for speakership on the grounds that the constitutional provision concerning two-thirds had been satisfied. He also noted that his withdrawal was for the sake of peace and parliamentary unionism as he wanted the House to make progress.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, stated that Hon. Members on the ruling side had never bastardized the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, and they would never do anything like such. He thanked **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma** for withdrawing his candidature as that had displayed a real show of democracy.

Pursuant to Section 79 (2) and its proviso, the Acting Clerk declared that the resolution had not been agreed to. He, thereby, called for a Simple Majority.

IV. The Acting Clerk, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, fourthly put the question for vote as quoted: "That **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** be elected as Speaker of Parliament."

Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Ms. Esther Boima** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Election Results for the Simple Majority:

The Acting Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Mohamed Lebbie**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes – 128 votes

Nays – 10 votes.

Void – 1 vote

Abstinance – 6



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Declaration of the Speaker

By the leave of the Acting Clerk of Parliament, the Director of Legislative Service (**Mr. Momodu Lamin Deen Rogers**) declared **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, Speaker of the remaining period of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone having polled 128 votes and satisfied the requirement of Simple Majority of all Members of Parliament present.

After the declaration of Speakership, the Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, tendered two letters of resignation from **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas (As Member of Parliament from Bonthe District and a Deputy Speaker of Parliament)** to the Acting Clerk of Parliament for the attention of the House.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, stated that there should be unity in diversity. He extended his thanks and appreciation to all Members of the Opposition. He attested to the fact of receiving two letters of resignation from **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** addressed to the House of Parliament. He noted that it was the right way to go as he intimated it earlier.

Presiding officer – Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas took over the proceedings of the House as Speaker of Parliament.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, through the leave of Mr. Speaker, called upon Acting Clerk of Parliament to read the provision of Section 79 (6) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6) of 1991 to clarify the issue of subscribing to the oath of office as enshrined in the Third of Schedule of the said constitution.

The Director of Legislative Service, **Mr. Momodu Lamin Deen Rogers**, recited subsection (6) of Section 79 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone as quoted: "**Any person elected to the office of Speaker who is not a Member of Parliament shall before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before Parliament the oath as set out in the Third Schedule in this Constitution.**" He went on further to explain the rationale of **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** not subscribing to the oath.

The Director General of Parliament, **Madam Finda F. Fraser**, read out the two letters of resignation tendered to the Acting Clerk of Parliament. Please see attached:

Amendment of Order Paper:

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by incorporating two items (**VI Election of the Deputy Speaker of Parliament Pursuant to Section 80 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) as amended by the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013 and Standing Order 9. (VII) – The**



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Adoption of the ECOWAS Delegation and The Ratification of Pan-African Delegation.)
The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** and approved by the House.

Mr. Speaker's Acceptance Speech:

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, read his acceptance speech as quoted. Please see attached.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 80 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (ACT NO. 6 OF 1991) AS AMENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013 AND STANDING ORDER 9.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT:

First Nomination:

Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina from Kono District moved a motion to nominate **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** to be elected Deputy Speaker of Parliament. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers** from **Pujehun District**.

Second Nomination:

Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara from Kambia District moved a motion to nominate **Hon. Haja Miatta Amara** to be elected Deputy Speaker of Parliament. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbassay Koroma** from **Western Urban District**.

CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS:

In the absence of any other nomination, the Acting Clerk declared nominations closed.

By the leave of Mr. Speaker, the Director of Legislative Service (**Mr. Momodu Lamin Deen Rogers**) explained the procedural and constitutional requirements regarding the election of the Deputy Speaker as enshrined in Section 80 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) as amended by the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2013 and Standing Order 9. He went on further to explain that the election of the Deputy Speaker would be on Simple Majority.

By the leave of Mr. Speaker, the Director of Legislative Service (**Mr. Momodu Lamin Deen Rogers**) put the question for vote as quoted: "That **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** be elected as Deputy Speaker of Parliament."



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Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Ms. Esther Boima** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Simple Majority Results for the Election of Deputy Speaker:

Mr. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes – 94 votes

Nays – 47 votes.

Void – 0 vote

Abstinance – 4

Declaration of Deputy Speaker

Mr. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, declared **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, Deputy Speaker of the remaining period of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone having polled 94 valid votes and satisfied the requirement of Simple Majority of all Members of Parliament present. He, thereby, called upon **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** to take his allotted seat as Deputy Speaker.

Announcement and adoption of External Delegation:

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, announced the following lists of Membership to external delegation.

| ECOWAS PARLIAMENT | | | |
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| NO. | NAME | POSITION | PARTY |
| 1. | Hon. Veronica K. Sesay | Leader | SLPP |
| 2. | Hon. Shiaka M. Sama | Deputy Leader | SLPP |
| 3. | Hon. Saa Emerson Lamin | Member | SLPP |
| 4. | Hon. Abdul Kargbo | Member | APC |
| 5. | Hon. Mabinty Forna | Member | APC |

| PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT | | | |
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| NO. | NAME | POSITION | PARTY |
| 1. | Hon. Bashiru Silikie | Leader | SLPP |
| 2. | Hon. Mohamed Bangura | Deputy Leader | APC |
| 3. | Hon. PC Alie Balansama Marah | Member | P C |
| 4. | Hon. Rose Marie Bangura | Member | APC |
| 5. | Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba | Member | SLPP |



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The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** moved a motion for the House to adopt and ratify the said lists of Membership. The motion was seconded **by Hon. Dickson M. Rogers** and approved by the House.

Mr. Speaker's Ruling:

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, ruled that the approval of The ECOWAS Delegation should take retroactive effect.

Adjournment:

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 7th May, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 5:30 p.m.**