



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



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**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2024**

**The House Met at 10:00a.m.**  
**The Acting Speaker, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Presided.**

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:</b>			
<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
5.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
6.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
7.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
8.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
9.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
10.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
11.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
12.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
13.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
14.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
15.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
16.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwei	SLPP	Bonthe
18.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
19.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
20.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
21.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
22.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
23.	Hon. Gberah III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
24.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
25.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
26.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
27.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
28.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
29.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
30.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural



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31.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
32.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
33.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
34.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
35.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
36.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
37.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
38.	Hon. Kamara Mamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
39.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
40.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
41.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
42.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
43.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
44.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
45.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
46.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
47.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
48.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
49.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
50.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
51.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
52.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Western Area Urban
53.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
54.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
55.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
56.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
57.	Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
58.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
59.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
60.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
61.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
62.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
63.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema
64.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
65.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
66.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
67.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
68.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
69.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
70.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili



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71.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
72.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
73.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
74.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
75.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
76.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
77.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
78.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
79.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
80.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
81.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
82.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
83.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
84.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
85.	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
86.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamama	SLPP	Kono
87.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>
88.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>
<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:</b>			
1.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
2.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
3.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
4.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
5.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
6.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
7.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
8.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
9.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
10.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
11.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
12.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
13.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
14.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
15.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
16.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
17.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
18.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
19.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
20.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
21.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu



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22.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
23.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
24.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
25.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
26.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
27.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
28.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
29.	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
30.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
31.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
32.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
33.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:**

1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
3.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
5.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
6.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
8.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
9.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
10.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
11.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
12.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
13.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
14.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
15.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
16.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
17.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balasama	-	Koinadugu
18.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
19.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
20.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
21.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
22.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
23.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
24.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
25.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
26.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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

**2. Amendment of Order Paper:**

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, from **Kenema District** moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by amending the text on item IV (**Laying of Paper**) to be read "**Constitutional Instrument No. 5 of 2024**" instead of "**Constitutional Instrument No. 1 of 2024**." He also moved a motion to expunge item **V (Bill: The Industrial Relations and Trade Union Act 2023)**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** from **Bo District** and approved by the House.

**3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin** from **Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** and adopted by the House

**4. Laying of Paper:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura** called upon the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to lay the paper as itemized on the Order Paper.

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley Esq** laid the following paper:

**Proclamation by His Excellency Rtd. Brig. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic, Supreme Head of State and Grand Commander of the Order of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Fountain Head of Unity, Honour, Freedom and Justice.**

**Constitutional Instrument No. 5 of 2024.**

**Statement by the Majority Leader:**

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, thanked the Members of the Opposition for their support in proposing a declaration of a State of Emergency on the drug known as "Kush." He stated that the House was in unison in making the said proposal. For the attention of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, he referred the House to Section 29 (5) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6) of 1991. He stated that the House did not want people to misuse the State of Emergency.



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The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice responded by reminding the House about the Covid-19 Regulation that was passed by the House. He said that they were anticipating that in the future, if there is any issue of similar nature, there would be a time saving as they would just recourse to one of the regulations that had been passed by the House. He reminded the House about "The National Drug Control Act, 2008" together with the regulation known as The National Drug for Arrest and Seizure."

**Statement by the Acting Minority Leader:**

The Acting Minority Leader, **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma**, stated that the Members of the Opposition were in full support of the process. He said that he didn't think it was expedient to use a regulation that had been made pursuant to an act of Parliament for a particular institution to operate and use that same regulation for a state of emergency. He advised that the House should not be lazy, and that if they were declaring a state of emergency, there must be a regulation that could support the purport of the particular state of emergency. He noted that before the operation of every state of emergency, there must be a tribunal of which The Chief Justice must appoint the Chairman, and the Bar Association must appoint two legal practitioners of not less than fifteen years standing. He appealed for the tribunal to be constituted before the operation of the State of Emergency. He opined that pronouncement by the President did not constitute publication. He asked that The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice should go and do a regulation for the said State of Emergency.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, admonished The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to yield to the submissions made by both leaders as that was expedient. He stated that the fundamental issue of the State of Emergency was due process. He urged The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to do a regulation in connection with the said State of Emergency.

**Hon. Bashiru Silikie** rose on SO 41 and read the content of the provision. He advised Hon. Members as well as The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to resume their seats when Mr. Speaker was addressing the House. He also advised The The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to do a regulation for the said proclamation made by the President as it was the needful thing to do.

**Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma** admonished The Minister to do the regulation as it was expedient for the President to achieve the goal of the said State of Emergency.



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## 5. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanation):

**Hon. Amara M. Kargbo** from **Western Rural District** stood on SO 23 and informed the House about a proposition by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources to close down the entire artisanal fishing sector of the country for a month.

### Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, advised **Hon. Amara M. Kargbo** to write a letter to the Chairperson of the Committee on Fisheries and Marine Resources, and copy the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Clerk of Parliament so it would be discussed at Committee level.

### Standing Order 34 (Raising of Point of Order):

**Hon. Alpha Fodie Madie Jabbie** from **Falaba District**, rose on SO 34 and informed the House that for the past days, **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara from Kambia District** had been on social media as well as the mainstream media making some outrageous allegations against The Ministry of Basic and Senior School Education (MBSSE) in connection with the West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE). He highlighted the said allegations as thus: (1) that the whole Kambia District, not a single candidate would take the 2023/2024 WASSCE; (2) that 80% of schools in Bombali District would not take the 2023/2024 WASSCE. He said that those statements were false and baseless. He clarified that 4, 668 candidates had been registered from 36 schools in Kambia District. He clarified that 65 out of 83 Senior Schools of which 12, 280 candidates had been registered in Bombali District by WAEC. He went on to clarify the allegation that majority of the schools affected were in the northern region. He noted that 146,179 candidates had been registered for the WASSCE. He informed the House about the total and active involvement of the Minister of Basic and Senior School Education as one of the allegations stated that the said Minister was not doing anything to settle the issue. He finally explained the reason why Ghana Porter was still open while the porter of Sierra Leone had been closed.

The Deputy Leader II of Opposition, **Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma**, noted that the issue was so important that the House should invite the Minister of Basic and Senior School Education to make a statement in connection with said issue.

**Hon. Mohamed Bangura from Karene District** stated that the issue was very important, and that since Mr. Speaker had given **Hon. Alpha Fodie Madie Jabbie** the opportunity to address the House on the said issue, Mr. Speaker should also give **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara** a similar opportunity to do likewise in the next adjourned date.



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**Hon. Rosaline Hawa Siafa from Kailahun District** reminded the House about the Free Quality Education which was the flagship program of President Bio in his first term. She stated that two wrongs could not make rights. She pleaded with the House to talk to Mr. President and The Minister of Basic and senior School Education for the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) to reopen its porter. She asked that the House should punish the school authorities (the headmasters, Principals or boards of schools) instead of the pupils as it had been their habit of sabotaging the Government.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, referred the House to Standing Order 14 (J). He informed the House that the Minister of Basic and Senior School Education would be invited to the House on the next adjourned date to give a statement in connection with the said issue. He stated that the issue was extremely important, and that he was so passionate about it. He directed the Clerk-at-the Table to write a formal letter of invitation to the Minister of Basic and Senior School Education to be in the chamber on the next adjourned date to make a statement in connection with the said issue.

The Acting Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma**, agreed with all the previous speaker on the said issue more especially **Hon. Rosaline Hawa Siafa** who had shown a nationalistic beliefs on the said issue. He believed that education was still the flagship program of the government. He added that the Speaker (**Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**) whom he believed had extreme value for education would not allow even ten pupils to fail to take their NPSE, BECE or WASSCE due to the negligence of the headmasters, principals or boards of schools.

**Mr. Speaker's Ruling:**

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, stated that if the Minister came and informed the House that the headmasters or principals or boards of schools were responsible for the said issue, the House would ensure that their salaries would be seized for a certain number of months.

**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**The House rose at 11:50 a.m.**





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