



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
FIRST SESSION, 2023/2024  
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTIETH SITTING**



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**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

**The House Met at 10:00 a.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. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. ArunaMassayNgahiteh	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
6.	Hon. BanguraAdama	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. BanguraMariama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
13.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
14.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
15.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
17.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
18.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
19.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
21.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
22.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area n Rural
23.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
24.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
25.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
26.	Hon. FornaMabinty	APC	Tonkolili
27.	Hon. Gberek III P.C BaiShebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
28.	Hon. GobaMariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
29.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
30.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba



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31.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
32.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
33.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
34.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
35.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
36.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
37.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
38.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
39.	Hon. KamaraAlusine Bash	APC	Karene
40.	Hon. KamaraldrissSahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
41.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
42.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
43.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
44.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
45.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
46.	Hon. KamaraRugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
47.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C AlhajiMasakama	-	Tonkolili
48.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
49.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
50.	Hon. KanuAbdulaiKarim	SLPP	Port Loko
51.	Hon. KanuRugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
52.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
53.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
54.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
55.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
56.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
57.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
58.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
59.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
60.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
61.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
62.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
63.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
64.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
65.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
66.	Hon. KoromaUnphaSorieGbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
67.	Hon. LarkohArunaPapay	APC	Tonkolili
68.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
69.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
70.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo



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71.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
72.	Hon. MansarayHamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
73.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
74.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalasama	-	Koinadugu
75.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor ThorShekuTerenahTongosNeyaKonkorobaFanko Lai	-	Falaba
76.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
77.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
78.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
79.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema
80.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
81.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
82.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
83.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
84.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
85.	Hon. SamaShiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
86.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
87.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
88.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
89.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
90.	Hon. SesayJawah	APC	Tonkolili
91.	Hon. SesayPessimaMariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
92.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
93.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
94.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
95.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
96.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
97.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
98.	Hon. SurmoijuehJibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
99.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
100.	Hon. Taylor-BanguraMabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
101.	Hon. TholleyFoyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
102.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
103.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
104.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiamia	SLPP	Kono
105.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
106.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
107.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo
108.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:</b>			



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1.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
2.	Hon. BockarieBintuFatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
3.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
4.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
5.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
6.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
7.	Hon. GevaoHindoloMoiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
8.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
9.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
10.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
11.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
12.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
13.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
14.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
15.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
18.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
19.	Hon. SongaWuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
20.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
21.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
22.	Hon. TimboZinab	APC	Western Area Rural
23.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
24.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun

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

1.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
2.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
3.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
5.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
6.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
7.	Hon. KoromaMeamaKajue P.C HajaFatmataBintu	-	Moyamba
8.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
9.	Hon. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
10.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
12.	Hon. SesayAminata	APC	Port Loko
13.	Hon. TarawallyCathrineZainab	APC	Bombali
14.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
15.	Hon. TurayAlhajiSorieba	APC	Tonkolili



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**1. Prayers were read by Ms. Esther Boima (Table Clerk).**

**2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay** from **Moyamba District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara** from **Kambia District** and approved by the House.

**3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Abdul Latiff Sesay** from **Port Loko District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura** from **Karene District** and adopted by the House as amended.

**4. Laying of Papers:**

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Esther Boima**, called upon the Minister of Defence to lay the papers as itemized on the Order Paper.

**Paper laid by the Deputy Minister of Defence:**

The Deputy Minister of Defence, **Col (Rtd.) Muana Brima Massaquoi**, laid the following papers.

- i. Military Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of Turkey.**
- ii. A Military Cooperation Protocol between the Ministry of Defence of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Sierra Leone.**

**5. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations):**

**The following Hon. Members rose on S.O. 23:**

- 1) Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu** from **Moyamba District** informed the House about two mining companies that had been operating in his Chiefdom causing threat to his people. He referenced Part VII Section 6 (b) of the Mines and Minerals Development Act, 2022. He informed the House that there was a company called FS Mining which had been operating about a year, and that he had tried to locate its office address as well as to speak with any staff of the said mining company but to no avail. He stated that based on the Environmental health safer assessment, the said mining company was supposed to do dust suppression for hazardous effect but nothing like such had been done since it started its operation. He also informed the House about another company called Sunder Ore of which two of its machines had blocked the main road, and that the diversion the said company had created was very dangerous as there was a valley along the road, and that



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had made it much more difficult for motor riders to ply. He further stated that he had informed the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources as well as the National Mineral Agency (NMA) about the said issue, but yet the said condition had not been looked into. He, therefore, asked Mr. Speaker to use his good office House to help take appropriate measures to put an end to it.

**Observation:**

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** observed that **Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu** had made a grave accusation against the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources that his complaint made to him concerning the said issue was treated with levity. He noted that the gravity of the complaint alleged of was not appropriate to be submitted under SO 23 because it was a serious allegation. He advised him to do the needful so that appropriate actions could be taken. He stated that there were structures within the Parliament, and that the Parliament had enormous powers and very strong in its oversight duties. He further asked **Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu** to do a formal complaint to the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources if he had not yet done so.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo** stated that as Leaders, one of their primary responsibilities was to ensure that they guided Members of Parliament as to what the processes and procedures were. He observed that **Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu** had engaged the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mineral Resources but had failed to engage his Leader. He stated that whatever step that was to be taken should have been determined by the Leader. He stated that he was with firmest conviction that the issue was so important, and that it ought to have been brought to the attention of the Leader of the said Hon. Member.

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** admonished **Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu** to do a formal complaint to both the Parliamentary Committees on Mines as well as Environment. He instructed the two Committees to do an investigation and report to the House accordingly.

- 2) **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara**, from **Kambia District** informed the House that he had witnessed a scene where seven young boys between the age of 19 and 21 whose corps were being taken out of the market around Egan Street going towards Mabela area as a result of a dangerous drug called Kush. He noted that there were more of those boys who were struggling in those communities from that same drug. He confirmed that a good number of young people had been affected by the drug. He went on to inform the House that as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, they had met with the drug enforcement agency. He called upon the House to do the needful by taking concrete actions to save the lives of young people in the country.



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- 3) **Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbessay Koroma** from **Western Urban Area District** informed the House about his encounter few days ago with few young men. He said that the young men met him and asked him to support them to bury their friend. He further informed the House about a video he saw on social media some couple of days ago where the heads of young boys, supposedly Kush addicts were been shaved. He stated that the Kush epidemic was alarming. He went on to state that personal interest of Sierra Leonean would undermine the fight against the drug. He observed that the relevant authorities who were supposed to take the lead in the fight against the drug did not have the necessary support. He asked that the House should take the relevant step to fight against the drug.

**Standing Order 25 (Notice of Motion):**

**Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbessay Koroma** rose on S O 25 and gave a notice of motion to invite the National Drug Enforcement Agency, the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health to give answers as well as find ways to fight against the drug called Kush.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

**The Acting Speaker, Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, admonished **Hon. Dr. Unpha S. G. Koroma** to do the relevant questions to the Minister of Social Welfare and the Minister of Health respectively for a question-and-answer session. He also admonished him to do a formal letter to the relevant Committee to invite the National Drug Enforcement Agency for questioning.

The Whip of the Opposition, **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara** from **Kambia District**, kindly asked Mr. Speaker to consider the matter as a very serious one. He also asked the Speaker to use his good office and power so that the House would start doing something about questions to Ministers.

**Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu** from **Western Urban Area District** informed the House that the Ministry of Social Welfare had already made a move on the matter. She also informed the House that two weeks ago, the Ministry launched a rehabilitation center for Kush victims at Hastings which was attended by international donors, the European Union and government Ministries, and they all committed to fight against the Kush epidemic.

**Hon Amie N. Moriba** from **Bo District** noted that the fight against Kush should not only be limited to the victims but also to the importers of the drug. She suggested that a center should also be established for the importers, and that there should be a thorough check at the airport as well as the borders to chase away the people that imported the drug into the country.



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**Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay from Port Loko District** observed that as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Youth Affairs, the issue of Kush was a terrible experience faced by the youths. He stated that even the dead could not rest in their graves because of the demand for human bones in order to produce the drug. He asked Mr. Speaker to use his good office to ensure that the cemeteries are secured. He also stated that it was not just to identify the victims, but it should be a regional fight and should not be centralized only in Freetown because the epidemic was all over the country. He further noted that Parliament should strongly join the fight against Kush.

**Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie Fofanah from Kambia District** observed that the issue of Kush should not be underrated. He informed the House about calls he recently received from two villages in Kambia District that parents were so worried about the conditions of their children, but unfortunately before he could reach those parents, their children had died from Kush. He also informed the House that about the meeting with the National Youth Commission the day before the said sitting. He said that the Parliamentary Committee on Youths together with its Chairman had a conversation with the Commissioner of Youth Affairs, and that the said Commissioner informed them about a facility called "Obasanjo" that had been established for all drug victims. He stated that posing question to Ministers and taking the victims to rehabilitation centers was not enough to combat this epidemic but rather they should take it to another level because the number of death was increasing. He called on every Member of Parliament to come together and help fight against Kush.

**Mr. Speaker** agreed that the issue was extremely serious. He thought it was a pandemic, and that even the children were not safe. He observed that some of those boys had been given the drug without their knowledge. He joined other Members of Parliament to treat the said issue very seriously. He urged the government to ensure that all necessary modalities were put in place to address the issue.

**Hon. Bashiru Silikie from Bo District** informed the House that there had been Kush centers everywhere even with the presence of the Police in those areas. He stated that the drug had become so rampant that even young girls were now involved in it. He proposed that he would move a motion for the Office of the Clerk to write and invite the institutions concerned to Committee Room 1 for further explanations.

The Majority Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** observed that they first need to understand how the said drug was produced. He believed that it was a component of





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different substances put together with the addition of chemicals that stimulated its fast reaction that gave a production of what they called Kush, and that it could be very difficult to detect it at the airport as well as borders even with the most sophisticated detector machines. He stated that they should go after those marketing the drug and also to strengthen the enforcement of the legislations to arrest the retailers of the drug and take serious action against them. He further stated that they should also follow the direction of the public health emergency as it was done for the sexual violence. He joined the other Members of Parliament in the fight and to also move beyond engagement and use a bipartisan approach and call on the government to trigger a public health emergency on this epidemic. He informed the House that there ought to have been a question and answer session for Ministers the following day, starting with Waka-Fine Buses, but unfortunately the Minister was not around. He assured the House that if the Minister came before the substantive date, they would have one session before the final date.

**Mr. Speaker** declared that the House should invite the Inspector General of Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency to Committee Room 1 immediately after proceedings on the next adjourned date in order to answer to the relevant questions from Members of Parliament. He warned Hon. Members to be extremely careful when joining in the fight against Kush.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, joined the Majority Leader in expressing their willingness to work together in the fight against Kush. He observed that that was not the first time they had collaboratively worked as a nation in addressing issues affecting the country as a whole as it was collaboratively done for Ebola, Covid-19, and the Sexual Offences Act of which they had positive solutions. He referenced Section 29 (2) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991). He stated that the drug was a big threat to Sierra Leoneans, and it should be treated with the utmost seriousness. He assured the House that the opposition would fully join the government to ensure that they treated the issue with the utmost urgency it deserved.

**Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** from **Moyamba District** fully adopted the statements of other Members of Parliament in the fight against the drug. She said the nation was losing potential leaders of tomorrow to the said drug. She noted that the fight against the drug should not only be limited to questions and answers to Ministers, but that they should break the chain as it was done for Ebola. She suggested that there should be holding centers in the districts, villages and communities, and that the medical practitioners should also be engaged to help reduce the substance in their system. She called on donor partners to do what they did during Ebola and Covid-19 to send drugs that would reduce the substance from their system. She further said that they should also take into cognizance the import of alcohol into the country with high percentage.



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**Hon. Emelia Lolloh Tongi** from **Kailahun District** asked Mr. Speaker to kindly add medical doctors to the invitation for the question and answer session so that they could tell the scientific explanation, gravity and consequences of the substances that were used to produce the said drug.

**Hon. Bashiru Silikie** from **Bo District** rose on S.O. 19 and moved a motion to summon the Leadership of Sierra Leone Ports Authority, National Revenue Authority, the Sierra Leone Police, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, and the Chief Medical Officer to Committee Room 1 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Tarawally Fofanah** from **Kambia District** and approved by the House.

**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**The House rose at 11:35 a.m.**