



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT
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THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL, 2023

The House Met at 11:30 a.m.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr Abass Chernor Bundu, Presided.

I. ATTENDANCE:

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	CONST.
1.	Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles	SLPP	Bo	079
2.	Hon. Alhadi Lihadi	APC	Western Urban	123
3.	Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde	APC	Western Urban	125
4.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
5.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Pot Loko	076
6.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
7.	Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass	-	Kambia	-
8.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
9.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
10.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo	078
11.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Rural	107
12.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
13.	Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr	SLPP	Western Urban	116
14.	Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
15.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
16.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040
17.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
18.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema	020
19.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
20.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Bo	084
21.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia	059
22.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus	NGC	Kambia	061
23.	Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Urban	122
24.	Hon. Kamara Bai Sama	NGC	Kambia	060
25.	Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah	APC	Port Loko	071
26.	Hon. Kanneh Alusine	SLPP	Kenema	013
27.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Rural	108
28.	Hon. Kanu Amadu	APC	Moyamba	093
29.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Urban	113
30.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko	077
31.	Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)	APC	Karene	064
32.	Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria	-	Karene	-



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33.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili	048
34.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu	046
35.	Hon. Koroma John Telson	SLPP	Western Urban	127
36.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu	-	Moyamba	-
37.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali	033
38.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)	APC	Western Urban	114
39.	Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice	SLPP	Bonthe	092
40.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun	009
41.	Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa	C4C	Kono	030
42.	Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru	SLPP	Western Urban	121
43.	Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed	SLPP	Kenema	015
44.	Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh	SLPP	Moyamba	098
45.	Hon. Lebbay Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo	083
46.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo	086
47.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo	087
48.	Hon. Makieu Josephine	SLPP	Kenema	014
49.	Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama	-	Koinadugu	-
50.	Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba	-	Falaba	-
51.	Hon. Marah Lahai	APC	Falaba	042
52.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema	021
53.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema	019
54.	Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Urban	131
55.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun	102
56.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun	100
57.	Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama	SLPP	Bo	080
58.	Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro	-	Tonkolili	-
59.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba	095
60.	Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	050
61.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif	APC	Port Loko	075
62.	Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)	APC	Tonkolili	052
63.	Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu	APC	Bombali	038
64.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba	094
65.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun	005
66.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo	082
67.	Hon. Tarawalie Issac	APC	Western Urban	118
68.	Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine	APC	Bombali	037
69.	Hon, Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe	089
70.	Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	001
71.	Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)	SLPP	Pujehun	099
72.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura	SLPP	Bo	088
73.	Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo	081



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74. *Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)* NGC Kambia 062

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:

1.	<i>Hon. Bangura Mohamed</i>	APC	Karene	066
2.	<i>Hon. Bangura Rosemarie</i>	APC	Tonkolili	055
3.	<i>Hon. Banya Sarty</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	004
4.	<i>Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa</i>	C4C	Kono	027
5.	<i>Hon. Bockarie Momoh</i>	SLPP	Kenema	012
6.	<i>Hon. Charles Sahr</i>	C4C	Kono	028
7.	<i>Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu</i>	APC	Western Urban	129
8.	<i>Hon. Conteh Samba Paul</i>	APC	Bombali	035
9.	<i>Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew</i>	SLPP	Bonthe	090
10.	<i>Hon. Fefegula Simeon</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	096
11.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh</i>	-	Bombali	-
12.	<i>Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril</i>	-	Kailahun	-
13.	<i>Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday</i>	APC	Koinadugu	044
14.	<i>Hon. Kabia Mohamed</i>	APC	Western Rural	106
15.	<i>Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao</i>	C4C	Kono	024
16.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	APC	Karene	063
17.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	C4C	Kono	029
18.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	006
19.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	APC	Tonkolili	047
20.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	C4C	Kono	026
21.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	103
22.	<i>Hon. Koroma Issa Oye</i>	APC	Port Loko	073
23.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	-	Bo	-
24.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Abu</i>	APC	Port Loko	074
25.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Brima</i>	SLPP	Kenema	017
26.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	APC	Koinadugu	043
27.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	APC	Falaba	041
28.	<i>Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu</i>	-	Kenema	-
29.	<i>Hon. Sam Paul Saa</i>	C4C	Kono	025
30.	<i>Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka</i>	INDEPENDENT	Pujehun	104
31.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	120
32.	<i>Hon. Sesay Jawah</i>	APC	Tonkolili	056
33.	<i>Hon. Sesay Kusan</i>	APC	Koinadugu	045
34.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	SLPP	Falaba	039
35.	<i>Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	008
36.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	APC	Western Rural	105
37.	<i>Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba</i>	APC	Tonkolili	051
38.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	SLPP	WesternUrban	128



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39. *Hon. Vincent Horace E.* SLPP Western Rural 111

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:

1.	<i>Hon. Amara Haja Miatta</i>	APC	Western Rural	112
2.	<i>Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh</i>	SLPP	Bo	085
3.	<i>Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu</i>	APC	Western Urban	115
4.	<i>Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.</i>	APC	Western Urban	126
5.	<i>Hon. Conteh Ibrahim</i>	APC	Tonkolili	053
6.	<i>Hon. Conteh John Charles</i>	APC	Bombali	031
7.	<i>Hon. Davies Kadijatu</i>	APC	Western Rural	110
8.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr</i>	SLPP	Kenema	016
9.	<i>Hon. George Edward</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	097
10.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	APC	Port Loko	070
11.	<i>Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu</i>	APC	Bombali	036
12.	<i>Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja</i>	SLPP	Kenema	018
13.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	109
14.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh</i>	APC	Western Urban	119
15.	<i>Hon. Juana Sahr</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	002
16.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	APC	Port Loko	069
17.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	APC	Karene	067
18.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio</i>	APC	Kambia	058
19.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	NGC	Kambia	057
20.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	APC	Port Loko	068
21.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	APC	Port Loko	072
22.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben</i>	APC	Bombali	034
23.	<i>Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu</i>	-	Pujehun	-
24.	<i>Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel</i>	APC	Western Urban	124
25.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	-	Kono	-
26.	<i>Hon. Moigua Peter Musa</i>	SLPP	Kenema	011
27.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	007
28.	<i>Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith</i>	APC	Western Urban	117
29.	<i>Hon. Sankoh Hassan</i>	APC	Tonkolili	049
30.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	-	Bonthe	-
31.	<i>Hon. Tholley James Ozan</i>	APC	Tonkolili	054
32.	<i>Hon. Tucker Tom Issic</i>	APC	Kono	022
33.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	101



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

2. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 11:35 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 11:35 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Zainab Kama-Braima of Constituency 010, Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

3. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District** moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by interchanging the sub items under the main item VI (**Government Motions**) in which the initial sub item “A” (**The Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation**) became sub item “B” while sub item “B” (**The Government Motion by the Minister of Energy**) became sub item “A”. He also moved to incorporate a new Item VIII (**Notice of Motion**). The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Constituency 100, Pujehun District** and approved by the House.

4. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 12th April, 2023:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday 12th April, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Ishmail S. Sandy of Constituency 080, Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Alieu Ibrahim Kamara of Constituency 122, Western Urban District** and adopted by the House as amended.

5. Announcement by Mr. Speaker:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** reminded the House about the letter he had received from the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (**CWPs**) about their intention to come and sensitize Hon. Members and political parties about women representation in Parliament. He informed the House that he had recommended for them to come latest on 20th April 2023 before the lists of candidates would be submitted by the respective political parties to the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL) instead of their proposed date of arrival in May. He asked that the female parliamentarians of the Parliament of Sierra Leone should take note of the said date that he had recommended to them because he wanted the female parliamentarians to take the leading role in receiving and escorting the leader and her delegation (**CWPs**) that would be coming for the noted assignment.

6. Laying of Papers:

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, called upon the Chairman of The Public Account Committee to lay the following papers that were itemized on the Order Paper:

A. Papers laid by The Chairman of The Public Account Committee:

The Chairman of The Public Account Committee, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, laid the following papers:

(i) Audit Service Sierra Leone, Management Report for the Year Ended 31st December, 2021.



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(ii) Report of the Public Petitions Committee on Petition by the People of Maforki Chiefdom Regarding the Port Loko Bauxite Mining Concession Dated April 2023.

Standing Order 25 (Notice of Motion):

The Deputy Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, gave a notice of motion for the debate of the petition regarding the people of Maforki Chiefdom with the view of extracting the recommendations for onward submission to the Executive for its action.

7. Private Member's Motion:

Proposer: Hon. Bashiru Silikie

Secunder: Hon. Musa Fofanah

The Proposer of the motion, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, presented the motion to the House with the following words as quoted:

“Be it resolved: That In Accordance with Section 170 (7) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) in Tandem with S.O. 25 (2), I move that the Document Entitled:

The Public Elections (Early Voting) Regulations, 2023 be debated by This Honourable House.

After presenting the motion and based on the consultations that he informed the House that he had had, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** moved to withdraw his Private Member's Motion in order to allow the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL) to carry out its constitutional mandate based on its calendar.

8. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12 noon:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued.

Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Constituency 132, Western Urban stated that there were some technicalities in the issue. He reminded the House about the ruling that was made by Mr. Speaker that once a motion had been moved to debate a Constitutional or Statutory Instrument based on Section 170 (7), the counting on the Constitutional or Statutory Instrument should be stopped until debated. He believed that a debate should be taken to see if the motion would be defeated or not.



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Mr. Speaker responded that there was no motion before the House because the said motion had been withdrawn by the proposer.

Hon. Lahai Marah stated that since the proposer had withdrawn his motion, the counting on the Constitutional Instrument should start afresh. He said that from the day **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** filed his notice of motion, the counting on the said Constitutional Instrument had been put on hold.

Hon. Daniel B. Koroma reminded the House that He had earlier moved the said notice of motion but it was untimely on his part based on procedures, and that by the time it was timely for him to move the said motion, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** had seized the opportunity and given the said notice of motion. He said that there was clear mischief in the action by **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** to file the said notice of motion.

The Deputy Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, rose on S.O. 34 (a point of order) and stated that there was no reason for the debate to proceed after Mr. Speaker had ruled, and that they were guided by the Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker responded that he had ruled on the issue after the proposer himself had withdrawn his motion.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo of Constituency 077, Port Loko District stated that the House should not treat the said Constitutional Instrument with levity.

Hon. Dickson M. Rogers rose on S.O. 34 (a point of order) and reminded Mr. Speaker about his ruling based on S.O. 42 and that Mr. Speaker's ruling should be final.

The Acting Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Hassan A. Sesay**, referred the House to S.O. 31 (1) and (2) respectively. He recited the aforementioned provisions of the Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker responded that there was no motion before the House because he did not ask for a seconder. He reminded the House that the proposer of the said motion just stood up and withdrew his motion.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo concluded that they met in Mr. Speaker's chamber and agreed that the said Constitutional Instrument should come before the House under a gentleman's agreement even though it was against the ECOWAS protocol. He said that based on that gentleman's agreement, the House should be flexible because they on the side of opposition had been flexible. He asked that the House should allow the debate to proceed so that the people would be sensitized.

Based on the dissenting views surrounding the said motion, Mr. Speaker invited some of the Hon. Members including the Leadership of Parliament to have a consultative meeting in his chamber.



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**Mr. Speaker stood down the House for the consultative meeting at 1:05 p.m.
The House resumed at 1:20 p.m.**

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, apologized for coming late as a result of unavoidable circumstances. He said that the betrayal in the House was so much in which Hon. Members would agree on one thing when they were out of the chamber but disagree as soon they came to the chamber.

The Proposer of the motion, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, again presented and moved the motion to the House with the following words as quoted:

“Be it resolved: That In Accordance with Section 170 (7) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) in Tandem with S.O. 25 (2), I move that the Document Entitled:

The Public Elections (Early Voting) Regulations, 2023 be debated by This Honourable House.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Musa Fofanah	023	Kono
2.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	077	Port Loko
3.	Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella	062	Kambia
4.	Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofanah	107	Western Rural
5.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay- Acting Leader of Opposition	050	Tonkolili
6.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo

Before putting the question for vote, Mr. Speaker guided the House that those Hon. Members that would vote in favour of the motion meant that they would vote for the annulment of the regulation, and that required 98 votes. He stated that if the House failed to have 98 votes, the motion would not pass, and that the regulation would mature into law with immediate effect.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

“All those in favour, stand up and be counted.”

“All those against, stand up and be counted.”

Through head counts, Mr. Speaker stated that the “Ayes” had 5 votes and the “Nays” had 22 votes.



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He declared that the motion had not been carried, and that the regulation would then mature into law with immediate effect.

Hon. Lahai Marah stood on a point of order. He rose on The Constitutional and Statutory Instruments Act, 1999. He referred the House to Section 3(2) of “The Constitutional and Statutory Instruments Act, 1999”. He recited the aforementioned provision as quoted: **“A statutory Instrument laid before Parliament shall come into force at the end of 21 days from the days of being so laid unless before then it has been annulled by Parliament by the votes of not less than two-thirds.”** He noted that the said Constitutional Instrument should continue counting even though the House had failed to annul it.

Mr. Speaker responded that he had so ruled and that his ruling was based on Section 170 (7) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

9. Government Motions:

A. Government Motion by The Minister of Energy

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Energy.

The Minister of Energy, **Dr. Alhaji Kanja Sesay**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:

“Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following agreements which were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday 12th March, 2023.”

- (i) **Power Purchase Agreement relating to the 120 MW Bekongor III hydroelectric power project (BHEPP), IN Sierra Leone between the Government of Sierra Leone (GOSL) and the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority and Nokorko Resources (SL) LTD.**
- (ii) **Implementation Agreement relating to the 120 MW Bekongor III hydroelectric power project (BLLEPP) in Sierra Leone between the Government of Sierra Leone (GOSL) and Nokorko Resources (SL) LTD (AA THE GENERATOR)**

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Christopha Keikura Vandy	088	Bo
2.	Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh	032	Bombali
3.	Hon. PC. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III	-	Tonkolili



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4.	Hon. Musa Fofanah	023	Kono
5.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay (Acting Leader of Opposition)	050	Tonkolili
6.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie (Acting Leader of Government Business)	082	Bo

The Minister of Energy, **Dr. Alhaji Kanja Sesay**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

Through collection of voices, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Minister of Energy had been ratified

10. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District** again moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by expunging item (VI) (B) (**Government Motion**), and item (VII) (**Bill**) on the Order Paper. The Motion was seconded by **Hon. Boston Munda of Constituency 021, Kenema District** and approved by the House.

11. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District** further moved another motion to amend the Order Paper by replacing **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin** with **Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella** as the initial proposer on item VIII (**Notice of Motion**) as well as replacing **Hon. Festus Mohamed Lansana** with **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin** as the seconder. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Boston Munda of Constituency 021, Kenema District** and approved by the House.

12. Notice of Motion:

Proposer: Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella

Secunder: Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin

The Proposer of the motion, **Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella**, presented the motion to the House with the following words as quoted:

“Be it resolved:

“That this Honourable House considers and debates the Report titled: Unearthing Academic Fraud in the Civil and Public Service in Sierra Leone”



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Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	081	Bo

13. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3:00 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Ambrose Madaa Lebby of Constituency 083, Bo District** for proceedings to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District** and approved by the House.

Debate Continued.

2.	Hon. Dr. Roland Foday Kargbo	064	Karene
3.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay – Acting Leader of Opposition	050	Tonkolili
4.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Leader of Government Business	082	Bo
5.	Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella – rounding up the debate	062	Kambia

In his submission to the debate and based on the recommendations concerning the aforementioned motion, **Hon. Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella**, proposed the following penalties for adoption by the House.

PERSON:

1. A person who falsely or fraudulently -
 - a) claims to hold a qualification (certificate, diploma, degree) from a Tertiary Education Commission accredited institution or,
 - b) from a lawfully recognised foreign institution by the Tertiary Education Commission; commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.
2. A person who knowingly supports anyone or tertiary and/or higher institution to
 - a) produce false qualification or falsely transfer grades for qualification either in transcripts or for class examination, or
 - b) provide an environment for others to falsely take national or tertiary and/or higher educational institution examinations for qualification, or
 - c) advertise and/or publish in the media, information for any institution that is unaccredited, or d) serve as a Board Member, Lecturer, or Staff of an unaccredited institution and failing to inspect the registration and accreditation certificates and/or vetting such documents from the Tertiary Education Commission for their authenticity, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years and to a fine of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (NLe 150,000) New Leones.



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3. A person who uses another person's qualification to seek

- a) employment, admission to any learning institution and
- b) or use it to his/her own advantage and benefit of any kind commits an offence and is liable to a conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION:

- c) An academic institution, its proprietor, proxy, and/or board members who -
 - a) offers a qualification or part qualification when the institution is not accredited by the Tertiary Education Commission, or;

A foreign Academic Institution, its proprietor, proxy, and/or board members (local and/or international or merger institution)-

- b) offering qualifications, falsely claiming to be registered and/or accredited as an educational institution to serve that purpose from its home country and by the Tertiary Education Commission of Sierra Leone

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or to a fine of Five Hundred Thousand (NLe 500,000).

- d) A Tertiary and Higher Educational Institution that –

- a) knowingly fails to comply with instructions, disciplinary actions, and/or advice from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and/or fails to renew registration after two months of the expiration of its previous registration,

Commits an offence and is liable to a fine of One Hundred Thousand (NLe 100,000) Provided that, the offence involves:

- a) Operating an institution after being rejected and informed by the Tertiary Education Commission to wait after two years to re-apply for accreditation;
- b) Obstructing a person authorised by the Tertiary Education Commission to take information;
- c) Making a false declaration in an application for accreditation;
- d) Failing to renew registration and continuing to operate after two months of the expiration of the previous registration,

commits an offence and is liable to a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Leones (NLe 200,000) New Leones and shall cease its operation for the next 5 years and or both.



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EMPLOYING INSTITUTION

e) An Employing Institution who –

a) knowingly fails to vet an academic qualification and subsequently offers a job opportunity or compensation, reward, promotion, and any other related advantage,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years and/or to a fine of One Hundred Thousand (NLe 100,000) New Leones and or both.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

Through collection of voices, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that the Motion proposed by **Hon. Dr. Kande Kalleh Yumkella** had been adopted.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Friday 14th April, 2023.

The House rose at 15:25 p.m.