



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE SECOND
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FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT SITTING**



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THURSDAY 13TH MARCH, 2025

**The House Met at 10:05 a.m.
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Presided.**

I. ATTENDANCE:

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:

NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT
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. Bah Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
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 Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
11.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
12.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
14.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
16.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
18.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
19.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
20.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
21.	Hon. Edwin Moses A.	SLPP	Bonthe
22.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
23.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
24.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
25.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
26.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
27.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
28.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
29.	Hon. Gberek III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
30.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
31.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema



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32.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
33.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
34.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
35.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
36.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
37.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
38.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
39.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
40.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
41.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
42.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
43.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
44.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
45.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
46.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
47.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
48.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
49.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
50.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
51.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
52.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
53.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
54.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
55.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
56.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
57.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
58.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
59.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
60.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
61.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
62.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
63.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
64.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
65.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
66.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
67.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Western Area Urban
68.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
69.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
70.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
71.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe



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72.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
73.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
74.	Hon. Lebbby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
75.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
76.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
77.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
78.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
79.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
80.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
81.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
82.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
83.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
84.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
85.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
86.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
87.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
88.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
89.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
90.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
91.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
92.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
93.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
94.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
95.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
96.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
97.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
98.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
99.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
100.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
101.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
102.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
103.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun
104.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
105.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
106.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
107.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
108.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
109.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
110.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun



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THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
2.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
5.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
6.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
8.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
9.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
10.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
11.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
12.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
13.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
14.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
15.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
17.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
18.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
19.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO
2.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
5.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
6.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
7.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
8.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
9.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
10.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
12.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
13.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
14.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
15.	Hon. Songa Bernadette Wuyatta	SLPP	Kailahun
16.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
18.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili



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Pronouncement of Quorum:

The Deputy Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Gilbert Bosco N'habay**, made the following pronouncement as quoted: "Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members. Pursuant to Section 89 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 OF 1991) in tandem with S.O. 7(1) of the Standing Orders of Parliament, this House had now formed a quorum to commence its proceedings".

1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston (Deputy Director 2).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:30 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 10:30 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Brima Mansaray** from **Kenema District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon Habib Keifa Fabbah** from **Bo District** and approved by the House.

3. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Majority Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** moved a motion to amend item 'V', A and B on the Order Paper to insert the word '**National**' and to now be read as the Sierra Leone **National** Shipping Agency Act, 2025. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** from **Bo District** and approved by the House.

4. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 11th March, 2025:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 11th March, 2025 was moved by **Hon. Musa Fofanah** from **Kono District**. It was seconded by **Hon. William Joseph Lamin** from **Bo District** and adopted by the House.

5. Laying of Paper:

The Deputy Director 2, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston** called upon the Attorney General and Minister of Justice to lay the following paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District represented the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice due to his unavoidable absence in accordance with S.O. 18 (5).

The following Papers were laid by the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business:

The Audit Service Regulation, 2025

The Audit Service Act 2024 (ACT NO. 4 2014)



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Statutory Instrument NO. 15 OF 2024

6. Mr. Speaker's Announcement

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas announced that all Bills must first be sent to the Speaker's Chamber for final review before submission for presidential assent. He went further to assert that whenever there is pre-assent to any Act, it behooves the Chairman of the Legislative Committee to announce to the House that such Bill had been assented so that it serves as an initial information to the public.

7. Bills:

A. The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025

The Table Clerk **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi** called upon The Minister of Transport and Aviation to proceed on the Committee Stage of the Bill.

Committee Stage – The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Presentation of Legislative Committee Report:

The Chairman of the, **Hon. Abdul S. Marry-Conteh** from **Western Urban District**, presented the Seventh Report of the Second Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Legislative Committee on the Bill entitled "**The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025**".

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 11:35.

The House resumed at 11:45.

Continued proceedings.

B. The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025, by the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi** announced that Part 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.

The Deputy Minister moved that Part 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the Question for debate.

Debate started.

The Deputy Minister moved that Part 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill as amended.



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Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

“All those in favour, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi** pronounced that Part 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 28 formed part of the Bill as amended.

During the debate some amendments were made.

Report Stage:

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha** reported to the House that “the Bill entitled: **The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025** had gone through Committee of the Whole House with some amendments made.”

The House resumed from Committee Stage

Third Reading:

The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that “the Bill entitled: **The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025**” be read the Third Time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

“All those in favor, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi** pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency Act, 2025. Being an Act to repeal and replace the Sierra Leone National Carrier Act, 2012, Act No. 13 Of 2012, to make provision for the establishment of The Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency as the sole national carrier of the Republic of Sierra Leone with the right to perform at its discretion the maritime transportation of 40% of the total value of cargo exported out of, and imported into, Sierra Leone, whether unitized or in bulk, dry or liquid, including the provision of EPSOs, FSOs, freight clearing and forwarding, transshipment, crew management, cabotage services, haulage and related logistics services and to provide for other related matters**” “ had been read the Third Time and passed into law.



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8. Standing Order 23 – Personal Explanations

The following Hon. Members stood on S.O. 23:

Hon. Aaron A. Koroma – He raised concern over the Rokel River and informed the House about its threat of extinction. He said that Sierra Leone would lose that very important river if no action was taken to put a stop on the attack of illegal mining and other related activities. Furthermore, he stated that the aforementioned river was considered to be a great source of energy and that studies had proven that it was the only river in Sierra Leone that had the potential to supply renewable energy to curb energy and water crises in the Western Area. He called on the relevant authorities to take immediate action to prevent its extinction.

Additionally, the Hon. Member reported to the House about the records of the Ministry of Finance which stated that “inflation is decreasing ..., the exchange rate is relatively low”. He then spoke on the state of inflation and the exchange rate and analyzed their effect on prices of commodities which he said were on the increase. Furthermore, he mentioned that a bag of cement which was le 160 was now le 200 or higher depending on your location in the country. He called on the Rt. Hon. Speaker to invite the Minister of Trade to explain to Parliament, what was the cause that there was a ‘decreased inflation and low exchange rate’ yet there was an increase in prices of commodities in the market.

Mr. Speaker’s response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker ordered the Acting Clerk of Parliament to issue invitation letters to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Trade and Industry to appear on Monday at 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. respectively, to respond to matters raised under their portfolios.

Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh – Reported that the Ministry of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff issued a letter to the authority of Services Secondary School claiming ownership of the school compound at Juba. He said that the action of the military personnel was followed by intimidation and assumption of control over the said school compound. He called upon the good Office of the Speaker to summon the Minister of Defence to forestall them from interfering with the Services Secondary School.

Mr. Speaker’s response

The Rt. Hon. Speaker ordered the Acting Clerk of Parliament to issue an invitation letter to the Minister of Defence and copy the Chief of Defence Staff, to appear before the Public Interest Committee on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Reported to the House about the Energy Sector that the revenue generated had not been in correspondence with the service delivery. He mentioned the constraint in energy supply especially in the capital city of Freetown. He reported the unregulated voltage supply of energy that had been causing destruction of electrical appliances, leading to the burning down of houses including his house. He called on the Rt. Hon. Speaker to invite relevant authorities for questioning for



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such allegations.

Mr. Speaker's response:

Mr. Speaker called on the Acting Clerk to include the National Minerals Agency to the list of MDAs to appear before the Public Interest Committee.

Hon. Sarah Fatmata Soukina – reported the destruction of the transformer in her constituency and informed the House about the constant blackout for the past one month. She called on the intervention of the Speaker to help fix the transformer.

Hon. Unpha S.G. Koroma – raised concern over the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary with regards the demolition of houses. He said that complaint by land occupiers around the said area who were claiming ownership were in possession of authentic land document from the Ministry of Lands. He also questioned the efficiency of the Forest Guards (over 500) as to the manner in which the forest trees were cut down without their knowledge and houses built on the said area over the time. He asked whether there was any compensation plan for the victims.

Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – informed the House that the people sponsoring the Tacugama Sanctuary were about to close. He said that the issue was very serious and therefore the House should treat appropriately under the relevant committee.

Hon. Joseph Williams Lamin – reported a disturbing video making rounds on social media showing about 700 Black Africans being murdered in Morocco. He called on the Rt. Hon. Speaker to use his good office to do further investigation and for colleague Members of Parliament in the Pan African Parliament to do the same. He said according to the video the murder was based on color and was specific to 'Black Africans'.

Mr. Speaker's response:

Mr. Speaker responded that he would first try to enquire about the veracity of the allegation and it would be followed by Members of the Pan African Parliament.

Hon. Mahmoud Kamara – reported the deplorable condition of the Lumley Health Care as well as the road leading to the said hospital. He also reported the inadequate availability of beds for women and children, and advocated for the immediate use of the 100-bed structure that had already completed for that purpose to accommodate as much women and children as possible to elevate the current suffering. He said that most referred cases could not be attended to because of lack of facilities. He called on relevant authorities to take immediate action.

Hon. Quinting Salia Konneh – Commented on the forest reserve around the Tacugama Sanctuary. He informed the House that people started by brushing the middle of the forest without the notice of authorities and built their houses. He added that on several occasions as Chairman of Lands Committee, they had sent notices to the people but those notices had been disregarded. He further stated that the country was slowly moving out of land especially in the Western Area, which he said was not good for development with regards foreign investment. He informed the House about the rampant ravaging of land in the Western Area because everybody wants to own land. He then



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advised that when Members of Parliament are considering the people they represent they should also make efforts to guide them when they do wrong in order to protect the limited amount of land left. He concluded by saying that some of the strong measures may not sound well but as a country we need to put them in place so that it serves as a deterrent for those who may have the intention to do such. He said otherwise in the shortest possible time the Western Area would run out of land.

Hon. Mariama M. Zombo – reported that the River Moa and the Tiwai Gola Complex was being threatened by the mining that was ongoing up stream in Moa particularly in Barri Chiefdom. She said that those were reserves that had almost been elevated to World Heritage Site Status. She said for any site to be considered as such, it meant that the site was a natural or man-made site being recognized globally of international importance and deserves special protection. She added that the site was nominated globally by the World Heritage Convention, an Organization of UNESCO, and that the sites were still on nomination process. She stated that the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Tourism were very much aware of the nomination. She concluded by saying that those sites got threatened and if the river around the island got dirty, it would be an eyesore and would not attract Tourists whom we expected to come and enjoy the fresh water and all the flora and fauna there.

Adjournment:

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 18th March, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 12:30 p.m.**



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