



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



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TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2024

**The House Met at 10:15 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
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO
2.	Hon. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. BanguraAdama	SLPP	Kambia
5.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
6.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. BanguraMariama	APC	Western Area Urban
9.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
10.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
11.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
13.	Hon. BockarieBintuFatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
14.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
17.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
18.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
19.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
20.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
21.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
23.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
24.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
25.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
26.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
27.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
28.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
29.	Hon. FornaMabinty	APC	Tonkolili
30.	Hon. Gberek III P.C BaiShebora Sheba	-	Port Loko



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31.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
32.	Hon. GobaMariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
33.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
34.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
35.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
36.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
37.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
38.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
39.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
40.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
41.	Hon. KamaraAlusine Bash	APC	Karene
42.	Hon. KamaraldrissSahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
43.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
44.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
45.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
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. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
59.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
60.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
61.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
62.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
63.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
64.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
65.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
66.	Hon. KoromaMeamaKajue P.C HajaFatmataBintu	-	Moyamba
67.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
68.	Hon. KoromaUnphaSorieGbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
69.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
70.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun



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71.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
72.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
73.	Hon. LarkohArunaPapay	APC	Tonkolili
74.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
75.	Hon. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
76.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
77.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
78.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
79.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalanSama	-	Koinadugu
80.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
81.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
82.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
83.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
84.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
85.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
86.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
87.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
88.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
89.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
90.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
91.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
92.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
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 Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
98.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
99.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
100.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
101.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
102.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
103.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
104.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
105.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
106.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
107.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
108.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
109.	Hon. TimboZinab	APC	Western Area Rural
110.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiamia	SLPP	Kono



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111.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
112.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
113.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo
114.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
115.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
2.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
4.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
5.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
6.	Hon. GevaoHindoloMoiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
8.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba
9.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
10.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
12.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
13.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
14.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
15.	Hon. Mansaray HamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
16.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
17.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
18.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
19.	Hon. Sesay Pessima MariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
20.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
21.	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
22.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
23.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
24.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
25.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. ArunaMassayNgahiteh	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
3.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
4.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
5.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Tho rShekuTerenahTongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
6.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
7.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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1. Prayers were read by Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie (Table Clerk).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:20 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:20 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay from Moyamba District** for commencement of plenary proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie from Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 8th February, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 8th February, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Brima Mansaray from Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu from Western Area Urban District** and adopted by the House with some amendments.

Observation

The Deputy Minority Leader 1, **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma** expressed concern why the Notice of Motion he gave during the previous sitting to invite the Minister of Transport was not featured on the Order Paper.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** responded by saying that he had not received any formal motion from the Hon. Member which he would have featured on the Order Paper for the day's sitting. He encouraged the Hon. Member for more bilateral engagements on issues. The Majority Leader further assured the House that they would utilize Question Time during the Sixth Parliament and that the intention was not to embarrass Ministers but to ensure good governance, democracy and best practice.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** thanked both Leaders for their comments. He said that the Fifth Parliament did not utilize much of Questions to Ministers, he therefore encouraged Hon. Members to break the glass ceiling during the Sixth Parliament by encouraging Ministers to answer to questions in the well of Parliament. He further said that a particular day would be set aside for Question Time and he would make a definitive announcement during the next adjourned date on how they would go about it.

4. Laying of Papers:

- A.** The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie** called upon the Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Security to lay the paper as itemized on the Order Paper.

The Deputy Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Security, **Mr. Mohamed Lansana Dumbuya** laid the following papers.



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The Work Permit Act, 2023 (Act No 11 of 2023)
The Work Permit (FEES) Regulations 2024
Statutory Instrument No. 1 of 2024

Statement

The Deputy Minority Leader 1, **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma** also expressed concern about the Statutory Instrument that was brought before the House. He suggested that a cross-committee be constituted to look into all Rules, Regulations and Statutory Instrument before they are laid on the Table of the House, so that modifications could be made where necessary.

The Deputy Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** fully adopted the statement by the Deputy Minority Leader 1. He further stated that he hoped the Ministry responsible for the Statutory Instrument which had just been laid would bring another Regulation not later than one year, because of the potential problems he had foreseen. He also said that he thought the fees in the schedule would have been presented differently than the way it was done.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** responded by saying that it was the law that gave the powers to the Minister to make regulations and therefore, if they wanted to regulate any Statutory Instrument; they should revert back to the Act and amend it by relieving the Minister from making any further regulation in the form of Statutory Instrument. He further proposed that "section 170 sub-section (7) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone be amended".

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** tried to settle the confusion by distinguishing the two issues. One was the question of enforcement of the employment laws and the second issue was with the Instrument itself, when it should take effect. He said that the Minister's intention for the Regulation to take effect on the 1st January 2024 could not prevail in the circumstance but they should rather follow the dictates of section 170 sub-section 7 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone. Therefore, they should wait until the 21 days had elapsed before the Statutory Instrument which had just been laid could take effect.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 20th February, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 11:30 a.m.