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[Ref: OP/6/02/27] TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY, 2025

The House Met at 10:00 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. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Во		
2.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural		
3.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Во		
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 Mohamed	APC	Karene		
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali		
12.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili		
13.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun		
14.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali		
15.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema		
16.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema		
17.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba		
18.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban		
19.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu		
20.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban		
21.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali		
22.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural		
23.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali		
24.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali		
25.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban		
26.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe		
27.	Hon. Edwin Moses A.	SLPP	Bonthe		
28.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Во		
29.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia		
30.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono		
31.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili		
32.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili		





Hon. Gbereh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba P.C Port Loko Kailahun 34. Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo **SLPP** 35. Hon. Goba Mariama Ella SLPP Kenema 36. Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie Falaba **SLPP** 37. Hon. Jalloh Memunatu **APC** Port Loko 38. Hon. Kabba Ibrahim **SLPP** Western Area Rural 39. Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara SLPP Kenema 40. Hon. Kallon Hawa **SLPP** Pujehun 41. Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim **APC** Port Loko 42. Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash **APC** Karene 43. Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid **SLPP** Western Area Urban 44. Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash **SLPP** Во 45. Hon. Kamara Mahmoud **APC** Western Area Urban 46. Hon. Kamara Marie **APC** Bombali 47. Hon. Kamara Rugiatu **APC** Tonkolili 48. Hon. Kanneh Mohamed **SLPP** Kailahun 49. Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy **APC** Western Area Urban 50. Hon. Kargbo Abdul **APC** Port Loko 51. Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh **SLPP** Western Area Rural 52. Hon. Kargbo John Sartty **APC** Western Area Rural 53. Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff APC Karene 54. Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei Во 55. Hon, Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba Bombali 56. Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna **APC** Tonkolili 57. Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima **APC** Koinadugu 58. Hon. Koroma Ibrahim SLPP Kenema 59. Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu Moyamba 60. Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba **APC** Bombali 61. Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay **APC** Tonkolili 62. Hon. Lebbie Nenneh **SLPP** Во 63. Hon. Mackery Yusuf SLPP Во 64. Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben APC Moyamba 65. Hon. Mansaray Brima SLPP Kenema 66. Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman **SLPP** Western Area Urban 67. Hon. Moigua Musa Peter **SLPP** Kenema 68. Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur SLPP Bonthe 69. Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava **SLPP** Во 70. Hon. Munda Boston **SLPP** Kenem 71. Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu Kambia 72. Hon. Pyne Umu **SLPP** Moyamba



SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE SECOND SESSION, 2024/2025 FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING



Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia **SLPP** Pujehun Pujehun 74. Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh **SLPP** 75. Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya SLPP Kenema 76. Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael Port Loko **SLPP** 77. Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa **SLPP** Moyamba 78. **APC** Port Loko Hon. Sesay Aminata 79. Hon. Sesay Jawah **APC** Tonkolili 80. Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal **SLPP** Port Loko 81. Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie **SLPP** Moyamba 82. Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh **SLPP** Falaba 83. Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa **SLPP** Kailahun 84. Hon. Silikie Bashiru **SLPP** Во 85. Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette **SLPP** Kailahun 86. Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah **SLPP** Western Area Urban 87. Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu **SLPP** Kenema 88. APC Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice Kambia 89. Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah **SLPP** Kailahun 90. Hon. Tholley Foyoh **SLPP** Tonkolili 91. Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele **APC** Western Area Urban 92. Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal **APC** Western Area Urban 93. Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiama **SLPP** Kono 94. Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh Kailahun **SLPP** 95. Hon. Tucker Tom Issic **APC** Kono 96. **SLPP** Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura Во 97. Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph **SLPP** Во THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT: Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata **Bonthe** 1. **SLPP** 2. Hon. George Edward **SLPP** Moyamba 3. Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril Kailahun 4. Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon Kono SLPP 5. Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata **SLPP** Kailahun 6. Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan **APC** Kambia 7. Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen Kenema 8. Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph **SLPP** Western Area Rural 9. Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim **SLPP** Port Loko 10. Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim Port Loko **SLPP** 11. Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria Karene 12. Hon. Kemokai Abu **SLPP** Pujehun 13. Hon. Lahai Musa **SLPP** Kailahun 14. Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada **SLPP** Во





15.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu	
16.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu	
17.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono	
18.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono	
19.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban	
20.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun	
21.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun	
22.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono	
23.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban	
24.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun	
THE	FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT	WITH AN E	EXCUSE:	
1.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban	
2.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban	
3.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural	
4.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema	
5.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali	
6.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural	
7.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban	
8.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia	
9.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono	
10.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Во	
11.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono	
12.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono	
13.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia	
14.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban	
15.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe	
16.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono	
17.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural	
18.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe	
19.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu	
20.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba	-	Falaba	
	Fanko Lai			
21.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema	
22.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko	
23.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali	
24.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun	
25.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali	
26.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun	
27.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili	
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Pronouncement of Quorum:

The Acting 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 has now had a quorum to commence its proceedings."

1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston, Senior Table Clerk.

2. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 10:30 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay from Moyamba District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 10th January, 2025:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 10th January, 2025 was moved by **Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw from Falaba District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi from Kaila District** and adopted by the House.

4. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Acting Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Bashiru Silikie**) moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by replacing the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation with the Leader of Government Business in order to lay the papers that ought to have been laid by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation himself had it not been for his absence. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** and approved by the House.

Statement by The Leader of Opposition:

The Leader of Opposition (**Hon. Abdul Kargbo**) stated that for any subsequent amendment on the Order Paper, the Business Committee should be informed beforehand so that Members of the Business Committee would be synced with the amendment.

5. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the House that his ruling to ban a journalist named **Melvin Tejan Mansaray** from the precincts of Parliament still remained in force until a time that Parliament should decide. He informed Hon. Members as well as the public that he had not banned the said journalist because he had criticized Parliament but because he had gone beyond criticism with an **"insulting conduct"** by referring to Parliament and its Members as **"useless."** He stated that the said journalist had insulted the integrity of Parliament and its Members. He said that in criticizing Parliament, no journalist had any reason to refer to Parliament and its Members as **"useless."** He further went on to say that the said journalist went on to misinform the public that





Mr. Speaker rigged the election for the removal of the Auditor-General of which he was just the presiding officer, and that the election was transparently and democratically conducted by the Clerk of Parliament. He said that the said journalist was already in contempt of Parliament as provided for in Section 95 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991), and that the Parliamentary Committee on Privileges and Ethics would look into the issue and take the necessary actions. He finally admonished Journalist of the Press Gallery that they were allowed to sit at the press gallery because he, Mr. Speaker, had permitted that. He noted that journalists should be free at all times to criticize and analyze issues concerning Parliament, the Speaker and Hon. Members but not with an **"insulting conduct"** as democracy requires freedom of expression, and that the right of exercising one's freedom of expression must be obligated with some responsibilities as not to infringe on the right of others.

6. Laying of Papers:

The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Leader of Government Business to lay the papers that were itemized on the Order Paper as amended.

Paper Laid by The Acting Leader of Government Business:

The Acting Leader of Government Business (Hon. Bashiru Silikie) laid the following papers:

- I. Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Water Courses and International Lakes. Dated 17th March, 1992.
- II. Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Water Courses and International Lakes as Amended along with Decision V 1/3 Clarifying the Accession Procedure. Dated 17th March, 1992.
- III. Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses on International Water Courses, New York. Dated 21st May, 1997.
 - 7. Announcement of Membership for "the Committee of Selection:"
 Pursuant to Standing Order (SO) 70 (B), The Acting Leader of Government Business (Hon. Bashiru Silikie) announced the Membership of "The Committee of Selection" as follows.





Committee of Selection:

No.	Names of Members	Position	District	Party
1.	Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas	Chairman	Bonthe	Neutral
2.	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	Dep. Chairman	Western Urban	SLPP
3.	Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma	Member	Kenema	SLPP
4.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	Member	Во	SLPP
5.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	Member	Port Loko	APC
6.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma	Member	Koinadugu	APC
7.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	Member	Kambia	APC
8.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	Member	Pujehun	SLPP
9.	Hon. Veronica K. Sesay	Member	Moyamba	SLPP
10.	Hon. PC Kandeh Baba Keiha III	Member	Bombali	PC

He moved that the said Membership of the Committee of Selection be approved by the House. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** and approved by the House.

Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the House that the Membership of the newly constituted Committee of Selection would have a meeting on Wednesday 15th January, 2025 at 12 noon in Mr. Speaker's Conference Room.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the Laying-out Ceremony of the late **Mr. Moinina Conteh** would be held on Thursday 16th January, 2025 at the State Hall of Parliament.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 16th January, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The House rose at 11:10 a.m.