



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
SECOND SESSION, 2024/2025
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH SITTING**



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FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2024

The House Met at 10:00 a.m.
The Rt. Speaker, Hon. 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. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Bah Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
4.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
5.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
6.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
9.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
10.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
12.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
14.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
15.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
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. Edwin Moses A.	SLPP	Bonthe
20.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
21.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
22.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
23.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
24.	Hon. Gberekere III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
25.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
26.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
27.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
28.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
29.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
30.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
31.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
32.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban



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33.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
34.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
35.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
36.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
37.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
38.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
39.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
40.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
41.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
42.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
43.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
44.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
45.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
46.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
47.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kande Paria	-	Karene
48.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
49.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
50.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
51.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
52.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
53.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
54.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
55.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
56.	Hon. Lebbay Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
57.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
58.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
59.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
60.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
61.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
62.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
63.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
64.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
65.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
66.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
67.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
68.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
69.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
70.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
71.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun



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72.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
73.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
74.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
75.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
76.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
77.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
78.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
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	Bo
85.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
86.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
87.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
88.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
89.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
90.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
91.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
92.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
2.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
3.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
4.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
5.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
6.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
7.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
8.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
9.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
10.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
12.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
13.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
14.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
15.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO



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2.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
4.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
5.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
6.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
7.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
8.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
9.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
10.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
11.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
12.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
13.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
14.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
15.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
16.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
17.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
18.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
19.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
20.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
21.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
22.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
23.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
24.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
25.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
26.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
27.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
28.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
29.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
30.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
31.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
32.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
33.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
34.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
35.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
36.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun
37.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
38.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
39.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
40.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
41.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo



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- 1. Prayers were read by Mr. Gilbert Bosco N'habay (Acting Clerk of Parliament).**
- 2. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):**
The motion for the suspension of S O 5 (2) at 10:10 am was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** from **Moyamba District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** and approved by the House.
- 3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 14th November, 2024:**
The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 14th November 2024 was moved by **Hon. Boston Munda** from **Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Fallah Kenawah Tengbeh** from **Kailahun District** and adopted by the House as amended.

Statement by the Majority Leader:

The Leader of Government Business and Majority Leader (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District**) informed the House about the incorrect news making rounds on social media that Parliament was insensitive about the 5% increment on import duty of rice of which Parliament had not even done. He asked Mr. Speaker to remind the members of the public about a provision in the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone that talked about "Contempt of Parliament". He referred the House to Section 95 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) and recited the following provision as quoted: "**Any act or omission which obstructs or impedes Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer thereof in the discharge of his duties or affronts the dignity of Parliament, or which tends either directly or indirectly to produce such a result shall be a contempt of Parliament.**" He asked Mr. Speaker to admonish the members of the public to refrain from such behaviours.

Statement by the Minority Leader:

The Minority Leader and Leader of the Opposition (**Hon. Abdul Kargbo**) joined the Majority Leader in expressing his dissatisfaction over the misinformed publication he saw on social media about the 5% increment on import duty of rice. He noted that when the House was deliberating on **The Finance Act, 2025**, there was a provision that stated 5% increment on import duty of rice which would have taken effect in 2025, but he stated that as a House they resolved through consultations with no element of partisan politics to defer the said increment to 2026, and that the said decision was unanimously agreed upon. He said that it was unfair for the public to castigate them for making such decision.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas**, responded by informing the Members of the Public that no increment was made on the import duty of rice for 2025.



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He informed the House that he did not see the said publication because he did not watch social media as he wanted to protect his mental health. He reminded the Public about Section 95 of 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone together with some provisions of The Cyber Security and Crime Act, 2021. He noted that members of the public should do enquires about happenings in Parliament instead of making damaging news. He reminded the House together with members of the public that he had promised on the very day that he was elected Speaker that the full effect of Section 95 would be effectively put to use under his tenure as Mr. Speaker. He extended his stern warning to members of the public to refrain from such behaviours or else the full effect of Section 95 would be invoked. He noted that the courts had limits when it comes to administering punishments to people, but the laws of Sierra Leone had not provided any limits for Parliament to punish anybody for contempt.

Announcement by the Majority Leader:

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) informed the House together with the public that the absence of majority of the Opposition Members of Parliament was due to a burial ceremony of one of their colleagues' father that would take place on that very day at Makeni of which they had travelled to honour, and that he did not want members of the public to misinterpret or misunderstand their absence for boycott. He also reminded the House about absence of some Hon. Members to attend to some international obligations of which Mr. Speaker had granted them his permission. He finally informed the House that he relied on Section 94 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) for Mr. Speaker to make a ruling on Section 93 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991).

4. Laying of Papers:

The Table Clerk (**Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**) called upon the Minister of Finance to lay the following paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

Paper laid by the Minister of Finance:

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) laid the following paper:

The Redenomination of the Leone Regulations, 2024.

The Bank of Sierra Leone Act, 2019 (Act No. 5 of 2019).

Statutory Instrument No. 4 of 2024.



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5. Bill: The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024 by The Minister of Finance.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon **The Minister of Finance** to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

I. Introduction and First Reading:

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) moved that the Bill entitled: "**The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024**" be read the First Time.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: "**The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024**" had been read the **First Time**.

II. Second Reading:

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) moved that the Bill entitled: "**The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024**" be read the Second Time. He presented the objects and reasons of the Bill to the House and again moved that the Bill be read the Second Time.

Mr. Speaker proposed a question for the House to debate the merits and principles of the Bill.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the Bill:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	SLPP	Kenema
2.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma – Acting Minority Leader	APC	Koinadugu
3.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema



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The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and further moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024**” be read the Second Time.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024**” had been read the Second Time.

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

[In this stage of the Bill - The Mace would be covered; the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks would be taken off, and Mr. Speaker would be addressed as Mr. Chairman].

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) moved that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed a question for debate.

The debate was done. Some amendments were made.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote as quoted:

"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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that Clause 1 had formed part of the Bill as amended."

The House resumed from the Committee of the Whole [The Mace was uncovered; Mr. Chairman was then addressed as Mr. Speaker, and the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were worn on].



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IV. Report Stage:

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **"The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024"** had gone through the Committee of the whole House with some amendments.

V. Third Reading:

The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) moved that the Bill be read the Third Time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted.

"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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2024"** with its long title: "" had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 11:40 a.m.

The House resumed at 11:55 a.m.

6. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2) at Noon:

The motion for the suspension of S O 5 (2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** from **Moyamba District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba** from **Kenema District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued:

7. Bill: The Appropriation Act, 2025 by the Minister of Finance.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon **The Minister of Finance** to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.



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I. Introduction and First Reading:

Pursuant to SO 63 (2), The Minister of Finance (**Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**) presented the Budget Speech for the Fiscal Year 2025 and moved that the Bill entitled: "**The Appropriation Act, 2025**" be read the First Time.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: "**The Appropriation Act, 2025**" had been read the **First Time**.

Pursuant to SO 63 (3), the Bill entitled: "**The Appropriation Act, 2025**" was put down for the Second Reading after it had been read the First Time.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 19th November, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 1:55 p.m.