



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



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TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 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. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
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 Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
13.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
14.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
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	Bo
29.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area Rural
30.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
31.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
32.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono



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33.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
34.	Hon. Gbreh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
35.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
36.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
37.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
38.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
39.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
40.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
41.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
42.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
43.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
44.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
45.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
46.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
47.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
48.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
49.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
50.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
51.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
52.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
53.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
54.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
55.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
56.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
57.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
58.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
59.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
60.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
61.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
62.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
63.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
64.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
65.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
66.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
67.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
68.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
69.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
70.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
71.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
72.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban



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73.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
74.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
75.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
76.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
77.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
78.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
79.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
80.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
81.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
82.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
83.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
84.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
85.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
86.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
87.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
88.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
89.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
90.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
91.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
92.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
93.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
94.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
95.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
96.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
97.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
98.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
99.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
100.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
101.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
102.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
103.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
104.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
105.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
106.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
107.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
108.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
109.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
110.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
111.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun



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112.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
113.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
114.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
115.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
116.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
117.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
118.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
119.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
120.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
121.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
122.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
123.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
124.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
2.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
3.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
4.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
5.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
6.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
7.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
8.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
9.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
10.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
11.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
12.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
13.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
14.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
2.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
3.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
4.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
5.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
6.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
8.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
9.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun
10.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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Pronouncement of Quorum:

In consonance with the ruling made by Mr. Speaker, The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, made the following pronouncement as quoted: **"Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members. Pursuant to Section 89 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) in tandem with SO 7(1) of the Standing Orders of this Parliament, this House has now had a quorum to commence its proceedings."**

1. Prayers were read by Mr. Ismail Kabba (Table Clerk).

2. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):

The motion for the suspension of S O 5 (2) at 10:15 am was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi from Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 16th December, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Monday 16th December 2024 was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie from Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Komba Quee from Kono District** and adopted by the House.

4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the House especially the Leaderships of both Government and Opposition Bench that there would be a meeting with him Mr. Speaker in his Conference Room on Wednesday 18th December, 2024 at 2 p.m. prompt.

5. Laying of Papers – Standing Order 18:

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

Papers Laid:

Pursuant to Section 119 (4) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act. No. 6 of 1991), The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, laid the following papers:

i. Audit Service Sierra Leone Annual Performance Report 2023.

ii. Auditor General's Report on the Account of Sierra Leone 2023.

Mr. Speaker's Response:



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Due to the unavailability of **"the Audit Service Sierra Leone Annual Performance Report 2023,"** Mr. Speaker asked the Leader of Government Business to apply for an amendment to the Order Paper.

6. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by expunging Item IV (i) - **"the Audit Service Sierra Leone Annual Performance Report 2023."** The motion was seconded by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** and approved by the House.

7. Bill: The Save Motherhood and Health Care Act, 2024 by The Minister of Health.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismail Kabba**, called upon The Minister of Health to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

I. Introduction and First Reading:

The Deputy Minister II of Health (**Dr. Jelikatu Mustapha**) moved that the Bill entitled: **The Save Motherhood and Reproductive Health Care Act, 2024** be read the First Time.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"All those in favour, say aye."

"Those against, say nay."

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismail Kabba**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Save Motherhood and Reproductive Health Care Act, 2024"** had been read the First Time.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismail Kabba**, called upon The Minister of Health to proceed with the Second Reading of the Bill.

II. Second Reading:

The Deputy Minister II of Health (**Dr. Jelikatu Mustapha**) moved that the Bill entitled: **The Save Motherhood and Reproductive Health Care Act, 2024** be read the Second Time. She presented the objects and reasons of the Bill to the House and again moved that the Bill be read the **Second Time**.



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Statement by The Leader of Government Business:

Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma rose on a point of order and reminded the House together with the public about the powers of Parliament to make laws for the country (**The Republic of Sierra Leone**) as enshrined in Section 105 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991). He referred the House to the aforementioned provision and recited the said provision as quoted: **"Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Parliament shall be the supreme legislative authority for Sierra Leone."**

He reminded the House about the enactments of **The Public Elections Act, 2022; The Repeal of Part V of The Public Order Act; The Repeal of The Death Penalty et al.** He pleaded with Mr. Speaker that the Public should allow the House to do its work. He stated that bills before the House for enactments were mere proposals and not laws yet. He finally pleaded that since the Chamber belongs to Mr. Speaker, the Public should not be allowed from the galleries to demonstrate with their placards in order not to influence the proceedings of the House.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, stated that since the Chamber belonged to him, he had not seen any reason why people should not protest, and that he had no problem with them. He noted that it was the rights of members of the public to protest to their Members of Parliament.

Statement by The Leader of Opposition:

Hon. Abdul Kargbo noted that Parliament has some key responsibilities which were representation, lawmaking and oversight. He observed that the responsibility on representation was for Hon. Members to represent the aspirations of their constituents and not Hon. Members themselves. He stated that the public should not nurture the opinion that it was a crime for any bill to be brought to Parliament because Parliament is responsible to deal with any bill, and the decision on any bill should be left on the conscience of Hon. Members. He pleaded with the Public to allow the process as the House would not turn its back on them. He assured the public that Parliament is a democratic House. He pleaded with Mr. Speaker to allow the public to do their peaceful protest in order to appeal to the consciences of Hon. Members.

The Leader of Government Business stated that since the House belonged to the Speaker the decision of Mr. Speaker was final as stated in Standing Order (SO) 42, and he would accept it in good faith, but he noted that for any other time that Mr. Speaker would make a decision that would not be in favour of the other side, the House must accept in good faith instead of trying to lambast Mr. Speaker as it was the full right of Mr. Speaker to do so.

Mr. Speaker responded that it was the democratic rights of the people to protest in Parliament. He heartily welcomed the members of the public to the House.



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After The Deputy Minister II of Health (**Dr. Jelikatu Mustapha**) had presented the objects and reasons of the Bill and moved that the Bill be read the Second Time, **Mr. Speaker** informed the House that he would propose the question for a debate, but that the said debate would not ensure as he would urge the Leader of Government Business to move a motion for the Bill to be committed to the Legislative Committee, and that he would urge the Chairman of the Legislative Committee to invite all those concerned for the Bill including religious Leaders. He further stated that even though some Hon. Members might think that the debate must ensure before the Bill should be committed, he was the arbiter of the Standing Orders, and that his decision was final and could not be challenged.

Mr. Speaker reminded Hon. Members to be mindful of Standing Order (SO) 51 (1).

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

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Committee for further Consultations.

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

"Being an Act to Authorize expenditure from the Consolidated Fund for the Services of Sierra Leone for the Year 2024 and for other related matters."

Committee of Supply:

Second Allotted Day

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

- (i) The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, informed the House that the Sectoral Report of **Sub-Appropriation Committee 10** was about to be considered by the House.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced the following Vote Heads and Corresponding Estimates of **Sub-Appropriation Committee 10** as follows:

300: 01; 300: 03; 311: 01; 123: 01; 141: 01; 146: 01; 214: 01; 215:01; 420:01; 304:01; 305:02; 323:01; 346:01; 107:01 and 107:01



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The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the following Vote Heads and Corresponding Estimates stand part of the schedule:

Vote	Div.	Vote Description	Amount [NLe]
300	01	Ministry of Technical & Higher Education	47,237,100
300	03	Tertiary Education Commission (TEC)	6,789,800
311	01	Health Service Commission	6,526,500
123	01	Public Service Commission (PSC)	4,210,700
141	01	Government Printing Department	4,073,900
146	01	Ministry of Western Region	2,963,300
214	01	National Cyber Security Coordination Centre	3,631,600
215	01	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	679,000
420	01	Sierra Leone Environmental Protection Agency	100,786,300
304	01	Ministry of Health and Sanitation	131,692,700
305	02	National Commission for Person With Disability	3,168,600
323	01	National Public Health Agency	9,000,000
346	01	Allied Health Professionals Council	500,000
107	01	Bonthe District Council	10,476,968
107	01	Karene District Council	10,904,657

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

Presentation of Sectoral Report of Sub-Appropriation Committee 10:

The Chairman of **Sub-Appropriation Committee 10 (Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu)** presented their Sectoral Committee Report to the House.

The following Hon. Members debated:

No.	Names of Hon. Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	APC	Bo
2.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	APC	Kambia
3.	Hon. Tamba Kellie	APC	Kono



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The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved that the following Vote Heads and Corresponding Estimates stand part of the schedule:

300: 01; 300: 03; 311: 01; 123: 01; 141: 01; 146: 01; 214: 01; 215:01; 420:01; 304:01; 305:02; 323:01; 346:01; 107:01 and 107:01

Mr. Speaker put the Question for vote as quoted:
"All those in favour, say Aye"
"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 following Vote Heads and Corresponding Estimates for **Sub-Appropriation Committee 10** had formed part of the Schedule.

Standing Order (SO) 23 – Personal Explanations:

The following Hon. Members rose on SO 23:

- 1. Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu**
- 2. Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby**
- 3. Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba**
- 4. Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara**

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday 18th December, 2024.
The House rose at 2:35 p.m.