



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT  
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WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023

The House Met at 11:00 a.m.  
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Chernor Abass Bundu, Presided.

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:**

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CONST.</b>
1.	Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles	SLPP	Bo	079
2.	Hon. Alhadi Lihadi	APC	Western Urban	123
3.	Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde	APC	Western Urban	125
4.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Rural	112
5.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh	SLPP	Bo	085
6.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Pot Loko	076
7.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene	066
8.	Hon. Bangura Rosemarie	APC	Tonkolili	055
9.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
10.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema	012
11.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
12.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
13.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
14.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
15.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali	031
16.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
17.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
18.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
19.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo	078
20.	Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr	SLPP	Kenema	016
21.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
22.	Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr	SLPP	Western Urban	116
23.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
24.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
25.	Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja	SLPP	Kenema	018
26.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040
27.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Rural	109
28.	Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh	APC	Western Urban	119
29.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
30.	Hon. Juana Sahr	SLPP	Kailahun	002
31.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema	020



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32.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
33.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Bo	084
34.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia	059
35.	Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Urban	122
36.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene	067
37.	Hon. Kamara Bai Sama	NGC	Kambia	060
38.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	C4C	Kono	029
39.	Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah	APC	Port Loko	071
40.	Hon. Kanneh Alusine	SLPP	Kenema	013
41.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun	006
42.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Rural	108
43.	Hon. Kanu Amadu	APC	Moyamba	093
44.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Urban	113
45.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko	077
46.	Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben	APC	Bombali	034
47.	Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)	APC	Karene	064
48.	Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria	-	Karene	-
49.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun	103
50.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili	048
51.	Hon. Koroma Issa Oye	APC	Port Loko	073
52.	Hon. Koroma John Telson	SLPP	Western Urban	127
53.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu	-	Moyamba	-
54.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)	APC	Western Urban	114
55.	Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice	SLPP	Bonthe	092
56.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun	009
57.	Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa	C4C	Kono	030
58.	Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru	SLPP	Western Urban	121
59.	Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed	SLPP	Kenema	015
60.	Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu	-	Pujehun	-
61.	Hon. Lebbay Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo	083
62.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo	086
63.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo	087
64.	Hon. Makieu Josephine	SLPP	Kenema	014
65.	Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel	APC	Western Urban	124
66.	Hon. Mansaray Abu	APC	Port Loko	074
67.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema	017
68.	Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba	-	Falaba	-
69.	Hon. Marah Lahai	APC	Falaba	042
70.	Hon. Moigua Peter Musa	SLPP	Kenema	011
71.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema	021
72.	Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu	-	Kenema	-



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73.	Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Urban	131
74.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun	102
75.	Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	007
76.	Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka	INDEPENDENT	Pujehun	104
77.	Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo	SLPP	Western Urban	120
78.	Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama	SLPP	Bo	080
79.	Hon. Sankoh Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	049
80.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba	095
81.	Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	050
82.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif	APC	Port Loko	075
83.	Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)	APC	Tonkolili	052
84.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili	056
85.	Hon. Sesay Kusan	APC	Koinadugu	045
86.	Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu	APC	Bombali	038
87.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba	094
88.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba	039
89.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun	005
90.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo	082
91.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun	008
92.	Hon. Tarawalie Issac	APC	Western Urban	118
93.	Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine	APC	Bombali	037
94.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe	089
95.	Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	001
96.	Hon. Turay Abdul	APC	Western Rural	105
97.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili	051
98.	Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)	SLPP	Pujehun	099
99.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura	SLPP	Bo	088
100.	Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo	081

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:**

1.	Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa	C4C	Kono	027
2.	Hon. Charles Sahr	C4C	Kono	028
3.	Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu	APC	Western Urban	129
4.	Hon. Fefegula Simeon	SLPP	Moyamba	096
5.	Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh	-	Bombali	-
6.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
7.	Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday	APC	Koinadugu	044
8.	Hon. Kabia Mohamed	APC	Western Rural	106
9.	Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao	C4C	Kono	024
10.	Hon. Kamara Ibrahim	APC	Karene	063
11.	Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai	APC	Tonkolili	047



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12.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>026</i>
13.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>098</i>
14.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>-</i>
15.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>043</i>
16.	<i>Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>-</i>
17.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>041</i>
18.	<i>Hon. Sam Paul Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>025</i>
19.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>WesternUrban</i>	<i>128</i>
20.	<i>Hon. Vincent Horace E.</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>111</i>

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:**

1.	<i>Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>115</i>
2.	<i>Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>126</i>
3.	<i>Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>065</i>
4.	<i>Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>-</i>
5.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>107</i>
6.	<i>Hon. Gberah III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>-</i>
7.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>069</i>
8.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>061</i>
9.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>058</i>
10.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>057</i>
11.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>068</i>
12.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>072</i>
13.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>070</i>
14.	<i>Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>046</i>
15.	<i>Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>036</i>
16.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>033</i>
17.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>-</i>
18.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>019</i>
19.	<i>Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>100</i>
20.	<i>Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>117</i>
21.	<i>Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>-</i>
22.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>-</i>
23.	<i>Hon. Tholley James Ozan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>054</i>
24.	<i>Hon. Tucker Tom Issic</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>022</i>
25.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>101</i>
26.	<i>Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>062</i>



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**1. Prayers were read by Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura (Table Clerk).**

**2. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 11:25 a.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 11:35 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Neneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Hindolo Tennyson Sandy of Constituency 120, Western Urban District** and approved by the House.

**3. 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 Finance with the Leader of Government Business under sub item “B” of the main item IV (Laying of Papers). He also moved to incorporate two agreements under sub item “B” that became Roman Number (iv) and (v) respectively. He further moved to incorporate a new bill entitled: **The Basic and Senior Secondary Education Act, 2023** as sub item “E” under the main item “VI” (Bills). The motion was seconded by **Hon. Boston Munda of Constituency 021, Kenema District** and approved by the House.

**4. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Tennyson Hindolo Sandy of Constituency 120, Western Urban District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Moses Baimba Jorkie of Constituency 091, Bonthe District** and adopted by the House.

**5. Announcement by Mr. Speaker:**

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that his office had been inundated over the past couple of days mostly by officials from different Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) who were seeking consideration from Parliament to have their Bills passed before the dissolution. He said that as a usual practice of not just Sierra Leone’s Parliament but most Parliaments around the world, they were caught in the web of applying a last-minute strategy in dealing with difficult situations. He said he would try to be as accommodating as possibly as he could, and he encouraged all to demonstrate the same attitude and temperament. He assured the MDAs that they would do the work they could humanly but also reminded them that there was a limit to what they could do. He warned against any disgruntled comments especially those that would go on to say outside of Parliament that; **“some MDAs are better favoured than others”**. Mr. Speaker said he would not want a stigma of such nature to be attached to the Parliament and so he would be very careful in his dealings especially with the members of the government as he hoped that they would also be equally magnanimous and understanding. He pleaded to the House that they should be more open, accommodating and tolerant as best as they could.

Mr. Speaker said that there were consequences in achieving the above plea from officials of the different MDAs. He first apologized to all Hon. Members who were fasting. He said that he was aware that there would be an extra imposition on them. He speculated that with the load of work to be done, they would well reach into the late hours of the evening of that day’s sitting.





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Mr. Speaker also gave a forewarning that he was not sure whether the Eid prayers would be held on Friday or Saturday but nonetheless, if it would be held on Friday, sittings would be held on Saturday and Sunday, but if it would be held on Saturday, then there would be sittings on Friday and Sunday because Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 would be reserved for the decorators to prepare the Parliament for the dissolution ceremony of the Fifth Parliament that would take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Mr. Speaker reminded the House that the Standing Orders made provision for the House to meet on Saturdays and Sundays as predicated on a resolution by the House, and that the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) was sacrosanct about the dissolution of Parliament. He said the only option envisaged by The 1991 Constitution that would prevent the dissolution of Parliament from happening was a State of Emergency. He prayed and hoped that no condition of such would happen. He stated that The 1991 Constitution was mandatory and that Parliament shall stand dissolved on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Point of Observation**

**Hon. Hassan A. Sesay of Constituency 050, Tonkolili District** stood on a point of observation and submitted to the House that the 27<sup>th</sup> April as The Day of Independence was recognized and commemorated throughout the country as a public holiday, but the 19<sup>th</sup> April which was the date that Sierra Leone became a Republic was not. He further said that the 19<sup>th</sup> April was the day Sierra Leone got its true sovereignty as a Republic from colonial rule. He asked that since that date was not recognized as a public holiday, it should at least be observed and that it should not be left out of the history of Sierra Leone but included in the civic education of the school curriculum.

**Mr. Speaker's Ruling**

**The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Chernor Abass Bundu** asked the House whether it was their wish to commemorate 19<sup>th</sup> April as a public holiday. Based on the nay collection of voices received, Mr. Speaker ruled that the great date should be individually commemorated.

**Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Constituency 132, Western Urban District** initially rose on S.O. 71 to make his submission concerning the report that was laid by **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**.

Mr. Speaker guided **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** to stand on S.O. 76 (5) instead of S.O. 71. Mr. Speaker asked him to extract the recommendations of the said report and circulate it to the House by the next adjourned date.

**Standing Order 76 (Reports from Select Committee to the Plenary):**

**Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Constituency 132, Western Urban District** rose on S.O. 76(5) and moved a motion that the report (**Petition by the People of Maforki Chiefdom regarding the Port Ioko Bauxite Mining Concession**) laid by the Deputy Speaker of Parliament (**Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**) on 13<sup>th</sup>



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April 2023 be adopted by the House. He further gave a notice of motion based on S.O. 25 and moved that the recommendations of the said report be extracted.

**6. Laying of Papers:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon The President of Young Parliamentarians of IPU Africa Region to lay the papers that were itemized on the Order Paper.

**A. Papers laid by The President of Young Parliamentarians of IPU Africa Region:**

The President of Young Parliamentarians of IPU Africa Region, **Hon. Edward George**, laid the following papers:

- i. **Report on the 2022 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations. Theme: “Building Political Support and Inclusive Responses to Sustainable Recovery” New York, United States of America 17 – 18 February 2022.**
- ii. **Report on the 144<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly. Theme: Getting to Zero: Mobilizing Parliaments to Act on Climate Change” Bali, Indonesia 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**
- iii. **Report on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) 145<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Kigali, Rwanda 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**
- iv. **Report on the 146<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and Related Meetings. Theme: Promoting Peaceful Co-Existence and Inclusive Societies: Fighting Intolerance, Manama, Bahrain 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Leader of Government Business to lay the papers that ought to have been laid by the Minister of Finance.

**B. Papers laid by The Acting Leader of Government Business:**

As a result of the unavoidable absence by the Minister of Finance, and in accordance with S.O. 18 (5), The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, laid the following papers:

- i. **Financing Agreement (Regional Emergency Solar Power Intervention Project) between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and International Development Association.**
- ii. **Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone Represented by the Ministry of Finance and Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority Regarding the Regional Emergency Solar Power Intervention Project (RESPITE) Dated 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March 2023.**



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- iii. **Additional Financing Protocol of Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and African Development Fund (Rice Agro Industrial Cluster (SLRAIC) Project).**
- iv. **Management Services Agreement between The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Represented by the Ministry Finance and the Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources acting through the Statutorily Incorporated Company to be Established) (The Shareholders) and Mount View Konzern Management DMCC (Mount View) Made at Freetown, Sierra Leone. Dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**
- v. **Build Operate and Transfer (“BOT”) Agreement between The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Represented by the Ministry of Finance and the National Revenue Authority) and N-SOFT Limited Relating to Maximisation of Revenues in the Republic of Sierra Leone through the Telecommunications, Mobile Money and Betting Sectors. Made at Freetown, Sierra Leone. Dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**7. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:00 p.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Neneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Muniru Lansana of Constituency 121, Western Urban District** and approved by the House.

**Proceedings Continued.**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon The Minister of Trade and Industry to lay the papers that were itemized on the Order Paper.

**C. Papers laid by The Minister of Trade and Industry:**

The Minister of Trade and Industry, **Dr. Edward Hinga Sandy**, laid the following papers:

- i. **An Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and GVR Bottlers Company (SL) Limited Dated March 2023.**
- ii. **An Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and KADAT Foods and Beverages (SL) Limited Dated April, 2023.**
- iii. **Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Arise Integrated Industrial Platforms with Respect to the Implementation of Special Economic Zone in Sierra Leone Dated April, 2023.**





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**8. Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Transport and Aviation to proceed with the Government Motion.

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:

**“Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.”**

**Agreement between The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and The Government of the Republic of Mali for Air Services between and beyond their Respective Territories.**

**Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.**

Before the debate commenced, **Hon. Hassan A. Sesay of Constituency 050, Tonkolili District**, asked the House whether it was prudent to ratify the said agreement between The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and The Government of the Republic of Mali when the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) had suspended Mali because it did not recognize the Government of Mali as a democratically elected one after it had taken over power through coup. He said that the House should take into consideration that Sierra Leone had been a member of ECOWAS and that the then Speakership office of the ECOWAS Parliament was held by a Sierra Leonean (**Hon. Mohamed Sidie Tunis**).

**Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Constituency 132, Western Urban District** believed that the ratification of the said agreement was based on the Chicago Conventions of 1944 as stated by the Minister. He said that the signing of bilateral agreement did not contravene any embargo or sanctions by any regional body.

**Hon. Bashiru Silikie** stated that Sierra Leone is a sovereign state. He said that the suspension of Mali from ECOWAS did not mean Sierra Leone should not do business with Mali.

The Deputy Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, asked **Hon. Hassan A. Sesay** to state the fact of the suspension of Mali from ECOWAS and whether sanctions that had been imposed on Mali were relating to the particular agreement that the House was about to ratify.

**Hon. Hassan A. Sesay** agreed with the Submission made by The Deputy Speaker. He called upon Mr. Speaker who was once an Executive Secretary of ECOWAS together with Members of the ECOWAS Parliament to clarify the issue that he had raised.



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**Hon. Veronica K. Sesay** clarified that Mali indeed had been suspended but that the suspension of Mali should not bar Sierra Leone from going into any bilateral agreement with Mali.

**Hon. Hindolo M. Gevao of Constituency 003, Kailahun District** said that “suspension” was quite different from “embargo”. He said that if the decision would have been embargo, Sierra Leone would be violating ECOWAS protocols for doing any bilateral agreement with Mali.

**Hon. Ajibola Emmanuel Manly-Spain** said that the Government of Mali was not recognized by ECOWAS because of the coup d’état. He stated that it was not appropriate for Sierra Leone to go into an agreement with a junta government that had been suspended.

**Mr. Speaker** informed the House that the said agreement was signed and brought into force in 1974. He referred the House to article 16 of the said agreement. He said that he did not know the extent of the suspension on Mali and whether it touched the agreement that the House was about to ratify. He called upon the Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation to clarify the said issue.

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation responded that the ratification of the agreement would bear no effect because Mali was only suspended and not sanctioned.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Ambrose Maada Leby	083	Bo
2.	Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi	001	Kailahun
3.	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo - Acting Leader of Opposition	034	Bombali
4.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

**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, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation had been ratified.



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**9. Amendment of Order Paper:**

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by expunging sub item “A” (**The Parliament Act, 2023**) under the main item VI (Bills) and the subsequent sub items automatically changed. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Yusuf Mackery of Constituency 087, Bo District** and approved by the House.

**10. Bills:**

**A. The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023 by The Minister of Transport and Aviation.**

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

**Introduction and First Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023**” 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 Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023**” had been read the First Time.

**Second Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023**” 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 the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby	083	Bo
2.	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	020	Kenema
3.	Hon. Quintin Salia-Konneh	007	Kailahun
4.	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	003	Kailahun
5.	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo – Acting Leader of Opposition	034	Bombali



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<b>6.</b>	<b>Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business</b>	<b>082</b>	<b>Bo</b>
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The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and further moved that the Bill 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 Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023"** had been read the Second Time.

**Committee Stage** – [The Mace was covered; the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were taken off, and Mr. Speaker was addressed as Mr. Chairman].

**The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 2:00 p.m.**

**The House resumed at 3:15 p.m.**

**11. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:15 p.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3:15 was moved by **Hon. Neneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the proceedings to continue after 3:00. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Moses B. Jorkie of Constituency 091, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

**Proceedings Continued.**

**Committee Stage:**

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that parts 1 to 7; clauses 1 to 45 stand part of the Bill.

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that parts 1 to 7, clauses 1 to 45 stand part of the Bill.

**Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.**

**The debate started. Some amendments were made.**

**Mr. Chairman put the question for vote as quoted:**

**"All those in favour, say Aye."**



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**“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 parts 1 to 7; clauses 1 to 45 had formed part of the Bill as amended.”

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

**Report Stage:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **“The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023”** had gone through Committee of the whole House with some amendments.

**Third Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, 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 Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority Act, 2023”** with its long title: **“Being an Act to provide for the establishment of the Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority as a Regulatory Body for Public Transportation Services and to Provide for other Related Matters”** had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

**B. Bill: The Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority Act, 2023 by The Minister of Transport and Aviation.**

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

**Introduction and First Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that the Bill entitled: **“The Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority Act, 2023”** be read the First Time.





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**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 Sierra Leone Ports and Harbours Authority Act, 2023”** had been read the **First Time**.

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, moved a motion for the Second Reading of the said Bill to be deferred to the next adjourned date.

**C. The Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023 by The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice**

**Second Reading:**

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally Esq.**, moved that the Bill entitled: **“The Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023”** 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 the question for debate.**

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas	089	Bonthe
2.	Hon. Lahai Marah	042	Falaba
3.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	077	Port Loko
4.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay	050	Port Loko
5.	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo – Acting Leader of Opposition	034	Bombali

**Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 6:45 p.m.**

**The House resumed at 6:55 p.m.**

**Debate Continued:**

6.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo
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The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally Esq.**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and further moved that the Bill be read the Second Time.



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**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 Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023"** had been read the Second Time.

**Committee Stage** – [The Mace was covered; the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were taken off, and Mr. Speaker was addressed as Mr. Chairman].

**The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.**

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that clauses 1 to 6 stand part of the Bill.

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally Esq.**, moved that clauses 1 to 6 stand part of the Bill.

**Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.**

**The debate started. 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 clauses 1 to 6 had formed part of the Bill as amended."

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

**Report Stage:**

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally Esq.**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **"The Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023"** had gone through Committee of the whole House with some amendments.



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**Third Reading:**

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally Esq.**, 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 Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023”** had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

**D. Bill: The Basic and Senior Secondary Education Act, 2023 by The Minister of Basic and Secondary Education**

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

**Introduction and First Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Basic and Secondary Education, **Mrs. Emily Gogra**, moved that the Bill entitled: **“The Basic and Senior Secondary Education Act, 2023”** 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 Basic and Senior Secondary Education Act, 2023”** had been read the **First Time**.

**Standing Order 37 (Dilatory Motions):**

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, rose on S.O. 37 (1) and moved a motion for the Second Reading of the said Bill to be deferred to the next adjourned date. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw of Constituency 039, Falaba District** and approved by the House.



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**Adjournment:**

**The House was adjourned to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

**The House rose at 8:25 p.m.**