



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



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THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2023

The House Met at 10:00 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. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
5.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
6.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
7.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
8.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kailahun
9.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
10.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
12.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
13.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
14.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
16.	Hon. Gberek III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
17.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwu	SLPP	Kailahun
18.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
19.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
20.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
21.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
22.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
23.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
24.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
25.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
26.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
27.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
28.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
29.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
30.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
31.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun



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32.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
33.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
34.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
35.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
36.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahaye	-	Bo
37.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
38.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
39.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
40.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
41.	Hon. Kpakra P.C Fabah Foday Stephen	-	Kenema
42.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
43.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
44.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
45.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
46.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
47.	Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
48.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
49.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
50.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
51.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
52.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
53.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
54.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
55.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
56.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
57.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
58.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
59.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
60.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
61.	Hon. Saquee IV P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
62.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
63.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
64.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
65.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
66.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
67.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
68.	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
69.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
70.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun



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71.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
72.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
73.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
74.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
75.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
76.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
5.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
6.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Bombali
8.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
9.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
10.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
12.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
14.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
15.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
16.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area Rural
17.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
18.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
19.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
20.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
21.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai	APC	Western Area Urban
23.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
24.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
25.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
26.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
27.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
28.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
29.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
30.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
31.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
32.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
33.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural



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34.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
35.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
36.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
37.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
38.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
39.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
40.	Hon. Koroma Ernest	APC	Kambia
41.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
42.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
43.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
44.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
45.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
46.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
47.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
48.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
49.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
50.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
51.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
52.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
53.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
54.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
55.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
56.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
57.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
58.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
59.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
60.	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
61.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
62.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
63.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
64.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
65.	Hon. Turay Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
66.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun

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

1.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
2.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
3.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
4.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
5.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
6.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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

2. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 10:30 am:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:30 am was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay of Moyamba District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Bo District** and approved by the House.

3. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Bo District**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by replacing the initial proposer (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) with **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** and the initial seconder (**Hon. Bashiru Silikie**) with **Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina** on item "iv" (**Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service**) respectively. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Sarty Banya of Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 12th October, 2023:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 12th October, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabba of Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Massay Aruna Ngahinteh of Bo District** and adopted by the House.

4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, conveyed his congratulations on behalf of the House to the two parties represented in the Sixth Parliament (SLPP and APC) for the three days successful dialogue held at Bintumani Conference Center. He informed the House about the Communiqué of the dialogue and believed that it was in place for the furtherance of our democracy. He said that the whole House would welcome the 52 APC Members-Elect and ensure that the needful was done namely the swearing-in ceremony that would legally and effectively make them full-fledged Members of Parliament. He underlined one fundamental principle by stating that the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6) of 1991 was predicated on the existence and maintenance of a multi-party democracy. He stated that the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone totally condemned a one-party system of governance and that means at all times the composition of Parliament should be democratic with at least two parties represented in the House. He said because of the aforementioned fundamental principle, he had been urging the Members of the Opposition to see the need and reason to come and represent their electorate that voted them into Parliament so that the said Hon. Members could perform their constitutional duties accordingly. In advance, he extended a very warm hand of felicitations filled with the utmost expectations that before the House rose, they would enjoy the company of the Members of the Opposition. Finally, he said that his humble self and Members of Parliament present were so expectant that they would have the honour and real privilege of welcoming the Members of the Opposition before the end of the proceedings.



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5. Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service

Proposer: Hon. Bashiru Silikie

Seconder: Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina

Hon. Bashiru Silikie moved as quoted – “Be it Resolved: That the Eight Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the Recommendations Contained therein be approved.”

The Acting Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Bo District**, presented the Eight Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the vetting of the following Presidential Nominees and the recommendations contained therein:

- 1. Mr. Hadji Dabo – Proposed Director General, National Minerals Agency (NMA).**
- 2. Dr. Edward Hinga Sandy – Proposed Executive Director, National Investment Board (NIB).**
- 3. Mr. Ahmed Tijan Fadlu-Deen – Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy, Qatar.**
- 4. Mr. Emerson Kamara – Proposed Deputy Commissioner, National Youth Commission.**
- 5. Mr. Lansana Wurie Kelfala– Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Teaching Service Commission (SLTSC).**
- 6. Dr. Bondi Gevao– Proposed Chairman, Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Board.**

Excerpt of the Ninth Sitting of the Seventh Report:

- 7. Dr. Abu Bakarr Karim – Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy People’s Republic of China.**
- 8. Mr. Harold Bundu Saffa – Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy, Ethiopia/ Africa Union.**



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Mr. Speaker's Ruling:

Before he proposed the question for debate, **the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** asked the Acting Chairman of the Appointments Committee whether the three nominees appointed for diplomatic positions did present their **agrément**. He informed the House that before the interviews were held for the three nominees for diplomatic positions, he enquired from the Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) whether the three nominees had presented their **agrément**. He then advised that the three nominees for diplomatic appointments should not be interviewed until their **agrément** were presented to the House, but the Leader of Government Business pleaded with him by saying that the three nominees for diplomatic appointments were just going to be interviewed, and that they would not be presented to the House for approval until their **agrément** were presented. He said the moment the interviews for the three nominees were done, he started receiving pressures from different quarters seeking the approval for the three nominees by the House. With modesty, he informed the House that he had three degrees of which two were on specializations. He said he had: an LLB Honours from the National University of Australia in 1969, and he had LLM Hons. and PhD in International and Constitutional Law from the University of Cambridge, and that he had practised law since he was called to the bar for over fifty years. He stated that the approval of the three nominees in a case of that nature would be the utmost exception because he did not want youngsters to come after he had left the office of the Speakership and question the wrongness of the procedures under his watch. **He, thereby, ruled that from then henceforth, no nominee for any diplomatic appointment abroad should be interviewed by the Appointments Committee until the following documents including the other requirements by the Appointments Committee were tendered before the House: (1) Letter of Appointment by the President, (2) The Agrément from the receiving country to which the said diplomat would be proceeded to.**

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	SLPP	Kono
2.	Hon. Charles O. Abdulai	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. PC Thor-Thor Sheku Terena Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai Marrah III	P C	Falaba
4.	Hon. Veronica K. Sesay	SLPP	Moyamba

6. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12 Noon:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Western Urban District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw of Falaba District** and approved by the House.



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Debate Continued:

5.	Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw	SLPP	Falaba
6.	Hon. Alimatu Juliana Fatorma	SLPP	Kenema
7.	Hon. Alfred Ayodele Thompson – Acting Leader of Opposition	SLPP	Western Urban
8.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	SLPP	Bo

The Acting Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Bo District**, again moved that - **“Be it Resolved: That the Eight Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the Recommendations Contained therein be approved.”**

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. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, pronounced that **“the Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service”** had been approved.

Mr. Speaker’s Felicitations:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, extended his felicitations to the newly approved presidential nominees. He congratulated all of them and wished them well in their respective offices. He admonished them to work diligently for the people of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 12:40 pm.

The House resumed at 1:00 pm.

Proceedings Continued.

7. Government Motion by The Minister of Energy.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, called upon the Minister of Energy.

The Deputy Minister of Energy, **Dr. Eldred Tunde Taylor**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:



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“Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following agreements which were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday 12th October, 2023.”

- i. The 148.5 MW PPA Amendment for the Western Area Power Generation Project (Kissy).**
- ii. The 15 MW AC Solar and Storage Power Generation Project (Newton).**
- iii. The 28.2 MW Betmai Hydroelectric Power Project (Pampana River).**

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Christoph Keikura Vandy	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Alfred A. Thompson – Acting Leader of Opposition	APC	Western Urban
3.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina – Acting Leader of Government Business	SLPP	Kono

The Deputy Minister of Energy, **Dr. Eldred Tunde Taylor**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

“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. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Minister of Energy had been ratified.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 24th October, 2023 at 10:00 am.

The House rose at 1:50 p.m.