



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
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FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2024

**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	BO
2.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bah Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
4.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
5.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
6.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
7.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
8.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
9.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
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 Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
17.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
18.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
19.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
21.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
22.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
23.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
24.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
25.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
26.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
27.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
28.	Hon. Edwin Moses A.	SLPP	Bonthe
29.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
30.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
31.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono



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32.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
33.	Hon. Gberah III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
34.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
35.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
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. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
43.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
44.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
45.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
46.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
47.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
48.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
49.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
50.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
51.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
52.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
53.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
54.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
55.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
56.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
57.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
58.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
59.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
60.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
61.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
62.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
63.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
64.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
65.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
66.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
67.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
68.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
69.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
70.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
71.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono



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72.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
73.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
74.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
75.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
76.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
77.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
78.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
79.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
80.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
81.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
82.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
83.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
84.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
85.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
86.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
87.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
88.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
89.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
90.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
91.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
92.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
93.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
94.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
95.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
96.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
97.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
98.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
99.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
100.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
101.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
102.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
103.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
104.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
105.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
106.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
107.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
108.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
109.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
110.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun



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111.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
112.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
113.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
114.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
115.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
116.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
117.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
118.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
119.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
120.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
121.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
122.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
123.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
124.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
125.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun
126.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
127.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
128.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
129.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
130.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
131.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
132.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
133.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
134.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
135.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
136.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
137.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
138.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
139.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area n Rural
4.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
5.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
6.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban



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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 Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra, 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. Neneh Lebbie from Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 19th December, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 19th December 2024 was moved by **Hon. Neneh Lebbie from Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo 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 interchanging the sub items under Item **"IV"** as **"The Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service"** became sub-item **(i)**, and **"The Government Motion on The Report of the Tribunal on the Auditor-General (Mrs. Lara Taylor Pearce"** became sub-item **(ii)**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** and approved by the House.

5. Laying of Paper:

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon the Minister of Information and Civic Education to lay the paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

A. Paper Laid by The Minister of Information and Civic Education:

The Minister of Information and Civic Education (**Mr. Chernor Bah**) laid the following paper:

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The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon The Minister of Works and Public Assets to lay the paper that was itemized on the Order Paper.

B. Paper Laid by The Minister of Works and Public Assets:

The Minister of Works and Public Assets (**Dr. Dennis Sandy**) laid the following paper:



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Concession Agreement for the Reconstruction of the Mabang-Moyamba-Gbangbatoke Road Project (86 KM) between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Represented by the Ministry of Works and Public Assets and Societe Internationale D' Equipment Et De Travaux (SIETRA) dated December, 2024.

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

Proposer: Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma

Seconder: Hon. Bashiru Silikie

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) moved the motion as quoted – **“Be it Resolved: That the Fifth Report of the Second 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 Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) presented the Fifth Report of the Second 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. Hon. Justice Komba Kamanda – Proposed Chief Justice.**
- 2. Hon. Justice Desmond Babatunde Edwards – Proposed Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary – Dublin, Ireland.**
- 3. Amb. Rupert Sydney Down Davies – Proposed Member – Board of Directors, Bank of Sierra Leone.**
- 4. Mr. Ibrahim Jalloh – Proposed Resident Minister, Northern Region.**
- 5. Mr. Abu Abu Abdulai Koroma – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority.**
- 6. Mr. Eugene Cole – Proposed Member – Boards of Directors, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.**



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7. Madam Aminata Dabo – Proposed Member – Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma	APC	Koinadugu
3.	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	SLPP	Kailahun

8. 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. Veronica K. Sesay from Moyamba District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Kargbo from Port Loko District** and approved by the House.

Debate Continued:

4.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko
5.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District**, again moved that - **“Be it Resolved: That the Fifth Report of the Second 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’s Acknowledgement and Recognition:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, acknowledged and recognized the presence of eminent personalities in the Chamber and heartily welcomed them for witnessing the proceedings of the House. For details of those personalities, see the hansard.

Proceedings Continued:

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.



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The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that **"The Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service"** had been approved.

Mr. Speaker's Felicitations:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, extended his felicitations to the newly approved presidential nominees. He congratulated all of them and wished them well in their respective positions. He admonished them to work diligently for the people of Sierra Leone.

9. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the Director of the Department of Sergeant-at-Arms who doubled as the Mace Bearer that he should always sit very close to the Mace because it was the authority of the House, and that there should only be one Sergeant-at-Arms in the Parliament of Sierra Leone like it had been in every other Parliament. He admonished him that from thence henceforth the Mace should only be carried by him or his deputy and not any other staff.

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 12:50 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the House at 1:00 p.m.

Proceedings Continued:

10. Presidential Message To Parliament Pursuant To Standing Order 14 (1) (d):

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, called upon the Clerk of Parliament (**Paran Umar Tarawally**) to read the message from the President.

The Clerk of Parliament (**Paran Umar Tarawally**) read the message from the President as quoted:
"Dear Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament. In accordance with subsection 9 of Section 119 and subsection 7 of Section 137 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991), I have forwarded the tribunal's report concerning the Auditor-General, Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce. The Tribunal, established to investigate allegations of misconduct, has recommended her removal from office. The Constitution mandates that such a recommendation requires parliamentary approval by a two-thirds majority. This important process underscores our commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring accountability within our public institutions. I urge you to take a decision on this matter with utmost diligence, considering the tribunal's findings and principles of justice and transparency that guide our nation. Your decision will have significant implications for the integrity of our governance and the trust placed in us by the citizens of Sierra Leone. I thank you and wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2025.

Signed by:

**His Excellency Brig. Rtd. Julius Maada Bio
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Thursday 19th December, 2024."**



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11. Government Motion on the Report of the Tribunal on the Auditor-General (Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce) and the Recommendations contained therein:

Proposer: Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma

Secunder: Hon. Bashiru Silikie

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, moved a motion on the Report **of the Tribunal on the Auditor-General (Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce)** and that the recommendations contained therein be carried. He presented the objects and reasons of his motion on the report and again moved that the recommendations be carried.

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 "Ayes" had it.

Raising of Point of Order by the Leader of Opposition:

The Leader of Opposition (**Hon. Abdul Kargbo**) rose on a point of order and stated that issues that required the constitutional two-thirds of Members should not be discussed when majority of the Members of the Opposition were absent on official assignment.

Position Paper Read by the Leader of Opposition:

The Leader of Opposition (**Hon. Abdul Kargbo**) sought the permission of Mr. Speaker to read the position paper of the APC Parliamentary Caucus. For details of the Position paper, see the hansard.

Standing Order 46 – Division:

The Deputy Leader I of Opposition (**Hon. Daniel B. Koroma**) rose on Standing Order (SO) 46 (1) and challenged Mr. Speaker's decision of a question by collection of voices.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote for the Second Time as quoted:

"All those in favour, say aye."

"All those against, say nay."

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

Standing Order 46 – Division:

The Deputy Leader I of Opposition (**Hon. Daniel B. Koroma**) again rose on Standing Order (SO) 46 (1) and challenged Mr. Speaker's decision of a question by collection of voices.



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After Mr. Speaker's decision had been challenged the second time, he directed that Members outside the debating should be informed that a division has been claimed, and that the doors to the chamber would be shut down after ten minutes.

**Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 1:30 p.m.
The House resumed at 1:40 p.m.**

Proceedings Continued:

Mr. Speaker's Ruling:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, gave his considered ruling on the Motion as quoted:

"Honourable Members of Parliament, This House has before it a motion pursuant to subsection 9 of Section 119 and subsection 7 of Section 137 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) concerning the removal of the Auditor General (Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce) from office following the recommendations of the tribunal established to investigate allegations of misconduct. Section 119(9) provides Parliament with the clear guidelines for the removal of the Auditor General. This is further supported by Section 137(7) which outlines the process for the removal of certain public officials, requiring:

- 1. The establishment of a tribunal to investigate the matter,**
- 2. Recommendations from that tribunal, and**
- 3. Parliamentary approval by a two-thirds majority to uphold the recommendations.**

The tribunal's findings which have been laid before this House indicate alleged acts of misconduct that, according to the tribunal, undermine the confidence and integrity of the office of the Auditor General. The report includes recommendations for her removal from office. As the Speaker of this House, I must remind Members of the weight of the decision before us. The role of the Auditor General is central to ensuring accountability and transparency in the management of public finances. It is, therefore, imperative that this process reflects fairness, impartiality, and adherence to constitutional principles.

The Constitution requires us to ensure that the rights of the Auditor General are respected, and the integrity of this institution is upheld. The motion can only succeed if it garners the constitutionally mandated two-thirds majority.

Having reviewed the tribunal report, the submissions made during this sitting, and the requirements of the Constitution, I rule as follows:



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1. The motion for the removal of the Auditor General is in line with the constitutional provisions of Sections 119(9) and 137(7). The House is therefore competent to deliberate and vote on this matter. But the question which exercises my mind is what two-thirds in Section 137 (7) really referring to. Is it the two-thirds of the total number of Members of Parliament elected for a particular life of Parliament or two-thirds of those Members of Parliament present in the Well of Parliament to decide a particular question before it. A careful consideration of two separate provisions of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) leaves no doubt in my mind what the drafters of our Constitution actually meant about the two-thirds provided for in Section 137 (7). When the drafters conceived "two-thirds" of the number of Members of Parliament elected for the life of a particular Parliament, the drafters deployed the quantifying use of the preposition 'of'. Subsections (3) and (13) of Section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) in tandem with Standing Order 44 (4) of the Standing Orders of Parliament, the use of the preposition "in" normally used to describe a location or space in whole or larger space such as a house like this Parliament or a city, a car, wardrobe etc. This is deliberate to demonstrate that those Members of Parliament that are actually present within the Well of Parliament are those referred to and nothing more. I, therefore, rule that in line with Section 137 (7) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991) and supported by Section 91 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991), the two-thirds will be conceived from those Members of Parliament present and voting today.

2. Members are reminded that the vote must be guided by evidence presented in the tribunal report and not by partisan or personal interests. Following the vote, the outcome will be recorded as a resolution of this House and communicated to the appropriate authorities as required by law.

The decision before us today is not one to be taken lightly. It has implications for the governance and accountability framework of our nation. Let us, therefore, proceed with the utmost responsibility guided by our oaths to serve the people of Sierra Leone and uphold the Constitution.

Thank you.

Rt Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas
Speaker of Parliament
Republic of Sierra Leone."

Mr. Speaker called upon the Clerk of Parliament to proceed with the process of voting.

Roll call by the Director of Legislative Services (M L Deen Rogers) to confirm Hon. Members present for the voting.



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Voting was done by secret ballot, and the roll call for Hon. Members to cast their votes was done by **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra** in alphabetical order.

Announcement of Election Results:

The Clerk of Parliament, **Paran Umar Tarawally**, announced the results as follows:

Ayes - 100 votes.

Nays – 36 votes.

Void – 1

Abstinance – 0

After the announcement of the said Election Results by the Clerk of Parliament, **Mr. Speaker** declared that the “Ayes” had it.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the **Government Motion on the Report of the Tribunal on the Auditor-General (Mrs. Lara Taylor-Pearce) and the Recommendations contained therein had been carried.**

12. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**), moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by bringing forth sub item (iv) – “**The Appropriation Act, 2025**” under Item “**VII**” (**Bills**) to sub item (i), and the initial sub items (i), (ii) and (iii) respectively became sub items (ii), (iii) and (iv). The motion was seconded by **Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina from Kono District** and approved by the House.

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 3:50 p.m.
The House resumed at 4:00 p.m.

13. 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 2025 and for other related matters.”

Committee Stage:

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that Clauses 1 to 5 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Sheku Fantamandi Bangura, moved that Clauses 1 to 5 stand part of the Bill.



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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 "Ayes" had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that Clauses 1 to 5 had formed part of the Bill.

The House resumed from the Committee Stage of the Bill.

Report Stage:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Fantamandi Bangura**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **"The Appropriation Act, 2025"** had gone through the Committee of the Whole House with some amendments.

Third Reading:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Fantamandi Bangura**, moved that the Bill entitled: **"The Appropriation Act, 2025"** 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 "Ayes" had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced the Bill entitled: **"The Appropriation Act, 2025"** with the long title: **"Being an Act to Authorize expenditure from the Consolidated Fund for the Services of Sierra Leone for the Year 2025 and for other related matters."** had been read the **Third Time** and Passed into law.

14. Standing Order 5 (Sittings):

Pursuant to the **"Proviso"** of Standing Order (SO) 5 (1), the Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) moved a motion for the House to sit on Saturday 21st December, 2024. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** and approved by the House.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Saturday 21st December, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 5:00 p.m.



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