



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



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THURSDAY 20TH JUNE, 2024

**The House Met at 10:05 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. ArunaMassayNghahiteh	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
3.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
4.	Hon. BanguraMariama	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
6.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
7.	Hon. Bah Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
8.	Hon. BockarieBintuFatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
9.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
10.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
12.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
14.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
15.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
16.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
18.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
19.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tarawallie	SLPP	Kambia
20.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
21.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
22.	Hon. Gberekere III P.C BaiShebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
23.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
24.	Hon. GobaMariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
25.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba
26.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
27.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
28.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
29.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
30.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
31.	Hon. KamaraAlusine Bash	APC	Karene
32.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo



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33.	Hon. KamaraldrissSahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
34.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
35.	Hon. KamaraRugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
36.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
37.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
38.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C AlhajiMasakama	-	Tonkolili
39.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
40.	Hon. KanuRugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
41.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
42.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
43.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
44.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
45.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
46.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
47.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
48.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
49.	Hon. KoromaMeamaKajue P.C HajaFatmataBintu	-	Moyamba
50.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
51.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
52.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
53.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
54.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
55.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
56.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
57.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
58.	Hon. LarkohArunaPapay	APC	Tonkolili
59.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
60.	Hon. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
61.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
62.	Hon. MoijuehJibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
63.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
64.	Hon. Moses Edwin A.	SLPP	Bonthe
65.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
66.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
67.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
68.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
69.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
70.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
71.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
72.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono



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73.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
74.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
75.	Hon. SesayJawah	APC	Tonkolili
76.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
77.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
78.	Hon. Tamu . C. SaffaMonya	-	Pujehun
79.	Hon. TarawallyCathrineZainab	APC	Bombali
80.	Hon. Taylor-BanguraMabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
81.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
82.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiamia	SLPP	Kono
83.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
84.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
85.	Hon. TurayAlhajiSorieba	APC	Tonkolili
86.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo
87.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
88.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Adam	SLPP	Kambia
2.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
3.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
5.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
6.	Hon. GevaoHindoloMoiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
8.	Hon. FornaMabinty	APC	Tonkolili
9.	Hon. Gondon II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
10.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
11.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
12.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
13.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
14.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
15.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
17.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
18.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
19.	Hon. Kangbai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
20.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
21.	Hon. KanuAbdulaiKarim	SLPP	Port Loko
22.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
23.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia



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24.	Hon. KoromaUnphaSorieGbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
25.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
26.	Hon. MansarayHamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
27.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
28.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
29.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalasama	-	Koinadugu
30.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
31.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
32.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
33.	Hon. TholleyFoyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO
2.	Hon. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
6.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
8.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
9.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
10.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
11.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor ThorShekuTerenahTongosNeyaKonkorobaFanko Lai	-	Falaba
12.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
13.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
14.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
15.	Hon. SamaShiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
16.	Hon. SesayPessimaMariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
17.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
18.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
19.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
20.	Hon. SesayAminata	APC	Port Loko
21.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
23.	Hon. SongaWuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
24.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
25.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
26.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
27.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
28.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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1. Prayers were read by Mr. Gilbert Bosco Nabay (Acting Clerk of Parliament).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:15 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) was moved at 10:15 a.m. by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Lolloh Tongi** from **Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Records of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 6th June, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Records of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 6th June, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams Lamin** from **Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie** from **Bonthe District** and adopted by the House.

4. Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Minister of Fisheries.

The Minister of Fisheries, **Mrs. Princess Duba.**, 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 Tuesday 28th May, 2024."

Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.

Ministerial Decision dated 17th June 2022

Ministerial Conference Twelfth Session held in Geneva, 12 – 15 June 2022.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Name of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Catherine Z. Tarawally	APC	Kono
3.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko
4.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema
5.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko
6.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema



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The Minister of Fisheries, **Mrs. Princess Duba**, 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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mr. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Minister of Fisheries had been ratified.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at 12:00 p.m.

The House resumed at 12:10 p.m.

Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:10 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) was moved at 12:10 p.m. by **Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby from Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Bo District** and approved by the House.

5. Private Member's Bill: Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2024

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, called upon **Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District** to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District moved that the Bill entitled: **"Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2024"** be read the First Time.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote as quoted:

"All those in favour, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

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



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The Table Clerk, **Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2024**” had been read the **FirstTime**.

Second Reading:

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District, moved that the Bill entitled: “**Prohibition of Child Marriage 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 **SecondTime**.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the Bill

No.	Names of Honourable Members	District
1.	Hon. Catherine Z. Tarawally	Bombali
2.	Hon. Amie Nyava Moriba	Bo
3.	Hon. Mariama Bangura	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Emilia LollohTongi	Kailahun
5.	Hon. Benjamin Turay	Western Area Urban
6.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	Kambia
7.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	Pujehun
8.	Hon. P.C. Haja Fatmata Bintu MeamaKajue Koroma	Moyamba
9.	Hon. Sia Mahawa Habiaba Tommy	Kono
10.	Hon. Tamba Kellie	Kono
11.	Hon. Musa Peter	Kenema



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12.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	Bo
13.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	Bo
14.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	Kono
15.	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	Port Loko

Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) was moved at 3:00 p.m. by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie from Bo District** for the proceedings to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Sia Mahawa Habiaba Tommy Kono District** and approved by the House.

Continued debate

	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	Port Loko
17	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma	Kenema

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District, 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, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: "**Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2024**" had been read the Second Time.

Committee Stage - The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House.

- (i) The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismail Kabba**, called upon the Minister of Fisheries to proceed on the **Committee Stage** of the Bill.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 7 Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.



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Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District, moved that, Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.
The debate started, and some amendments were made.

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District moved that Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.
"All those in favor, say Aye."
"All those against, say Nay."
Through collection of voices, Mr. Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 7 Clauses 1 to 28 had formed part of the Bill as amended.

Report Stage:

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District, reported to the House that the Bill entitled "**Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2024**" had gone through the Committee of the Whole House with some amendments made.

Third Reading:

Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District, moved that the Bill be read the Third Time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.
"All those in favor, 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, **Mr. Ismaila Kabba**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **“Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2024” “to provide protection for the victim of child marriage, and to provide for other related matters”** had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

Statement by Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo from Pujehun District

The Hon. Member thanked Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members for their support towards enacting the Bill. She said that she had started working on changing the lives of girls, women and boys for a very long time, and that with the greatest support from the First Lady Madam Fatima Jabbie Bio, the House had been able to actualize the dream for girls. She once thanked the House.

The First Lady of Sierra Leone, Madam Fatima Jabbie Bio

With the leave of Mr. Speaker, the First Lady of Sierra Leone Madam Fatima Jabbie Bio extended her heart-felt thanks and appreciation to her husband His Excellency the President, the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo, Hon. Catherine Z. Tarawally, Hon. Members of Parliament, JMB Women and staff from the Office of the First Lady, Military Wives, Police Wives the Legal Draftsman, Table Clerks etc.

Standing Order 25 (Notice of Motion)

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma gave a notice of motion with regards the ruling of Mr. Speaker on absenteeism, in consonance with S.O. 77 in tandem with S. 77 (e) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991.

6. Suspension of S.O. 5 (1) For a Resolution to sit on Monday

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District moved a motion to suspend S.O. 5 (1) for Parliament to sit on Monday, 24th June 2024. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie** from Kono District and approved by the House

7. Mr. Speaker’s Announcement

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas informed the House that there will be a very important meeting for all Members of Parliament in Committee Room No. 1 immediately after sitting is adjourned on Monday 24th June 2024. He said that the discussions will aim at arriving at certain conclusions relating to the affairs of the House. He encouraged all Hon. Members to attend.

8. Adjournment:

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Monday 24th June, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 6:25 p.m.**



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