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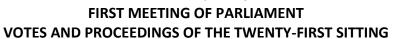
[Ref: OP/6/01/21] TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER, 2023

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	Во
2.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Во
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
6.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
7.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
8.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
9.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
10.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
11.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
12.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
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 John Charles	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
23.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
24.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
25.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
26.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
27.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Во
28.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
29.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
30.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia

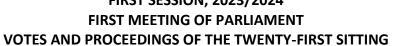






31.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
32.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
33.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
34.	Hon. Gbereh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
35.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
36.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
37.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
38.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
39.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
40.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
41.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
42.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
43.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
44.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
45.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
46.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
47.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
48.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai	APC	Western Area Urban
49.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
50.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
51.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
52.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
53.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Во
54.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
55.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
56.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
57.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
58.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
59.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Во
60.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
61.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
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. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Во
68.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
69.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
70.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono







71.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
72.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
73.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
74.	Hon. Koroma Ernest	APC	Kambia
75.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
76.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
77.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
78.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
79.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
80.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
81.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
82.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
83.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
84.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
85.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Во
86.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Во
87.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
88.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
89.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
90.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
91.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
92.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba	-	Falaba
	Fanko Lai		
93.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
94.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
95.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Во
96.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
97.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
98.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
99.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
100.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
101.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
102.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
103.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
104.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
105.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
106.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
107.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
108.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
109.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
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FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SITTING



110	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
111	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
112	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
113	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
114	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
115	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Во
116	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
117	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
118	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
119	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
120	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
121	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
122	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
123	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
124	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
125	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
126	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiama	SLPP	Kono
127	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
128	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
129	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
130	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
131	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Во
132	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Во
	THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT W	ERE ABSEN	T:
1.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
2.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
3.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
4.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
5.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
6.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
—	FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT	1	
1.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
2.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
4.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Во
5.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
6.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
7.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
8.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun





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

2. Standing Order 82:

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Kenema District**, rose on S.O. 82 to suspend S.O. 63 (4) so that item "IV" **(Laying of Paper)** on that day's Order Paper would be considered. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Leader 1 of Government Business **(Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Bo District)** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 16th November, 2023: The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 16th November, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu of Moyamba District.** It was seconded by **Hon. Massay Ngahinteh Aruna of Bo District** and adopted by the House as amended.

4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, commended Hon. Members for their prompt attendance for that day's sitting. He admonished them to continue on that line of being punctual for sittings. He urged all Hon. Members to maintain that good practice of attending sittings on time.

5. Laying of Paper:

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

Paper laid by the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry:

The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mrs. Fatmata Wurie, laid the following paper:

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and SOCFIN Agricultural Company (SL) Limited Dated November, 2022.

6. Bill: The Appropriation Act, 2024 by The Minister of Finance.

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the Second Reading of the bill.





Second Reading: First Allotted Day

The Deputy Minister I of Finance, Mrs. Jeneba Kpaka Bangura, moved that the bill entitled: "The Appropriation Act, 2024" be read the Second Time. She presented the objects and reasons of the bill to the House and again moved that the bill be read the Second Time.

The Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, submitted an observation about the absence of representatives of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to witness the debate on the Second Reading of **"The Appropriation Act, 2024"** as their presence was highly needed and indispensable.

Mr. Speaker's Directive:

In response to the submission made by the Leader of Opposition, The Rt. Hon. Speaker (**Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**) directed the Clerks-at-the-Table to ensure that the registration of all representatives from various MDAs to witness the proceedings on "**The Appropriation Act, 2024**" must be made. He stated that if the number of the MDAs represented in the House was unchanged before midday, the House would resolve in making a decision against each and every one of them absent. He stated that the House could not debate the Appropriation Act, 2024 in the absence of senior officials of MDAs.

Mr. Speaker referred the House to S.O. 63 (3); S.O. 32 (5), (8), (9), (12). He guided the House by reading the aforementioned provisions cited. He further referred the House to S.O. 38 (1) and (3). He proposed a speaking time limit for not more than ten minutes. He informed the House that the debate would last for five days, and that he had no intention to shorten it.

Hon. Salieu Osman Sesay submitted an observation concerning the unavailability of the estimates for the purpose of referencing when debating.

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, **Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba**, appealed to the House to proceed with the debate as the estimates would be made available.

The Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, referred the House to the second sentence of S.O. 63 (3) on the availability of the estimates.

Mr. Speaker stated that the submission on the availability of the estimates was a matter of principle, and that the opposition was right.





Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The Deputy Leader II of Opposition, **Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma**, rose on S.O. 37 (1) in tandem with Section 26 (3) of The Banking Act of 2019. He stated that based on the provision cited, he believed the currency of Sierra Leone shall be prefixed by **"Le"** and not **"NLe"**.

The Acting Leader of Government Business stated that the use of the prefix "NLe" was for the purpose of convenience.

The Leader of Opposition stated that they on the side of the Opposition did not have any intention of derailing the proceedings of the House. He said that procedurally, legally and constitutionally, **Hon. Aaron** was perfectly correct and that they would concede for the progress of the proceedings even though an abrogation had been committed.

Mr. Speaker thanked the Leader of Opposition for his statement.

The Acting Leader of Government Business stated that the document was theirs and that the Hon. Member should wait for the House to progress to the Committee Stage so he could make recommendation for the said amendment to be effected.

The following Hon. Members contributed to the debate: First Allotted Day

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	SLPP	Kenema
2.	Hon. Salieu Osman Sesay	APC	Bombali

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

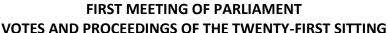
The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay of Moyamba District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh of Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

Debate Continued

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 12:05 p.m.

The House resumed at 12:15 p.m.







Debate Continued

3.	Hon. Tamba Simeon Johnny	SLPP	Kono
4.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	APC	Port Loko
5.	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	SLPP	Kailahun

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 1:10 p.m. The House resumed at 2:35 p.m.

Debate Continued

6.	Hon. John Charles Conteh	APC	Port Loko
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8. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:00 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah of Bo District** and approved by the House.

Debate Continued

	Hon. John Charles Conteh	APC	Port Loko
7.	Hon. Jibrila Surmurjeh	SLPP	Bonthe

Mr. Speaker's Directive:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, directed one of the-Clerks-at-the-Table to read out the names of MDAs that were represented in the House for the debate on the budget. He further directed the Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, to ensure that all MDAs should be adequately represented at the right levels to witness the debate on the proceedings of the budget on the following day (The Second Allotted Day).

Response by the Acting Leader of Government Business:

Hon. Bashiru Silikie asked the House to pay very special attention on the MDAs that were not present. He admonished all Chairmen and Members of the various Committees of Supplies that the budget of MDAs that would not be present should be critically looked into and recommended to the House for their budgets to be slashed if not withheld.

Debate Continued

8.	Hon. Mohamed Conteh	APC	Falaba
9.	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	SLPP	Во
10.	Hon. Ibrahim Barrie	APC	Bombalie
11.	Hon. Kenewah Fallah Tengbeh	SLPP	Kailahun





Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Wednesday 22nd November, 2023 at 10:00 am. The House rose at 4:20 p.m.