



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



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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: | | | |
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| NO | NAME | PARTY | DISTRICT |
| 1. | Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman | SLPP | Bo |
| 2. | Hon. Amara Haja Miatta | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 3. | Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh | SLPP | Bo |
| 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 | Bo |
| 28. | Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 29. | Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 30. | Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie | SLPP | Kambia |



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| 31. | Hon. Fofanah Musa | SLPP | Kono |
| 32. | Hon. Fornah Daniel | APC | Tonkolili |
| 33. | Hon. Forna Mabinty | APC | Tonkolili |
| 34. | Hon. Gberah 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 | Bo |
| 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 | Bo |
| 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 | - | Bo |
| 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 |



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| 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. Lebbay Ambrose Maada | SLPP | Bo |
| 86. | Hon. Lebbie Nenneh | SLPP | Bo |
| 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 Fanko Lai | - | Falaba |
| 93. | Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 94. | Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu | SLPP | Kono |
| 95. | Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava | SLPP | Bo |
| 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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| 110. | Hon. Sesay Jawah | APC | Tonkolili |
| 111. | Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman | APC | Bombali |
| 112. | Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 113. | Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billah | SLPP | Falaba |
| 114. | Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 115. | Hon. Silikie Bashiru | SLPP | Bo |
| 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 Habiamama | 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 | Bo |
| 132. | Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph | SLPP | Bo |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT: | | | |
| 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 |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE: | | | |
| 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 | Bo |
| 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 |



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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.



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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.



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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 |
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| 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

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| | Hon. Salieu Osman Sesay | APC | Bombali |
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Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 12:05 p.m.

The House resumed at 12:15 p.m.



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Debate Continued

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| 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

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| 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

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| | 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

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



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Adjournment:

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