



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SITTING**



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THURSDAY 25th JANUARY, 2024

**The House Met at 10:10a.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. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
4.	Hon. BanguraAdama	SLPP	Kambia
5.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
6.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. BanguraMariama	APC	Western Area Urban
9.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
10.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
11.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
12.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
13.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
14.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. BockarieBintuFatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
16.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
17.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
18.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
19.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
20.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
21.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
23.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
24.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
25.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
26.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
27.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
28.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
29.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
30.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili



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31.	Hon. FornaMabinty	APC	Tonkolili
32.	Hon. Gberah III P.C BaiShebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
33.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
34.	Hon. GevaoHindoloMoiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
35.	Hon. GobaMariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
36.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
37.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
38.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
39.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
40.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
41.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
42.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
43.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
44.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
45.	Hon. KamaraAlusine Bash	APC	Karene
46.	Hon. KamaraldrissSahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
47.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
48.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
49.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
50.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C AlhajiMasakama	-	Tonkolili
51.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
52.	Hon. KanuAbdulaiKarim	SLPP	Port Loko
53.	Hon. KanuRugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
54.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
55.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
56.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
57.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
58.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
59.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
60.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
61.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
62.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
63.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
64.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
65.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
66.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
67.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
68.	Hon. KoromaMeamaKajue P.C HajaFatmataBintu	-	Moyamba
69.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
70.	Hon. KoromaUnphaSorieGbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban



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71.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
72.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
73.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
74.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
75.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
76.	Hon. LarkohArunaPapay	APC	Tonkolili
77.	Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
78.	Hon. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
79.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
80.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
81.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor ThorShekuTerenahTongosNeyaKonkorobaFanko Lai	-	Falaba
82.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
83.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
84.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
85.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenema
86.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
87.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
88.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
89.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
90.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
91.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
92.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
93.	Hon. SesayAminata	APC	Port Loko
94.	Hon. SesayJawah	APC	Tonkolili
95.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
96.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
97.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
98.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
99.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
100.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
101.	Hon. SurmoijuehJibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
102.	Hon. Taylor-BanguraMabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
103.	Hon. TarawallyCathrineZainab	APC	Bombali
104.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
105.	Hon. TholleyFoyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
106.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
107.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
108.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
109.	Hon. TimboZinab	APC	Western Area Rural



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110.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiama	SLPP	Kono
111.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
112.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
113.	Hon. TurayAlhajiSorieba	APC	Tonkolili
114.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo
115.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. ArunaMassayNghahiteh	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
4.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
5.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba
6.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
7.	Hon. KamaraRugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
8.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
9.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
10.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
12.	Hon. MansarayHamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
13.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
14.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
15.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
16.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
18.	Hon. SamaShiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
19.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
20.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
21.	Hon. SesayPessimaMariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
22.	Hon. SongaWuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
23.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
24.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
25.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO
2.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
5.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
6.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalanSama	-	Koinadugu
7.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston(Senior Table Clerk).

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

The motion for the adoption of the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:15 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** for commencement of plenary proceeding. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie Fofanah from Kambia District** and approved by the House

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 18thJanuary, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 18thJanuary, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Alice Kornya Sandy from Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie Fofanah from Kambia District** and adopted by the House.

4. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by expunging items IV (C) and (D) from the Order Paper. The motion was seconded by the Chief Whip, Hon. Dickson M. Rogers, and approved by the House.

5. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The **Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House about the reinstallation of the Chamber's bell after it had been missing for a very long time. He acknowledged the good work done by the Administration of Parliament.

He then proceeded with his speech as quoted below;

"Honourable Members

Please allow me to start by acknowledging the fact that this sitting today is the very first day in 2024 that I am presiding over this august assembly of Parliament. I therefore consider it opportune to start by extending to each and every one of you a blessed New Year and sincere best wishes for your good health and a fruitful and prosperous 2024.

Sadly, though, Parliament has started the New Year by capturing the news headlines for all the wrong reasons in both the mainstream and social media and also in general discussions in the public domain. And it has become so palpable that we are under heavy attack and denigration from the general public. For this reason alone, quite apart from there seemingly being also a lapse in the dignity and decorum of Parliament, as the arm of Government entrusted with the sacred responsibility to make the laws of the land, for the present there is absolutely nothing for us to celebrate about. On the contrary we should all apologise to the people of this country whose trust and confidence we bear and on whose behalf we act in this Well as their representatives. By the same token, we want to take this opportunity to express our collective regret and to ask for their



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forgiveness; we promise that we shall never again commit the grievous mistakes of the recent past.

Without exaggeration, a lot has been said and written about Parliament in the past weeks and they have continued unabated, but more particularly about the Speaker and the Clerk of Parliament. For the Clerk, we understand from the Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission that his matter is still under investigation. Therefore the less said about it here the better. We shall await the final outcome of the Commission's investigation.

As for the Speaker, please allow me to make bold and say that a great deal of what has been said and written has been either misconceived or misunderstood. So I want to seize this opportunity to try to set the record straight.

First and foremost, like the beautiful game of soccer football, for example, the Africa Cup of Nations currently being played in Cote d'Ivoire, democratic politics by definition means a game between two or more opposing teams and the Speaker's role as Presiding officer can be likened to that of the referee. He cannot afford but be a friend to both teams; more importantly he cannot afford to antagonise, still less become an enemy of either team. Occasionally, when things are perceived to be going not too well, he invites the two captains to the Speaker's dais for consultations. And, in those consultations they must all be guided by the dictates of fact and reason, not conjecture or gossip, but, above all, by the rules of the game as prescribed in the Constitution and the Standing Orders which must always reign supreme.

Second, the Speaker must be accessible to all MPs. They are at liberty to come to him at any time for guidance and consultations and he, in turn, is obliged to accommodate them as much as possible.

Third, the Speaker must not be a predator and he has never been, contrary to the accusations spewed extensively by some despicable sections of the social media. And for these I have already filed a complaint to the Police and the Independent Media Commission. However, let it be noted that there are two doors to the chambers of the Speaker. One door is reserved exclusively for his entry and exit and is also used occasionally by His Excellency the President whenever he visits Parliament. The second door is for the MPs and the general public. That door is always kept open and accessible. Whereas the key to the first door is in the custody of state security, the key to the second door is kept in the Secretary's office. The critical point at issue here is this: that no keys are ever kept by the Speaker nor, and this might surprise you, does he even know what they look like. So I exhort you all, especially the Honourable Ladies of this House, please don't be afraid to come to the Speaker's chambers. Not only is this Speaker now a frail and faint shadow of his once youthful masculinity, you can easily push him over should he ever attempt any act of bravado. Besides you can easily shout for help from outside and the doors would be opened in no time.



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Finally, let it be stated here loud and clear that the Speaker and the Clerk of Parliament are not at loggerheads with each other, as some unscrupulous and frivolous media might want you to believe. The Speaker is indeed Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission, the highest decision-making body of Parliament, and the Clerk is the Secretary of the Commission. The two of them have to work in harmony at all times for the successful deliberations of the Commission and have indeed been doing so since the beginning of the Fifth Parliament. But ultimately the Speaker bears the greatest responsibility for the Parliament as a whole while the Clerk is only the Head of the Parliamentary Service and the controller of the parliamentary purse. If differences there are between the Speaker and the Clerk, they are miniscule and by no means extraordinary and no-one should attempt to build mountains out of a molehill.

Honourable Members

Allow me to end this announcement with the assurance that this Sixth Parliament is moving forward inexorably because there are bigger and more formidable challenges ahead of all of us. I hope this small word for the wise is sufficient for today!"

6. Laying of Papers:

A. The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston** called upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to lay the paper as itemized on the Order Paper.

With the leave of Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** laid following papers:

- (i) Combined 16th, 17th, 19,19,20, and 21st Periodic Report on the African Charter on Human and Peoples Right and the Initial and Combined 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Periodic on the Protocol to the African Charter on the Human and Peoples' Right on the Rights of Women in Africa.
- (ii) Convention on Civil on Judiciary Cooperation in Civil, Commercial and Administrative matters between the kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone.
- (iii) Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Vacation Training between the Office of Vocational, Training and Employment Promotion, and the Morocco International Cooperation Agency (AMCI) of the Kingdom of Morocco and The Ministry of Higher and Technical of the Republic of Sierra Leone.
- (IV) Convention on Cybercrime



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- (iv) Framework Cooperation Agreement relation to the granting of Academic Scholarships, Internships and sharing of Expertise between the Kingdom of Morocco represented by (Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation-AMCI) And the Republic of Sierra Leone represented by the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education.
- (vi) Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone for the reciprocal promotion and protection of investment.

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at 10:45 a.m.
The House resumed at 11:35 a.m.**

B. The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston** called upon the Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Security.

The Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Security, **Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swaray**, laid the following Paper:

The Work Permit Act, 2023 (Act No. 11 of 2023)
The Work Permit (fees) Regulations 2024
Statutory Instrument No. 1 of 2024

With the leave of Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment, Labour and Social Security made a brief statement for Hon. Members to better comprehend the impact and content on the aforementioned Statutory Instrument.

7. Standing Order 25 (1)

Hon. Daniel B. Koroma from Koinadugu District rose on S.O. 25(1) in tandem with Section **170 (7)** of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991 and gave a notice of motion for the House to debate the aforementioned Statutory Instrument.

8. Adjournment:

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 30th January, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 12:05 p.m.**