



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
SECOND SESSION, 2024/2025
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTY-FOURTH SITTING**



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TUESDAY 29TH APRIL, 2025

The House Met at 10:50 a.m.

The Rt. Speaker, Hon. 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. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
5.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
6.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
9.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
10.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
11.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
13.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
14.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
15.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
16.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
17.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
18.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
19.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
21.	Hon. Edwin Moses A.	SLPP	Bonthe
22.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
23.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
24.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
25.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
26.	Hon. Gberekere III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
27.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
28.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
29.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
30.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
31.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
32.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural



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33.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
34.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
35.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
36.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
37.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
38.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
39.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
40.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
41.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
42.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
43.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
44.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
45.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
46.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
47.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
48.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
49.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
50.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
51.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
52.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
53.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
54.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
55.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
56.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Western Area Urban
57.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
58.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
59.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
60.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
61.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
62.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
63.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
64.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
65.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
66.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
67.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
68.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
69.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
70.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
71.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba



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72.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
73.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
74.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
75.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
76.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
77.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
78.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
79.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
80.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
81.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
82.	Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya	-	Pujehun
83.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
84.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
85.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
86.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
87.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
88.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
89.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
90.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
91.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
92.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
3.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
5.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
6.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
7.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
8.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
9.	Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen	-	Kenema
10.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
11.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
12.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
13.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahaye	-	Bo
14.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
15.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
16.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
17.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
18.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu



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19.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
20.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
21.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
22.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
23.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
24.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
25.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
26.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
27.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
28.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
29.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamama	SLPP	Kono
30.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:

1.	Hon. Bah Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
3.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
5.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
6.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
7.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
8.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
9.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
10.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
12.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
14.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
15.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
16.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
17.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
18.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
19.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
20.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
21.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
23.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
24.	Hon. Songa Bernadette Wuyatta	SLPP	Kailahun
25.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
26.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili



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i. Pronouncement of Quorum:

In consonance with the ruling made by Mr. Speaker, 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 SO 7(1) of the Standing Orders of this Parliament, this House has now had a quorum to commence its proceedings."**

ii. Prayers were read by Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura (The Table Clerk).

1. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 10:45 am was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Musa Fofanah from Kono District** and approved by the House.

2. Standing Order (SO) 26 – Privilege Motion:

Pursuant to Section 74 (4) of The Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991), the Leader of Government Business (**Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**) rose on SO 26 (1) and (2) and moved a motion for the House not to deliberate on any Public Business on the Order Paper until the privileges of Parliament concerning the welfare of Hon. Members had been settled with the Ministry of Finance and the Leadership of Parliament. He, thereby, urged Mr. Speaker "to stand down" the House for a brief meeting in order to discuss the privileges of Parliament. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Leader I of Opposition (**Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma**) and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 24th April, 2025:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 24th April 2025 was moved **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo District** and adopted by the House. It was seconded by **Hon. Abu Kemokai from Pujehun** and approved by the House as amended.

4. Announcement by Mr. Speaker:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker (**Segepoh Solomon Thomas**) informed the House that there had been serious problem concerning attendance and punctuality by Hon. Members. He said within the following week he would have meeting with the entire House in that regards. He mentioned that even to form a quorum on time was difficult, and that he had been in the Well for nearly an hour before a quorum was formed. On that note, he urged Honorable Members to be part of a meeting of which the date and time would be announced during the course of the proceedings. He advised that the said practice by some Hon. Members not to be punctual should not be a culture, and that he would not be in the position to tolerate or accept anything like such.



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Mr. Speaker also informed the House about an engagement he had with His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio. He mentioned that a particular concern was raised relating to the activities of Parliamentary Committees summoning Diplomatic Missions. He stated that he felt so embarrassed when Mr. President Himself intimated him that Parliamentary Committees were summoning private businesses, and that 5 to 6 Parliamentary Committees were summoning a particular institution at the same time. He observed that actions of those nature were becoming very embarrassing for Parliament. He, thereby, directed the Acting Clerk of Parliament that the Office of the Speakership and the Leadership of Parliament would be having a meeting on Wednesday 30th April, 2025 in Committee Room One at 11:00 am to lay down certain rules concerning the summoning of any entity to come to Parliament. He noted that he knew some of those summons were even done without the knowledge of the Chairmen of those Committees because the Committee Clerks knew the benefit about that of which he (Mr. Speaker) did not know about. He emphasized that the Leadership and Speakership would have that very important meeting with the Committee Clerks, and he urged all Committee Clerks to be present for the said meeting as he was so determined to set the brightest example. He noted that after arriving at certain conclusion if any Committee Clerk sent out a letter without the relevant procedure, that Committee Clerk would get him or herself to be blamed.

In relation to the Privilege Motion moved by the Leader of Government Business, Mr. Speaker invited the Leadership of Parliament together with the Leadership of Paramount Chiefs to a brief meeting with the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 11:15 am for a brief consultative meeting with the Minister of Finance together with the Leadership of Parliament concerning the privileges of Parliament.

The House resumed at 11:33 am

5. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the House about the successful outcome of the brief meeting that the Leadership of Parliament and the Office of the Speakership had had with the Minister of Finance concerning the privileges of Parliament. He stated that the House would not proceed on the Bill by The Minister of Finance until the team sent by Parliament brought forth a positive result. He, thereby, urged the Leader of Government Business to do the needful amendment.



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5. Amendment of Order:

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by expunging sub-item “B” of the main Item “IV” (**Bills**) on the Order Paper. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dickson Rogers** and approved by the House.

6. Bill: The Professional Social Workers Regulatory Council Act, 2025.

Committee stage: The House resolved itself into Committee of the whole.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Social welfare to proceed with the Committee Stage of the bill.

- (i). The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 24 stand part of the bill.

The Minister of Social Welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, moved that Parts 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 24 stand part of the bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed a question for debate.

During the course of debate, some amendments were made.

The Minister of Social Welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved that Parts 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 24 stand part of the bill as amended.

The Chairman put a question for vote as quoted:

“All those in favour, say Aye.”

“All those against, say Nay.”

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 6, Clauses 1 to 24 had formed part of the bill.

- (ii). The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that Parts 7 to 11, Clauses 25 to 42 stand part of the bill.



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The Minister of Social Welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, moved that Parts 7 to 11, Clauses 25 to 42 stand part of the bill.

7. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5 (2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Umu Pyne from Moyamba District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued.

Mr. Chairman proposed a question for debate.

During the course of debate, some amendments were made.

The Minister of Social Welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved that Parts 7 to 11, Clauses 25 to 42 stand part of the bill as amended.

The Chairman put a question for vote as quoted:

"All those in favour, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that Parts 7 to 11, Clauses 25 to 42 had formed part of the bill as amended.

The House resumed from the Committee Stage: - The Mace was uncovered, and the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were worn on.

Mr. Speaker's Acknowledgement:

The Rt. Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, acknowledged and recognized the presence of an Iranian Delegation to Sierra Leone as mentioned below. He heartily welcomed them to the Chamber of Parliament and Sierra Leone as a whole.

NO.	NAMES	DESIGNATION
1.	H. E. Sadati Amiri	Iranian Ambassador to Sierra Leone
2.	Mr. Kayvan (K1) Rezaei	Deputy Head of Mission
3.	Hon. Ara Shaverdian	Chairman of Friendship Group
4.	Hon. Faramarz Shahsavari	Vice Chairman of Friendship Group
5.	Hon. Hadi Qavami	Member of Friendship Group



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Report Stage:

The Minister of Social welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, reported to the House that the bill entitled: **"The Professional Social Work Regulatory Council Act, 2025"** had gone through the Committee of the whole House with some amendments made.

Third Reading:

The Minister of Social Welfare, **Mrs. Melrose Karminty**, moved that the Bill entitled: **"The Professional Social Work Regulatory Council 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 the Ayes had it.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln Bangura**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Professional Social Work Regulatory Council Act, 2025"** with the Long Title – **'Being an Act to make provision for the Establishment of the Professional Social Workers Regulatory Council with the Responsibility of Regulating Professional Social Workers, Social Work Facilities, Organizations and Institutions in Sierra Leone, including, Licensing, Registration and Discipline and to provide for Other Related Matters'** had been read the third time and passed into law.

8. Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 6th May, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The House rose at 1:25 p.m.