



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



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THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY, 2024

The House Met at 10:10 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	BO
2.	Hon. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. ArunaMassayNgahiteh	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. BanguraAdama	SLPP	Kambia
6.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
7.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
8.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
9.	Hon. BanguraMariama	APC	Western Area Urban
10.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
13.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
14.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
15.	Hon. BockarieBintuFatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
16.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
17.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
18.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
19.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
20.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
21.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
22.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
23.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
24.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
25.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
26.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
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. Gbereh 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. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
37.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba
38.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
39.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
40.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
41.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
42.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
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. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
48.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
49.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
50.	Hon. KamaraRugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
51.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C AlhajiMasakama	-	Tonkolili
52.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
53.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
54.	Hon. KanuAbdulaiKarim	SLPP	Port Loko
55.	Hon. KanuRugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
56.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
57.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
58.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
59.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
60.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
61.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
62.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
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. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
78.	Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
79.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
80.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
81.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
82.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalasama	-	Koinadugu
83.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor ThorShekuTerenahTongosNeyaKonkorobaFanko Lai	-	Falaba
84.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
85.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
86.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
87.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
88.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
89.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
90.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
91.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
92.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
93.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
94.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
95.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
96.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
97.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
98.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
99.	Hon. SesayJawah	APC	Tonkolili
100.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
101.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
102.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
103.	Hon. SongaWuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
104.	Hon. TarawallyCathrineZainab	APC	Bombali
105.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
106.	Hon. Taylor-BanguraMabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
107.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
108.	Hon. TholleyFoyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
109.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban



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110.	Hon. TimboZinab	APC	Western Area Rural
111.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiama	SLPP	Kono
112.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
113.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
114.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
115.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo
116.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
117.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
2.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
4.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
5.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
6.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
8.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
9.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
10.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
11.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
12.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
13.	Hon. MansarayHamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
14.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
15.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
16.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. SamaShiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
18.	Hon. SesayPessimaMariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
19.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
20.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
21.	Hon. SurmoijuehJibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
22.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
23.	Hon. TurayAlhajiSorieba	APC	Tonkolili
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
2.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
4.	Hon. SesayAminata	APC	Port Loko
5.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
6.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
7.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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1. Prayers were read by Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie (Table Clerk).

2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:20 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:20 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay from Moyamba District** for commencement of plenary proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Bintu Fatmata Bockarie from Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 27th February, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 27th February, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Alice K. Sandy from Kenema District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Fallah Kenewah Tengbeh from Kailahun District** and adopted by the House as amended.

4. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma from Kenema District** moved a motion to amend the text on item IV (**Laying of Paper**) to be read "**Review of Toll Gate Charges along the Wellington- Masiaka Highway**". The motion was seconded by **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma from Koinadugu District** and approved by the House.

5. Statement:

Hon Veronica K. Sesay from Moyamba District introduced to the House a team of Sierra Leonean Medical Professionals from the United States who had formed an organization called Health Care Sierra Leone. She said the reason for the visit was to give back to the country and the people of Sierra Leone and to also transfer the professional knowledge that they had acquired in the US. She informed the House that they had visited different places around the country including Moyamba District where they gave free medical care and treatment to the people of all ages and gender. She also stated that about 1,500 people benefited from the free health care during their visit in Moyamba District. The team also went to the Peninsular in the Western Rural District and rendered the same services to the people. She thanked them on behalf of Parliament and assured the House that they would be visiting other places around the country for the benefit of all.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, joined the Honourable member in thanking the delegation for their contribution to the nation. He recommended that the team should meet with the Parliamentary Health Committee that oversees the health sector. He said that, the Committee would be able to guide them on the areas that need help, most especially with medical drugs. He thanked them again for their good work and assured the team of the support of Parliament with whatever policy reforms that they may put forward in addressing some of the challenges in health sector.



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Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu from Moyamba District also joined in appreciating the efforts of the medical team from the United States for their support to the people, especially the people of Moyamba District. He supported the recommendation made by the Majority Leader which was for the team to interface with the Parliamentary Health Committee. He also thanked them for their humanitarian gesture extended to the people.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, expressed his profound thanks and appreciation on behalf of the House and the Government of Sierra Leone to the team. He also supported the recommendation made by the Majority Leader, for the team and the Parliamentary Health Committee to coordinate. He said with that, the team would have more authority and be empowered in the districts that they would be going.

Mr. Speaker Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** individually recognized the Medical Professionals who had visited Parliament. He complemented them for their humanitarian gesture and expressed his warmest gratitude to all of them on behalf of the entire House for rendering to the people services that was badly needed by everyone in the country. He said that Parliament was very pleased about the services the team had provided to the people and they could not thank them enough. He wished them the blessings of God for their good work.

6. Laying of Paper:

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie** called upon the Minister of Works and Public Assets to lay the paper as itemized on the Order Paper.

The Minister of Works and Public Assets, **Dr. Dennis Sandy** laid the following paper.

Review of Toll Gate Charges along the Wellington-Masiaka Highway

Observation:

The outcome of the review of the Toll Gate charges by the parties to the agreement relating to the highway between Wellington and Masiaka.



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The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, announced that the matter was of public interest that had invoked great emotions and passion among the population. He recognized the presence of transporters of goods and drivers along the highway. He stated that the agreement between the government and the CRSG was signed in 2015, following its ratification by the Parliament of Sierra Leone which made it a valid and binding on both parties. He conveyed that the consideration of the matter by Parliament should not be misconstrued that Parliament was seeking to question the validity of the agreement. He further stated that whatever would be said or done should be within the confines of the provisions of the agreement, because the role of Parliament was to ensure that the provisions contained therein were complied with by the parties to the agreement. He also said there was a stakeholders meeting held to listen to the concerns of the various members of the public whose interests were affected by the review of the Toll Gate Charges, and every single attendee was given the opportunity to voice out their concerns. Mr. Speaker said one of the things that came out of the meeting was "any review of the Toll Gate Charges have to be evidenced based which could be obtained by the tariff data in the calculation of the charges". He also said, it had come to the attention of the House that one party (CRSG) was responsible for generating the data and making that data available to the other party (Government). He said in that instance the role of the SLRA had been taken note of. He also said he had noticed that very little if any at all had been done by the recipient of the data to verify its authenticity. He therefore asked all the agencies of government involved to act in the interest of the nation by receiving the data when it would have been generated and to verify its accuracy. He said the data generated was evidence and played a critical role in the assessment of the level and quantum of payment by the road users. He asked the Minister to convey to the SLRA, that the House would like the status quo to change, and that going forward; they expected the SLRA to treat the matter with the utmost importance it deserved for the sake of the people of this country. Mr. Speaker applauded the Minister for observing that the tariff was an integral part of the agreement. He further said that the House would determine what to do with the document that had been laid, and would invite The Minister at a future date to come and make his presentation and ask Parliament to ratify the document. He ruled that the document would be put in abeyance for as long as necessary to give the relevant Committee of Parliament the opportunity to do a detailed study of what had been laid.

Mr. Speaker also announced that during the stakeholders meeting, they received a paper from the Motor Drivers and Transport Workers Union that clearly indicated their area of concern. Among the six different categories, the category that concerned them most was category five which dealt with trucks that transported essential food items to and from the extremities of the country into the capital. The Union went back and brought a proposal of how they would like to see rule five being dealt with in the



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new dispensation. He implored the executive of the union to make the document public to the nation while Parliament took due note of the proposals in document. He concluded by assuring all that the agreement was ongoing, valid, and binding on the state of Sierra Leone and the other party (CRSG) and that there was no attempt for anyone to undermine its validity.

The Minority Leader, **Hon. Abdul Kargbo**, said, the responsibility of the House was to seek the interest of the people as that was what brought them to Parliament and they should ensure at any time to advocate for the people. He reiterated that the matter was of public interest, but similarly, they do not intend to discourage investors or scare them away. He said they had seen what was presented by CRSG, and Parliament would ensure that they digested it properly for them to have a win-win outcome where every party and the people of the country would be happy. He supported the statements of Mr. Speaker especially on category five. He assured the Minister that due considerations would be given to the document.

The Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, thanked Mr. Speaker and also supported his statements in considering some categories as they could not undo what had been done. He drew the attention of the House to key areas of importance relating to the state, the people and the investors. He thanked the Minister of Works for bringing the agreement to the House for review. Without challenging the ruling of Mr. Speaker by putting the document in abeyance, he referenced Section 40 Subsection 4 of The Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No.6) of 1991 the reason why they should ratify the document. He said much authority had been given to Parliament and they were trying to work within that authority and not to misuse it. He further said the document came to Parliament because of that provision in the constitution. He again thanked the Minister for drawing the attention of Parliament during his presentation at the stakeholders meeting that led to proving some allegations that were not correct. He thanked Mr. Speaker for referring the document to the Parliamentary Works and Public Assets Committee.

7. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanation):

The following Hon. Members stood on S.O. 23

- (i) Hon. Unpha Sorie Gbessay Koroma, from Western Urban Area District**, stood on So 23 and informed the House about his experience on his way to Parliament from Goderich Street around the Eastern Police roundabout. He said that there was a big porthole in that area, which had been there for about a month, and he almost got into it while driving to work and that had caused tremendous



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damage to his vehicle. He said lives were at risk with the porthole in that area. He therefore asked that the SLRA should find a way to cover it soonest.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 7th March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The House rose at 11:30 a.m.