



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



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TUESDAY 30th JANUARY, 2024

**The House Met at 10:15 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. Amara HajaMiatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. ArunaMassayNghahiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
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. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
10.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. BayohAlie	SLPP	Kenema
14.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
15.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
16.	Hon. ContehAdama	APC	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. ContehHawa	APC	Koinadugu
18.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
19.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
20.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
21.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
23.	Hon. DaudaldrisMoiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
24.	Hon. FabbahHabibKeifa	SLPP	Bo
25.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
26.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
27.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
28.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
29.	Hon. FornaMabinty	APC	Tonkolili
30.	Hon. Gberek III P.C BaiShebora Sheba	-	Port Loko



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31.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
32.	Hon. GobaMariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
33.	Hon. JallohMemunatu	APC	Port Loko
34.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
35.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
36.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
37.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
38.	Hon. KallonHawa	SLPP	Pujehun
39.	Hon. KamaraAbdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
40.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
41.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
42.	Hon. KamaraAlusine Bash	APC	Karene
43.	Hon. KamaraldrissSahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
44.	Hon. KamaraMamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
45.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
46.	Hon. KamaraRugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
47.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C AlhajiMasakama	-	Tonkolili
48.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
49.	Hon. KanuAbdulaiKarim	SLPP	Port Loko
50.	Hon. KanuRugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
51.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
52.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
53.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
54.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
55.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
56.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
57.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
58.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
59.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
60.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
61.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
62.	Hon. KoromaMeamaKajue P.C HajaFatmataBintu	-	Moyamba
63.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
64.	Hon. KoromaUnphaSorieGbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
65.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
66.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
67.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
68.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
69.	Hon. LarkohArunaPapay	APC	Tonkolili
70.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo



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71.	Hon. LebbieNenneh	SLPP	Bo
72.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
73.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
74.	Hon. MansarayKonkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
75.	Hon. Marrah III P.C AlieBalanSama	-	Koinadugu
76.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor ThorShekuTerenahTongosNeyaKonkorobaFanko Lai	-	Falaba
77.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
78.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
79.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
80.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
81.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C BaiFaramaTassBubu	-	Kambia
82.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
83.	Hon. PyneUmu	SLPP	Moyamba
84.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
85.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
86.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
87.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
88.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
89.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
90.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
91.	Hon. SesayAminata	APC	Port Loko
92.	Hon. SesaySallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
93.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
94.	Hon. SilikieBashiru	SLPP	Bo
95.	Hon. SongaWuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
96.	Hon. SoukenahFatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
97.	Hon. SurmoijuehJibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
98.	Hon. Taylor-BanguraMabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
99.	Hon. TarawallyCathrineZainab	APC	Bombali
100.	Hon. Tarawalli-MussaffaRugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
101.	Hon. TengbehFallahKenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
102.	Hon. TholleyFoyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
103.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
104.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
105.	Hon. Tommy SiaMahawaHabiama	SLPP	Kono
106.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
107.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
108.	Hon. TurayAlhajiSorieba	APC	Tonkolili
109.	Hon. VandyChristophaKekura	SLPP	Bo



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110.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
111.	Hon. ZomboMariamaMunia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. BanyaSarty	SLPP	Kailahun
2.	Hon. BockarieMomoh	SLPP	Kenema
3.	Hon. ContehKemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
4.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
5.	Hon. GevaoHindoloMoiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
6.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha FodieMadie	SLPP	Falaba
8.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
9.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
10.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
11.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
12.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
13.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C KandehParia	-	Karene
14.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
15.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
16.	Hon. MansarayBrima	SLPP	Kenema
17.	Hon. MansarayHamiduHolla	APC	Koinadugu
18.	Hon. MomoduSahrKoutu	SLPP	Kono
19.	Hon. QueeKomba	SLPP	Kono
20.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
21.	Hon. Salia – KonnehQuintin	SLPP	Kailahun
22.	Hon. SamaShiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
23.	Hon. SesayJawah	APC	Tonkolili
24.	Hon. SesayPessimaMariatuRacheal	SLPP	Port Loko
25.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
26.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
27.	Hon. TimboZinab	APC	Western Area Rural
28.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	BO
2.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
4.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
5.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
6.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
7.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
8.	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 10:25 a.m.

The motion for the adoption of the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers from Pujehun District** for commencement of plenary proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh from Western Area Urban District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 25th January, 2024:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 25th January, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin from Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Idris Sahid Kamara from Western Area Urban District** and adopted by the House.

4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The **Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that they had two important meetings that week; one was the post 2023 General Elections seminar, together with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations (CPA) and representatives from the British Parliament, who were in Freetown as guests. He said that the practice was a regular feature of the CPA programs and it was not new to Sierra Leone as it was also held in 2019 during the post 2018 elections. He further said that the CPA tries to foster cross fertilization of ideas and practices in the conduct of democratic practices. He therefore extended an open invitation to all Members of Parliament particularly the new members to attend the meeting which was scheduled to take place immediately after the day's plenary sitting and the following days.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the second important meeting was the ECOWAS Seminar and ECOWAS Extra Ordinary Session, both of which had been scheduled to take place in Freetown. He explained that ECOWAS Parliament had been holding those meetings in different ECOWAS countries with the singular motive which was to take ECOWAS to the people of ECOWAS so that they would better appreciate their own organisation. Mr. Speaker mentioned that to-date, ECOWAS had drawn its membership from the various parliaments from the member states and it was the aspiration of ECOWAS to directly elect its members from the population of its member states, he encouraged all to welcome the idea. He cited the European Union as an example; he said the EU started just like their case but had today achieved that and they were also aspiring to achieve that sooner than later. He therefore urged all members to attend the sessions and on time, especially the formal opening by His Excellency, the President, Rtd. Julius Maada Bio, which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 31st January, 2024.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu also informed the House about a certain journalist who for reasons best known to him decided to describe him as a "predator" in one of his stories. Although the journalist had retracted his story and apologized to him, "the damage had been done" he said. As punishment for his actions Mr. Speaker said he would pursue legal actions



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against the journalist. Mr. Speaker described the situation as a malaise in the social media that should be addressed and concluded by saying that; he hoped that the said journalist was wiser after his mistake.

6. Laying of Papers:

A. The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie** 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 on behalf of the Minister:

- (i) **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.**
- (ii) **African Union Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation (Niamey Convention)**
- (iii) **Extradition Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone.**
- (iv) **Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone on Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters.**

Observation by Mr. Speaker

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu informed all Hon. Members particularly the new members that plenary meetings in the well of Parliament take precedent over all other meetings. He said that where there was a clash of meetings, they should give precedent to plenary sitting.

Announcement

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi** read out the announcement as quoted

“Notice of Withdrawal of Consolidated Copies of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991.

Acting on the directives of the Speaker of Parliament, the Director of the Legislative Services Department has been requested to retrieve the consolidated copies of the constitution [The Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991 for onward submission to the Government Printing Department.

The reason for the retrieval is that there are fundamental lithographic errors contained therein and contingent on that, the necessary amendments would be done. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.”



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The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** said he noticed some errors while he was looking at the amendment of 2001 which introduced into the laws The District Bloc Representation System. He said he discovered that there were unforgivable mistakes in the copies. He cited the provision of section 109 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone which makes it a treasonable offence to tamper with the constitution and to introduce into it language that ought not to be there. He reiterated that that was why he had given the directives to retrieve the copies so that the corrections could be made.

Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah of Western Area Urban District suggested that a comprehensive list of the supposed errors or mistakes be brought to Parliament before they are taken to the Government Printing Department (GPD) and after those mistakes would have been corrected, a draft copy should be sent back to Parliament for verification before final printing by the GPD.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** further directed that the Government Printer should produce a first draft copy of the amendment that would be done and he should send it to Parliament and then Parliament would constitute a small committee to verify that the amendment are in consonance with the Constitution before he goes ahead to do the final copy.

Adjournment:

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 8th February, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 11:05 p.m.**