



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



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Thursday 3rd July, 2025

The House Met at 10:10a.m.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas, 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. Bangura Abdul Karim | SLPP | Karene |
| 3. | Hon. Bangura Adama | SLPP | Kambia |
| 4. | Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 5. | Hon. Bangura Mariama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 6. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed | APC | Karene |
| 7. | Hon. Banya Sarty | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 8. | Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 9. | Hon. Bockarie Momoh | SLPP | Kenema |
| 10. | Hon. Conteh Hawa | APC | Koinadugu |
| 11. | Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 12. | Hon. Conteh Mohamed | APC | Bombali |
| 13. | Hon. Conteh Paul Samba | APC | Bombali |
| 14. | Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 15. | Hon. Edwin Moses A. | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 16. | Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa | SLPP | Bo |
| 17. | Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 18. | Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie | SLPP | Kambia |
| 19. | Hon. Fornah Daniel | APC | Tonkolili |
| 20. | Hon. Forna Mabinty | APC | Tonkolili |
| 21. | Hon. Gbreh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba | P.C | Port Loko |
| 22. | Hon. George Edward | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 23. | Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril | - | Kailahun |
| 24. | Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 25. | Hon. Goba Mariama Ella | SLPP | Kenema |
| 26. | Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie | SLPP | Falaba |
| 27. | Hon. Jalloh P. C. Alhaji Musa Bamba Foray Kulio III | - | Tonkolili |
| 28. | Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 29. | Hon. Jalloh Memunatu | APC | Port Loko |
| 30. | Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha | APC | Bombali |
| 31. | Hon. Kabba Ibrahim | SLPP | Western Area Rural |



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| 32. | Hon. Kamara Abdulai A. | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 33. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Kambia |
| 34. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim | APC | Port Loko |
| 35. | Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash | APC | Karene |
| 36. | Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 37. | Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash | SLPP | Bo |
| 38. | Hon. Kamara Marie | APC | Bombali |
| 39. | Hon. Kamara Rugiatu | APC | Tonkolili |
| 40. | Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen | - | Kenema |
| 41. | Hon. Kanneh Mohamed | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 42. | Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 43. | Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 44. | Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya | SLPP | Bo |
| 45. | Hon. Kargbo Abdul | APC | Port Loko |
| 46. | Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 47. | Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria | - | 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 Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu | - | Moyamba |
| 54. | Hon. Lahai Musa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 55. | Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 56. | Hon. Lansana P.C. Bio Prince | - | Bonthe |
| 57. | Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson | SLPP | Kono |
| 58. | Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada | SLPP | Bo |
| 59. | Hon. Lebbie Nenneh | SLPP | Bo |
| 60. | Hon. Mackery Yusuf | SLPP | Bo |
| 61. | Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben | APC | Moyamba |
| 62. | Hon. Mansaray Brima | SLPP | Kenema |
| 63. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama | - | Koinadugu |
| 64. | Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai | - | Falaba |
| 65. | Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 66. | Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava | SLPP | Bo |
| 67. | Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 68. | Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu | - | Kambia |
| 69. | Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr | SLPP | Kenema |
| 70. | Hon. Pyne Umu | SLPP | Moyamba |



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| 71. | Hon. Quee Komba | SLPP | Kono |
| 72. | Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 73. | Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 74. | Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya | SLPP | Kenema |
| 75. | Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 76. | Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 77. | Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff | APC | Port Loko |
| 78. | Hon. Sesay Jawah | APC | Tonkolili |
| 79. | Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman | APC | Bombali |
| 80. | Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 81. | Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 82. | Hon. Silikie Bashiru | SLPP | Bo |
| 83. | Hon. Songa Bernadette Wuyatta | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 84. | Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 85. | Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu | SLPP | Kenema |
| 86. | Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice | APC | Kambia |
| 87. | Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 88. | Hon. Tholley Foyoh | SLPP | Tonkolili |
| 89. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 90. | Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 91. | Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 92. | Hon. Turay Benjamin | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 93. | Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura | SLPP | Bo |
| 94. | Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT: | | | |
| 1. | Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh | SLPP | Bo |
| 2. | Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie | APC | Tonkolili |
| 3. | Hon. Bayoh Alie | SLPP | Kenema |
| 4. | Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.) | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 5. | Hon. Conteh Adama | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 6. | Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 7. | Hon. Fofanah Musa | SLPP | Kono |
| 8. | Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon | SLPP | Kono |
| 9. | Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan | APC | Kambia |
| 10. | Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 11. | Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 12. | Hon. Kargobai P.C. Desmond Mahayei | - | Bo |
| 13. | Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba | - | Bombali |
| 14. | Hon. Koroma Ibrahim | SLPP | Kenema |
| 15. | Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah | SLPP | Koinadugu |



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| 16. | Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu | SLPP | Kono |
| 17. | Hon. Munda Boston | SLPP | Kenem |
| 18. | Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 19. | Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh | SLPP | Falaba |
| 20. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 21. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 22. | Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiama | SLPP | Kono |

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

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| 1. | Hon. Amara Haja Miatta | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 2. | Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 3. | Hon. Bah Zinab | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 4. | Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty | APC | Karene |
| 5. | Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz | APC | Port Loko |
| 6. | Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa | APC | Bombali |
| 7. | Hon. Barrie Ibrahim | APC | Bombali |
| 8. | Hon. Conteh John Charles | APC | Bombali |
| 9. | Hon. Conteh Kemokoh | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 10. | Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 11. | Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 12. | Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara | SLPP | Kenema |
| 13. | Hon. Kallon Hawa | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 14. | Hon. Kamara Mahmoud | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 15. | Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei | SLPP | Kono |
| 16. | Hon. Kargbo John Sartty | APC | Western Area Rural |
| 17. | Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff | APC | Karene |
| 18. | Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura | APC | Kambia |
| 19. | Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba | APC | Bombali |
| 20. | Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay | APC | Western Area Urban |
| 21. | Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 22. | Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay | APC | Tonkolili |
| 23. | Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla | APC | Koinadugu |
| 24. | Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 25. | Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 26. | Hon. Sesay Aminata | APC | Port Loko |
| 27. | Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 28. | Hon. Tamu P . C. Saffa Monya | - | Pujehun |
| 29. | Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab | APC | Bombali |
| 30. | Hon. Tucker Tom Issic | APC | Kono |
| 31. | Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 32. | Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba | APC | Tonkolili |



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| 33. | Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph | SLPP | Bo |
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Pronouncement of Quorum at 10:18 am:

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 S.O. 7(1) of the Standing Orders of Parliament, this House has formed a quorum to commence its proceedings."**

1. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston (Deputy Director II of Legislative Services).

2. Suspension of Standing Order 5 (2):

The motion for the suspension of SO 5 (2) at 10:18 am was moved by **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay from Moyamba District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie from Bo District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 1st July, 2025:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 1st July, 2025 was moved by **Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura from Karene District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Adama Bangura from Kambia District** and adopted by the House.

4. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas heartily welcomed Hon. Members from the A.P.C. back to the Chamber after they unequivocally expressed dissatisfaction with regards certain conducts of the Clerk of Parliament, which prompted them to dissociate themselves with any parliamentary sitting until an action was taken.

He went further to state that the House had missed the presence of the said members while they were absent with excuse during the previous sittings (from the 10th June to 3rd July, 2025). He reminded the aforementioned Hon. Members that the House was theirs and that he was quite sure that they must have felt very empty the past Tuesdays and Thursdays (within the period they did not attend parliamentary sittings).

He concluded by recognizing the diligence of Hon. Members who were present at the Chamber before 10 a.m. for the commencement of sitting. He said that their action (promptness) had been good for the image of Parliament, themselves and for the people of Sierra Leone. Finally, he urged Hon. Members to continue their diligence.



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The following Hon Members were recognized for Punctuality for the commencement of Proceedings:

| No. | Names of Hon. Members | Party | District |
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| 1. | Hon. Ibrahim Kabba | SLPP | Western Rural |
| 2. | Hon. Umu Pyne | SLPP | Moyamba |
| 3. | Hon. Alpha Fodie Maddie Jabbie | SLPP | Falaba |
| 4. | Hon. Amie Nyava Moriba | SLPP | Bo |
| 5. | Hon. Mariama Ella Goba | SLPP | Kenema |
| 6. | Hon. Abdulai Karim Kanu | SLPP | Port Loko |
| 7. | Hon. P.C. Alhaji Musa Bamba Kulio Jalloh III | P.C. | Tonkolili |
| 8. | Hon. P.C. Haja Fatmata Bintu Koroma Meama Kajue | P.C. | Moyamba |
| 9. | Hon. Memunatu Jalloh | A.P.C. | Port Loko |
| 10. | Hon. Abu Kemokai | S.L.P.P. | Pujehun |
| 11. | Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu | A.P.C. | Western Area Urban |
| 12. | Hon. Lucinda Finda Kellie | A.P.C. | Kono |
| 13. | Hon. Quintinj Salia-Konneh | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 14. | Hon. Daniel Fornah | A.P.C. | Tonkolili |
| 15. | Hon. Beartrice Maaya Kangbai | SLPP | Bo |
| 16. | Hon. Daniel Amadu Bangura | A.P.C. | Tokolili |
| 17. | Hon. Saa Emerson Lamin | S.L.P.P. | Kono |
| 18. | Hon. Mabinty Alice Taylor-Bangura | A.P.C. | Kambia |
| 19. | Hon. Rugiatu Kamara | A.P.C. | Tonkolili |
| 20. | Hon. Fatmata Sarah Soukenah | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 21. | Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie-Fofanah | SLPP | Kambia |
| 22. | Hon. Kenawah Fallah Tengbeh | S.L.P.P. | Kailahun |
| 23. | Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura | SLPP | Karene |
| 24. | Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo | SLPP | Pujehun |
| 25. | Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa | SLPP | Kailahun |
| 26. | Hon. Nenneh Lebbie | SLPP | Bo |
| 27. | Hon. Jawa Sesay | A.P.C. | Tonkolili |
| 28. | Hon. Sylvester Arnold Maxwell Boima (Rtd. Cpt.) | S.L.P.P. | Moyamba |
| 29. | Hon. Foyoh Tholley | SLPP | Tonkolili |
| 30. | Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay | S.L.P.P. | Moyamba |
| 31. | Hon. Charles O. Abdulai | SLPP | Bo |
| 32. | Hon. Rugiatu Tarawalli-Mustapha | SLPP | Kenema |
| 33. | Hon. Jibrila Sur Moijueh | SLPP | Bonthe |
| 34. | Hon. Abdulai A. Kamara | A.P.C. | Western Urban |
| 35. | Hon. Tamba Kellie | A.P.C. | Kono |



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| 36. | Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura | SLPP | Kambia |
| 37. | Hon. Sarty Banya | S.L.P.P. | Kailahun |
| 38. | Hon. Christoph K. Vandy | S.L.P.P. | Bo |
| 39. | Hon. Daniel B. Koroma | A.P.C. | Koinadugu |
| 40. | Hon. Ishmael Sankoh-Yillah | S.L.P.P. | Port Loko |
| 41. | Hon. Princess Kadie Daramy | S.L.P.P. | Western Urban |
| 42. | Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu | S.L.P.P. | Pujehun |
| 43. | Hon. Abdul S. Marray-Conteh | S.L.P.P. | Western Urban |
| 44. | Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara | A.P.C. | Kambia |
| 45. | Hon. Abdul Joseph Bash Kamara | S.L.P.P. | Bo |
| 46. | Hon. P.C. Alameen Kanneh | P.C. | Kenema |
| 47. | Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi | S.L.P.P. | Kailahun |
| 48. | Hon. Bashiru Silikie | S.L.P.P. | Bo |
| 49. | Hon. Paul Samba Conteh | A.P.C. | Bombali |

5. Swearing-in of Member of Parliament, Pursuant to the Third Schedule of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991.

Declaration by the Speaker

"Hon. Members, in conformity with certificate of elections submitted to the Office of the Clerk of Parliament by the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone, I hereby declare that Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofanah has been duly elected as a Member of Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone"

Administering of Oath

The duly elected Member of Parliament, **Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofanah from Kenema District** took and subscribed the Oath of Office pursuant to the Third Schedule of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991. The oath was administered by the Acting Clerk of Parliament, Mr. Gilbert Bosco N'habay. The Acting Clerk of Parliament congratulated the sworn-in Hon. Member and presented him with the working tools of Parliament containing the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No 6 of 1991, the Standing Orders of Parliament and the Parliamentary Prayer.

Felicitations by the Speaker

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas extended his felicitations to the sworn-in Member of Parliament and stated that the Hon. Member was expected to serve the country diligently. He warmly welcomed him back to Parliament.



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6. Petition

Hon. P. C. Alhaji Musa Bamba Foray Kulio Jalloh III from Tonkolili District presented the Public Petition to the House. It was addressed to the Rt. Hon. Speaker and Chairman of the Public Petition Committee, on behalf of the people, landowners and traditional authorities of Dansogoia, Sambaia and Diang Chiefdoms in the Tonkolili and Koinadugu Districts, pursuant to Standing Orders 17 and 70 (5) (a). It was signed by 1,928 persons.

The Said Hon. P.C. Member laid the petition on the Table of the House. He read the prayers of the petition and moved that its be referred to the Public Petition Committee. The motion was seconded by Hon. Jawa Sesay from Tonkolili District and approved by the House.

7. Laying of Paper:

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Alpha Ibrahim Sesay laid the following paper of the Table of the

House:

An Agreement between Government of Sierra Leone and Kissy Industry and Trading Company (KITC) Sierra

Leone (SL) Limited dated January, 2025.

8. Bill: The Child Rights Act, 2025 by the Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs.

Committee Stage

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma** announced that Part 1 to 5, Clauses 1 to 46 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman called upon Leaders from both sides of the isle, Members of the Female Caucus, Members of the Legislative Committee and Paramount Chief Members for a brief consultative meeting in the Speaker's Chamber.

**Mr. Chairman stood the House down at 11: 15 a.m.
The House resumed at 11: 30 a.m.**



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Continued proceedings

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 1 to 5, Clauses 1 to 46 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the Question for debate.

Debate started.

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 1 to 5, Clauses 1 to 46 stand part of the Bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

"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. Francis Ernest Farma** pronounced that Part 1 to 5, Clauses 1 to 46 formed part of the Bill as amended.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma** announced that Part 6 to 8, Clauses 47 to 116 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 6 to 8, Clauses 47 to 116 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the Question for debate.

Debate started.

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 6 to 8, Clauses 47



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to 116 stand part of the Bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

“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. Francis Ernest Farma** pronounced that Part 6 to 8, Clauses 47 to 116 formed part of the Bill as amended.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma** announced that Part 9 to 15, Clauses 117 to 174 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 9 to 15, Clauses 117 to 174 and the schedule stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the Question for debate.

Debate started.

The Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that Part 9 to 15, Clauses 117 to 174 and the schedule stand part of the Bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

“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. Francis Ernest Farma** pronounced that Part 9 to 15, Clauses 117 to 174 and the schedule formed part of the Bill as amended.

The House resumed from Committee of the Whole House.



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Report Stage

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** reported to the House that the Bill entitled: The Child Right Act 2025 had gone through Committee of the Whole House with some amendments made.

Third Reading

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Dr. Isata Mahoi** moved that the Bill entitled: The Child Right Act 2025 be read the Third Time and passed into law.

Question put and agreed to

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

8. Announcement of Membership of the Public Petition Committee by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker announced the membership of the aforesaid committee as follows:

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| 1. The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Segepoh Solomon Thomas | Chairman |
| 2. Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma | Member |
| 3. Hon. Abdul Kargbo | Member |
| 4. Hon. Daniel B. Koroma | Member |
| 5. Hon. P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu Koroma Meama Kajue | Member |
| 6. Hon. Jawa Sesay | Member |

Question put and agreed to

The Membership of the Public Petition Committee was approved.

9. Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations)

- 1. Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao from Kailahun District** rose S.O. 23, and with a heavy heart announced the death of his son who was brutally murdered allegedly at Beckles Lane Brookfield.



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He stated that it was reported to him that his son's murder was the third at the same house. He further stated that someone wrote on Sierraloading as quoted "You go wan make nasty say because e daddy ma Member of Parliament, na den dae na power". He informed the House that the Inspector General of Police was working on the matter and some arrests had been made. He sadly stated that the remains of his son had been laid to rest the previous day where a cross section of Members of Parliament attended the funeral. He also informed the House that he was informed by the Head of Cyber that a new incident had occurred (gruesome murder) at Goderich where two people were killed, and that two days ago a fulah woman was also killed at Mambo. He reminded the House about past incidents and said that a lot of incidents of that nature had occurred. He pleaded for the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Leaders of Parliament to look into murder cases and ensure that something must be done to stop such incidents to prevent further killing of people. He concluded by sharing the medical report of his deceased son to the House which stated broken skull, shocked with taser on the neck, all ribs broken, damaged liver, kidney splint etc. He thanked all those who stood with him during the difficult time.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo extended his heartfelt sympathy to Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao from Kailahun District for the loss of his son. He pleaded with Mr. Speaker to ensure the safety of Members of Parliament and their families because while Members make laws, people easily took offence.

Response by Mr. Speaker

Mr. Speaker extended his commiserations to **Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao from Kailahun District** for the loss of his son and stated that himself and most Hon. Members were oblivious about the sad event. He instructed the Acting Clerk of Parliament to invite the Inspector General of Police and Hon. **Hindolo Moiwo Gevao** to have a meeting with the Leadership of Parliament on Monday 7th July at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Hon. Juliana Aliematu Fatorma** informed the House that she woke up one Sunday morning with soldiers at her house ravaging her things where so many valuable things went missing. She said that she was left under the rains and the police stated that they had started with the Honourable Member as a deterrent (for the community to be afraid). She stated that such incidents were worrisome and she called on the intervention of the Speaker.

Hon. Abdul Kargbo from Port Loko District suggested the creation of a WhatsApp group for Members of Parliament. He stated that such group used to exist during the Fourth and Fifth Parliament. He also reminded the House that the provision of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 did not allow Members of Parliament to be molested and treated as such. It protected Hon. Members and even if a member does something that warranted his/her arrest the police must first get approval from the Speaker to proceed.



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- 3. Hon. Aaron A. Sesay from Tonkolili District** reported that two weeks ago he watched a podcast by the office of National Security (O.N.S.) upon which they issued a deadline that effective 31st August checkpoints would be mounted across the country in search of national identity cards, thereby making it possession mandatory. He cited s 18 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991 which states that the right to freedom of movement is a fundamental right for every Sierra Leonean. He stated that the aforesaid section could only be silent when the President invoked a state of public emergency in the case of a pandemic. He mentioned that s 15 of the National Civil Registration Authority (NCRA) Act was clear. The Act mandated the authority to create offices which should be permanent and functional in chiefdoms, district and national level. He also stated that as he spoke 80 to 90 % of the Chiefdoms NCRA had not set up offices to ensure that ID cards were issued to the people. He called upon the Speaker and said that in an attempt to make the possession of national ID cards mandatory, it would be a breach of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991. He emphasized on the need to relevant authorities such as the I.G. of Police, the Head of O.N.S. and the Head of NCRA to ensure that they put a hold to the announcement they just passed.
- 4. Hon. Rugiatu Tarawalli-Mustapha from Kenema District** also reported to the House that she had also been a victim where most of her valuable properties were destroyed. She stated that the incident occurred in the town she was born. She emphasized the need for something to be done to protect Hon. Members from such dangerous situations.
- 5. Hon. Shiaka Musa Sama from Pujehun District** described and reported incidents that occurred both in 2020 and the other as recent as the previous day. He informed the House that in 2020 he was arrested as a Member of Parliament and was taken to the police station, handcuffed and forced to sit on the floor. He stated that he took 9 days at the CID, one month in custody, some weeks at Pademba Road and two years in court only to be set free. He reported that himself, his family and his supporters suffered during that period because there was an allegation against him and nobody called to hear his own side of the story. He also reported that he was going to see a doctor the previous day around Old Road Ferry Terminal and he had a confrontation with a drunken military personnel member who threatened to slap him.
- 6. Hon Abdul Kargbo from Port Loko District** drew the attention of the House to what people described as citizenship by investment. Meaning if someone was out of the jurisdiction of Sierra Leone, just by paying some amount of money they become citizens of Sierra Leone. He stated that he had seen a lot of videos and write-ups on citizen by investment. He said that he wanted to remind the House that anything regarding citizenship must be authorized by the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 and with the express approval of Parliament.



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- 7. Hon. Amie Nyava Moriba from Bo District** reported to the House that she saw a video on social media portraying a woman who pretended to be selling food at the school but instead she was caught selling kush to vulnerable pupils at the school. She wanted the incident to be conveyed to the Minister of Education as well as all School Principals for them to be aware and be watchful for the pupils. She also mentioned that the sale of tramadol should be monitored because even under aged children could buy the said drug over the counter. She said that certain drugs should not be sold without a prescription. She concluded by pleading for ID cards for the identification of Members of Parliament to prevent being embarrassed /harassed by the military or police personnel because they did not regard MP license plate.
- 8. Hon. Abduk Karim Kamara from Kambia District** reported that the road along ferry junction was always messy and its bridge was located close towards the 'Bormeh' waste dump. He said that some time ago the right-hand side of the bridge collapsed and caused a tragedy where lives were lost. He informed the House that the middle of the bridge was looking like a swamp with SLRA and cement factories very close but none of them seemed to care about the situation which was causing heavy traffic.
- 9. Hon. P.C. Alameen Kanneh from Kenema District** advised that the House should be proactive because Members of Parliament pass laws almost every day and thereby, they become targets. He said that rigid security system should be set up and to increase alertness to potential threats to Members of Parliament. He stated that Members of Parliament could be a target to potential threat at both national and international level. He also suggested that Members of Parliament should be given financially supported for home security facility and proffer the idea to set up a committee to evaluate threats, assess their credibility and recommend protective measures. He said that Parliament should also try to develop and regularly update emergency response plans for various scenarios, including shooting situations, and establish clear communication protocols. Last but not the least, he proffered that Parliament should try to raise public awareness for the importance of respecting elected officials and the need to refrain from inflicting violence and intimidation upon them.
- 10. Adjournment:**
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 10th July, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
The House rose at 12:30 p.m.



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