



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT  
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TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 2023

The House Met at 11:30 a.m.  
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr Chernor Abass Bundu, Presided.

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:**

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CONST.</b>
1.	Hon. Abdulai Osman Charles	SLPP	Bo	079
2.	Hon. Alhadi Lihadi	APC	Western Urban	123
3.	Hon. Alu-Conteh Alusine Kainde	APC	Western Urban	125
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Urban	115
5.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
6.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Pot Loko	076
7.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
8.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
9.	Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass	-	Kambia	-
10.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
11.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
12.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
13.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali	031
14.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
15.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
16.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
17.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	BO	078
18.	Hon. Fefegula Simeon	SLPP	Moyamba	096
19.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
20.	Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
21.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
22.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
23.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
24.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040
25.	Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh	APC	Western Urban	119
26.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
27.	Hon. Juana Sahr	SLPP	Kailahun	002
28.	Hon. Kabia Mohamed	APC	Western Rural	106
29.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema	020
30.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
31.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Bo	084



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32.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>059</i>
33.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>069</i>
34.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>061</i>
35.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>122</i>
36.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>067</i>
37.	<i>Hon. Kamara Bai Sama</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>060</i>
38.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>057</i>
39.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>068</i>
40.	<i>Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>071</i>
41.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>006</i>
42.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>072</i>
43.	<i>Hon. Kanu Amadu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>093</i>
44.	<i>Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>113</i>
45.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Abdul</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>077</i>
46.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>047</i>
47.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>064</i>
48.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>026</i>
49.	<i>Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>-</i>
50.	<i>Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>048</i>
51.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>070</i>
52.	<i>Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>046</i>
53.	<i>Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>-</i>
54.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>033</i>
55.	<i>Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>092</i>
56.	<i>Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>121</i>
57.	<i>Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>015</i>
58.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>098</i>
59.	<i>Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>083</i>
60.	<i>Hon. Lebbie Nenneh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>086</i>
61.	<i>Hon. Mackery Yusuf</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>087</i>
62.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>041</i>
63.	<i>Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>-</i>
64.	<i>Hon. Marah Lahai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>042</i>
65.	<i>Hon. Munda Boston</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>021</i>
66.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>019</i>
67.	<i>Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>102</i>
68.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>007</i>
69.	<i>Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>080</i>
70.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>120</i>
71.	<i>Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>095</i>
72.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>050</i>



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73.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>075</i>
74.	<i>Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>052</i>
75.	<i>Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>038</i>
76.	<i>Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>094</i>
77.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>039</i>
78.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>-</i>
79.	<i>Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>005</i>
80.	<i>Hon. Silikie Bashiru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>082</i>
81.	<i>Hon. Tarawalie Issac</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>118</i>
82.	<i>Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>037</i>
83.	<i>Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>089</i>
84.	<i>Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>001</i>
85.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>101</i>
86.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>105</i>
87.	<i>Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>088</i>
88.	<i>Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>081</i>

**THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:**

1.	<i>Hon. Bangura Mohamed</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>066</i>
2.	<i>Hon. Bangura Rosemarie</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>055</i>
3.	<i>Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>027</i>
4.	<i>Hon. Bockarie Momoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>012</i>
5.	<i>Hon. Charles Sahr</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>028</i>
6.	<i>Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>129</i>
7.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>-</i>
8.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>016</i>
9.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>107</i>
10.	<i>Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>116</i>
11.	<i>Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>044</i>
12.	<i>Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>024</i>
13.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>063</i>
14.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>029</i>
15.	<i>Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>108</i>
16.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>103</i>
17.	<i>Hon. Koroma Issa Oye</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>073</i>
18.	<i>Hon. Koroma John Telson</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>127</i>
19.	<i>Hon. Lahai Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>009</i>
20.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>-</i>
21.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Abu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>074</i>
22.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Brima</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>017</i>
23.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>043</i>



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24.	Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama	-	Koinadugu	-
25.	Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu	-	Kenema	-
26.	Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Urban	131
27.	Hon. Sam Paul Saa	C4C	Kono	025
28.	Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka	INDEPENDENT	Pujehun	104
29.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili	056
30.	Hon. Sesay Kusan	APC	Koinadugu	045
31.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun	008
32.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili	051
33.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	WesternUrban	128
34.	Hon. Vincent Horace E.	SLPP	Western Rural	111

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

1.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Rural	112
2.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh	SLPP	Bo	085
3.	Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.	APC	Western Urban	126
4.	Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu	APC	Bombali	036
5.	Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja	SLPP	Kenema	018
6.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Rural	109
7.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio	APC	Kambia	058
8.	Hon. Kanneh Alusine	SLPP	Kenema	013
9.	Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben	APC	Bombali	034
10.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)	APC	Western Urban	114
11.	Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa	C4C	Kono	030
12.	Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu	-	Pujehun	-
13.	Hon. Makieue Josephine	SLPP	Kenema	014
14.	Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel	APC	Western Urban	124
15.	Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday	-	Kono	-
16.	Hon. Moigua Peter Musa	SLPP	Kenema	011
17.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun	100
18.	Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith	APC	Western Urban	117
19.	Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro	-	Tonkolili	-
20.	Hon. Sankoh Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	049
21.	Hon. Tholley James Ozan	APC	Tonkolili	054
22.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono	022
23.	Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)	SLPP	Pujehun	099
24.	Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)	NGC	Kambia	062



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**1. Prayers were read by Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura (Table Clerk).**

**2. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 11:35 a.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 11:35 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Hindolo Tennyson Sandy of Constituency 121, Western Urban District** and approved by the House.

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**, pleaded with Mr. Speaker to stand down the House for the Leadership of the House to have a consultative meeting in Mr. Speaker's chamber concerning the amendment that he intended to make on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker acknowledged his plea and stood down the House at 11:40 a.m. for the consultative meeting as requested by The Leader of Government Business to be held in his chamber.

**The House resumed at 12:05 p.m.**

**Proceedings Continued.**

**3. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:00 p.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

**Proceedings Continued.**

**4. Amendment of Order Paper:**

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Constituency 019, Kenema District**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by incorporating a new item IV that became (Laying of Paper) while the initial Item IV (Government Motions) became item V, and the initial Item V (Bills) became item VI. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie of Constituency 082, Bo District** and approved by the House.

**5. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Simeon Fefegula of Constituency 096, Moyamba District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah of Constituency 078, Bo District** and adopted by the House.



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**6. Mr. Speaker's Announcement:**

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, reminded the House about the lengthy items on the Order Paper of that day's sitting and stated that all the items on the Order Paper would be completed. He asked for the corporations of all Hon. Members. He stated that the proceedings would continue to 2:00 p.m. upon which he would adjourn for lunch, and that the House would resume at 3:00 p.m.

**7. Laying of Paper:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Finance to lay the paper that was incorporated into the amended Order Paper:

**Paper laid by The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice:**

The Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, **Mohamed Lamin Tarawally esq.**, laid the following paper:

**The Public Elections (Early Voting) Regulations, 2023.**

**The Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991).**

**Constitutional Instrument.**

**Standing Order 25 (Notice of Motion):**

The Deputy Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, rose on S.O. 25 and gave a notice of motion for the paper laid by the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to be debated.

**8. Government Motions:**

**A. Government Motion by the Minister of Health and Sanitation**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Finance.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Alhaji Fantamadi Bangura**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:

**"Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following agreements which were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023."**

- i. **Loan Agreement Construction of Tikonko-Kpetema-Mattru Jong Road Project Lot: Tikonko-Kpetema between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa Dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**



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- ii. **Loan Agreement Rice Value Chain Development Project between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa Dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

**Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.**

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Sallieu Osman Sesay	038	Bombali
2.	Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah	078	Bo
3.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay – Acting Leader of Opposition	050	Tonkolili
4.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Alhaji Fantamadi Bangura**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

**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 Government Motion by the Minister of Finance had been ratified

**B. Government Motion by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, **Prof. Foday Jaward**, presented the motion to the House and moved its ratification with the following words as quoted:

**“Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.”**

**Partnership Agreement between H2CI Technologies and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for Modernization through Efficient, Autonomous, Low-Cost System Respecting the Environment without Pollution and Emissions of Greenhouse Gas of Infrastructures at the Level of Stationary Units (Buildings), Energy, Communications, Interior and Exterior Lighting, Mobile Units**



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**(Vehicles and Others), Safe Drinking Water and Urban Greenhouses for an Annual Production of Fruits and Vegetables Dated April 2022.**

**Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.**

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Yusuf Mackery	087	Bo
2.	Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh	032	Bombali
3.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay – Acting Leader of Opposition	050	Tonkolili
4.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, **Prof. Foday Jaward**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

**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 Government Motion by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change had been ratified.

## **9. Bills:**

### **A. The Finance Act, 2023:**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs Tangella M. C. Sam**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the bill.

#### **Introduction and First Reading:**

The Minister of Finance moved that the bill entitled: **“The Finance Act, 2023”** be read the First Time.

**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.**





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The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: “**The Finance Act, 2023**” had been read the **First Time**.

**Second Reading:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the bill entitled: “**The Finance Act, 2023**” be read the Second Time. He presented the objects and reasons of the bill to the House and again moved that the bill be read the Second Time.

**Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.**

**The following Hon. Members contributed to the debate**

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	020	Kenema

**Mr. Speaker Stood down the House for lunch at 2:15 p.m.**

**The House resumed at 3:00 p.m.**

**Proceedings Continued.**

**4. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 3:00 p.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3:05 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District** for the proceedings to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh of Constituency 092, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

**Debate Continued:**

2.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	059	Kambia
3.	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	003	Kailahun
4.	Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh	032	Bombali
5.	Hon. Abdul Muniru Lansana	121	Western Urban
6.	Hon. Hassan A. Sesay – Acting Leader of Opposition	050	Tonkolili
7.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Leader of Government Business	082	Bo



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The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and further moved that the bill be read the Second Time.

**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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: **"The Finance Act, 2023"** had been read the Second Time.

**Committee Stage** – [The Mace was covered; the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were taken off, and Mr. Speaker was addressed as Mr. Chairman].

**The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that Clauses 1 to 9 stand part of the bill.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that clauses 1 to 9 stand part of the bill.

**Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.**

**The debate started. Some amendments were made.**

**Mr. Chairman put the 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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that Clause 1 to 9 had formed part of the bill as amended."

**The House resumed from the Committee of the Whole.**

**Report Stage:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **"The Finance Act, 2023"** had gone through Committee of the whole House with some amendments made.



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**Third Reading:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the Bill 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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: **“The Finance Act, 2023”** with its long title: **“Being an Act to provide for the imposition and alteration of taxes, to give effect to the financial proposals of the Government and to provide for other related matters for the financial year 2023”** had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

**B. The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023:**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs Tangella M. C. Sam**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the bill.

**Introduction and First Reading:**

The Minister of Finance moved that the bill entitled: **“The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023”** be read the First Time.

**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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: **“The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023”** had been read the **First Time**.

**Second Reading:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the bill entitled: **“The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023”** be read the Second Time. He presented the objects and reasons of the bill to the House and again moved that the bill be read the Second Time.

**Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.**



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The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and further moved that the bill be read the Second Time.

**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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: **"The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023"** had been read the Second Time.

**Committee Stage** – [The Mace was covered; the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were taken off, and Mr. Speaker was addressed as Mr. Chairman].

**The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that Clause 1 stand part of the bill.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that clause 1 stand part of the bill.

**Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.**

**The debate started. Some amendments were made.**

**Mr. Chairman put the question for vote as quoted:**

**"All those in favour, say Aye."**

**"All those against, say Nay."**



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

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that Clause 1 had formed part of the bill as amended.”

**The House resumed from the Committee of the Whole** [The Mace was uncovered; Mr. Chairman became Mr. Speaker, and the wigs of Mr. Speaker and the Table Clerks were worn on].

**Report Stage:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **“The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023”** had gone through Committee of the whole House with some amendments made.

**Third Reading:**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the Bill 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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Tangella M. C. Sam**, pronounced that the bill entitled: **“The Bank of Sierra Leone (Amendment) Act, 2023”** with its long title: **“Being an Act to amend The Bank of Sierra Leone Act, 2019 to provide for and prescribe circumstances and conditions under which other Currencies, other than the Leone, may be used as a medium of exchange in Sierra Leone and to provide for matters incidental thereto”** had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

**Adjournment:**

**The House was adjourned to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

**The House rose at 6:25 p.m.**