



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT
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TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2022

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	CONST.
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. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh	SLPP	Bo	085
5.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Urban	115
6.	Hon. Bah Chernor R.M.	APC	Western Urban	126
7.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
8.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Pot Loko	076
9.	Hon. Banyar Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
10.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema	012
11.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
12.	Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass	-	Kambia	-
13.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
14.	Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu	APC	Western Urban	129
15.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
16.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
17.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
18.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
19.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
20.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	BO	078
21.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Rural	107
22.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
23.	Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr	SLPP	Western Urban	116
24.	Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
25.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
26.	Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo	SLPP	Kailahun	003
27.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
28.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
29.	Hon. Juana Sahr	SLPP	Kailahun	002
30.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032



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31.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash</i>	SLPP	Bo	084
32.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	APC	Kambia	059
33.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	APC	Port Loko	069
34.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	NGC	Kambia	061
35.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	122
36.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	APC	Karene	067
37.	<i>Hon. Kamara Bai Sama</i>	NGC	Kambia	060
38.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	NGC	Kambia	057
39.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	APC	Port Loko	068
40.	<i>Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah</i>	APC	Port Loko	071
41.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	006
42.	<i>Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	108
43.	<i>Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy</i>	APC	Western Urban	113
44.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Abdul</i>	APC	Port Loko	077
45.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	APC	Tonkolili	047
46.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Roland Foday (Dr.)</i>	APC	Karene	064
47.	<i>Hon. Kassegbama Aiah David Shek</i>	C4C	Kono	026
48.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	103
49.	<i>Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna</i>	APC	Tonkolili	048
50.	<i>Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu</i>	APC	Bombali	036
51.	<i>Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu</i>	-	Moyamba	-
52.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	APC	Bombali	033
53.	<i>Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)</i>	APC	Western Urban	114
54.	<i>Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice</i>	SLPP	Bonthe	092
55.	<i>Hon. Lahai Musa</i>	SLPP	Kailahun	009
56.	<i>Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa</i>	C4C	Kono	030
57.	<i>Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	121
58.	<i>Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Kenema	015
59.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	SLPP	Moyamba	098
60.	<i>Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada</i>	SLPP	Bo	083
61.	<i>Hon. Lebbie Nenneh</i>	SLPP	Bo	086
62.	<i>Hon. Makieu Josephine</i>	SLPP	Kenema	014
63.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Abu</i>	APC	Port Loko	074
64.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Brima</i>	SLPP	Kenema	017
65.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	APC	Falaba	041
66.	<i>Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba</i>	-	Falaba	-
67.	<i>Hon. Marah Lahai</i>	APC	Falaba	042
68.	<i>Hon. Moigua Peter Musa</i>	SLPP	Kenema	011
69.	<i>Hon. Munda Boston</i>	SLPP	Kenema	021
70.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	SLPP	Kenema	019
71.	<i>Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	131



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73.	<i>Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka</i>	INDEPENDENT	<i>Pujehun</i>	104
74.	<i>Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith</i>	APC	<i>Western Urban</i>	117
75.	<i>Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	080
76.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	SLPP	<i>Western Urban</i>	120
77.	<i>Hon. Sankoh Hassan</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	049
78.	<i>Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa</i>	SLPP	<i>Moyamba</i>	095
79.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	050
80.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif</i>	APC	<i>Port Loko</i>	075
81.	<i>Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	052
82.	<i>Hon. Sesay Jawah</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	056
83.	<i>Hon. Sesay Kusan</i>	APC	<i>Koinadugu</i>	045
84.	<i>Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	038
85.	<i>Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie</i>	SLPP	<i>Moyamba</i>	094
86.	<i>Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	005
87.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	SLPP	<i>Falaba</i>	039
88.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	-	<i>Bonthe</i>	-
89.	<i>Hon. Silikie Bashiru</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	082
90.	<i>Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette</i>	SLPP	<i>Kailahun</i>	008
91.	<i>Hon. Tarawalie Issac</i>	APC	<i>Western Urban</i>	118
92.	<i>Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	037
93.	<i>Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon</i>	SLPP	<i>Bonthe</i>	089
94.	<i>Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia</i>	INDEPENDENT	<i>Kailahun</i>	001
95.	<i>Hon. Tucker Tom Issic</i>	APC	<i>Kono</i>	022
96.	<i>Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	051
97.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	SLPP	<i>WesternUrban</i>	128
98.	<i>Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)</i>	SLPP	<i>Pujehun</i>	099
99.	<i>Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	088
100.	<i>Hon. Williams- Lamin Joseph</i>	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>	081

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH EXCUSE:

1.	<i>Hon. Amara Haja Miatta</i>	APC	<i>Western Rural</i>	112
2.	<i>Hon. Bangura Mohamed</i>	APC	<i>Karene</i>	066
3.	<i>Hon. Bangura Rosemarie</i>	APC	<i>Tonkolili</i>	055
4.	<i>Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa</i>	C4C	<i>Kono</i>	027
5.	<i>Hon. Charles Sahr</i>	C4C	<i>Kono</i>	028
6.	<i>Hon. Conteh John Charles</i>	APC	<i>Bombali</i>	031
7.	<i>Hon. Fefegula Simeon</i>	SLPP	<i>Moyamba</i>	096
8.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh</i>	-	<i>Bombali</i>	-
9.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	016
10.	<i>Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja</i>	SLPP	<i>Kenema</i>	018



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11.	<i>Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie</i>	SLPP	Falaba	040
12.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	109
13.	<i>Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh</i>	APC	Western Urban	119
14.	<i>Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday</i>	APC	Koinadugu	044
15.	<i>Hon. Kabia Mohamed</i>	APC	Western Rural	106
16.	<i>Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara</i>	SLPP	Kenema	020
17.	<i>Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao</i>	C4C	Kono	024
18.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio</i>	APC	Kambia	058
19.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	APC	Karene	063
20.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	C4C	Kono	029
21.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Alusine</i>	SLPP	Kenema	013
22.	<i>Hon. Kanu Alimamy Brun</i>	APC	Port Loko	072
23.	<i>Hon. Kanu Amadu</i>	APC	Moyamba	093
24.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Ibrahim Ben</i>	APC	Bombali	034
25.	<i>Hon. Kawalleh II P. C. Alhaji Kandeh Paria</i>	-	Karene	-
26.	<i>Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim</i>	APC	Port Loko	070
27.	<i>Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima</i>	APC	Koinadugu	046
28.	<i>Hon. Koroma Issa Oye</i>	APC	Port Loko	073
29.	<i>Hon. Koroma John Telson</i>	SLPP	Western Urban	127
30.	<i>Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu</i>	-	Pujehun	-
31.	<i>Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)</i>	-	Bo	-
32.	<i>Hon. Mackery Yusuf</i>	SLPP	Bo	087
33.	<i>Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel</i>	APC	Western Urban	124
34.	<i>Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla</i>	APC	Koinadugu	043
35.	<i>Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama</i>	-	Koinadugu	-
36.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	-	Kono	-
37.	<i>Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu</i>	-	Kenema	-
38.	<i>Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	100
39.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	INDEPENDENT	Kailahun	007
40.	<i>Hon. Sam Paul Saa</i>	C4C	Kono	025
41.	<i>Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro</i>	-	Tonkolili	-
42.	<i>Hon. Tholley James Ozan</i>	APC	Tonkolili	054
43.	<i>Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed</i>	SLPP	Pujehun	101
44.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	APC	Western Rural	105
45.	<i>Hon. Vincent Horace E.</i>	SLPP	Western Rural	111
46.	<i>Hon. Yumkella Kandeh Kolleh (Dr.)</i>	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):**
The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:30 am was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Kanneh of Constituency 006, Kailahun District** and approved by the House.
3. **Adoption of The Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 11TH November, 2022:**
The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Friday 11th November, 2022 was moved by **Hon. Alieu Ibrahim Kamara of Constituency 122, Western Urban District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Massay Ngahinteh Aruna of Constituency 085, Bo District** and adopted by the House.
4. **Mr. Speaker's Announcement:**
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, implored the House that it had taken over a year since "**The Gender Empowerment Bill**" was presented to the House but mercifully the House was close to the end of its deliberations. He said that despite the length of time that it had taken the House on "**The Gender Empowerment Bill**" as compared to other legislatures in the sub region, he would love to say bravo to all Hon. Members because they were very close to adopting the bill and transforming it into law. He took the opportunity of thanking all Hon. Members in advance for the decisions they would take.

Presentation of Gift:

The President of the Parliamentary Female Caucus, **Hon. Veronica K. Sesay**, presented a clock as a gift to the House on behalf of all women in Sierra Leone.

5. **Bill: The Gender Empowerment Act, 2021 by the Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs:**

Committee Stage: The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Presentation of Report:

The Chairman of the Legislative Committee, **Hon. Abdul S. Marray Conteh of Constituency 130, Western Urban District**, presented the Sixth Report of the Fifth Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Legislative Committee on the bill entitled "**The Gender Empowerment Act, 2021.**"

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 5; Clauses 1 to 16 including the schedules stand part of the bill.

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Ms. Manty Tarawally**, moved that Parts 1 to 5; Clauses 1 to 16 including the schedules stand part of the bill.



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Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.

The debate started, and some amendments were made.

6. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12 Noon:

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12:00 pm was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie of Constituency 086, Bo District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw of Constituency 039, Falaba District** and approved by the House.

Continued Proceedings:

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 12:30 p.m.

The House resumed at 12:40 p.m.

Continued Proceedings:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 2:00 p.m.

The House resumed at 3:05 p.m.

Amendments Continued on the Committee Stage

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

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3:00 pm was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams—Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh of Constituency 032, Bombali District** and approved by the House.

Continued Proceedings:

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Ms. Manty Tarawally**, again moved that Parts 1 to 5; Clauses 1 to 16 stand part of the bill as amended.

Mr. Chairman put the question for vote.

"All those in favor, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

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



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The Table Clerk, **Mr. Price Oviasuyi**, pronounced that Parts 1 to 5; Clauses 1 to 16 had formed part of the bill as amended.

The House resumed from the Committee Stage.

Report Stage:

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Ms. Manty Tarawally**, reported to the House that the bill entitled: "**The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, 2022**" had gone through Committee of the Whole House with some amendments made.

Third Reading:

The Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs, **Ms. Manty Tarawally**, moved that the bill be read the Third Time and passed into law.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

"All those in favor, say Aye."

"All those against, say Nay."

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

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, pronounced that the bill entitled: "**The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, 2022**" had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, pleaded with Mr. Speaker to grant some speaking time to the Leadership of the House to make some statements concerning the passing into law of the "**Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Act, 2022**".

Statement by the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Gender:

The Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Gender and Children's Affairs, **Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally of Constituency 037, Bombali District**, extended her thanks and appreciation to **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu** as the "**He for She**" Speaker. She appreciated the efforts of the Minister of Gender and her team from the Ministry of Gender. She also extended thanks and appreciation to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee together with all "**He for She**" Hon. Members.

Statement by the Leader of the Coalition for Change (C4C):

The Leader of C4C, **Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina**, said that twenty years ago he had dreamed of the said bill when he was working as a volunteer. He thanked those Non-Governmental Organizations whose thematic areas had been gender and youths. He extended his thanks to past presidents for their contributions. He extended his special thanks to His Excellency



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President Julius Maada Bio for making it a reality. He said that they were very gratified because “**The Gender Empowerment Bill**” had seen the light of day.

Statement by the Acting Leader of the National Grand Coalition (NGC):

Hon. Foday Mario Kamara said that it was a historic day for the women of Sierra Leone. He extended his thanks to His Excellency **President Julius Maada Bio** for having the political will. On behalf of his Leader, **Hon. Alhaji Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella**, he extended thanks and appreciation to everyone that had contributed immensely to bring the dreams into reality.

Statement by the President of the Female Caucus:

Hon. Veronica K. Sesay extended her thanks and appreciation to the Almighty God, His Excellency and wife for making the dreams a possibility. She also extended her thanks and appreciation to Mr. Speaker, the Leader of Government Business, the Leader of Opposition as well as all Hon. Members that had been supporting the course. She specially thanked the Chairman of the Legislative Committee for his immense contributions. She further extended her thanks and appreciation to the Table Clerks, journalists as well as security personnel. With the leave of Mr. Speaker, she asked the House to rise and sing the women’s song.

Statement by the Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs:

The Minister of Gender and Children’s Affairs, **Ms. Manty Tarawally**, extended her thanks and appreciation to the Almighty God; His Excellency and wife. She gave special thanks to Mr. Speaker, the Leader of Government Business, the Leader of Opposition as well as all Hon. Members that had contributed immensely to actualize the reality they had been yearning for. She expressed special thanks to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee. She extended thanks and appreciation to the team from the Ministry of Gender and Children’s Affairs especially the Director of Gender. She expressed special thanks to all the women in Sierra Leone especially women’s group that had supported the course to the end.

Mr. Speaker’s Statement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, said that history had been made by the Fifth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone as well as the government of **Rtd. Brigadier Julius Maada Bio** on the 15th November, 2022. He thanked His Excellency **President Julius Maada Bio** for the advancement of women towards the atonement of gender equality in Sierra Leone. He took the opportunity of thanking all those within and out of the chamber that had contributed immensely to make the said dreams a reality. He said that the House would be looking forward to the implementation of the terms and conditions of the Act as assured by the Minister.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 17th November, 2022.
The House rose at 6:05 p.m.