



**FIFTH PARLIAMENT
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THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 2023

The House Met at 11:00 a.m.
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Chernor Abass 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. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Urban	115
5.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene	065
6.	Hon. Banyar Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun	004
7.	Hon. Braima Zainab Kama	SLPP	Kailahun	010
8.	Hon. Bubu Ngbak IV P.C. Bai Farama Tass	-	Kambia	-
9.	Hon. Charles Sahr	C4C	Kono	028
10.	Hon. Conteh Abdul S. Marray	SLPP	Western Urban	130
11.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Urban	132
12.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali	031
13.	Hon. Conteh Samba Paul	APC	Bombali	035
14.	Hon. Davies Kadijatu	APC	Western Rural	110
15.	Hon. Edwin Moses Andrew	SLPP	Bonthe	090
16.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo	078
17.	Hon. Fefegula Simeon	SLPP	Moyamba	096
18.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	C4C	Kono	023
19.	Hon. Gberek III P. C. Bai Shebora Sehba	-	Port Loko	-
20.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba	097
21.	Hon. Gondor II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun	-
22.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fode Madie	SLPP	Falaba	040
23.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Rural	109
24.	Hon. Jalloh Timbo Wurroh	APC	Western Urban	119
25.	Hon. Jorkie Moses Baimba	SLPP	Bonthe	091
26.	Hon. Juana Sahr	SLPP	Kailahun	002
27.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema	020
28.	Hon. Kalokoh Mark Mahmoud (Dr.)	APC	Bombali	032
29.	Hon. Kamanda Komba Mansamayao	C4C	Kono	024
30.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Joseph Bash	SLPP	Bo	084
31.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia	059



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32.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>069</i>
33.	<i>Hon. Kamara Abdul Titus</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>061</i>
34.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alieu Ibrahim</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>122</i>
35.	<i>Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>067</i>
36.	<i>Hon. Kamara Bai Sama</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>060</i>
37.	<i>Hon. Kamara Foday Mario</i>	<i>NGC</i>	<i>Kambia</i>	<i>057</i>
38.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim Bun (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>068</i>
39.	<i>Hon. Kamara Saidu Babah</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>071</i>
40.	<i>Hon. Kanneh Alusine</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>013</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 Ibrahim Ben</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>034</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 Daniel Brima</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>046</i>
52.	<i>Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue IV P. C. F. H. Bintu</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>-</i>
53.	<i>Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>033</i>
54.	<i>Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbassay (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>114</i>
55.	<i>Hon. Kumabeh Jebbeh Alice</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>092</i>
56.	<i>Hon. Lamina Emerson Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>030</i>
57.	<i>Hon. Lansana Abdul Muniru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>121</i>
58.	<i>Hon. Lansana Festus Mohamed</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>015</i>
59.	<i>Hon. Lavalie-Tshombe Dominic Jaybeh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>098</i>
60.	<i>Hon. Lebbby Ambrose Maada</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>083</i>
61.	<i>Hon. Lebbie Nenneh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>086</i>
62.	<i>Hon. Mackery Yusuf</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>087</i>
63.	<i>Hon. Marrah III P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>-</i>
64.	<i>Hon. Marah Alusine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>041</i>
65.	<i>Hon. Marah Lahai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>042</i>
66.	<i>Hon. Mbriwa II P. C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>-</i>
67.	<i>Hon. Munda Boston</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>021</i>
68.	<i>Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>019</i>
69.	<i>Hon. Pewa P. C. Prince Mambu</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>-</i>
70.	<i>Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>102</i>
71.	<i>Hon. Salia-Konneh Quintin</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>007</i>
72.	<i>Hon. Sandy Ishmail Sama</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>080</i>



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73.	<i>Hon. Sandy Tennyson Hindolo</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>120</i>
74.	<i>Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>095</i>
75.	<i>Hon. Sesay Abdul Latif</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>075</i>
76.	<i>Hon. Sesay Daniel Abdulai (Dr.)</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>052</i>
77.	<i>Hon. Sesay Osman Sallieu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>038</i>
78.	<i>Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Moyamba</i>	<i>094</i>
79.	<i>Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Falaba</i>	<i>039</i>
80.	<i>Hon. Sheriff P. C. Alie Badara</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>-</i>
81.	<i>Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>005</i>
82.	<i>Hon. Silikie Bashiru</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>082</i>
83.	<i>Hon. Tarawalie Issac</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>118</i>
84.	<i>Hon. Tarawally Zainab Catherine</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>037</i>
85.	<i>Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bonthe</i>	<i>089</i>
86.	<i>Hon. Tongi Lolloh Emilia</i>	<i>INDEPENDENT</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>001</i>
87.	<i>Hon. Turay Abdul</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>105</i>
88.	<i>Hon. Turay Benjamin</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>WesternUrban</i>	<i>128</i>
89.	<i>Hon. Vandy Christopha Keikura</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>088</i>
90.	<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. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>085</i>
2.	<i>Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Pot Loko</i>	<i>076</i>
3.	<i>Hon. Bangura Mohamed</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>066</i>
4.	<i>Hon. Bangura Rosemarie</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>055</i>
5.	<i>Hon. Bhendu Francis Saa</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>027</i>
6.	<i>Hon. Bockarie Momoh</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>012</i>
7.	<i>Hon. Conteh Emmanuel Saidu</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>129</i>
8.	<i>Hon. Finnoh III P. C. Kandeh</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Bombali</i>	<i>-</i>
9.	<i>Hon. Fofanah Abubakarr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kenema</i>	<i>016</i>
10.	<i>Hon. Gbekie Emmanuel Sahr</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>116</i>
11.	<i>Hon. Gevao Moiwo Hindolo</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>003</i>
12.	<i>Hon. Kabba Lamin Foday</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Koinadugu</i>	<i>044</i>
13.	<i>Hon. Kabia Mohamed</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>106</i>
14.	<i>Hon. Kamara Ibrahim</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Karene</i>	<i>063</i>
15.	<i>Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei</i>	<i>C4C</i>	<i>Kono</i>	<i>029</i>
16.	<i>Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Rural</i>	<i>108</i>
17.	<i>Hon. Kargbo Papa Abdulai</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Tonkolili</i>	<i>047</i>
18.	<i>Hon. Kemokai Abu</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Pujehun</i>	<i>103</i>
19.	<i>Hon. Koroma Issa Oye</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>Port Loko</i>	<i>073</i>
20.	<i>Hon. Koroma John Telson</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Western Urban</i>	<i>127</i>
21.	<i>Hon. Lahai Musa</i>	<i>SLPP</i>	<i>Kailahun</i>	<i>009</i>



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22.	Hon. Macavoray P. C. Kangbai Joe (Prof.)	-	Bo	-
23.	Hon. Mansaray Abu	APC	Port Loko	074
24.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema	017
25.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu	043
26.	Hon. Marah III P.C. Alie Balansama	-	Koinadugu	-
27.	Hon. Rahman-Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Urban	131
28.	Hon. Sam Paul Saa	C4C	Kono	025
29.	Hon. Sama Musa Shiaka	INDEPENDENT	Pujehun	104
30.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili	056
31.	Hon. Sesay Kusan	APC	Koinadugu	045
32.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun	008
33.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili	051
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. Bah Chernor R.M.	APC	Western Urban	126
3.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim	APC	Tonkolili	053
4.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Rural	107
5.	Hon. Koroma Manuel Allieu	APC	Bombali	036
6.	Hon. Hafiju Maada Kanja	SLPP	Kenema	018
7.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Osaio	APC	Kambia	058
8.	Hon. Koroma Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko	070
9.	Hon. Lansana-Minah P. C. Matilda Yayu	-	Pujehun	-
10.	Hon. Makieu Josephine	SLPP	Kenema	014
11.	Hon. Manly-Spain Ajibola Emmanuel	APC	Western Urban	124
12.	Hon. Moigua Peter Musa	SLPP	Kenema	011
13.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun	100
14.	Hon. Samura Hajaratu Faith	APC	Western Urban	117
15.	Hon. Sanka III P.C. Bai Kurr Kanagbaro	-	Tonkolili	-
16.	Hon. Sankoh Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	049
17.	Hon. Sesay Abdoul Hassan	APC	Tonkolili	050
18.	Hon. Tholley James Ozan	APC	Tonkolili	054
19.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono	022
20.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun	101
21.	Hon. Turay Sheku Munirr (Dr.)	SLPP	Pujehun	099
22.	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 11:05 a.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 11:05 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Simeon Fefegula of Constituency 096, Moyamba District** and approved by the House.

3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 6th April, 2023:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 6th April, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Hindolo Tennyson Sandy of Constituency 120, Western Urban District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah of Constituency 078, Bo District** and adopted by the House.

4. Amendment of Order Paper:

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, moved a motion to amend the Order Paper by incorporating the Bill entitled “**The Audit Service (Amendment) Act, 2023**” as sub item “C” under the main Item V (Bills) and the initial sub item “C”(The Civil Aviation Act, 2023) became sub item “D”. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Moses B. Jorkie of Constituency 091, Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

5. Mr. Speaker’s Announcement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House about the death of the Spouse of **Hon. P.C. Alie Badara Sheriff of Bonthe District** which sad event took place on Wednesday 5th April 2023 in Bo City. He informed the House that her remains would be taken to **Matru Jong** for burial on Thursday 6th April 2023. He extended his gratitude to **Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh** for passing on the said notice to him. He asked all to rise and observe a minute’s silence in memory of the faithful departed. He recited the following prayer as quoted: “May the good Lord forgive her mistakes on Earth and grant her gentle soul eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.”

He reminded Hon. Members about the attendance and craved the indulgence of every Member to show understanding in the event that that day’s proceedings would take them to the time that those who were fasting would be expected to leave the chamber to break their fast. He forewarned Hon. Members that the following week might be rough. He appealed to Hon. Members to start the proceeding early; speak very little and adjourn early.

6. Government Motion by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation:

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Alimamy Lincoln-Bangura**, called upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



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The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, **Prof. David John Francis**, 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 Wednesday 5th April, 2023.”

- i. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Cooperation.**
- ii. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on the Waiver of Visa.**

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Constituency	District
1.	Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi	001	Kailahun
2.	Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin	081	Bo
3.	Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally- Acting Leader of Opposition	037	Bombali
4.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Leader of Government Business	019	Kenema

Mr. Speaker’s Acknowledgement:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, acknowledged the presence of **Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo of Constituency 034, Bombali District** who had been on sick leave. He asked the House to rise and accord him with a standing ovation. He prayed for his speedy recovery and that the Lord would continue to protect him.

7. 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. Alusine Kanneh of Constituency 013, Kenema District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Sahr Charles of Constituency 028, Kono District** and approved by the House.

Debate Continued:

	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Leader of Government Business	019	Kenema
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, **Prof. David John Francis**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

Before putting the question for vote, Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the Minister to Article 9 of the agreement concerning the Waiver of Visa.



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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 Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation had been ratified.

Mr. Speaker’s Announcement:

Before the Bill entitled: **The Parliament Act, 2023** was formally introduced, The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, craved the indulgence of the House to give audience to the Clerk of Parliament to give an overview of the content of the Bill that the House was about to consider. He, therefore, called upon the Clerk of Parliament to do so.

Overview by the Clerk of Parliament:

The Clerk of Parliament, **Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally**, stated that Parliament was a distinct arm of government with its own governance structure and that there were a host of laws that governed Parliament of which includes The 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone; the Standing Orders of Parliament; the Parliamentary Service Act etc. He said that there were a host of extant laws when it came to the application of welfare for the Speaker; Deputy Speaker; Hon. Members and staff of Parliament. He stated that **“The Parliament Act, 2023”** was a codification of all other laws that dealt with Parliament and that it was not a new law. He stated that **“The Parliament Act, 2023”** would then be a single document that would deal with the Leadership, governance structure and remuneration of Parliament.

8. Bills:

A. The Parliament Act, 2023 by Hon. Musa Fofanah.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon **Hon. Musa Fofanah** to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

Hon. Musa Fofanah of Constituency 023, Kono District moved that the Bill entitled: **“The Parliament Act, 2023”** be read the First Time.

Before putting the question for vote, Mr. Speaker reminded Hon. Members that they were law makers and that they were entitled to come with a Private Member’s Bill and pilot it into law. He said that **The Parliament Act, 2023** was the first Private Member’s Bill during the Fifth Parliament that a Hon. Member had brought before the House.



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Hon. Daniel B. Koroma of Constituency 046, Koinadugu District responded that the statement made by Mr. Speaker was damning. He said that they as Hon. Members had the capacity to come with a Private Member's Bill, but how could they come with a Private Member's Bill when their offices were in the canteen. He said that they were capable to do it as long as the necessary provisions and facilities were available.

Mr. Speaker responded to the submission made by **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma**. He clarified to the House that his earlier statement did not detract from the quality contribution of any Member in the House. He stated that he was just reminding Hon. Members of their responsibilities of coming up with a Private Member's Bill, and that his statement should not be misinterpreted.

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, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Parliament Act, 2023"** had been read the First Time.

Second Reading:

Hon. Musa Fofanah of Constituency 023, Kono District moved that the Bill entitled: **"The Parliament 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. Quintin Sallia-Konneh	007	Kailahun

Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 1:00 p.m.

The House resumed at 1:10 p.m.

Debate Continued:

2.	Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie G. Koroma	114	Western Urban
3.	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	020	Kenema



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4.	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	115	Western Urban
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In his submission to the debate, **Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah**, said **The Parliament Act, 2023** was not timely and that it was not a real sense of codification as earlier stated by the Clerk of Parliament. He stated that there was no need for the said Bill that sought to cater for the welfare of Hon. Members when thousands of ordinary people were dying. He said that the life of Hon. Members was the same as the life of the ordinary man. He made mention of six Hon. Members that had lost their lives as a result of the lack of medical facilities.

Based on the submission made by **Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah**, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, rose and moved a motion for the said Bill to be withdrawn

The Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, made a submission concerning the codification of all existing laws that dealt with the welfare of Parliament into a single document. He said that the act by Hon. Members to speak against the said Bill was an affront to the Leadership of Parliament. He, therefore, agreed to second the motion that had been moved by **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas** to withdraw the Bill.

Mr. Speaker's Response:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, informed the House that a number of time Hon. Members on both sides of the aisle had met him in his chamber appealing for the welfare of Hon. Members. He stated that the act by Hon. Members to speak against the Bill that concerned the welfare of Hon. Members was an epitome of hypocrisy because the same Hon. Members that were pleading to him for the welfare of Hon. Members were the same Hon. Members speaking against the Bill that concerned the very welfare of Hon. Members. He said that the renegeing approach by some Hon. Members from a position that concerned their welfare baffled him beyond imagination.

Hon. Abdul Titus Kamara of Constituency 061, Kambia District pleaded with the House to continue the Bill. He said that they that had been in need of such Bill were in the majority and that they should not be deprived because of comments made by the minority. He further informed the House about the health challenge that he had been going through.

Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Constituency 132, Western Urban District submitted that the House should not be defeated by the submission made by some Hon. Members against the Bill which had prompted its withdrawal. He said that Hon. Members should fight for the just cause, and that the Bill should not be withdrawn. He suggested that the Second Reading of the said Bill should be put to a vote instead of its instant withdrawal by a motion.

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, again rose and moved a motion for the said Bill to be withdrawn. The motion was seconded by the Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**.



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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, and that the Bill had been withdrawn.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the motion moved by The Deputy Speaker to withdraw the Bill entitled: **“The Parliament Act, 2023”** had been carried.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 2:45 p.m.

The House resumed at 3:10 p.m.

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

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3:10 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Constituency 081, Bo District** for the proceedings to continue after 3:00. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Mohamed Kanneh of Constituency 006, Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued.

B. The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2020.

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, 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, **Mr. Ahmed Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the Bill entitled: **“The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2020”** 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 Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **“The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2020”** had been read the **First Time**.



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Second Reading:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Ahmed Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2020**” 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
2.	Hon. Abdul Muniru Lansana	121	Western Urban
3.	Hon. Dr. Mark Mahmoud Kalokoh	032	Bombali
4.	Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas	089	Bonthe
5.	Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara	059	Kambia
6.	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	095	Moyamba
7.	Hon. Ishmail S. Sandy	080	Bo
8.	Hon. Daniel B. Koroma – Acting Leader of Opposition	046	Koinadugu
9.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Leader of Government Business	019	Kenema

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Ahmed Sheku 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 Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2020**” had been read the Second Time.



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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 Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that parts 1 to 6; clauses 1 to 23 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Ahmed Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that parts 1 to 6, clauses 1 to 23 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 Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that parts 1 to 6; clauses 1 to 23 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. Ahmed Sheku Fantamadi Bangura**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled: **“The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2023”** had gone through Committee of the whole House with some amendments.

Third Reading:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Ahmed Sheku 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.”



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

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**The Wages and Compensation Commission Act, 2023**” had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

C. The Civil Aviation Act, 2023 by the Minister of Transports and Aviation;

The Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, called upon the Minister of Transports and Aviation to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

Introduction and First Reading:

The Deputy Minister of Transports and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Civil Aviation 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 Table Clerk, **Ms. Kema Sam Kpakra**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: “**The Civil Aviation Act, 2023**” had been read the **First Time**.

Second Reading:

The Deputy Minister of Transports and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, moved that the Bill entitled: “**The Civil Aviation 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.

Standing Order 37 (Dilatory Motion):

After Mr. Speaker had proposed the question for the commencement of a debate on the Second Reading of the Bill, the Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, rose on S.O. 37 and moved a motion for the debate on the Second Reading of the said Bill to be deferred to the next adjourned date. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby of Constituency 083, Bo District** and approved by the House.

Adjournment:

The House was adjourned to Tuesday 11th April, 2023.

The House rose at 5:25 p.m.