



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-NINTH SITTING**



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**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2024**

**The House Met at 10:05a.m.  
The Speaker, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, Presided.**

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:			
NO	NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
3.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahiteh	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
5.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
6.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
7.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
8.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
9.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
10.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
13.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
14.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
15.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
17.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
18.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
19.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
21.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
22.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
23.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Falaba
24.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
25.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
26.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
27.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Wester Area n Rural
28.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
29.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
30.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili



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31.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
32.	Hon. Gbreh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
33.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
34.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
35.	Hon. Gondon II P. C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
36.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
37.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Falaba
38.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
39.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
40.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
41.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
42.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
43.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.	APC	Western Area Urban
44.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
45.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
46.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
47.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
48.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo
49.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
50.	Hon. Kamara Mamoud	APC	Western Area Urban
51.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
52.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
53.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
54.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
55.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
56.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
57.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
58.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
59.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
60.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
61.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
62.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
63.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
64.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
65.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
66.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
67.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
68.	Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura	APC	Kambia
69.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
70.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali



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71.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
72.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
73.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
74.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
75.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
76.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
77.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
78.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
79.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
80.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balasama	-	Koinadugu
81.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
82.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
83.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
84.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
85.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
86.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
87.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
88.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
89.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
90.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
91.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
92.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
93.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
94.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
95.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
96.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
97.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
98.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
99.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
100.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
101.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
102.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
103.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
104.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
105.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
106.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
107.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
108.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
109.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili



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110.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
111.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
112.	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
113.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamia	SLPP	Kono
114.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
115.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
116.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
117.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
118.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
119.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:</b>			
1.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
2.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
3.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
4.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
5.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
6.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
7.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
8.	Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur	SLPP	Bonthe
9.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
10.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Saquee V P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
12.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
13.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:</b>			
1.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
2.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
3.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
4.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
5.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
6.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
7.	Hon. Kangbai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
8.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
9.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
10.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
11.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
12.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
13.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
14.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
15.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun



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

**2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:25 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh** from **Bonthe District** and approved by the House.

**3. Adoption of the Records of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 Respectively:**

The motion for the adoption of the Records of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 respectively was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin** from **Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Fatmata Bintu Bockarie** from **Bothe District** and adopted by the House.

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

The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, informed the House that **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** had been the new Deputy Chief WHIP II. He also informed the House that **Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa** had been the new President of the Parliamentary Female Caucus. He, thereby, called upon the said Hon. Members to occupy their allotted seats as **Deputy Chief WHIP II and President of The Parliamentary Female Caucus** respectively. He asked the following Hon. Members (**Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally; Hon. Alfred Ayodele Thompson and Hon. Mohamed Sheridan Kamara**) from the Opposition Side to see him in his chamber immediately after sitting. He extended his thanks and appreciation to the entire House for electing him as Speaker. He stated that he was elected by the SLPP MPs, the APC MPs and the PCMPs. He noted that he was one of the most popular Speakers that had ever lived. He assured the House that he would not take Hon. Members for granted as he was going to respect the opinions of Hon. Members throughout his tenure. He stated that it was his fervent hope that the House would be united, and that he was not going to spare any effort to ensure that they were united as a House to do the work of their people. He noted that in as much as they would be doing the work of the people, they would try as best as possible to push matters relating to the welfare of Hon. Members and the House as a whole. He furthered that the nation knew that Members of Parliament were the most hunted by the people. Without scruple, he stated that Members of Parliament were the most indebted people in Sierra Leone as they took loans from all financial institutions just to meet the demands of their people. He further thanked the House for the display of unity in electing him as the Speaker of Parliament through a simple majority of 128 valid votes which he believed to be more than two-thirds. On behalf of his Deputy Speaker (**Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**), He extended his thanks and appreciation to the House for electing him through a simple majority of 94 valid votes. He declared that together with his Deputy Speaker, they would stare the affairs of the House with the fear of God in their hearts. He finally informed the House that he would preside briefly, and that he would call upon his Deputy Speaker to preside over the rest of the proceedings.





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The Acting Majority Leader, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie**, thanked Mr. Speaker for his emotional announcement concerning the welfare and respects for Hon. Members. He noted that they amended Section 79 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991) in 2013 because they believed that if a Member of Parliament could become Speaker instead of appointing a Speaker from the Judiciary, that said Speaker would champion the welfare of Hon. Members as well as respecting the views of Hon. Members. He hoped that the decisions that the Speaker would take would positively affect Hon. Members for the good of the House.

The Chief Whip, **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers**, thanked Mr. Speaker for his announcement. He asked that the press should well capture the expression by the Speaker that "I was elected by the SLPP MPs, the APC MPs and the PCMPs." He noted that the quoted expression was very critical, and that he wanted the nation to be aware of it through the press.

The Acting Leader of Opposition, **Hon. Kemokoh Conteh**, thanked Mr. Speaker and congratulated him for his successful election. He said that there was no iota of doubt of him being elected as Speaker of Parliament. He noted that Mr. Speaker had acquainted with the dispensation of Parliament. He believed that the House should be synergized to create an avenue that would sustain the comfortability of the House.

**Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay from Port Loko District** thanked and congratulated Mr. Speaker for being successfully elected. He also extended his thanks and congratulations to all Hon. Members that had been promoted including **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** that was elected Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

## **5. Felicitations to Mr. Speaker and Deputy Speaker:**

**The following Hon. Members contributed to the Felicitations:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Names of Hon. Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabe</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Bonthe</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Karene</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Hon. Abdul Marray S. Conteh</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Western Urban</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Hon. Rose-Marie Bangura</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Tonkolili</b>

Pursuant to Standing Order 10 (3), The Speaker, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, called upon his deputy Speaker (**Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**) to preside over the remaining part of the proceedings when the House resumed from its brief adjournment.

**Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 11:00 a.m.**  
**The House resumed at 11:05 a.m.**



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The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, presided over the proceedings of the House.

**Mr. Speaker's Statement:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, thanked Hon. Members for unanimously electing him together with his boss to serve the House. He noted that it was a service that had come at unexpected time because he had never in his wildest imaginations dreamt of being a Deputy Speaker at that time. He reminisced that it was 33 years ago that a limba man last sat on that Chair. He extended his thanks and appreciation to both the Leaderships of SLPP and APC as well as PCMPs for showing that democracy was the order of the day. And to the Revered Paramount Chiefs, he said that they were the guiding symbol of the House and the voice of wisdom. He believed that the wisdom of the PCMPs would continue to guide them and keep the House together to enjoy parliamentary unionism.

**Proceedings Continued:**

5.	<b>Hon. Mamoud Kamara</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Western Urban</b>
6.	<b>Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Bo</b>
7.	<b>Hon. Rugiatu Rosy Kanu</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Western Urban</b>
8.	<b>Hon. Musa Fofanah</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Kono</b>
9.	<b>Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbassay Koroma</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Western Urban</b>
10.	<b>Hon. Mohamed Alpha Jalloh</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Falaba</b>
11.	<b>Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie Fofanah</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Kambia</b>
12.	<b>Hon. Veronica K. Sesay</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Moyamba</b>
13.	<b>Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Kambia</b>
14.	<b>Hon. Aruna Massay Ngahinteh</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Bo</b>

**6. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 Noon:**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah** from **Western Urban District** and approved by the House.

**Proceedings Continued:**

15.	<b>Hon. PC Thor-Thor Sheku Terena Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai Marrah III</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Falaba</b>
16.	<b>Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Western Urban</b>
17.	<b>Hon. Mariama Munia Zombo</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Pujehun</b>
18.	<b>Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma – Acting Minority Leader</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>Tonkolili</b>
19.	<b>Hon. Bashiru Silikie – Acting Majority Leader</b>	<b>SLPP</b>	<b>Bo</b>



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**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, assured the House that it was their strongest determination to ensure that offices were established for Members of Parliament. He also noted that it was their strongest determination to ensure that the welfare of Hon. Members were catered for. He informed Hon. Members of their intention to bring sanity to the House. He stated that after the felicitations, work had started; business as usual has ended, and that everybody should brace up for change. He further thanked Hon. Members for imposing their confidence and trust in them as Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively.

**Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations):**

**The following Hon. Members rose on SO 23**

1. The Whip of the Opposition, **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara from Kambia District**, rose on SO 23 and informed the House about the fuel crisis in the country compounded with the current electricity shortage. He also informed the House about a big hole in the middle of Godrich Street by Eastern Police. He asked through the office of the Speaker that the Petroleum Regulatory Authority (PRA) should be invited to the House to give explanations about the fuel crisis.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, referred the matter to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Trade and Industry to look into the issue by inviting the PRA to give detailed explanations about the fuel crisis to Hon. Members.

2. **Hon. Komba Quee from Kono District** rose on SO 23 and informed the House about the lack of any means of identification for the new Members of Parliament as they had been facing embarrassment. He asked that the House should provide them with IDs.

**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
The House rose at 12:35 p.m.**





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