



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
FIRST SESSION, 2023/2024
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2023

**The House Met at 10:25 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
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. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
5.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
6.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
7.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
8.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
9.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
10.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Bombali
12.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
13.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
14.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
15.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
17.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
18.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
19.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
20.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural
21.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
22.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
23.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
24.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
25.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
26.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area Rural
27.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tawallie	SLPP	Kambia
28.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
29.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
30.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili



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31.	Hon. Gberek III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	-	Port Loko
32.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
33.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
34.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
35.	Hon. Jalloh Memunatu	APC	Port Loko
36.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
37.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
38.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
39.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
40.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
41.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
42.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
43.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai	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 Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
50.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
51.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
52.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
53.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
54.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
55.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
56.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
57.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
58.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
59.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
60.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
61.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
62.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
63.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
64.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
65.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
66.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
67.	Hon. Koroma Ernest	APC	Kambia
68.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba



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69.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
70.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Wester Area n Urban
71.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
72.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
73.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
74.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
75.	Hon. Lebyy Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
76.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
77.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
78.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
79.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
80.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
81.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
82.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
83.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
84.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
85.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
86.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
87.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
88.	Hon. Quee Komba	SLPP	Kono
89.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
90.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
91.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
92.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun
93.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
94.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
95.	Hon. Saquee IV P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
96.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
97.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
98.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
99.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
100.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal	SLPP	Port Loko
101.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
102.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
103.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa	SLPP	Kailahun
104.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
105.	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe



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106.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
107.	Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu	SLPP	Kenema
108.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
109.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
110.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
111.	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
112.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiana	SLPP	Kono
113.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
114.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
115.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
116.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
117.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>
118.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>
119.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
2.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
3.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
4.	Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
5.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
6.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	<i>Bo</i>
8.	Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
9.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
10.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
11.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
12.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
13.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
14.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
15.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah	SLPP	Koinadugu
17.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
18.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
19.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
20.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
21.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:			
1.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
2.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono



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3.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
4.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
5.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
6.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun

2. Prayers were read by Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston (Senior Table Clerk).

3. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 10:30 p.m.

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:30 a.m. was moved by the Chief Whip, **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Pujehun District** for the commencement of proceedings. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Sarty Banya of Kailahun District** and approved by the House.

Observation by the Deputy Minority Leader:

The Deputy Minority Leader, **Hon. Daniel B. Koroma of Koinadugu District** stood and observed with dissatisfaction the late start of proceedings. He said that they as Honourable Members should be the adherers of section 97 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No. 6 of 1991. He further asked the question, what was honourable about late coming? He noted that he did not raise the concern for formalities but for principles as an organ of the affairs of the government. He referenced the life transforming speech by Mr. Speaker which he said he had copied and would use as a guide going forward. He said that if Sierra Leone would develop like Singapore in the near future, it should start with their (Members of Parliament) attitude towards time. He further said that he would not bend backwards on his endeavor for the prompt start of proceedings during the Sixth Parliament even if he would be ridiculed, and would not hesitate to move a counter-motion whenever Standing Order 5(2) would be suspended.

4. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 7th November, 2023:

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 7th November, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Fatmata Sarah Soukenah of Western Urban District** and adopted as amended by the House.

5. Announcement by Mr. Speaker:

The Rt. Hon. Speaker Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu started his announcement by taking a cue from the earlier observation by the Deputy Minority Leader, Hon. Daniel B. Koroma. He said that the observation by the honourable member was so apt. He therefore drew the attention of the House especially the new members to the provision of Standing Order 5(2). He read out the said provision and emphasized that Parliament was the office for Members of Parliament and Ministers when they have a duty to perform. Therefore, they were expected to be in their seat



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at 10:00 a.m. latest. He further said, that was one area where both the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone and the Standing Orders of Parliament allowed them to self-regulate. He stated that he does not want to be the one to begin to apply penalties but rather he would implore everyone to be punctual. He said he does not know of any person or community that had developed without paying attention to time keeping. He further implored Hon. Members to lead by example, and one way they could demonstrate that was by being respectful of the time that they commence the business of the House. He said he could institute punishment by simply putting a time limit to the register and get the Table Clerks to close the register at a particular time as that was within his powers to do.

Mr. Speaker reaffirmed his ruling on the use of the title "Hon. Members" during the Fifth Parliament. He said Ministers should not be called "Honourable Minister" unless they had been Members of Parliament. They were to be referred to as "Mr. Minister or Madam Minister". He further said that the title was exclusive to the group that had darkened the corridors of the House and that was a lifetime title, the only exceptions were Justices of the High Court upwards and the Vice President. He reminded them that there were corresponding responsibilities attached to the title they carried. He concluded by encouraging them to learn to respect time and fully endorsed the observation by the Hon. Member from Koinadugu.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the law had given him the powers to allocate seats to Members of Parliament. He said that he had tried to do so but he could sense that there were still some challenges on that issue which he would address later, but emphasized that once a seat had been allocated to a member, that member had no right to change it or to bargain with another member for a change of seat.

4. Laying of Papers:

(A) The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma** laid the following papers:

- i. **ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION SIERRA LEONE ANNUAL REPORT 2022.**
- ii. **RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION COMMISSION SIERRA LEONE ANNUAL REPORT 2022.**

(B) The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura** laid the following paper:

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK SIGNED IN ABIDJAN, REPUBLIC OF COTE D'IVOIRE ON 8TH MAY 1993.



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5. Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

The Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Minister of Transport and Aviation.

The Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Alhaji Fanday Turay Esq.**, 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 Tuesday 7th November, 2023.”

RAILWAY AND PORT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE AND KINGHO RAILWAY AND PORT COMPANY LIMITED DATED 26TH OCTOBER, 2023.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for debate.

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

N o.	Name of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Christopha Keikura Vandy	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	SLPP	Kono
3.	Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay	APC	Port Loko
4.	Hon. Rosemarie Bangura	APC	Tonkolili
5.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
6.	Hon. Dr. Unpha Sorie Gbessay Koroma	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko

6. Suspension of Standing Order 5(2) at 12:00

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) was moved at 12:17 p.m. by **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh of Western Area Urban District** for the proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Massay Ngahinteh Aruna of Bo District** and approved by the House.

Proceedings Continued.

	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema



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The Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Alhaji Fanday Turay Esq.**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members and again moved the ratification of the motion.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

"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. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, pronounced that the Government Motion by the Minister of Transport and Aviation had been ratified.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at 12:45 p.m. for lunch

The House resumed at 2:00 p.m.

7. Bill: The Finance Act 2024

The Minister of Finance

Introduction and First Reading

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed on the **Introduction and First Reading** of the Bill.

(i) Introduction and First Reading:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura** introduced the Bill to the House. He moved that the Bill entitled "**The Finance Act, 2024**" be read the **First Time**.

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

"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. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that the Bill had been read the **First Time**.



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(ii) Second Reading:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that the Bill entitled "**The Finance Act, 2024**" 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.	Name of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba	SLPP	Kenema
2.	Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma	APC	Tonkolili
3.	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	APC	Western Area Urban

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

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 3 p.m. was moved by **Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba of Kenema District** for the proceedings to continue after the said time. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah of Western Area Urban District** and approved by the House.

Continued debate:

	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	APC	Western Area Urban
4.	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	SLPP	Moyamba

Mr. Speaker stood the House down at 3:55 p.m.

The House resumed at 4:07 p.m.

Continued debate:

5.	Hon. Salieu Osman Sesay	APC	Bombali
6.	Hon. Ibrahim Barrie	APC	Bombali
7.	Hon. Abdul Kargbo – Minority Leader	APC	Port Loko
8.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Majority Leader	SLPP	Kenema



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Mr. Speaker stood the House down at 5:20 p.m.
The House resumed at 5:37 p.m.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question for vote.

"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. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that the Bill had been read the Second Time.

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

- (i) The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed on the **Committee Stage** of the Bill.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that, Clauses 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Chairman proposed the question for debate.
The debate started, and some amendments were made.

Mr. Speaker stood the House down at 8:07 p.m.
The House resumed at 8:11 p.m.

The debate continued and some amendments made.

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, moved that Clause 1 to 28 stand part of the Bill as amended.



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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.

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that Clauses 1 to 28 had formed part of the Bill as amended.

Report Stage:

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, reported to the House that the Bill entitled "**The Finance Act 2024**" had gone through the 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.

"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. Francis Ernest Farma**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: "**The Finance Act, 2024**" "**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 2024**" had been read the Third Time and passed into law.

Adjournment:

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Friday 10th November, 2023 at 10:00 am.

The House rose at 9:20 p.m.