



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
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**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2024**

**The House Met at 10:00 a.m.**

**The Acting Speaker, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh, 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. Bah Zinab                                   | APC   | Western Area Rural |
| 6.   | Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim                         | SLPP  | Karene             |
| 7.   | Hon. Bangura Adama                               | SLPP  | Kambia             |
| 8.   | Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty                     | APC   | Karene             |
| 9.   | Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu                        | APC   | Tonkolili          |
| 10.  | Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz                        | APC   | Port Loko          |
| 11.  | Hon. Bangura Mariama                             | APC   | Western Area Urban |
| 12.  | Hon. Bangura Mohamed                             | APC   | Karene             |
| 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. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.) | SLPP  | Moyamba            |
| 18.  | Hon. Conteh Hawa                                 | APC   | Koinadugu          |
| 19.  | Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa                         | SLPP  | Western Area Urban |
| 20.  | Hon. Conteh John Charles                         | APC   | Bombali            |
| 21.  | Hon. Conteh Kemokoh                              | APC   | Western Area Rural |
| 22.  | Hon. Conteh Mohamed                              | APC   | Falaba             |
| 23.  | Hon. Conteh Paul Samba                           | APC   | Bombali            |
| 24.  | Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie                       | SLPP  | Western Area Urban |
| 25.  | Hon. Dauda Idris Moiwai                          | SLPP  | Bonthe             |
| 26.  | Hon. Edwin Moses A.                              | SLPP  | Bonthe             |
| 27.  | Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa                          | SLPP  | Bo                 |
| 28.  | Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu                    | SLPP  | Kenema             |
| 29.  | Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr                          | APC   | Western Area Rural |
| 30.  | Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tarawallie                  | SLPP  | Kambia             |
| 31.  | Hon. Fofanah Musa                                | SLPP  | Kono               |
| 32.  | Hon. Fornah Daniel                               | APC   | Tonkolili          |



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| 33. | Hon. Gbreh III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba           | -    | Port Loko          |
| 34. | Hon. Goba Mariama Ella                         | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 35. | Hon. Gondon II P. C. Foray Cyril               | -    | Kailahun           |
| 36. | Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie                  | SLPP | Falaba             |
| 37. | Hon. Jalloh Memunatu                           | APC  | Port Loko          |
| 38. | Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha                      | APC  | Falaba             |
| 39. | Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie                        | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 40. | Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon                       | SLPP | Kono               |
| 41. | Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata                  | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 42. | Hon. Kabba Ibrahim                             | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 43. | Hon. Kallon Hawa                               | SLPP | Pujehun            |
| 44. | Hon. Kamara Abdulai A.                         | APC  | Western Area Urban |
| 45. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim                        | APC  | Kambia             |
| 46. | Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim                        | APC  | Port Loko          |
| 47. | Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash                       | APC  | Karene             |
| 48. | Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid                       | SLPP | Western Area Urban |
| 49. | Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash                  | SLPP | Bo                 |
| 50. | Hon. Kamara Mamoud                             | APC  | Western Area Urban |
| 51. | Hon. Kamara Marie                              | APC  | Bombali            |
| 52. | Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan                   | APC  | Kambia             |
| 53. | Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei                        | SLPP | Kono               |
| 54. | Hon. Kamara Rugiatu                            | APC  | Tonkolili          |
| 55. | Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama         | -    | Tonkolili          |
| 56. | Hon. Kangbai Beatrice Maaya                    | SLPP | Bo                 |
| 57. | Hon. Kanneh P. C. Alameen                      | -    | Kenema             |
| 58. | Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim                        | SLPP | Port Loko          |
| 59. | Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy                         | APC  | Western Area Urban |
| 60. | Hon. Kargbo Amara Momoh                        | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 61. | Hon. Kargbo John Sartty                        | APC  | Western Area Rural |
| 62. | Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff                    | APC  | Karene             |
| 63. | Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim            | SLPP | Port Loko          |
| 64. | Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei              | -    | Bo                 |
| 65. | Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria               | -    | Karene             |
| 66. | Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba                 | -    | Bombali            |
| 67. | Hon. Kellie Tamba                              | APC  | Kono               |
| 68. | Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna                        | APC  | Tonkolili          |
| 69. | Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima                       | APC  | Koinadugu          |
| 70. | Hon. Koroma Ernest Dura                        | APC  | Kambia             |
| 71. | Hon. Koroma Ibrahim                            | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 72. | Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu | -    | Moyamba            |



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| 73.  | Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba   | APC  | Bombali             |
| 74.  | Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay   | APC  | Wester Area n Urban |
| 75.  | Hon. Kumabeh Alice J.   | SLPP | Bonthe              |
| 76.  | Hon. Lahai Musa   | SLPP | Kailahun            |
| 77.  | Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide   | SLPP | Western Area Rural  |
| 78.  | Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince   | -    | Bonthe              |
| 79.  | Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay   | APC  | Tonkolili           |
| 80.  | Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada  | SLPP | Bo                  |
| 81.  | Hon. Lebbie Nenneh  | SLPP | Bo                  |
| 82.  | Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben   | APC  | Moyamba             |
| 83.  | Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla  | APC  | Koinadugu           |
| 84.  | Hon. Mansaray Konkofa Farah   | SLPP | Koinadugu           |
| 85.  | Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balasama   | -    | Koinadugu           |
| 86.  | Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai | -    | Falaba              |
| 87.  | Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman   | SLPP | Western Area Urban  |
| 88.  | Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu  | SLPP | Kono                |
| 89.  | Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava  | SLPP | Bo                  |
| 90.  | Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu                                      | -    | Kambia              |
| 91.  | Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff   | SLPP | Western Area Urban  |
| 92.  | Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia   | SLPP | Pujehun             |
| 93.  | Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya   | SLPP | Kenema              |
| 94.  | Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael  | SLPP | Port Loko           |
| 95.  | Hon. Saquee V 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 Sallieu Osman  | APC  | Bombali             |
| 101. | Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh  | SLPP | Falaba              |
| 102. | Hon. Siafa Rosaline Hawa  | SLPP | Kailahun            |
| 103. | Hon. Silikie Bashiru  | SLPP | Bo                  |
| 104. | Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah   | SLPP | Western Area Urban  |
| 105. | Hon. Tamu . C. Saffa Monya  | -    | Pujehun             |
| 106. | Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab  | APC  | Bombali             |
| 107. | Hon. Tarawalli-Mussaffa Rugiatu   | SLPP | Kenema              |
| 108. | Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice   | APC  | Kambia              |
| 109. | Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah   | SLPP | Kailahun            |
| 110. | Hon. Tholley Foyoh  | SLPP | Tonkolili           |
| 111. | Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele  | APC  | Western Area Urban  |



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| 112.  | Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal             | APC  | Western Area Urban |
| 113.  | Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamama    | SLPP | Kono               |
| 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 | Bo                 |
| 118.  | Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph       | SLPP | Bo                 |
| <b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:</b>                |                                    |      |                    |
| 1.  | Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie          | APC  | Tonkolili          |
| 2.  | Hon. Bockarie Momoh                | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 3.  | Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo           | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 4.  | Hon. Kanneh Mohamed                | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 5.  | Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph             | SLPP | Western Area Rural |
| 6.  | Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda          | APC  | Kono               |
| 7.  | Hon. Kemokai Abu                   | SLPP | Pujehun            |
| 8.  | Hon. Moijueh Jibrila Sur           | SLPP | Bonthe             |
| 9.  | Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh           | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 10.   | Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia           | SLPP | Pujehun            |
| <b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT WITH AN EXCUSE:</b> |                                    |      |                    |
| 1.  | Hon. Bangura Mohamed Papa          | APC  | Bombali            |
| 2.  | Hon. Conteh Adama                  | APC  | Western Area Urban |
| 3.  | Hon. Forna Mabinty                 | APC  | Tonkolili          |
| 4.  | Hon. George Edward                 | SLPP | Moyamba            |
| 5.  | Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara        | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 6.  | Hon. Kargbo Abdul                  | APC  | Port Loko          |
| 7.  | Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson            | SLPP | Kono               |
| 8.  | Hon. Mackery Yusuf                 | SLPP | Bo                 |
| 9.  | Hon. Mansaray Brima                | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 10.   | Hon. Moigua Musa Peter             | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 11.   | Hon. Munda Boston                  | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 12.   | Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr             | SLPP | Kenema             |
| 13.   | Hon. Pyne Umu                      | SLPP | Moyamba            |
| 14.   | Hon. Quee Komba                    | SLPP | Kono               |
| 15.   | Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh          | SLPP | Pujehun            |
| 16.   | Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin        | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 17.   | Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa              | SLPP | Pujehun            |
| 18.   | Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Racheal | SLPP | Port Loko          |
| 19.   | Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie          | SLPP | Moyamba            |
| 20.   | Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette      | SLPP | Kailahun           |
| 21.   | Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed           | SLPP | Pujehun            |



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

**2. Suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:15 a.m.**

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 10:15 a.m. was moved by **Hon. Nenneh Lebbie** from **Bo District** for the commencement of proceedings after 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Fatmata Sarah Soukenah** from **Western Area Urban District** and approved by the House.

**3. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 was moved by **Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw** from **Falaba District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Habib Keifa Fabbah** from **Bo District** and adopted by the House.

**4. Amendment of Order Paper**

The Acting Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** from **Bo District** amended the Order Paper by replacing the **Seconder of the Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service**, **Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma** from **Tonkolili District** with **Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara** from **Kambia District**. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay** from **Port Loko District** and approved by the House.

**5. Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service:**

**Proposer: Hon. Bashiru Silikie**

**Seconded: Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara**

**Be It Resolved That: The Nineteenth Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.**

The Deputy Committee Chairman, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie** from **Bo District**, presented the **Nineteenth** Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone on the vetting of presidential nomination to the House and the recommendations contained therein on the following presidential nominees.



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- i. **Dr. Julius Fofanah Sandy – Proposed High Commissioner of Sierra Leone to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.**
- ii. **Mr. Salamu Koroma – Proposed Ambassador, Sierra Leone Embassy, Islamic Republic of Iran.**
- iii. **Mr. Mohamed Barrie – Proposed Ambassador of Sierra Leone to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.**

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

1. The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

| No. | Names of Hon. Members    | Party    | District           |
|-----|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara  | A.P.C.   | Kambia             |
| 2.  | Hon. Nenneh Lebbie       | S.L.P.P. | Bo                 |
| 3.  | Hon. P.C. Alameen Kanneh | P.C.     | Kenema             |
| 4.  | Hon. Kemokoh Conteh      | A.P.C.   | Western Area Rural |
| 5.  | Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw | S.L.P.P. | Falaba             |
| 6.  | Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara | A.P.C.   | Karene             |
| 7.  | Hon. Daniel B. Koroma    | A.P.C.   | Koinadugu          |
| 4.  | Hon. Bashiru Silikie     | S.L.P.P. | Bo                 |

**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 Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, pronounced that **the “Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service”** had been approved.





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**Mr. Speaker's Felicitations:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, extended his felicitations to the newly approved presidential nominees and wished them well in their respective appointments.

**6. Recognition of Dignitaries in the Chamber**

**The Acting Speaker, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** recognized the presence of the following dignitaries in the Chamber:

- a) **Mr. Kabineh M. Kallon – Former Minister of Transport and Aviation.**
- b) **Mr. David W. S. Banyar – Chief Executive Officer, Wages and Compensation Commission.**
- c) **Sheikh Fomba Abubakar Swaray – Former Chief Imam S.L.P.P. and Princepal Sheikh, Tais Academy.**
- d) **Ambassador Soulay Daramy – Executive Director, Foreign Service Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**
- e) **Mr. Paul Sandi – Director Admin & HR, Independent Commission, Peace and National Cohesion.**
- f) **Mr. Martin A. Foday Executive Chairman, Conservation Trust Fund, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.**
- g) **Mr. Samuel E. B. Momoh – Principal Deputy Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance.**
- h) **Mr. S.A.A. Kpulun – Principal Civil Service Training College (CSTC).**
- i) **Mr. David Woobay – Chairman, Local Government.**
- j) **Mr. Salamu M. Koroma – Rtd. Director of Administration, S.L.R.A.**
- k) **Mr. Isaac Ken-Green – Ag. Deputy Director General SLPTA.**
- l) **Mr. Sahr Lahai Jusu – Former Financial Secretary.**

**The Acting Speaker, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh** heartily welcomed **Hon. P.C. Alhaji Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoro Marrah III from Falaba District** back to the Chamber from a pilgrimage he performed in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

**7. Government Motion by the Minister of Finance**

The Senior Table Clerk, **Mrs. Fatmata Bintu Weston**, called upon the Minister of Finance to proceed with the motion.

**8. 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 proceedings to continue during lunch. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Abdul Karim Bangura** from **Kerene District** and approved by the House.



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### **Continued proceedings**

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, presented the motion to the House for ratification and moved thus:

**"Be it resolved: That this Honourable House hereby ratifies the following Agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2024:**

**Extractive Industries Fiscal Stabilisation Agreement for Large-Scale Mining between the Government of Sierra Leone and CTC Mining (SL) LTD, dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024."**

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

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Names of Honourable Members</b> | <b>District</b>  |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1.</b>  | <b>Hon. Abdul Latif Sesay</b>      | <b>Port Loko</b> |
| <b>2.</b>  | <b>Hon. Mustapha Alpha Sellu</b>   | <b>Moyamba</b>   |
| <b>3.</b>  | <b>Hon. Daniel B. Koroma</b>       | <b>Koinadugu</b> |
| <b>4.</b>  | <b>Hon. Bashiru Silikie</b>        | <b>Bo</b>        |

The Minister of Finance, **Mr. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura**, responded to the issues raised by Hon. Members.

**The Acting Speaker Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh stood down the House at 1:15 p.m.**, while he announced a consultative meeting with the Acting Leader of Opposition, the Acting Leader of Government Business and the Minister of Finance respectively in his Chamber.

**The House resumed at 1:45 p.m.**

### **Continued proceedings**

#### **Mr. Speaker's Statement:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, stated that the current Parliament was a progressive one, working in the spirit of parliamentary unionism to ensure that they put the business of Sierra Leone and the people they represent right at the front of everything they do. In light of that, Parliament had agreed on few indicators which would certainly shape the discourse (regarding Agreements before the House) from now onwards. He stated that the said Agreement





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did not meet the threshold of the law. He suggested constituting a Committee to take a study tour to few other Parliaments to know more on how Agreements were being treated before ratification. He then released the Minister of Finance.

## **8. Bill: The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, called upon the Minister of Transport and Aviation to proceed with the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill.

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

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha** moved that the Bill entitled: **"The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024"** 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, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024"** had been read the **First Time**.

### **Second Reading:**

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha** moved that the Bill entitled: **"The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) 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.**



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**The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:**

| No. | Names of Honorable Members      | Party    | District |
|-----|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1.  | Hon. Ambrose Maada Lebby        | SLPP     | Bo       |
| 2.  | Hon. Catherine Zainal Tarawally | APC      | Bombali  |
| 3.  | Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara         | A.P.C.   | Kambia   |
| 4.  | Hon. Bashiru Silikie            | S.L.P.P. | Bo       |

The Minister of Transport and Aviation, **Mr. Rex Bonapha**, 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, **Mr. Prince Oviasuyi**, pronounced that the Bill entitled: **"The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024"** had been read the Second Time.

**Mr. Speaker's Observation:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, observed that the Deputy Minister had very well analyzed the sharing formula of the said Bill but there was no schedule before the House to show the sharing formula of the extract laws. He said that was a very serious challenge and that the Minister was telling the House that MTC was receiving 57% but there was no evidence to prove it. In addition, he reminded the Deputy Minister that the law was passed in 2023 and it was a recurring issue; therefore, Parliament had to ensure to put a stop to it starting with the said Bill. He said that for any law passed in the House, Parliament would ask agencies and other authorities to present and lay their financial reports on the Table of the House and if that procedure was not followed nothing happens. He said that the Minister wanted Parliament to change the financial provisions in the Act, while there was no financial document before the House that would inform Hon. Members as to why they were going to reduce the 12%. He said that Parliament would like to see the sharing module to guide the House on making necessary amendments.

**Standing Order 51 (Committal of Bills):**

The Acting Majority Leader, **Hon. Bashiru Silikie from Bo District**, rose on SO 51(1) and moved a motion that the Bill entitled **"The Sierra Leone Public Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024"** be committed to the Legislative Committee for further scrutiny. The



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motion was seconded by **Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally**, from **Bombali District**, and approved by the House.

**Standing Order 23 (Personal Explanations)**

The following Hon. Member rose on S.O. 23:

**Hon. Catherine Zainab Tarawally from Bombali District** raised concern over the hold on the issuance of driver's license by Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (S.L.R.S.A.) for the past nine months. She reported that she had been trying to get a driver's license for a period of time but she is yet to receive hers. She expressed concern over the constraints faced by the common and commercial drivers during this period and said that the long delay on the issuance was not good for Sierra Leoneans. She also stated that the issuance of driver's license by S.L.R.S.A. also generates revenue for government. She then urged the relevant authorities to ensure that the issue is considered.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, referred the matter to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Transport to look into it urgently.

**Standing Order 75 in tandem with Section 103 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991, Act No. 6 of 1991**

**Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu from Moyamba District** rose on the above provisions and reported to the House about a misrepresentation that was made by the Concord Times Newspaper and online Sierraloaded respectively, regarding his previous debate on the approval of presidential nominees. He said that the news issued by the press was, "S.L.P.P. will hand over power come 2028", which had already gone viral and has serious implications. He said that the said news did not reflect the intent of his presentation and it was malicious. He admonished journalists to be responsible and impartial as they were expected to be professional enough. He called upon the office of the Speaker to look into the matter; otherwise he would take a legal action against the press.

**Mr. Speaker's Response:**

The Acting Speaker, **Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh**, requested to see the president and a cross section of executive members of the press in his Chamber immediately after the sitting was adjournment. He assured **Hon. Mustapha M. Sellu** that he would follow the due process to unearth whatever had been reported wrongly. He said once that had been uncovered, if the press had misquoted his words, parliament would take appropriate action in line with the procedures set by the House.



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**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**The House rose at 2:30 p.m.**