



**SIXTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE  
FIRST SESSION, 2023/2024  
FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SITTING**



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**TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**The House Met at 10:00 a.m.**  
**The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu, Presided.**

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE PRESENT:</b>			
<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1.	Hon. Abdulai Charles Osman	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Aruna Massay Ngehiteh	SLPP	Bo
3.	Hon. Bangura Abdul Karim	SLPP	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Adama	SLPP	Kambia
5.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Karene
6.	Hon. Banya Sarty	SLPP	Kailahun
7.	Hon. Bayoh Alie	SLPP	Kenema
8.	Hon. Bockarie Bintu Fatmata	SLPP	Bonthe
9.	Hon. Bockarie Momoh	SLPP	Kailahun
10.	Hon. Boima Sylvester Arnold Maxwell (Rtd. Capt.)	SLPP	Moyamba
11.	Hon. Conteh Ibrahim Tawa	SLPP	Western Area Urban
12.	Hon. Dauda Idrissa Moiwai	SLPP	Bonthe
13.	Hon. Daramy Princess Kadie	SLPP	Western Area Urban
14.	Hon. Fabbah Habib Keifa	SLPP	Bo
15.	Hon. Fatorma Juliana Aliematu	SLPP	Kenema
16.	Hon. Fofanah Mohamed Tarawallie	SLPP	Kambia
17.	Hon. Fofanah Musa	SLPP	Kono
18.	Hon. Gberek III P.C Bai Shebora Sheba	P.C	Port Loko
19.	Hon. Gevao Hindolo Moiwo	SLPP	Kailahun
20.	Hon. George Edward	SLPP	Moyamba
21.	Hon. Goba Mariama Ella	SLPP	Kenema
22.	Hon. Gondor II P.C. Foray Cyril	-	Kailahun
23.	Hon. Jabbie Alpha Fodie Madie	SLPP	Falaba
24.	Hon. Jalloh Osman Wurie	SLPP	Western Area Rural
25.	Hon. Johnny Tamba Simeon	SLPP	Kono
26.	Hon. Johnson Margaret Feimata	SLPP	Kailahun
27.	Hon. Kabba Ibrahim	SLPP	Western Area Rural
28.	Hon. Kaisamba Francis Amara	SLPP	Kenema
29.	Hon. Kallon Hawa	SLPP	Pujehun
30.	Hon. Kamara Idriss Sahid	SLPP	Western Area Urban
31.	Hon. Kamara Joseph Abdul Bash	SLPP	Bo



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32.	Hon. Kamara Rebecca Yei	SLPP	Kono
33.	Hon. Kanamanka III P.C Alhaji Masakama	-	Tonkolili
34.	Hon. Kanneh Mohamed	SLPP	Kailahun
35.	Hon. Kanu Abdulai Karim	SLPP	Port Loko
36.	Hon. Kanu Ahmed Joseph	SLPP	Western Area Rural
37.	Hon. Kanbgai Beatrice Maaya	SLPP	Bo
38.	Hon. Kanu Amara Momoh	SLPP	Western Area Rural
39.	Hon. Kargbo Sheikh Santigie Ibrahim	SLPP	Port Loko
40.	Hon. Kargobai P.C Desmond Mahayei	-	Bo
41.	Hon. Kawaleh II P.C Kandeh Paria	-	Karene
42.	Hon. Kebbie III P.C Brima Victor Sidi	-	Pujehun
43.	Hon. Kemokai Abu	SLPP	Pujehun
44.	Hon. Keiha III P.C Kandeh Baba	-	Bombali
45.	Hon. Koroma Ibrahim	SLPP	Kenema
46.	Hon. Koroma Meama Kajue P.C Haja Fatmata Bintu	-	Moyamba
47.	Hon. Kpakra – Faba P.C Foday Stephen	-	Kenema
48.	Hon. Kumabeh Alice Jebbeh	SLPP	Bonthe
49.	Hon. Lahai Musa	SLPP	Kailahun
50.	Hon. Lamina Saa Emerson	SLPP	Kono
51.	Hon. Langley Beatrice Iyamide	SLPP	Western Area Rural
52.	Hon. Lansana P.C Bio Prince	-	Bonthe
53.	Hon. Lebbie Nenneh	SLPP	Bo
54.	Hon. Lebby Ambrose Maada	SLPP	Bo
55.	Hon. Mackery Yusuf	SLPP	Bo
56.	Hon. Mansaray Brima	SLPP	Kenema
57.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Alie Balan Sama	-	Koinadugu
58.	Hon. Marrah III P.C Thor Thor Sheku Terenah Tongos Neya Konkoroba Fanko Lai	-	Falaba
59.	Hon. Marray – Conteh Abdul Sulaiman	SLPP	Western Area Urban
60.	Hon. Moigua Musa Peter	SLPP	Kenema
61.	Hon. Momodu Sahr Koutu	SLPP	Kono
62.	Hon. Moriba Amie Nyava	SLPP	Bo
63.	Hon. Munda Boston	SLPP	Kenem
64.	Hon. Ngbak IV P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu	-	Kambia
65.	Hon. Nyuma Mathew Sahr	SLPP	Kenema
66.	Hon. Pyne Umu	SLPP	Moyamba
67.	Hon. Rahman – Coker Mohamed Sheriff	SLPP	Western Area Urban
68.	Hon. Rogers Alex Mattia	SLPP	Pujehun
69.	Hon. Rogers Dickson Momoh	SLPP	Pujehun
70.	Hon. Salia – Konneh Quintin	SLPP	Kailahun



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71.	Hon. Sama Shiaka Musa	SLPP	Pujehun
72.	Hon. Sandy Alice Kornya	SLPP	Kenema
73.	Hon. Sankoh – Yillah Ishmael	SLPP	Port Loko
74.	Hon. Saquee IV P.C Paul Ngaba	-	Kono
75.	Hon. Sellu Mustapha Musa	SLPP	Moyamba
76.	Hon. Sesay Pessima Mariatu Rachael	SLPP	Port Loko
77.	Hon. Sesay Veronica Kadie	SLPP	Moyamba
78.	Hon. Shaw Mohamed Billoh	SLPP	Falaba
79.	Hon. Siafa Rosaline	SLPP	Kailahun
80.	Hon. Silikie Bashiru	SLPP	Bo
81.	Hon. Songa Wuyatta Bernadette	SLPP	Kailahun
82.	Hon. Soukenah Fatmata Sarah	SLPP	Western Area Urban
83.	Hon. Surmoijueh Jibrila	SLPP	Bonthe
84.	Hon. Tarawalli Mussaffa	SLPP	Kenema
85.	Hon. Taylor – Bangura Mabinty Alice	SLPP	Kambia
86.	Hon. Tengbeh Fallah Kenawah	SLPP	Kailahun
87.	Hon. Tholley Foyoh	SLPP	Tonkolili
88.	Hon. Thomas Segepoh Solomon	SLPP	Bonthe
89.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodela	SLPP	Western Area Urban
90.	Hon. Tommy Sia Mahawa Habiamama	SLPP	Kono
91.	Hon. Tongi Emilia Lolloh	SLPP	Kailahun
92.	Hon. Tunis Sidie Mohamed	SLPP	Pujehun
93.	Hon. Turay Benjamin	SLPP	Western Area Urban
94.	Hon. Vandy Christopha Kekura	SLPP	Bo
95.	Hon. Williams – Lamin Joseph	SLPP	Bo
96.	Hon. Zombo Mariama Munia	SLPP	Pujehun
<b>THE FOLLOWING HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ABSENT:</b>			
1.	Hon. Amara Haja Miatta	APC	Western Area Rural
2.	Hon. Bah Alpha Amadu	APC	Western Area Urban
3.	Hon. Bangura Cecilia Mabinty	APC	Karene
4.	Hon. Bangura Daniel Amadu	APC	Tonkolili
5.	Hon. Bangura Ibrahim Aziz	APC	Port Loko
6.	Hon. Bangura Mariama	APC	Western Area Urban
7.	Hon. Bangura Mohamed	APC	Bombali
8.	Hon. Bangura Rose - Marie	APC	Tonkolili
9.	Hon. Barrie Ibrahim	APC	Bombali
10.	Hon. Conteh Adama	APC	Western Area Urban
11.	Hon. Conteh Hawa	APC	Koinadugu
12.	Hon. Conteh John Charles	APC	Bombali
13.	Hon. Conteh Kemokoh	APC	Western Area Rural



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14.	Hon. Conteh Mohamed	APC	Bombali
15.	Hon. Conteh Paul Samba	APC	Bombali
16.	Hon. Fofanah Abu Bakarr	APC	Western Area Rural
17.	Hon. Fornah Daniel	APC	Tonkolili
18.	Hon. Forna Mabinty	APC	Tonkolili
19.	Hon. Jalloh Mohamed Alpha	APC	Bombali
20.	Hon. Kamara Abdulai	APC	Western Area Urban
21.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Kambia
22.	Hon. Kamara Abdul Karim	APC	Port Loko
23.	Hon. Kamara Alusine Bash	APC	Karene
24.	Hon. Kamara Mahmoud	APC	Western Area Urban
25.	Hon. Kamara Marie	APC	Bombali
26.	Hon. Kamara Mohamed Sheridan	APC	Kambia
27.	Hon. Kamara Rugiatu	APC	Tonkolili
28.	Hon. Kanu Rugiatu Rosy	APC	Western Area Urban
29.	Hon. Kargbo Abdul	APC	Port Loko
30.	Hon. Kargbo John Sartty	APC	Western Area Rural
31.	Hon. Kargbo Mohamed Sheriff	APC	Karene
32.	Hon. Kellie Lucinda Finda	APC	Kono
33.	Hon. Kellie Tamba	APC	Kono
34.	Hon. Koroma Aaron Aruna	APC	Tonkolili
35.	Hon. Koroma Daniel Brima	APC	Koinadugu
36.	Hon. Koroma Ernest	APC	Kambia
37.	Hon. Koroma Peter Yamba	APC	Bombali
38.	Hon. Koroma Unpha Sorie Gbessay	APC	Western Area Urban
39.	Hon. Larkoh Aruna Papay	APC	Tonkolili
40.	Hon. Mansaray Hamidu Holla	APC	Koinadugu
41.	Hon. Mansaray Alpha Ben	APC	Moyamba
42.	Hon. Sesay Abdul Latiff	APC	Port Loko
43.	Hon. Sesay Aminata	APC	Port Loko
44.	Hon. Sesay Jawah	APC	Tonkolili
45.	Hon. Sesay Sallieu Osman	APC	Bombali
46.	Hon. Tarawally Cathrine Zainab	APC	Bombali
47.	Hon. Taylor-Bangura Mabinty Alice	APC	Kambia
48.	Hon. Thompson Alfred Ayodele	APC	Western Area Urban
49.	Hon. Timbo Osman Abdal	APC	Western Area Urban
50.	Hon. Timbo Zinab	APC	Western Area Rural
51.	Hon. Tucker Tom Issic	APC	Kono
52.	Hon. Turay Alhaji Sorieba	APC	Tonkolili
53.	Hon. Turay Memunatu	APC	Port Loko



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**1. Prayers were read by Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie (Table Clerk).**

**2. Adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023:**

The motion for the adoption of the Record of Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 was moved by **Hon. Joseph Williams-Lamin of Bo District**. It was seconded by **Hon. Wuyatta Bernadette Songa of Kailahun District** and adopted by the House as amended.

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

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, made the following announcement as quoted:

"Hon. Member, Today, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 marks the third sitting of this Sixth Parliament to which a total of 149 Members have been duly elected by the citizens of this country in the last General Election held on 24<sup>th</sup> June; the first sitting being on 13<sup>th</sup> July when those of you seated here today took your oath of office as Members of Parliament.

There are 54 seats to my left reserved exclusively for those Members-Elect of the All People's Congress Party (APC) who are yet to present themselves to the House to take their seats. Like all of you, they too have been declared duly elected by the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) and, apart from **Hon. Mohamed Bangura** who has taken his seat, all the other 53 Members are yet to do so. I want to take this opportunity to specially acknowledge the presence in the Chamber of the **Hon. Mohamed Bangura** who has been well advised and directed to come and take his seat to represent the people who had voted for him. I thank the **Hon. Mohamed Bangura** for his wise decision, and I know this nation owes you a deep and abiding sense of gratitude for that singular patriotic action on your part.

Hon. Members, There is a coterie of highly respected citizens of this country most of whom I know well and hold in high regard. They have been either contemporaries of mine at school or college or labored together in public life in this country. They are too numerous to call them by name but a good number of them are household names and are well known both here at home and abroad. They are people who have served this country with great distinction in governance in both the public and private sectors and of whom this country is richly proud of. They are all Members of the APC Party.

I want especially to appeal to them, especially to their sense of patriotism and duty to our country not to sit idly by and allow the present stalemate in their party to persist. If they do, the result could be devastating and detrimental to their party and ultimately to the country as a whole as well as to our democratic polity. Under their watch and leadership, this country promulgated the extant Constitution in October 1991. That Constitution eschewed the one-party system of government that had governed the country since 1978 and reintroduced a multiparty democratic system as the only legal and acceptable polity that must prevail in this country and be held sacred by the entire citizenry. In the 1991 Constitution, it is proclaimed that this country



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shall never again return to the abomination of the one-party system. More specially, every citizen is enjoined to "participate in and defend all democratic processes and practices and render assistance to appropriate and lawful agencies in the maintenance of law and order." I, therefore, want to appeal to all those eminent citizens to whom I have referred to step up to their sense of national duty and not allow their party to be hijacked again by a small band of greedy, selfish and self-seeking politicians whose era is already well past and spent.

Not too long ago, they sat idly by and allowed a situation to be nurtured for many years almost to the point of becoming entrenched within the framework of the APC until one of their own summoned the courage of conviction to having his day in court by instituting legal proceedings against the APC and its Executive. Mercifully, the court accepted the need to exorcise the entire APC Party Executives at all levels that had outlived their mandates and liberated the party from the darkness of domination and bring it back to the bright light of compliance with the sacred democratic provisions of the very 1991 Constitution of which they were the architect. For this we say kudos to our judiciary of our country.

Now, another darkness is looming on the horizon and this is why I want today to appeal to all those eminent statesmen of the APC Party to rise up and liberate their party from the clutches of despotism and authoritarianism before it is dragged again to the precipice of destruction and extinction. Walk-outs and boycotts are political tools of yesteryears; they no longer have value and relevance and they are no longer fit for purpose in this 21<sup>st</sup> century of participatory democracy. The truth of the matter is palpably simple. If you withdraw yourself from participating in the process of decision-making then you should not be angry when others who agree to participate decide for you and your destiny. Even worse, if you think foreigners from outside Africa have a right to come again to our country to help you take control of our governance or anything else that is not your entitlement under our sovereign laws, then you are still living in the dark ages of colonialism which had long ago been banished to the attics of history.

The reality of the world in which we live today has changed. The new reality is clearly prescribed in the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 77 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991). That provision states that and I quote:

"A Member of Parliament shall vacate his seat in Parliament if he is absent from sittings of Parliament for such period and in such circumstances as may be prescribed in the rules of procedure of Parliament."

That provision is further amplified in S.O. 77 (2) (a) of the Standing Orders of this Parliament and again I quote:



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"Any Member who, without good cause, during any session, is absent from the sittings of Parliament on a number of days amounting to an aggregate of 30 days shall vacate his seat."

Hon. Members, so this is the message I have for you today. It is addressed more particularly to the eminent citizens of our land who have been duly elected as Members of this noble House and who are Members of the APC Party. I appeal to all of them to see reason and to step up and in consonance with their sense of national duty to come and take their seats in this Chamber to which they have been rightly and properly elected to represent their people before it is too late."

#### **4. Laying of Papers:**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, called upon the Chairman of The Public Accounts Committee to lay the following papers that were itemized on the Order Paper:

##### **A. Papers laid by The Chairman of The Public Accounts Committee:**

The Chairman of The Public Accounts Committee, **Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas**, laid the following papers:

- (i) Report on the Audit of the National Covid-19 Emergency Response Centre (NACOVERC) 2021.**
- (ii) Report on the Audit of the National Covid-19 Emergency Response Centre (NACOVERC) 2022.**

The Table Clerk, **Mr. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, called upon the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business to lay the following paper that was itemized on the Order Paper:

##### **B. Papers laid by The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business:**

The Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**, laid the following paper:

**Annual Report of the Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone (ECSL) for the year ended 2022.**

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

**Proposer: Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma**

**Secunder: Hon. Bashiru Silikie**



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**Be it Resolved: That the First Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the Recommendation Contained therein be approved.**

**Mr. Speaker stood down the House at 10:50 am.  
The House resumed at 11:07 am.**

**Proceedings Continued.**

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Kenema District**, presented the First Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the vetting of the following Presidential Nominees and the recommendation contained therein:

- i. Mr. Sheku Fantamadi Bangura-Proposed Minister of Finance.**
- ii. Alhaji Kanja I. Sesay – Proposed Minister of Energy.**
- iii. Dr. Austin Hingha Demby- Proposed Minister, Ministry of Health.**
- iv. Mr. Timothy M. Kabba – Proposed Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.**
- v. Mrs. Princess Betty Dugba- Proposed Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources.**
- vi. Dr. Sao–Kpato Hannah Max- Kyne : Proposed Minister of Water Resources and Sanitation.**
- vii. Ambassador Adekunle Joliff Milton King - Proposed Minister of Western Region.**
- viii. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sesay –Proposed Minister of Trade and Industry.**
- ix. Mr. Jiwoh Emmanuel Abdulai: Proposed Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.**
- x. Major General (Rtd.) David Tamba Ocil Taluva: Proposed Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs.**
- xi. Mrs. Melrose A. Karminty: Proposed Minister of Local Government and Community Affairs.**
- xii. Mr. Amara Kallon – Minister of Public Administration and Political Affairs.**
- xiii. Ambassador Bond Wurie, Resident Minister, North West.**



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

The following Hon. Members spoke to the motion:

No.	Names of Honourable Members	Party	District
1.	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	SLPP	Bo

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

The motion for the suspension of S.O. 5(2) at 12 noon was moved by **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Pujehun 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.

**Debate Continued:**

	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	SLPP	Bo
2.	Hon. Segepoh S. Thomas	SLPP	Bonthe

**Standing Order 38 (Time Limit of Speeches):**

The Leader of Government Business and Majority Leader, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Kenema District**, rose on S.O. 38 (2) and moved a motion for the House to reduce the time limit of speeches from 30 minutes as provided for in S.O. 38 (1) to 5 minutes. The motion was seconded by **Hon. Christoph K. Vandy of Bo District** and approved by the House.

The Chief Whip, **Hon. Dickson M. Rogers of Pujehun District**, pleaded with Mr. Speaker to give speaking time to the new Members of Parliament when they rose up to catch his eyes as some of them would be selected for future debate in the House.

**Debate Continued:**

3.	Hon. Nenneh Lebbie	SLPP	Bo
4.	Hon. PC Ngbak IV Bai Farama Tass Bubu,	P.C.	Kambia
5.	Hon. PC Paul Ngaba Saquee V	P.C.	Kono
6.	Hon. Jibrila Surmoijueh	SLPP	Bonthe
7.	Hon. Alice Kornya Sandy	SLPP	Kenema
8.	Hon. PC Marrah III Thor Thor Sheka Tink Fonkola	P.C.	Falaba
9.	Hon. PC Haja Fatmata Bintu Koroma Meama Kajue	P.C.	Moyamba
10.	Hon. PC Foray Cyril Gondor II	P.C.	Kailahun
11.	Hon. Christoph K. Vandy	SLPP	Bo
12.	Hon. Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	SLPP	Kailahun
13.	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	SLPP	Kono
14.	Hon. Veronica K. Sesay	SLPP	Moyamba
15.	Hon. Shiaka Musa Sama	SLPP	Pujehun



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16.	Hon. Dickson M. Rogers	SLPP	Pujehun
17.	Hon. Fatmata Bintu Bockarie	SLPP	Bonthe
18.	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	APC	Karene
19.	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma – Leader of Government Business	SLPP	Kenema

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, **Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma of Kenema District**, again moved that - **“Be it Resolved: That the First Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the Recommendations Contained therein be approved.”**

**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. Edward Sahr Lebbie**, pronounced that **“the Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service”** had been approved.

**Mr. Speaker’s Felicitations:**

The Rt. Hon Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, extended his felicitations to the newly approved presidential nominees. He congratulated all of them and wished them well in their respective ministries. He admonished them to respect the laws of Sierra Leone especially the Grund Norm (The Constitution of Sierra Leone, Act No. 6 of 1991).

**Mr. Speaker’s Acknowledgement and Recognition:**

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, **Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu**, acknowledged and recognized the presence of eminent Sierra Leoneans who witnessed the proceedings.

**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 10:00 am.  
The House rose at 2:55 pm.**