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## PRESS RELEASE

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### PARLIAMENT APPROVES EIGHT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Following the 20<sup>th</sup> Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, the Parliament of Sierra Leone has on the 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 ratified eight presidential nominees to serve in various high offices of State.

The following presidential nominees were approved by the House through a collection of voices:

- I. Dr. Staneala Madie Beckley – Chairman, Teaching Service Commission
- II. Hon. Alhaji Badarah Sheriff – Board Member, SIERRATEL
- III. Mr. Christo Johnson – Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- IV. Mr. Emmanuel Tarmoh – Board Member, SALHOC
- V. Mr. Abu B. Tarawalie – Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- VI. Mr. Samuel A. Turay – Board Member, SALWACO
- VII. Ms. Sonia Osho-Williams – Member, NATCOM and
- VIII. Mr. Sidique Mansaray – Board Member, SALWACO



*Some of the presidential nominees approved by parliament*

Prior to the ratification of the presidential nominees, the following MPs contributed to the debate:

Hon. Komba E. Kodoeyoma who seconded the motion said that Dr. Beckley was made of sterner stuff, a woman of substance and high standing. He encouraged her to work tirelessly to improve teachers' salaries and conditions of service, and that she had "spent spent all her life in the process of educating people".

Hon. Hannah Bundu Songowa prayed for the souls of the departed Williams whose daughter was about to be ratified, and praised President Ernest Bai Koroma for contributing positively to the socio-economic wellbeing of Sierra Leone.

Hon. Paramount Chief, Alie Kavura Kongomoh II spoke on the need of improving and making the teaching profession attractive and admirable once again. He furthered that the Teaching Service Commission be strengthened to improve the conditions of teachers in the country.

Hon. Ansumana J. Kaikai, the acting Minority Leader said among other things that “the nominees are fine” and wished them well in the various positions to which they have been nominated by President Koroma.

Hon. Ibrahim Bundu, the Majority Leader of the House also said among other things bordering on real and fake teachers’ certificates, to do more publicity on the work of the Income Tax and Appellate Commission, to look at the tax base of the country as over Le 200 Billion Leones remain uncollected because of tax evasion, and that Parliament must go to work against tax evaders to enhance development, or otherwise face the “wrath” of the electorates.