



PARLIAMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

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FREETOWN



10th February, 2015

PARLIAMENT APPROVES NINE (9) PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has presented its Sixth Report of the Third Session with an excerpt of the Fifth Report to the plenary which has been approved by Parliament. The Presidential Nominees have been ratified to serve in various high offices of the State such as National HIV/AIDS Secretariat; Minerals Advisory Board, NPPA, SLIEPA among others.

The following nominees were approved through a collection of voices.

- I. Mrs. Doris C. Kargbo – Member, SLIEPA;
- II. Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay – Director-General, National HIV/AIDS Secretariat;
- III. Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray – Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board;
- IV. Mr. Mohamed Mackie Wurie – Chairman, NPPA;
- V. Miss Lucy Nicol – Member, Public Service Commission;
- VI. Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley – Member, Board of Trustees, SLBC;
- VII. Mr. Idrissa Kanu – Member, Petroleum Regulatory Agency Board;
- VIII. Mrs. Mariatu Bangura – Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT; and
- IX. Mr. Joseph Sunday Sinnah – Member, National Commission for Children



Presidential Nominees approved by Parliament



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Prior to their approval, the Minority Leader, Dr. Bernadette Lahai commended the President for having chosen more than 30% of women among the nominees this morning; spoke about the judicious use of NASSIT's investments; and made reference to the Kenema Plaza built by NASSIT in terms of rent. She also spoke about the importance of oversight and encouraged the nominees to frequently engage with Parliament on the implementation of their programmes and policies.

In his submission, the Majority Leader, Hon. Ibrahim Bundu said among other things that the nominees were "good" and specifically referenced the distribution of surface rent as provided for in the Mines and Minerals Act, 2009 which had resulted in strikes and disturbances; and called for regulations to be enacted to guarantee community involvement and ownership by having shares with the view of sharing profits; and to close the gaps in some of the legislations passed with the aim of preventing unscrupulous people from exploiting the situation.

These nominees who have been approved by Parliament will take and subscribe to an oath which will be administered by His Excellency, President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma before entering their official duties.

In another development, the Parliament of Sierra Leone on 10th February, 2015 announced and ratified over 15 Sessional Select Committees for the Third Session of Parliament with the objects and reasons for probing into the activities of MDAs and making recommendations to Parliament which have the potentials of leading to legislation. After the Committees had been ratified by Parliament, the Hon. Speaker of Parliament said that "the dignity of Parliament has to be maintained at all times and at all cost".