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## **Parliament Okays Nine Presidential Nominees**

Parliament on Thursday the 02<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015, approved nine presidential nominees to various public institutions in the country.

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

Mr. James Momodu Fornah-Sesay, Chairman, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners

Mr. Max W. Thompson, Board Chairman, Guma Valley Water Company

Mr. Michael Tennyson Kargbo, Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company

Mr. Gibril Thullah, Board Member, National Insurance Company

Mr. Kabba Conteh, Board Member, National Insurance Company

Mr. Mohamed C. Jalloh, Board Member, National Insurance Company

Dr. Fasineh Sanason Samura, Board Member, SIERRATEL

Mr. Eddie Moigua Senesie, Board Member, Sierra Leone Airports Authority, and

Mr. Keifala Kosia, Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation.



***Appointees observing parliamentary proceedings.***

In his contribution, the Chief Whip of Parliament, Hon. Claude D.M Kamanda advised the Chairman, Board of Appellate Commissioners and the other nominees to work collectively as a team in their various institutions to which they have been

nominated. This he furthered, would positively affect the development of Sierra Leone.

Hon. Shekuba A. Sannoh, and Hon. Daniel B. Koroma acknowledged the good leadership skills that have been demonstrated by the presidential nominees and in a bid to diffuse the perception of a rubber-stamp Parliament Hon. Daniel B. Koroma referenced Section 70 (e) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone which empowers President Ernest Bai Koroma to appoint nominees, subject to the approval of Parliament. Hon. Frederick S. Sourie challenged the management of SLRTC to raise adequate funds to buy new buses in a bid to shift that burden from GoSL; and called on the management of GUMA to settle the issue of encroachment around the water sources for sustainable water supply to Freetown; citing the Charlotte Weir that has already become a dumping site.

Both Leaders of the political divide stressed the need for an oversight inquiry into the performance of nominees in the various institutions in the country, with the view of determining their re-appointments, the need to file tax returns to attract tax rebate; the importance of insurance; and called on the nominees to educate the populace about the work and functions of their institutions.

The presiding Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Chernor R.M Bah, congratulated and wished the appointees well in their pursuits.

In another development, Parliament has opened a book of condolence in respect of the late Hon. Dr. Bliss Osho Williams of Constituency 107 at the State Hall of Parliament Building, in a ceremony that was attended by the Leadership, Members of Parliament, family members and the staff of Parliament.



Leadership of Parliament and MPs, observing prayers for the late Hon.Dr.Bliss Osho Williams.