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Parliament Approves Eight Presidential Nominees

Parliament on Tuesday 23rd June, 2015 ratified eight presidential nominees for various public institutions in the country.

The following nominees were approved by Parliament through a collection of voices:

Mr. Mohamed Alie Bah, Minister of State, Office of the Vice President
Hon. Salamatu Turay, Board Member, SIRRATEL
Hon. Kondeh Yapoh Conteh, Board Member, SIERRATEL
Mr. Amadu Barrie, Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
Engineer Ing. Stalin Frazer, Board Member, Guma Valley Water Company
Mr. Prince Bindi, Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
Mr. Amadu Bangura, Board Member Sierra Leone Ports Authority, and
Madam Sarah A.A Lewis, Member, Local Government Service Commission



Approved nominees

These nominees had been interviewed by the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on the 17th June 2015.

Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma, in his contribution advised the nominees to serve the country with diligence, and urged them to remember that the people of this country needed results from for development.

Hon. Claude Kamanda, Chief Whip of Parliament applauded the former MPs for their nominations, and urged them to transform SIERRATEL in the best interest of the country.

Following suit, on. Foday R. Yokie commended President Koroma for nominating one-time Members of Parliament to positions of trust, and noted that the President has shown that after Parliament there is a place for former MPs.

Making his contribution on the nominees, Hon. Sualiho M. Koroma, who is the Chairman of water Resources in Parliament, appreciated the nominations of Board Members to Guma Valley Water Company, and advised the Board Members if approved, to look into the challenges faced by the Company in the supply of water to residents of the western area.

Hon. Ansumana Kaikai, acting Minority Leader of the House appreciated President Koroma for the sense of gratitude he has demonstrated in appointing

“fine nominees” to be part of the public institutions in the country.

Rounding up the debate, the acting Majority Leader, Hon. Leonard Fofanah, commended the MPs for their contributions on the nominees and urged the nominees to serve the country to their best of their ability

In congratulating the appointees, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Chernor Bah wished them well in their pursuits.

In another engagement, Parliament has also ratified the amendment number 1 to the license agreement, Bulk and Break-bulk Terminal at Queen Elizabeth II Quay and the amendment number 4 to the Concession agreement, Container Terminal at Queen Elizabeth II Quay and Novation agreement to the license agreement by and among Sierra Leone Ports Authority, the Government of Sierra Leone the National Commission for Privatization and the Bollore and Freetown Multipurpose Terminal Limited, dated 3rd July 2014.

Parliament also in another encounter ratified Ten Million Dollars loan agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Islamic Development Bank (in its capacity as the administrator of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development) regarding the health system strengthening project, dated 8th March, 2015.

Presenting the agreement to Parliament, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mr. Foday Mansaray informed Parliament of the benefits Sierra Leoneans will be deriving from the loan agreement for strengthening the health sector in the country.

Members of Parliament on both sides of the House welcomed the loan agreement and it was unanimously approved for the betterment and development of the health sector in the country.