



SIERRA LEONE PARLIAMENT
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Pursuant to Section 113 of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, "A Bill Entitled: The Appropriation Act, 2015" has been laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 11th November, 2014 by the Majority Leader of Parliament on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Economic Development to authorize expenditure from the Consolidated Fund for the services of Sierra Leone for the year 2015; the sum of Le 3, 457, 719, 190,000.00 (three trillion four hundred and fifty seven billion, seven hundred and nineteen million, one hundred and ninety thousand Leones) shall be and is hereby granted to H.E the President, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma for and during the year 2015 to be applied and expended in the manner for which it is described and for the several services set forth in its Schedule. This Act shall come into operation on the 1st of January, 2015.

The Parliamentary Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has presented its 20th Report to the plenary on Tuesday 11th November, 2014 for the ratification of Five Presidential Nominees who were successfully interviewed based on their track records, tax obligations, and visionary tenure if approved by Parliament. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of vetting the suitability of Presidential Nominees; and constitutes 16-Members including 9 APC, 6 SLPP, and 1 Paramount Chief. Representation in a Committee depends on the strength of the political party in Parliament cognizant of independent candidates.

The following Presidential Nominees were approved by Parliament through collection of voices:

1. Mr. Mohamed A.L Dabeni- Chairman, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation
2. Abu Bakarr Turay Esq.- Member, National Commission for Children
3. Haja Alimatu Abdullah- Member, National Commission for Children
4. Mr. John Bosco Kaikai- Member, Sierra Leone Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission
5. Mr. Victor Sengu- Board Member, SIERRATEL

In the spirit of the proviso of section 57 of Act No. 6 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, nominees duly approved by Parliament will enter their official functions after they had taken and subscribed to an oath administered by H.E the President, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma as inscribed in the Third Schedule of the said 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

Parliament has also concluded debate in the presence of some representatives of the international community on the motion of thanks which was moved and seconded by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House to appreciate the international/local communities, and friends for their support in the fight against the Ebola Virus Disease in the country. Members appreciated the interventions of international/local partners and friends for their collective efforts to contain the Ebola virus in the country; and called on them to do more to put this health scourge behind us sooner rather than later. They said "a friend in need is a friend indeed".

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