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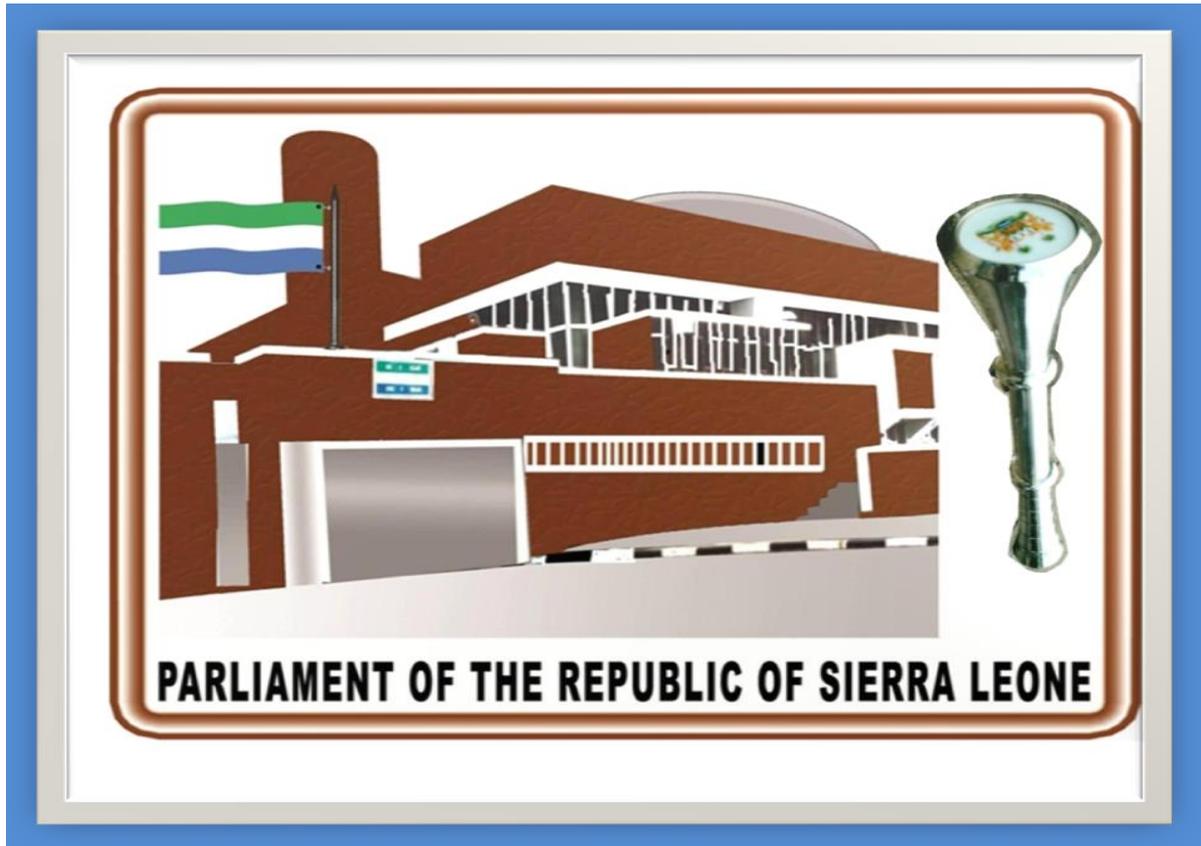
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PROPOSER: HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU

SECONDER: HON. CLAUDE D.M. KAMANDA

BE IT RESOLVED;

THAT THE FIRST REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE APPROVED.



*THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE*

**Official Hansard Report of the Proceedings of the House**

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**FIFTH SESSION – FIRST MEETING  
OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.**

**I. PRAYERS**

*[The Table Clerk, Mrs Fatmata Bintu Weston, Read the Prayers].*

*[The House met at 10:22 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown].*

*[The Speaker, Hon. Sheku Badara Basiru Dumbuya, in the Chair].*

The House was called to Order

*Suspension of S. O. 5[2]*

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to crave the indulgence of this Honourable House to amend the Order Paper to include item V, which has to do with the Presentation of the Sessional Select Committees. We are almost late in doing that and that is why I want to crave the indulgence of this House to include it on the Order Paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** I hope there is no objection.

**II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. As usual, Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? There being no correction or amendment, could somebody move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 as presented?

**HON. BENNEH BANGURAH:** Mr Speaker, I so move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. SULAIMAN M. SISAY:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 has been adopted as presented]*

**III. PAPER LAID**

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION

**MR LEONARD BALOGUN KOROMA** *[Minister of Transports and Aviation]:*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I wish to lay the following on the Table of the House:

CONTRACT AGREEMENT CARGO TRACKING NOTE SYSTEM BY AND AMONG SIERRA LEONE PORTS AUTHORITY [SLPA] AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE;

REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION [GoSL] AND NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PRIVATISATION [NCP] AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORT AND PORTS AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-[ATPMS] [THE SPONSOP] AND TRANSPORT AND PORTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WEST AFRICA, SIERRA LEONE-[TPMS, WA-SL] [THE CONTRACTOR], DATED 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Leader, with your leave, and with the concurrence of the House, I would want to interrupt the proceedings at this stage to recognise a very important personality in our midst; a lawyer, politician and diplomat, Ambassador Edward M. Turay. His Excellency Edward M. Turay was my boss in this House. He was the Leader of this House and Leader of Government Business and I was deputy to him. If today I am what I am, I owe it partly to him. Therefore, it is my privilege to recognise Ambassador Edward Mohamed Turay.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me at the outset endorse the recognition of Mr Speaker because the seat I am presently occupying was where Ambassador Edward Mohamed Turay occupied. If you had not quit this seat and subsequently the Speaker, I am sure I would not have been in the capacity as a Leader of this House and Leader of Government Business.

#### **IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I present to you the First and Second Reports of the Fifth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on parliamentary vetting of presidential nominations:

##### *1. Introduction*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, alive to its constitutional obligation of vetting and approving of appropriately qualified candidates for appointment to public offices, met on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and interviewed five presidential nominees for appointments as:

- i. Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation;
- ii. Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board;
- iii. Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission; and
- iv. Board Members, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.

## *2. Procedure*

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to man such important offices of state. Further probing questions put to the nominees covered wide ranging issues relating to their track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into.

### *3.1 First Sitting of the Committee on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the following nominees were interviewed on oath:

*i. Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, Proposed Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation*

Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma is a private Legal Practitioner attached to the Chamber of Eddie Turay and Associates. His previous services to this nation include:

- i. 2013-2016; Chairman Board of Directors, National Revenue Authority;
- ii. 2013-Acting; Board Chairman, National Revenue Authority;
- iii. 2008-2013; Board Member, National Revenue Authority; and
- iv. 2010-2013; Chairman, Independent Procurement Review Panel.

Reacting to the Committee on how he would consider himself in the light of the several appointments he has been favoured with by the President, Mr Sulaiman Koroma said that Sierra Leone has a population of about seven million **"and ours is a country with a very youthful population. I count myself to be a very lucky youth appointed by His Excellency, the President, to the position of Board Member, National Revenue Authority in 2009. In 2013, he elevated me to the position of Board Chairman, National Revenue Authority. Many doubted my ability to successfully perform that responsibility but at that**

**point in time, I believed that I was carrying the hopes and aspirations of the youths of this country. Since I became Board Chairman, there has not been a single corruption scandal at the National Revenue Authority. I took office at a time when the NRA was collecting three to four billion Leones. We put measures in place and transformed the institution to a point where we are currently collecting three to four trillion Leones. These achievements came with a lot of hard work, humility and the wisdom of elders that we were not only representing our country, but our generation."**

Questioned on what he was hoping to do as Chairman, National Privatisation Commission, Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma said that the task ahead was equally challenging. **"I am going to an institution that is meant to govern many parastatals. We will have to look at them in terms of corporate governance issues to ensure service delivery to the people. I would draw on my expertise, both as a lawyer and as an Administrator at the NRA to ensure that the privatisation, diversification and divestiture of public corporations from the hands of the government to private individuals is done in the best interest of the people of this country."**

*ii. Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker, Proposed Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board*

Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker has been a consultant and facilitator/trainer with work experience in gender, leadership, advocacy and politics since 1999, backed by a wealth of international work experience in many African countries, Asia and the United States of America. She is currently a freelance International Consultant, Manager, Coordinator and Fundraiser of the 50/50 Group's Gender and Women's Leadership Training Institute building project as well as other women's empowerment projects.

In her response to probing interview questions on her role as a Board Member, Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker said, **"my role is extremely important because of the state of our hospitals and healthcare centres in the country. I want to add that I have turned down many calls to serve in different capacities,**

**but accepted this one, because of the great passion I have for our healthcare system. It is very important that we encourage our doctors and other health specialists to remain in the country. For far too long this nation has suffered a severe brain drain. Our doctors and other health specialists have always used the opportunity of overseas training to go for greener pastures. Now that we are in the process of establishing post-graduate colleges of Health Specialties and Teaching Hospitals systems in this country, we should be able to maintain standards commensurate with any provided in the first world. The healthcare delivery in this country needs to be improved in all our hospitals."**

*iii. Dr Zubairu Ahmed Kaloko, Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission*

Dr Zubairu Ahmed Kaloko had lived and worked for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission [USA] for 26 years, [1981-2007]. In 1992, he was promoted Director of the Bureau of Economics, Conservation and Energy Planning. In 2007, His Excellency the President, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, appointed Dr Zubairu Kaloko as General Manager of the National Power Authority [NPA], a position he held for seven years.

Dr Zubairu Kaloko worked tirelessly **"to bring electricity to Freetown on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2007"** and helped to complete the 35 years construction of the 50 megawatts Bumbuna Hydro Power Station until it was commissioned on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. He introduced the Pre-Paid Meters, built a 10 megawatts power plant at Kingtom, 16.5 megawatts power plant at Blackhall Road and increased the electricity power supply to Freetown **"from zero megawatts to 76 megawatts."** He brought electricity to Makeni, Lunsar, Lungi and Kono with planned increased supplies to Bo and Kenema. He improved NPA revenue collection from **Le12bln** per annum to **Le130bln**.

Responding to enquiring questions from the Committee, Dr Zubairu Kaloko could only say, **"I will do my best as I have always done."**

iv. Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr, Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority

A Fellow of the Sierra Leone Institute of Engineers, Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr has to his credit 38 years of professional work experience in plant engineering and petroleum industries. He is currently Director, Engineering and Business Development, CEMMATS Group Limited

Answering to probing questions, Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr promised to work to the best of his ability **“to ensure quality service delivery to the people of this country.”**

3.2 Second Sitting of the Committee on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the following nominee was interviewed on oath:

v. Mr Arne Birger Johansen, Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority

Mr Arne Birger Johansen is a Norwegian Mechanical Engineer with many years of professional work experience in Europe and many countries in Africa [1976-date]. The nominee has a wealth of experience in cement production and is currently the Managing Director, LEOCEM Sierra Leone, with overall responsibility for operations and Labour Relations.

Responding to the Committee’s inquiries, Mr Arne Birger Johansen said, **“my appointment as a representative of the ‘Sierra Leone Manufacturers is welcome by all relevant stakeholders whose major concern is the availability of power to enhance their operations. Secondly, we are all eager to see an expansion of the hydro-electricity in the country to provide more reliable and sustainable power.”**

Answering to further questions, he said, **“as one of the biggest users of electricity, I have followed with keen interest the developments relating to electricity since I entered the country in 1998. I have visited Bumbuna regularly to see what was happening there, because I come from a country where hydro-electricity is very common. I had also had a lot of interest in the former National Power Authority. I know for a fact that**

**Sierra Leone has a lot of potentials to develop electricity. I want to believe that if you can get the right people to do feasibility studies, I know financing can be found."**

Commenting on Norwegian Government's assistance to Sierra Leone, Mr Arne Johansen said, **"in my capacity as the Consul of Norway to Sierra Leone, I can assure you that for all the years of my stay in Sierra Leone, I have made an effort to improve on the bilateral relations between Sierra Leone and Norway. In 2007, when the Norwegian Minister of International Development came to Sierra Leone, I ensured that he had fruitful discussions with the former President Alhaji Ahmed Tejan Kabbah on the fisheries and energy sectors."**

#### *4. Recommendations*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following presidential nominees to be suitably qualified for their proposed appointments and they are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, proposed Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation;
- ii. Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker, Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board;
- iii. Dr Zubairu Kaloko, Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission;
- iv. Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr, Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority; and
- v. Mr Arne Birger Johansen, Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the First and Second Reports are the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the First and Second Reports of the Fifth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved. Signed by Honourable Ibrahim R. Bundu, Chairman

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I so second the motion.

*[Question Proposed]*

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise not to shower praises on the nominees before the House, because I know that they are fine Sierra Leoneans who have been nominated by His Excellency the President. Again, I am sure that the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service would vigorously do a follow up on nominees who are being approved by this House this year. We usually approve nominees in this House but making follow-up to ascertain their effectiveness has always been a problem for us. However, the Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has promised to be making follow-ups and table the report in this House for consideration.

Having stated that, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to admonish Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma, proposed Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation; Dr Nemata Majeks Walker, proposed Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board; Dr Zubairu A. Kaloko, proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission; Mr Sidi Bakarr, proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority; and Mr Arne Johansen, proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority; to go out there and do the work for which the President has nominated you to do if this House approves your nomination. Sierra Leoneans are patiently waiting and we want action this time. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to join the Committee having done a thorough interview of these nominees.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, for some time now I have decided not to contribute on any nominee presented to this House by the President because we have been showering praises on nominees, but when they go to their various offices,

they fail to perform as expected. This has been the reason for the termination of their services before the end of their tenure of office. Their ineptness is negatively affecting this country. This is why I have made up my mind not to talk about any nominee from the President. However, I would like to briefly talk about an individual whom I believe has performed before and he would continue to perform.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, during the last three budgets hearings in this House, accolades were given to the National Revenue Authority [NRA]. Again, for the last three Presidential Speeches in this Parliament, praises were also given to the NRA. Mr Speaker, I want to state here that the brain behind those successes is here again for ratification, Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma. Sometimes when young people are appointed to positions of trust, we tend to have mixed feelings about their ability to perform, but I want to believe that Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma will perform exceptionally well if approved by this House. Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma is an erudite Legal Luminary, Barrister and Solicitor.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have heard about Mr Kabba Koroma for a very long time, but I have also met him less than two years ago. He is not just a Legal Luminary, but an elder brother to me. He is an APC whilst I am an SLPP; but our union cuts across party lines. I am sure that you only have twelve months in governance and I would be going to that other side of the House immediately after the 2018 General Elections. I am quite sure of what I am saying here because the people of this country want a change that would take them from hardship they are experiencing.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, at the peak of Ebola Virus disease, all of us thought that Government was going to suffer. We thought Government would even find it difficult to pay salaries, but with Mr Kabba Koroma, being the Chairman of the NRA, he ensured that salaries are paid. In fact, salaries were paid on time.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Bashiru Silikie, I know that Mr Kabba Koroma, popularly known as 'Borbor Kabba,' is now the centre of attention, but when you want to give praise to the NRA, we have to recognise the Commissioner – Haja Kalla-Kamara

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Madam Kalla-Kamara would not have succeeded without a very strong Board and that Board was headed by no less a person but the erudite Lawyer, Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma. This is so because we have seen Board members and their Commissioners or Directors having problems. For Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma [Board Chairman], we have never received any complaint in this Parliament about him and the Commissioner. That means he maintained a very good and professional relationship with the Commissioner and other Board members.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have no iota of doubt in my mind that Mr Kabba Koroma would transform the NCP as per the Act provides. I have no speck of doubt on his ability to perform he would not disappoint the young people of this country. As a young man, he proved his mettle when he was appointed to serve on the NRA Board. A lot of old folks were grumbling because of his youthfulness. In fact, when he was made Chairman of the NRA, a lot of people thought that he would not live up to expectations. Nevertheless, he performed better than those who have been in that institution and we all saw what the NRA has done for this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, under Mr Kabba's leadership at the NRA, salaries of the workforce were paid on time because of the robust measures being put in place to generate revenue for the Government. Mr Kabba Koroma is not just a friend because we have a lot in common. If you look at the gallery, it is very difficult to see a Board Member bringing such crowd; but what we are seeing today is a testament to show that he is very popular. Sometimes we have to get two to three Ministers before we could see such crowd in this House. Indeed, Mr Sulaiman Kabba Koroma is a friend of everybody. He does not look at party lines.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I do not know much about the other nominee, but I want to ask this Honourable House to approve all of them because of Mr Kabba Koroma. I know his shadow would cover all of them. I hope they would not disappoint this Parliament and this country because Mr Kabba Koroma has done it before. They should follow the footsteps of Mr Kabba Koroma in terms of performance. He is a very young man among all the nominees. He is going to do it again at the NCP.

With those few words, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I thank you very much.

**HON. ROSALINE J. SMITH:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I wish the Honourable Member from Bo would have said all these wonderful things during the Presidential Address that this Government paid salaries on time. That notwithstanding, today is a very good day for me as the Member of Parliament representing Constituency 103 to offer felicitation to a very special friend. Amongst the nominees before us, there is a particular nominee who is my constituent and he has been there for the people of Constituency 103. He has been helping my constituents during those difficult times. He is Mr Arne Johansen.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would like to talk about Mr Arne Johansen, the Managing Director of LEOCEM. Mr Speaker, any time I tell people that I am a Member of Parliament from Kanikay, people used to say: **"you must be a strong woman."** Though Mr Arne Johansen is a Caucasian, he walks around Kanikay freely around the Kanikay community. He is not afraid of walking around the vicinity of Kanikay Community because of his relationship with the Kanikay community. His human relationship is very good and he has been supporting the people of Kanikay.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on behalf of the people of Kanikay and Constituency 103, I want to thank him very much for his relentless support to my constituents. Mr Arne Johansen has been supporting Cline Town, Kanikay and Constituency 103 as a whole. Whenever there is a disaster, we used to call on him and he is always ready to support us. His support is not only limited to Constituency 103, but other Constituencies are also beneficiaries of his benevolence. In fact, this Honourable House would agree with me that Mr Arne Johansen has been very supportive to the people of this nation. Whenever you send letters for support in whatever projects, he would be there to support.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I was highly impressed when Mr Arne Johansen was interviewed. I did not realise how much wealth of experience he had in the energy sector; but during the course of his interview, I was perplexed by the responses he made to the Committee. He has a wealth of experience in the energy distribution chain and his appointment to serve on the Board is no mistake. We will

see more transformation and more electricity will be generated for the people of this nation. It would interest you to know that LEOCEM is the biggest consumer of electricity and it is the only cement manufacturing company in Sierra Leone. Therefore, I want to thank the President for nominating Mr Arne Johansen on that Board. We thank you, Mr President.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move to Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker, proposed Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board. I want to inform Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker that it is because of her vision some of us are here today; and it is because of her vision we are seeing women in positions of trust. We want to thank her for taking that bold step in terms of pioneering the 50/50. If we have women in positions of trust, we owe that accolade to Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker. Women are able to compete for leadership positions in this country. I want to remind this House that before Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker started advancing women's issues in this country, women were relegated to the kitchen. You came to this country and introduced the concept 'men and women should be working side by side; no longer men in front and the women at the back, but men and women working side by side.'

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on behalf of the women of Sierra Leone, we want to thank Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker very much. The women of this country appreciate your good work. I know that the biggest dream you have for the women of this country is to see a woman occupies the highest position of this country. I am sure that dream would one day come to pass. Countries like Britain and Liberia have done it and I know that Sierra Leone will follow the queue. Today, we are seeing other organisations like the 'Women's Forum, which is supporting the women of this country. Mr Speaker, when we aspired to come to Parliament, the Women Forum and Centre for Good Governance came together to groom us to our present positions. Thank you very much.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma. I want to first of all congratulate you for doing exceptionally well in your previous appointments. Again, we want to thank the President for empowering the youths of this country. His unflinching supports for the youths of this country have helped

them to excel in all positions they have been assigned to do. I am convinced that they would continue to excel in every capacity. As the host Member of Parliament for Constituency 103, my constituents and I have enjoyed cordial relationship with his predecessor. Today, we are enjoying relative peace at the Ports with the support of Mr Sidi Bakarr and others who were at the Ports Authority Board. The ports used to be a very chaotic place in the past, but now we are enjoying relative peace in my Constituency. The Chairman of the Transports and Aviation Committee and I have worked very hard to ensure that we have peace at the Ports. There are other companies that are operating in that Constituency and those companies are going to be placed under your supervision. We have Bolorie Sierra Leone Limited the Oil and Shipyard and NECTER. The country Director for NECTER is Mr Sony John and I have enjoyed a very good relationship with him. I hope that the relationship we have built in the past would continue to flourish. I want to remind them that the host Member of Parliament is very important and that the Chairman would continue to ensure that the host Member of Parliament is recognised.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr, proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority. Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr has worked so hard at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority Board. All of us have worked to ensure the transformation of Ports during the privatisation process. Once the expansion of the Ports is complete, it is going to be a hub for West Africa. This is because of our collective efforts in terms of rebranding the Ports image. We know that the wealth of experience you have gathered over the years at the Ports Board would be used to increase electricity supply and make EDSA more effective.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank Dr Zubairu Kaloko, proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission for his effort in bringing electricity to Freetown. You have worked so hard in realising the President's dream in terms of providing electricity to Freetown within 100 days. You and the then Minister worked very hard to realise the President's agenda. We want to thank you, as you are going to sit at the Board as the Chairperson of that Board. I hope you would work peacefully and amicably with your colleague Board members to ensure that your effort in providing electricity in this country is not misplaced.

On that note, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I asked my colleague Members of Parliament to speedily ratify the nominees before us. I thank you.

**HON. DR MICHEL SHO-SAWYERR:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I rise to make my contribution to the First and Second reports of the Fifth Session of the Committee on Appointments.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have ladies and gentlemen before us this morning whom we greatly admired for their contributions towards the development of Sierra Leone. Mr Speaker, I would focus my contribution on few nominees.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start with Dr Nemata Majeks Walker. This is a woman I have been admiring in my entire life. She is someone whom every woman in this country looks up to and sees as a mentor. If the women of this country emulate her good works, this nation would develop faster than any other nation in the world. She is a disciplinarian and a hardworking woman. Her nomination to serve this country should not even be open to a debate. However, I want to inform her that the health sector is an important segment of the prosperity of this nation. Without health, there is no better life. You can have all the money in the world, but if you do not have good health, it is nothing.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would like to talk about Mr Arne Birger Johansen, proposed member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority. Mr Arne Birger Johansen has also been a friend of mine. I was lucky to meet him through his wife. He is very humble and has a good human relationship. There has never been time he failed to answer my calls. I want to congratulate him in advance and I believe he would use his wealth of experience to push forward the electricity capacity in the country. I hope he would work towards improving the lives of Sierra Leoneans. I believe he has been in an industry that utilises electricity. I want him to continue the works he has been doing for the people of this country. He has to ensure that the capacity of electricity is increased.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, my proudest moment today is seeing another youth who has performed excellently in his first capacity as Board Chairman of the NRA. His Excellency the President has told us in this Well that he would lay his life

for the youths of this country. I believe we are beginning to see the reality in that statement. Mr President, a popular musician in this country once said, S.O [2] **“Ernest, if you gi we good road we go call u bomba; if u gi we light we go say u na Moses; tiday Ernest u don gi we enough youths en we go say u na father Abraham”**

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the gentleman seated before us this morning is the proposed Chairman for the NCP. There are four things this House would like to know about Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma. One of them is the fact that he is an Edwardian. He is always ready to provide support for the St. Edwards Secondary School. Secondly, he likes the APC party. He likes his family, his friends, and comrades. He is a man of honour; a man of virtue; a man of decency; and a man of justice. He is very fair with whatever he is doing. He is a winner and someone who excels in whatever he is doing. He is a long-time friend of mine and I know what I am talking about.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency the President, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma for the nomination of Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma to serve in the NCP. I want to thank him for the work he has continuously been doing in all the Constituencies, in terms empowering the youths. With those few words, I want to kindly plead that we speedily approve these nominees. Thank you.

**HON. PC BAI KURR KANAGBARO SANKA III:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I want to thank the members of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service for the good work they have done. They have recommended these presidential nominees before us for approval. I also want to thank the President and his Government for considering these fine Sierra Leoneans whom he believed would help to move this country forward. I am going to make comments on the offices these nominees will be serving if this House approves their nominations.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominees before us and the positions they have been nominated are very important. If Sierra Leone is to progress as a nation, the affairs of the state should be entrusted in the hands of people who can deliver. We have heard so many praises from the galleries and Members of Parliament who have showered so many praises on the proposed Chairman for the NCP, Mr

Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma. He was the Board Chairman of the NRA; and by indication, NRA is the backbone of this country's economy. This is because that institution is very instrumental in terms of ensuring the development of Sierra Leone. Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma has been elevated to the position of Chairman for the NCP because of what he has done for this country. The first appointee to the NCP used to fight other Parastatals because of the enormous powers vested in the Chairman of the NCP. He controls the banks and many other financial institutions and the Ministers were not happy with him at all. However, with your humility and candour, we know you will go there to work for the welfare of this nation.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want inform the nominees before us that they cannot be compensated in terms of salaries. The President needs your expertise and experience, so that this country moves forward in terms of development. If this House approves your nomination, I want to inform you that you will be going there for the people of Sierra Leone. You have to ensure that roads are constructed; schools are constructed; and electricity is made available to everybody in this country. Electricity is an important commodity that everybody needs. Nowadays, nobody wants his or her phone to switch off. I want to appeal to the proposed Chairman for the NCP to work with EDSA, the National Telecommunications Commission [NATCOM], the Ministry of Transport and Aviation and the Sierra Leone Ports Authority. You have to ensure that the activities of these institutions are coordinated for effective service delivery.

Again, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want the nominee to make sure that the NRA operates better than before. If the funds of the NRA are not given by the Ministry of Finance as expected, you can ask them to do that because when we passed the NRA Act in this House, **3%** of what is to be collected must be retained by the NRA. Recently, however, that provision has not been strictly adhered to because all revenue should now be remitted into the Consolidated Fund and that has made it impossible for the NRA to access the **3%**. If NRA is not strengthened, how can they collect revenue for this country? If NRA is not strengthened, how can they assess the vendors? If NRA is not strengthened, how are they going to get the manpower to monitor the taxes that are being paid? All over the world people don't

want to pay taxes. If you go to the United States of America and Britain, you will see how people are grumbling about taxes.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when I was working for the General Motors in the United States of America, I was paying almost **50%** of my salary because I was single. I had no son, no wife I could not claim anything. When President Reagan came in, he reduced it to **30%**. Even though I did not like his political views, I was happy because he put more money into my pocket.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Dr Zubairu Kaloko, proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Electricity and Supply Authority. I used to argue and even quarrel with him anytime I experienced blackouts. I used to say, **"Zubairu, I don't have electricity. I live at No. 20 Watson Street."** He would say, **"Oh, I will give you light."** Guess what, Mr Speaker, the next time I called him he did not answer me. I used to go to his office anytime he failed to answer my calls. I am very happy for him. He has served the United States of America, but he is here to serve his country. I want to appeal to him to ensure that he takes this appointment very seriously. This nation and the people of Sierra Leone need your services. We should not be ashamed to state that Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. We have many resources to better the lives of Sierra Leoneans. Mr Speaker, the amounts of diamonds, iron ore, bauxite, gold and other minerals that have been ferried abroad would have been enough to develop this country and better the lives of the people of this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, during the Second World War, we provided more funds to the United Kingdom than any other country in the world. We produced more diamonds between 1939 and 1945 than any other period. Today, if you go to Kono District and Yengema, you will see how our people are living in poverty. Those people in that part of the country are very backward, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to once again appeal to the proposed Chairman for the NCP to always ensure that those who are awarded contracts are thoroughly scrutinised. There are people, who are claiming to be Sierra Leoneans, but they don't even have a thatch hut in this country. They build houses in other countries without considering their country. When they come here, they claim to be

Sierra Leoneans. Let us don't give them more money to take away. Let us begin to think about Sierra Leone and plan for the future of our children. You don't have to consider any factor before awarding contracts to people; i.e. if my brother or sister is an APC supporter but has failed to perform as expected, that contract should be taken away from him/her and awarded to a more competent bidder. We want to make Sierra Leone a better nation for mankind. You have been promoted to one of the enviable positions in this country. I want to state here that development, progress, peace, honour, integrity, learning, knowledge, blessing and praises are all continuous process. Today, you have been praised, but tomorrow might be different. Finally, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to appeal to all the nominees this morning to display high degree of honesty and integrity during the course of performing their duties. Please try by all possible means to be doing the right thing, so that Sierra Leone moves forward. I thank you.

**HON. HELEN KUYEMBEH:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will make my contribution short and sweet. I would specifically talk about Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker, proposed Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board. I am doing this not because the other nominees are not important. Every presidential nominee is equally important because you were selected based on your work experiences, abilities and capabilities to perform. Those are some of the requirements that urged the President to nominate you to the positions you would be serving, if this House approves your nominations.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, stating the importance of the Health Sector, Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks said: **"I want to add that I have turned down many calls to serve in various capacities, but accepted this one."** I want you to pay attention to that statement. She has turned down a lot of opportunities being offered to her, but she chose to accept this particular offer. I want to believe that it is because this particular offer has to do with the Health Sector, which has to do with the lives of Sierra Leoneans. She further states thus: **"Because of the great passion I have for the Free Health Care, it is very important that we encourage our doctors and other health specialists to remain in our countries. I would even better say to return home after they have been**

**trained. For far too long this nation has suffered a severe brain drain. Our doctors and other health specialists have always used the opportunity of overseas training, to go for greener pastures. Now that we are in the process of establishing and rebuilding, we need to keep them here.”** For me, this is very important.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want us to remember where we are coming from and where we intend to go. When I say where we are coming from, we are just coming from the Ebola onslaught. Majority of us are still struggling to heal the scars of the Ebola virus disease. Every Sierra Leonean in this country has the blemish of the Ebola disease. We got to that point because we had a poor health care system in this country. This is a fact that we should not refuse to accept. In fact, when Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker said that the Health Sector is very important to her and it is a passion for her, I was moved. My message to her is that parliamentarians do not take kindly to promises. We count on every word and we strongly hold on to promises people make here. We have heard so many promises from nominees who have come here for approval. We take their promises seriously because we want our people to get the best services needed.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, one of the things I would like to bring to the attention of this House is Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks is a caring mother based on what she told the Committee on Appointments. Therefore, my expectation and the expectation of this House is that when you go to that Board, please support every activity undertaken by the Board. We want you to bring your experiences and motherliness to the Health Sector. If this House approves your nominations, you should be visiting the peripheral health centres in order to be au fait with what is happening in those health centres, especially those without beds, electricity, water, and other facilities. Most of those health centres are without reliable means of transport to take patients from the peripheral places to central hospitals. These are issues you would have to address within a short period.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the prosperity of a nation depends on how healthy its people are. If we are not healthy, we cannot take care of the needs of our people and we cannot get to the prosperity an Honourable Member was talking

about. Therefore, I want to appeal to you to prudently use your experience and exploit the services of everybody in order to ensure that things happen within the health sector. Please, do not disappointment this nation and Members of Parliament.

With those few words, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank you very much and I want to ask that this House speedily ratify these nominees before us.

**HON. FRANK KPOSOWA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when I look at the five nominees in front of us, I feel good because they are all people I know very well. All of them are focused and they are people with background of excellence, productivity, and with success stories. Those virtues remind me of the adage, **“The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.”** If you are here today, it is because you have been very diligent in your duties. This time, I would like to include the word ‘women’ in that saying; i.e., ‘the heights by great men and women reached...’

**THE SPEAKER:** Legally speaking, Honourable Member, Ambassador Turay will agree with that when you talk about a man you are also referring to a woman.

**HON. FRANK KPOSOWA:** Mr Speaker, women issues are very sensitive and they should be specified with some amount of particularity. Also, I know the person in question who is sitting on the dais. For instance, Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker has always been irrepressible. I have always known her to be focused. Like I said earlier, these nominees have come here with background of success stories and it is my hope and the hope of everybody here that they will carry these backgrounds to their respective institutions.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the President has looked into the seeds of time to see which ones will grow and bear fruits. Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker has gone the extra mile to ensure that the welfare of women are promoted.

When the Honourable Member from Constituency 103 was talking about Mr Arne Birger Johansen, few things came to mind and I want the Honourable Member to know that Mr Arne Birger Johansen does not only assist a particular group or individuals, but his assistance cut across. Few years back, Mr Arne Birger Johansen

provided cement free of cost to build schools in my Constituency in Bo District. If I was able to come back to secure a second term, I owe that to Mr Arne Birger Johansen. His generosity knows no boundaries.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Sidi Alieu Bakarr is the proposed member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority. Some of you were outside this country when we used to have fuel crisis in Sierra Leone. If we were able to go through that problem, it was because of the contributions made by people like Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr and others. It is sad that I don't have time to say more, but I would like to appeal to this Honourable House to speedily approve these nominees. Thank you.

**HON. FRANCIS E. KOWA:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to subscribe to the views of other speakers who have spoken before me this morning. In my contribution I will be talking about two nominees, Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma and Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will start with Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr. When I was a young boy, he used to be my role model and he is a close relative of mine. His resume speaks volumes because of the wealth of experience he has gained over the years. He was one of the first Sierra Leoneans to be in the Management team at the Sierra Rutile. He worked there as an Operational Manager and later moved to the National Petroleum Company. Today, he has been nominated to serve this nation in different capacity. I have no doubt in his ability to perform. He comes from Fourah Bay, which is a very small community. We are very proud of his achievements and I want to assure this nation that he is going to perform as expected.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move to Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, proposed Chairman, National Commission for Privatisation. As we all know, Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma is a professional lawyer. He is a man who has achieved greatly in this nation. Mr Speaker, I want to state here that for every generation, there is a leader. I want to believe, at this age, we have leaders who are emerging naturally. Therefore, if this House approves his nomination, Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma is going to serve in this capacity at a young age. I want you to bear in mind that if you succeed, we all succeed together, but if you fail, we fail together. Failure should not be an option for a comrade of your calibre. As a constituent, you have proved

beyond expectation Members of Parliament are here to offer any assistance you may need in the future. Today, you are going to be crowned as Chairman of all Chairmen. Therefore, we want you to continue to do the good work you have been doing. If you continue to deliver, the President, in his wisdom, will continue to elevate the young people.

With those few words, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to kindly ask this Honourable House to unpretentiously and speedily ratify these nominees before us. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

**HON. SULAIMAN M. SISAY:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker for permitting me to speak on these fine nominees. With your permission, Mr Speaker, I want to thank Ambassador Edward Turay for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Sanda and... - *[Interruption]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, I cannot agree with you more on that because the Leader said that had not Lawyer Ambassador Edward Turay left, he would not have been there as Leader of this House. Again, had not Ambassador Edward Turay left that Constituency, Honourable Sulaiman M. Sisay would not have been here. Therefore, you have to be grateful to him and I want to endorse that.

**HON. SULAIMAN M. SISAY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker for your endorsement. Also, I want to thank Dr Ernest Bai Koroma for giving us these fine nominees. Three out of the five nominees are going to the Energy Sector. In my capacity as Chairman of the parliamentary Committee on Energy, I will have to say something on that.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start with Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, who hails from Sanda and he is also related to me. I want to inform Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma that I have served as Chairman of the Sierra Leone Postal Services [SALPOST]. During that period, I had some problems with the SALPOST. When I assumed that position, I told the then Minister of Information and Communications, Honourable Ibrahim Ben Kargbo that there is no country in this world where Post Office is privatised. I told him that SALPOST should be detached from the NCP. The President agreed with me and modalities were put in place, but the Minister said that SALPOST should be in the hands of the NCP. Today, the Sierra Leone Postal Services is draining the coffers of this country. Therefore, I want to appeal to Mr

Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma to ensure that if this House approves his nomination, he considers this proposal in terms of removing SALPOST from that schedule and let it go back to government department.

Having said that, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, a lot of people have said good things about Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker. I have known her for over 60 years now because her father was the Post Master at Kamakwei, in the Northern Province, Bombali District. We used to go there on holidays; and not too long ago, I was with Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker in Shelma Sheik in Egypt, where the rich and the famous go to relax. I asked her what had happened with her radicalism. This is because she used to be a firebrand. I said, **"Why are you not serving this government? What happened to you besides being in the 50/50?"**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, what do you mean? You said she used to be a 'firebrand?' If you know her very well, she has always been that type of person.

**HON. SULAIMAN M. SISAY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. She promised to consider when she would have returned. Mr Speaker, seeing her here today is a blessing for this country. I am heartened by what she has done for the women of this country. I know she will do more, not only for the women, but the entire populace of this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Dr Zubairu Kaloko is also related to me. This means that all the nominees are close to my heart. Zubairu Kaloko has been a well-known name in the energy sector. When we talk of the National Power Authority [NPA]; today, we thank God. Energy is the lifeblood of a country's development. We are looking forward to Dr Zubairu Kaloko and his team to work toward advancing the President's agenda in terms of providing 1,000 megawatts of electricity in this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the other nominees are Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr and Mr Arne Birger Johansen. Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr played a great role when he was working at Sierra Rutile. For Mr Arne Birger Johansen, what colleagues failed to mention here is the fact that behind any successful man, there must a women. All of must have heard about Madam Isha Johansen. The name Isha Johansen is almost becoming synonymous to football in Sierra Leone.

Having said that, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I look forward to working with them in the energy sector. The Committee on Energy would be calling on them to come and explain certain issues relating to the Energy Sector. All of us should work as a team in order to advance the course of energy in this country. I thank you very much.

**HON. PATRICIA J. DANCAY-BANGURA:** Thank you, Mr Speaker for this opportunity. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, today is another important day for this House because we have five prominent Sierra Leoneans being nominated to various positions in this country. They are qualified Sierra Leoneans to serve in different capacities they have been nominated to serve if this House approves their nomination. I want to thank the President, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, for nominating them. I know that they are qualified and they will perform as expected.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would like to start with Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, proposed Chairman, NCP. I have known Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma for a while and I am not surprised about his nomination. He has served so many Boards in this country, either as a Board member or Chairman of a Board because of his good works. He is here today, seeking parliamentary approval to serve as Chairman of the NCP, which is a very important sector in this country. If properly ranked, the NCP will be the backbone of private sector investments in this country. I am very sure that he is going to perform because I have worked with him before and I know that he is very efficient.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me move to Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker, proposed Chairman, Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board. This is a woman who has so much energy to do great things for the benefit of mankind. She is very diligent, hardworking, efficient and effective. If majority of the women of this country are occupying prominent positions today, she has been the brain behind that success. Mr Speaker, when it comes to gender issues, there is no other woman in this country who can be compared to Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker. She has once told me that she hoped to see a brighter future of the women of this country. She even said that she hoped to see a woman in State House, directing the affairs of

this country. She is praying for that to happen and I am sure it will happen in her lifetime.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the nominees that the people of this country are very keen to what they will be doing if this House approves their nominations. But I am sure that this woman will perform beyond expectation. We should not doubt about his ability to perform because she has been doing very well. I want the nominees to be visiting our constituencies because it is very important. Sometimes it is very difficult to see them, but I want to state here that Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker will do that. I know she is going to get the job done and she is going to look out for nurses, especially female nurses or female doctors in this country to rebrand the Health Sector.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I also want to talk about Mr Arne Birger Johansen, proposed member, EDSA. He does not know me, but the amount of compliments and commendations that have been showered on him today show that he is a good man. A lot of good things have been said about him. Recently, I started a project in my constituency, the Youth Resource Centre Project in Kambia District. I was going to buy three hundred bags of cement from LEOCEM, which is the cement factory of Mr Arne Birger Johansen. Somebody asked me where I was taking the cement to. They thought, maybe I was going to sell the cement. I told them that I was going to construct a Youth Resource Centre in my Constituency. He immediately ordered his management team to add fifty [50] more bags without paying for them. That is why when an Honourable Member was talking about Mr Arne Birger Johansen's generosity, I thought about what he did for me at that material time. He is a very good man for this country and I am very happy for his nomination. He is going to do more for the people of this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I know that the other nominees will do a good job, if this House approves of their nominations. They were not nominated because of their good looks, but they were nominated because of the good works they have done in their previous positions. I know that they are ready to do more good things for the people of Sierra Leone. I want to admonish them to do the right thing, because that is the only thing this country needs. I have confidence in these

nominees and I know that they will go out there and get things done in the right way.

Having said that Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to appeal to this House to speedily approve these nominees.

**HON. ANSUMANA J. KAIKAI** [*Acting Minority Leader of the House*]: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to make my contribution to the approval of nominees who are before us this morning. Mr Speaker, I am a member of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service and I attended the Committee's proceeding, where the decision to recommend these nominees to the House for approval was taken. During the Committee's proceeding, I saw certain qualities in these nominees and we must be thankful to the Lord for making sure that they were born Sierra Leoneans.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, for the young Edwardian, Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma, I was very much impressed with him during his interview. He eloquently answered all the questions put to him satisfactorily. We were also fortunate to have read documents that he provided to the Committee, which are not made available to the Committee of the whole House. I am not surprised that he had done so well in his previous appointments. Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma has already made his mark in the development of this country. I am not surprised at his ability to perform before this time because he did a great job in the institution he is about to leave. Secondly, he is an Edwardian and Edwardians are known to be performers and result oriented people. For instance, the current Speaker, Deputy Speaker and few other colleagues Members of Parliament have done well in this country. Therefore, I am proud to be an Edwardian and I am expecting this particular nominee to do same if this House approves his nomination.

*[Suspension of S.O, 5[2], being 12:00 noon]*

**HON. ANSUMANA J. KAIKAI:** Mr Speaker always tells this House that we should be truthful to ourselves and the school motto for the St. Edwards Secondary School is interpreted to mean 'Lead us to the Truth.' I expect Mr Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma to do more wonderful things for this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I was very happy when I saw Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker appeared before the Committee. I have known her for some time now; and when this country needed good people in 2000, Sierra Leoneans who could stand against those who were on the wrong side of the law and patriotism in this country, Madam Walker was there. She matched and associated with those true Sierra Leoneans whom she thought would help to rebrand this nation. However, she paid for the price for womanhood but she stood with us side by side as we were trying to restore sanity in this country. When the first female elected President of Liberia was inaugurated, she was there with us. If I am not mistaking, she slept in the official mansion, i.e., the official residence of the President of Liberia that night. She is one of the outstanding female Sierra Leoneans we must keep promoting and praising, no matter what government that is in power. This is because we should appreciate people of that calibre. She is not a politician, but an activist.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank the Honourable Member seated behind me, Honourable Helen Kuyembeh, who is also another female activist, for having said what I wanted to say. In other words, she 'got the wing out of my seal because everything she said about this nominee was what I wanted to say. Honourable Helen Kuyembeh, you have proved to me that 'you worth your salt' and I am proud of you sitting on this side of the aisle. The good God will reward you abundantly.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would also like to talk about Dr Zubairu Kaloko, proposed Chairman for EDSA. I have always admired him, but did he really tell the people of this country that when he joined the Energy Sector electricity was zero? I am sure he did not walk in the streets of Freetown with a shade lamp because the National Power Authority was here. Everybody seated here, including the citizens of this Freetown knew that we did not have zero megawatts. I like President Koroma because he is a good man. He took off from where the late President Ahmed Tejan Kabba left. Therefore, as far as I am concerned, all those seated in this gallery should be truthful to the people of this country. I want all of us to appreciate the effort we are putting into the development and growth of this country. Who will say

you did not do anything after you would have left power in 2018? I want to thank him for continuing from where the late President, Dr Ahmed Tejan Kabba left.

On that note, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to call on this Honourable House to approve the nominees who are before us this afternoon. I thank you very much.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU** [*Majority Leader of the House and Leader of Government Business*]: with the leave of Mr Speaker, I would like to preface my intervention with a very sad announcement. This Parliament regrets to announce the death of Honourable Colonel Rtd Soriba Marray Conteh. He was a former Member of this House and he was representing Constituency 041, in the Mambolo Chiefdom, Kambia District. I want to crave the indulgence of this Honourable House to rise for a moment of silence in his memory. A minute of silence prayer was observed. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in perfect peace.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me quickly associate myself to the kind sentiments expressed by those who spoke on the nominees before us. I want to start by saying that the institutions these nominees are going to serve are what I want to talk about; i.e., the Teaching Hospitals Complex Administration Board, NCP, Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission and EDSA. I want to state here that water is life. The NCP has to do with our parastatals that are very essential for the development of this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to refer you to the 2016 Presidential Speech, which was delivered on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. For those who were here, we have completed the debate on that Speech and my own contribution then was focused on the passionate call by the President for people to execute their constitutional duties with 'integrity.' In that regard, I would like to refer the House again to Page 12, Paragraph 58. It reads: **"Integrity should not only be displayed in public offices; integrity should be exemplified in our relationships because it is a driver of employment, growth and success. When hard working compatriots in the Diaspora send money to start businesses, build houses or support their communities, do not squander it. Working with integrity with their money will create more jobs and**

**encourage them to create more opportunities in the country. Wealth creation depends on working diligently when employed by international investors or national businesses. The availability of jobs does not only depend on opportunities government creates, they also depend on the work ethic, discipline and integrity of individual citizens.”**

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am going to continue to propagate this information because that is one of the main reasons that has negatively affected this country. We all know that Sierra Leone used to be called the ‘Athens of West Africa’ because of its high educational values and standards. Where are those standards today? Those without integrity have taken them away. Sierra Leone was once a safe haven where people came for pastoral tutelage and some of them became pastors and clergymen. Samuel Ajayi Crowther and other Nigerian Clergies were trained in this country. They got their tutelage from Sierra Leone, but we don’t have glory today. This was the hub for ships in West Africa because of our natural harbour, but our integrity has stopped that facility.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, most civil servants in West Africa and Africa as a whole were trained in this country. Gradually, we have been toying with our integrity and this is where it has landed us. People are busy stealing government money, but because those people are your relatives or friends, all you would have to say is, S.O [2] **“e dae get mas mas.”** We have even coined another word for that, i.e., **“mokofe”** and **“jebu.”** Why are we laughing about some of these things? That has to do with integrity, Mr Speaker. These people were nominated based on their educational backgrounds and the certificates they presented were unquestionable. However, as soon as they are being approved, they care less about integrity. We have seen Sierra Leoneans who have robbed and deprived this nation, but we endorsed them in this House because they are wealthy. That brings me to the words of one of the famous American Presidents, Woodrow Wilson, who once said: **“If you lose your wealth, you have lost nothing. If you lose your health, you have lost something, but if you lose your integrity, you have lost everything.”** I believe in that philosophy because if Sierra Leoneans adhere to the clarion call by the President, I think Sierra Leone will regain her past glory.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to draw the attention of these nominees to what the President has said in his Speech. Up to 1964, Sierra Leone's currency was higher than the Dollar. When I was reading my primary school time table at the back of my exercise book, it was **Le 75** cent to **1\$**. It was not until 1964 when the currency was changed to Leones that it was **Le 2** to **£1**. Where has that glory gone to? Well, we toyed with it and things are no longer the same. We are calling it **"jebu,' 'mas mas' or 'mokofo."** We are ashamed or afraid to call it as stealing. This is a very serious matter for this country that is why I will continue to thank the President for bringing it in the form of policy a statement in his Speech. There are people in Europe who are working very hard to get money they could send here to start businesses or erect a house, but when the money comes, they convert the money to something else. Those who are sending money to their families or friends are doing so because of the love they have for this country. Those who are committing these evils are friends and family members of those sending these moneys. Mr Speaker, if they are doing this to members of their families, what about those who are not their relatives?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, investors come to this country because Europe and America are suffering from over developments. You can hardly see places where some of these moneys are to be invested. Therefore, they come to Africa to invest and we are expected to direct these investors with integrity. When they come we see 419ers flocking around them with the intention to defraud them. Why are we toying with such issues? Why are we praising them by saying, S.O. [2] **"da man dae e sabi hold up."** Well, you will succeed in holding him up one time and he will not allow you to do it again. The abject poverty we are seeing around is because we don't have integrity.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when the African Minerals Company was operating in Lunsar, I see people around the mines, buying diesel oil from workers, thereby exploiting the mineral agency to fall; and yet, we laughed about it. If you ask the wife of those who are working there, they will tell you S.O. [2] **"me man get good work becus 'e dae get mas mas or e dae make jebu."** We should stop laughing about some of these things and display some amount of integrity in

whatever we are doing. You are depriving somebody else's education and health. When public officers make money, they call it is '**mas mas**' or '**mokofeh,**' but when a politician is seen driving around with a good car, they call you thief. They will be saying, look at that corrupt politician, driving one of the latest cars in this country. However, I respect the people of this country because a lot of people used to come and display their wealth during electioneering process. The people of Sierra Leone are so clever because they will eat your money, but if you do not have integrity, believe you me they will not vote for you. That was the ticket upon which President Koroma became the President of this country. Therefore, I am calling on those who are yarning to lead this country to come with their integrity certificates because we are watching everybody.

On that note, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to inform the nominees that educationally, they are highly qualified and they have displayed maturity, experience and their expertise. We hope they will take them there with integrity. Without that, we are not going to succeed. I want you to take this message with all seriousness, so that you add value to these institutions. I thank you very much.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has been ratified]*

**THE SPEAKER:** Lady and gentlemen, on behalf of Parliament, I want to congratulate all of you. I wish you well in your new appointments. Honourable Members, my eyes have just caught the presence of Mr Okrafo Smart. I want to respectfully ask him to stand up. Mr Okrafo Smart was my senior at Fourah Bay College *[Laughter]*.

Honourable Members, so much has been said about Mr Arne Birger Johansen. My only fear is that he has been declared here as a philanthropist, and I wonder if he is not going to be an open target. All the same, I wish him well because he has been contributing to our development. Mr Sidi Alieu Bakarr is a reputable Engineer who has rendered valuable service to this country. We wish him well we have no doubt that he will perform well.

Again, Honourable Members, Dr Zubairu Kaloko became the General Manager of NPA at a very critical time in this country. All of us know that and at that time, he

did not only prove his mettle, he is on record as one of the longest serving General Managers of the Sierra Leone Electricity Corporation then. In his time, he was admired by workers for his diligent and resourcefulness. I will give all praises to Ambassador Edward Turay for popping up Lawyer Sulaiman Kabba-Koroma. I think the credit should go to Ambassador Edward Turay. Already, 'Borbor Kabba,' as he is fondly known, has been extolled in superlative terms. I will therefore, not add anything else since I do not want to be superfluous.

Honourable Members, I would like to talk about somebody whom I went to school with, Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker. She was my junior, both in school and the university. I will tell you that she is a special woman. I have known her for over fifty years. Her first husband, who was her boyfriend in school, was a classmate of mine at the St Edwards School and I was instrumental in the courtship as well as the wedding. I was in class with her boyfriend, the late Dr Yabai Kaikumba; and by then, Honourable Ansumana J. Kaikai and Honourable Benneh Bangura were our juniors in school. We used to call him S.O. [2] 'smɔl pɛpɛ.' In those days, I was good in Latin and Yabai would say, S.B.B I am going to beat you in Latin next exam and indeed he would not only do that in Latin, but in other subjects. He was a very intelligent boy. He was the very first husband of Dr Mrs Nemata-Majeks Walker.

Honourable Members, Dr Mrs Nemata Majeks Walker is very talented, capable and enterprising. I have known her to be a successful woman in whatever she has undertaken. There is demonstrable and copious evidence of this in her entire career. Somebody was talking about her being a firebrand. She is still that type of woman. In our days, we used to say: 'you na man kanda.' That is she is as fearless as she is tenacious. I can vow to the fact that she will serve impressively in any position she is called upon to serve. What I want to emphasise here is that, she is a special woman and much as she was our junior then, we used to admire her because she was so clever in school and even in the university. This is Nemata Mardie, then Mrs Nemata Kaikumba and now Majeks Walker. I hail her and I wish all of you well. I thank you very much.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES.**

**HON. CLAUDE D.M. KAMANDA** [*Chief Whip*]: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to present the Sessional Parliamentary Committees for the Fifth Session [2017].

### **[1] COMMITTEE ON SELECTION**

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| <b>1. Hon. Speaker</b>                 | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Ibrahim Rassin Bundu</b>    | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah              |                 |
| 4. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai            |                 |
| 5. Hon. Chernor Ramadan Maju Bah       |                 |
| 6. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai           |                 |
| 7. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda |                 |
| 8. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis             |                 |
| 9. Hon. PC Alhaji Bai Shebora Yek II   |                 |

### **[2] STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Speaker</b>                  | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Chernor Ramadan Maju Bah</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| <b>Chairman</b>                         |                 |
| 3. Hon. Ibrahim Rassin Bundu            |                 |
| 4. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah               |                 |
| 5. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai             |                 |
| 6. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai            |                 |
| 7. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda  |                 |
| 8. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis              |                 |

### **[3] PUBLIC PETITION**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Speaker</b>             | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Ibrahim R Bundu            |                 |
| 4. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah          |                 |
| 5. Hon. Ajibola Manly Spain        |                 |
| 6. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai       |                 |

#### **[4] HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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| <b>1. Hon. Speaker</b>                       | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Ibrahim R Bundu</b>               | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai                  |                 |
| 4. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah                    |                 |
| 5. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda       |                 |
| 6. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis                   |                 |
| 7. Hon. PC Alhaji Bai Shebora Sellu Lugbu II |                 |

#### **[5] BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Ibrahim R Bundu</b>            | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai</b>        | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah                 |                 |
| 4. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda    |                 |
| 5. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis                |                 |
| 6. Hon. PC Mohamed Sama Kailondo Banya IV |                 |

#### **[6] APPOINTMENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Ibrahim R Bundu</b>            | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah</b>          | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai               |                 |
| 4. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai              |                 |
| 5. Hon. Chernor Ramadan Maju Bah          |                 |
| 6. Hon. Patrick L M Kargbo                |                 |
| 7. Hon. Abie Kaloko                       |                 |
| 8. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura                 |                 |
| 9. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda    |                 |
| 10. Hon. Benneh Bangura                   |                 |
| 11. Hon Gladys Gbappi Brima               |                 |
| 12. Hon Amadu Mohamed Kanu                |                 |
| 13. Hon Komba Eric Koedoyoma              |                 |
| 14. Hon Jusufu Barry Mansaray             |                 |
| 15. Hon Habib Munda                       |                 |
| 16. Hon PC Joseph Alie Kavura Kongomoh II |                 |

## **[7] AGRICULTURE FORESTRY AND FOOD SECURITY**

**1. Hon Alimamy G Kargbo** **Chairman**

**2. Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma** **Deputy**

3. Hon. Kemoko Conteh

4. Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara

5. Hon. Daniel B Koroma

6. Hon. Osman K Conteh

7. Hon. Hassan Sheriff

8. Hon. Sahr Tengbeh

9. Hon. Ibrahim Martin Bangura

10. Hon. Francis Konuwa

11. Hon. Mima Yema Mimi Sobba Stevens

12. Hon. Dauda D. Fawundu

13. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo

14. Hon. Francis Kaisamba

15. Hon. Abu Jajua

16. Hon. PC Alie Balansama Marah III

## **[8] DEFENCE AND PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS**

**1. Hon. Patrick Lahai M Kargbo** **Chairman**

**2. Hon. Mabinty Khadija Sillah** **Deputy**

3. Hon. Songowa Bundu

4. Hon. Frederich Sandy Sourie

5. Hon. Alpha B Lewally

6. Hon. Kombor Kamara

7. Hon. Hassan A Sesay

8. Hon. Alhassan Kamara

9. Hon. Sahr Fatorma

10. Hon. Amadu Fofanah

11. Hon. Komba E S Boyah

12. Hon. Navo Kaikai

13. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai

14. Hon. Frank Kposowa
15. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie
16. Hon. PC Bai Bureh Sallu Lugbu II

## **[9] EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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|--|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah</b>           | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Dr Roland Foday Kargbo</b>      | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Karifala Sheku Conteh              |                 |
| 4. Hon. Dr Michel Sho-Sawyerr              |                 |
| 5. Hon. Nicholas Kamara                    |                 |
| 6. Hon. Sheku Sannoh                       |                 |
| 7. Hon. Dr Abdulai Sesay                   |                 |
| 8. Hon. Dan Y Sesay                        |                 |
| 9. Hon. Kusan Sesay                        |                 |
| 10. Hon. Habib Munda                       |                 |
| 11. Hon. Sualiho Moyamba Koroma            |                 |
| 12. Hon. Helen Kuyembah                    |                 |
| 13. Hon. Frank Kposowa                     |                 |
| 14. Hon. Francis Kaisamba                  |                 |
| 15. Hon. Gladys Gbappi Brima               |                 |
| 16. Hon. PC Joseph Alie Kavura Kongomoh II |                 |

## **[10] ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Sulaiman Muluku Sisay</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Karifala Sheku Conteh</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Henneh Hassan Radar          |                 |
| 4. Hon. Kusan Sesay                  |                 |
| 5. Hon. Songowa Bundu                |                 |
| 6. Hon. Saar Sangbah                 |                 |
| 7. Hon. Abdul Salaam Kanu            |                 |
| 8. Hon. Ibrahim Knox Sankoh          |                 |
| 9. Hon. Allieu Badara K Munu         |                 |
| 10. Hon. Samuel H. Brima             |                 |
| 11. Hon. Jusufu B Mansaray           |                 |
| 12. Hon. Gladys Gbamoh Gbappi Brima  |                 |
| 13. Hon. Moses B Jorkie              |                 |

14. Hon. Salami Normolie Bockarie
15. Hon. Moses Alieu Swaray
16. Hon. PC Brima Victor Sidi Kebbie

### **[11] FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Sheriff B Hassan</b>           | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Alhaji Serray Dumbuya</b>      | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Alusine Marah                     |                 |
| 4. Hon. Amadu Fofanah                     |                 |
| 5. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda    |                 |
| 6. Hon. Rosaline J Smith                  |                 |
| 7. Hon. Ibrahim Kamara                    |                 |
| 8. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah                 |                 |
| 9. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura                 |                 |
| 10. Hon. Francis Kaisamba                 |                 |
| 11. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai             |                 |
| 12. Hon. Brima Conteh                     |                 |
| 13. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo               |                 |
| 14. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis               |                 |
| 15. Hon. Helen Kuyembah                   |                 |
| 16. Hon PC Mohamed Sama Kailondo Banya IV |                 |

### **[12] FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo</b>    | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Helen Kuyembah</b>        | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Bockarie Normolie Salami     |                 |
| 4. Hon. Abu Jajua                    |                 |
| 5. Hon. Mima Yema Mimi Sobba Stevens |                 |
| 6. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa         |                 |
| 7. Hon. Amadu Fofanah                |                 |
| 8. Hon. Dauda JB Kallon              |                 |
| 9. Hon. Abi Kalokoh                  |                 |
| 10. Hon. Thomas B Turay              |                 |
| 11. Hon. Allieu Badara K Munu        |                 |
| 12. Hon. Henneh Radar                |                 |
| 13. Hon. Kemoko Conteh               |                 |

14. Hon. Hassan Sesay
15. Hon. Bai Kaloko
16. Hon. PC Brima Victor Sidi Kebbie

**[13] FOREIGN AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
COMMITTEE**

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| <b>1. Hon. Mabinty Funna</b>   | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Dauda JB Kallon</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
3. Hon. Francis Kowa
  4. Hon. Mohamed Lamin Mansaray
  5. Hon. Sallieu Osman Sesay
  6. Hon. Albert Deen Kamara
  7. Hon. Ibrahim Pateh Bah
  8. Hon. Thomas B Turay
  9. Hon. Mohamed Jawara Kamara
  10. Hon. Moses B Jorkie
  11. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie
  12. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawallie
  13. Hon. Mustapha Braima
  14. Hon. Navo Kaikai
  15. Hon. Senesie Fawundu
  16. Hon. PC Alie Balansama Marah III

**[14] HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE**

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| <b>1. Hon. Dr Abdulai Sesay</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Alhassan Kamara</b>  | <b>Deputy</b>   |
3. Hon. Ibrahim Knox Sankoh
  4. Hon. Mohamed Lamin Mansaray
  5. Hon. Patricia Brown
  6. Hon. Dr Michel Sho-Sawyerr
  7. Hon. Mabinty Khadija Sillah
  8. Hon. VACANT
  9. Hon. Dr Aiah Dabundeh
  10. Hon. Abu Jajua
  11. Hon. Sualiho Moyamba Koroma
  12. Hon. Helen Kuyembah

13. Hon. Gladys Gbappi Brima
14. Hon. Bockarie Normolie Salami
15. Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba
16. Hon. PC Mohamed Sama Kailondo Banya IV

### **[15] HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Komba E S Boyah**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Brima Conteh**

**Deputy**

**Chairman**

3. Hon. Moses B Jorkie
4. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally
5. Hon. Tom Issic Tucker
6. Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay
7. Hon. Dr Bu-Buakei Jabbi
8. Hon. Regina Marah
9. Hon. Ajibola Manly Spain
10. Hon. Dan Y Sesay
11. Hon. Mabinty Khadija Sillah
12. Hon. Dr Aiah Dabundeh
13. Hon. Alimamy G Kargbo
14. Hon. Tamba Entocheba Ebba
15. Hon. David Johnson
16. Hon. PC Prince Lappia Boima IV

### **[16] INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Benneh Bangura**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Abie Kaloko**

**Deputy**

3. Hon. Karifala Sheku Conteh
4. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda
5. Hon. Sheku Sannoh
6. Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo
7. Hon. Regina Marah
8. Hon. Saar Sangbah
9. Hon. Hassan Sesay
10. Hon. Sualiho Monyaba Koroma
11. Hon. Frank Kposowa

12. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray
13. Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis
14. Hon. Gladys Gbappy Gbamoh Brima
15. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo
16. Hon. PC Bai Bureh Sallu Lugbu II

### **[17] INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon PC Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III** **Chairman**

**2. Hon. Alie Kalokoh** **Deputy**

3. Hon. Dr Aiah Dabundeh
4. Hon. Benneh Bangura
5. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura
6. Hon. Francis Kowa
7. Hon. **VACANT**
8. Hon. Ajibola Manly Spain
9. Hon. Aaroun Aruna Koroma
10. Hon. Ibrahim Pateh Bah
11. Hon. Senesie Fawundu
12. Hon. Alfred Brima Katta
13. Hon. Lansana Kemokai
14. Hon. Alusine Kanneh
15. Hon. Moses Allieu Swaray
16. Hon. Dickson Rogers

### **[18] LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Dr Foday I Suma** **Chairman**

**2. Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara** **Deputy**

3. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally
4. Hon. Dickson Rogers
5. Hon. Sahr Fatorma
6. Hon. Bashiru Silikie
7. Hon. Dauda D Fawundu
8. Hon. Thomas Solomon Segepoh
9. Hon. Dr Michel Sho-Sawyer
10. Hon. Kusan Sesay
11. Hon. Rosky Momokani Mbayo

12. Hon. Dr Roland Foday Kargbo
13. Hon. Daniel B Koroma
14. Hon. David Johnson
15. Hon. Alhaji Serray Dumbuya
16. Hon. PC Sheku A. T. Fasuluku Sonsiama III

**[19] COMMITTEE LANDS COUNTRY PLANNING AND THE ENVIROMENT**

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| <b>1. Hon. Rosaline J. Smith</b>       | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Ibrahim Pateh Bah</b>       | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Alie Kaloko                    |                 |
| 4. Hon. Henneh Raddar                  |                 |
| 5. Hon. Patrick Lahai M Kargbo         |                 |
| 6. Hon. Saidu Baba Kamara              |                 |
| 7. Hon. Abu Bakarr Koroma              |                 |
| 8. Hon. Tom Issic Tucker               |                 |
| 9. Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda |                 |
| 10. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray         |                 |
| 11. Hon. Komba ES Boyah                |                 |
| 12. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie              |                 |
| 13. Hon. Bashiru Silikie               |                 |
| 14. Hon. Sualiho Monyaba Koroma        |                 |
| 15. Hon. Abu Jajua                     |                 |
| 16. Hon. PC Prince Mambu Pewa          |                 |

**[20] LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Ajibola Manly Spain</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Daniel B Koroma</b>     | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Chernor RM Bah             |                 |
| 4. Hon. Ibrahim Kamara             |                 |
| 5. Hon. Benneh Bangura             |                 |
| 6. Hon. Abdul Salaam Kanu          |                 |
| 7. Hon. Alhaji Serray Dumbuya      |                 |
| 8. Hon. Alhassan Kamara            |                 |
| 9. Hon. Sallieu Osman Sesay        |                 |
| 10. Hon. Bu-Buakei Jabbi           |                 |

11. Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay
12. Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas
13. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally
14. Hon. Emma Josephine Kowa
15. Hon. Navo Kaikai
16. Hon. PC Prince Lappia Boima IV

## **[21] COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Abu Bakarr Koroma</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Abdul Salaam Kanu</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
3. Hon. Ajibola Manly Spain
  4. Hon. Patricia Brown
  5. Hon. Kemoko Conteh
  6. Hon. Ibrahim Kamara
  7. Hon. Dan Y Sesay
  8. Hon. Regina Marah
  9. Hon. Mohamed Lamin Mansaray
  10. Hon. Lansana Ibrahim Kemokai
  11. Hon. Mohamed K Thorley
  12. Hon. Sahr Fatorma
  13. Hon. Gladys Gbappy Gbamoh Brima
  14. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie
  15. Hon. Thomas Solomon Segepoh
  16. Hon. PC Bai Bureh Sallu Lugbu II

## **[22] MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Amadu Mohamed Kanu</b>   | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Tamba Entochema Ebba</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
- Chairman**
3. Hon. Chernor Ramadan Maju Bah
  4. Hon. Henneh Raddar
  5. Hon. Alusine Marah
  6. Hon. Sahr Tengbeh
  7. Hon. Dr Abdulai Sesay
  8. Hon. Tom Issic Tucker
  9. Hon. Alimamy G Kargbo

10. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
11. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa
12. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo
13. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
14. Hon. Emma Josephine Kowa
15. Hon. Brima Conteh
16. Hon. PC Sheku A. T. Fasuluku Sonsiama III

### **[23] NGOs AND NaCSA COMMITTEE**

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| <b>1. Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo</b>          | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Martin Bangura</b>              | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah                  |                 |
| 4. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai               |                 |
| 5. Hon. Claude D M Kamanda                 |                 |
| 6. Hon. Sidi M. Tunis                      |                 |
| 7. Hon. Jusufu B. Mansaray                 |                 |
| 8. Hon. Dr Foday Suma                      |                 |
| 9. Hon. Thomas B Turay                     |                 |
| 10. Hon. Patricia Umu Bangura              |                 |
| 11. Hon. Amadu Fofanah                     |                 |
| 12. Hon. Mohamed L Mansaray                |                 |
| 13. Hon. Gladys Gbappi Brima               |                 |
| 14. Hon. Francis Kaisamba                  |                 |
| 15. Hon. Helen Kuyembah                    |                 |
| 16. Hon. PC Joseph Alie Kavura Kongomoh II |                 |

### **[24] POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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| <b>1. Hon. Mima Mimi Sobba Stevens</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Andrew Victor Lungay</b>    | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Allieu Badara K Munu           |                 |
| 4. Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo             |                 |
| 5. Hon. Dr Abdulai Sesay               |                 |
| 6. Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara           |                 |
| 7. Hon. Tamba Entochema Ebba           |                 |
| 8. Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara             |                 |
| 9. Hon. Osman K Conteh                 |                 |

10. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura
11. Hon. Alusine Kanneh
12. Hon. Bashiru Silikie
13. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally
14. Hon. Mustapha Brima
15. Hon. Patrick Lahai M Kargbo
16. Hon. PC Mansa Paki Kabombor II

### **[25] PRIVILEGES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. James N D Alie</b>       | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Mustapha Braima             |                 |
| 4. Hon. Mohamed Tholley             |                 |
| 5. Hon. Emma Josephine Kowa         |                 |
| 6. Hon. Moiwa Momoh                 |                 |
| 7. Hon. Patrick Lahai M Kargbo      |                 |
| 8. Hon. Sallieu Osman Sesay         |                 |
| 9. Hon. Ibrahim Nox Sankoh          |                 |
| 10. Hon. Leonard S Fofanah          |                 |
| 11. Hon. Songowa Bundu              |                 |
| 12. Hon. Albert Deen Kamara         |                 |
| 13. Hon. Dr Aiah Dabundeh           |                 |
| 14. Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo         |                 |
| 15. Hon. Sulaiman Muluku Sisay      |                 |
| 16. Hon. PC Alex M. J. J. Kainpumu  |                 |

### **[26] PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Chernor RM Bah</b>     | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara      |                 |
| 4. Hon. Sheriff B Hassan          |                 |
| 5. Hon. Alpha B. Lewally          |                 |
| 6. Hon. Lahai Marah               |                 |
| 7. Hon. Sulaiman Muluku Sisay     |                 |
| 8. Hon. Dr Foday I Suma           |                 |
| 9. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa      |                 |

10. Hon. Helen Kuyembah
11. Hon. PC Alhaji Bai Shebora Yek II

## **[26] SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Hassan A Sesay</b>      | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Songowa Bundu</b>       | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Alusine Kanneh             |                 |
| 4. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie           |                 |
| 5. Hon. Navo Kaikai                |                 |
| 6. Hon. Alfred B Katta             |                 |
| 7. Hon. Mabinty Funna              |                 |
| 8. Hon. Dr Roland Foday Kargbo     |                 |
| 9. Hon. Lahai Marah                |                 |
| 10. Hon. Emma Josephine Kowa       |                 |
| 11. Hon. Gladys Gbappy G Brima     |                 |
| 12. Hon. Frederick Sandy Sourie    |                 |
| 13. Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara      |                 |
| 14. Hon. Kombor Kamara             |                 |
| 15. Hon. Abu Bakarr Koroma         |                 |
| 16. Hon. PC Alex M. J. J. Kainpumu |                 |

## **[27] SPORTS COMMITTEE**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Hon. Habib Munda</b>    | <b>Chairman</b> |
| <b>2. Hon. Samuel H Brima</b> | <b>Deputy</b>   |
| 3. Hon. Francis Kowa          |                 |
| 4. Hon. Amadu Fofana          |                 |
| 5. Hon. David Johnson         |                 |
| 6. Hon. Alhassan Kamara       |                 |
| 7. Hon. Rosky Momokani Mbayo  |                 |
| 8. Hon. Bai Kaloko            |                 |
| 9. Hon. Alpha B Lewally       |                 |
| 10. Hon. Mohamed K Thorley    |                 |
| 11. Hon. Saidu Mansaray       |                 |
| 12. Hon. Alusine Kanneh       |                 |
| 13. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa |                 |
| 14. Hon. Osman K Conteh       |                 |

15. Hon. Mohamed Kamara
16. Hon. PC Brima Victor Sidi Kebbie

## **[28] TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**1. Hon. Gladys Gbappi Brima**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Bockarie Normolie Salami**

**Deputy**

### **Chairman**

3. Hon. Saidu Mansaray
4. Hon. Dr Bu-Buakei Jabbi
5. Hon. Alfred B Katta
6. Hon. Mohamed K Thorley
7. Hon. Patricia Brown
8. Hon. Bai Kaloko
9. Hon. Alie Kaloko
10. Hon. Tamba Entochema Ebba
11. Hon. Sulaiman Muluku Sisay
12. Hon. Mohamed Jawara Kamara
13. Hon. Abi Kaloko
14. Hon. Nicholas Kamara
15. Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma
16. Hon. PC Prince Mambu Pewa

## **[29] TRADE COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Dauda D Fawundu**

**Deputy**

3. Hon. James ND Allie
4. Hon. Komba E S Boyah
5. Hon. Bockarie Normolie Salami
6. Hon. Frank Kposowa
7. Hon. Sheku Sannoh
8. Hon. Dr Foday I Suma
9. Hon. Alusine Marah
10. Hon. Frederick Sandy Sourie
11. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura
12. Hon. Songowa Bundu
13. Hon. Hassan B Sheriff

14. Hon. Mohamed Kamara
15. Hon. Rosky Momokani Mbayo
16. Hon. PC Alhaji Bai Shebora Yek II

### **[30] TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

1. **Hon. Claude Daniel Melville Kamanda**                      **Chairman**
2. **Hon. Sahr Tengbeh**    **Deputy**
3. Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma
4. Hon. Benneh Bangura
5. Hon. Songowa Bundu
6. Hon. Mohamed Kamara
7. Hon. Amadu Fofanah
8. Hon. Sallieu Osman Sesay
9. Hon Albert Deen Kamara
10. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
11. Hon. Komba E S Boyah
12. Hon. Edward Stile Jengo
13. Hon. Samuel H Brima
14. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
15. Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba
16. Hon. PC Mansa Paki Kabombor II

### **[31] TRANSPORTS AND AVIATION COMMITTEE**

1. **Hon. Alpha B. Lewally**                      **Chairman**
2. **Hon. Nicholas Kamara**    **Deputy**
3. Hon. Kemoko Conteh
4. Hon. Abu Bakarr Koroma
5. Hon. Amadu Mohamed Kanu
6. Hon. Ibrahim Nox Sankoh
7. Hon. Mohamed Jawara Kamara
8. Hon. Kombor Kamara
9. Hon. Saar Sangbah
10. Hon. Habib Munda
11. Hon. Komba ES Boyah
12. Hon. Abu Jajua
13. Hon. Bockarie Normolie Salami

14. Hon. Bashiru Silikie
15. Hon. Dr Bu-Buakei Jabbi
16. Hon. PC Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III

### **[32] WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Sualiho Monyaba Koroma**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Abu Jajua**

**Deputy**

3. Hon. Dauda D. Fawundu
4. Hon. Francis Amara Kaisamba
5. Hon. Alfred B. Katta
6. Hon. Foday Rado Yokie
7. Hon. Lahai Marah
8. Hon. Dauda J B Kallon
9. Hon. Rosaline J Smith
10. Hon. Hassan B Sheriff
11. Hon. Amadu Mohamed Kanu
12. Hon. Frederick Sandy Sourie
13. Hon. Ibrahim Kamara
14. Hon. Mohamed Lamin Mansaray
15. Hon. Mabinty Khadija Sillah
16. Hon. PC Alhaji Bai Shebora Yek II

### **[33] WORKS, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Kombor Kamara**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Albert Deen Kamara**

**Deputy**

3. Hon. Rosaline J Smith
4. Hon. David Johnson
5. Hon. Kemoko Conteh
6. Hon. Abdul Salaam Kanu
7. Hon. Sheku Sannoh
8. Hon. Sahr Tengbeh
9. Hon. Ibrahim Martin Bangura
10. Hon. Stile Jengo
11. Hon. Francis Kaisamba
12. Hon. Samuel H Brima
13. Hon. Sualiho Monyaba Koroma

14. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa
15. Hon. Abu Jajua
16. Hon. PC Bai Kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III

### **[34] YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**1. Hon. Francis Amara Konuwa**

**Chairman**

**2. Hon. Frank Kposowa**

**Deputy**

#### **Chairman**

3. Hon. Dauda J. B. Kallon
4. Hon. Mohamed Kamara
5. Hon. Nicholas Kamara
6. Hon. Michel Sho-Sawyer
7. Hon. Alie Kalokoh
8. Hon. Dr Roland Foday Kargbo
9. Hon. Daniel B Koroma
10. Hon. Umar Paran Tarawally
11. Hon. Alfred Brima Katta
12. Hon. Thomas B Turay
13. Hon. **VACANT**
14. Hon. Dickson M Rogers
15. Hon. Habib Munda
16. Hon. PC Mansa Paki Kabombor II

### **[35] SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

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|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 17. Hon. Ibrahim R Bundu      | - | Majority Leader                            |
| 18. Hon. Dr Bernadette Lahai  | - | Minority Leader                            |
| 19. Hon. Leonard S Fofana     | - | Majority Deputy Leader                     |
| 20. Hon. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai | - | Minority Deputy Leader                     |
| 21. Hon. Chernor RM Bah       | - | Deputy Speaker                             |
| 22. Mr Ibrahim S. Sesay       | - | Clerk of Parliament/Secretary to Committee |

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[The Sessional Committees, as pronounced by the Chief Whip, have been approved]*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*[The House rose at 1:03 p.m., and was adjourned to Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January,  
2017 at 10:00am]*