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THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

TENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service met on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March 2015 and interviewed a total of ten Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone State Lottery
- ii. Four Board Members, Sierra Leone State Lottery
- iii. Two Members, Minerals Advisory Board
- iv. Member, National Commission for Privatization
- v. Board Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)
- vi. Member, Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT)

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 hold 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 vision for a nationally productive tenure. Unsuitability in terms of character to hold such high offices were very closely scrutinized.

3. TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

Mr. Jennings Anto Brian Wright_ Proposed Board Member, National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT)

Mr. Jennings Wright is a Trade Unionist who has spent the better part of his life in Trade union activities. He joined trade unionism in 1974 and has since devoted his entire life to that field of endeavour. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Vice President, Sierra Leone Labour Congress.

Responding to members' inquiries on NASSIT's investments, Mr. Jennings Wright said he will endeavour to first familiarize himself with the investments NASSIT is currently engaged in, try to consolidate such investments to yield dividends before engaging in any new investments.

Answering to further questions, Mr. Jennings Wright promised to work to the best of his ability to ensure that Board Members steer NASSIT towards carrying out its core functions for the retirement benefit of contributors. "As a representative of the Labour Congress on the Board," Mr. Wright said, "my business would entail ensuring that our Members, who have or are contributing to NASSIT, enjoy the benefits of their contributions. We are therefore obliged to ensure that the NASSIT fund, the people's money, is properly managed."

ii. Mr. Alpha Badamasi Savage - Proposed Member, National Commission for Privatization

Mr. Savage is a professional Civil Engineer with 36 years of professional engineering work experience of which, twenty-one years has been in Academia, teaching at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Savage specializes in highway, traffic and transportation engineering, including transportation engineering economics. He is currently a Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. (2012-2015)

Answering to probing questions, Mr. Alpha Savage said " in my capacity as board member, I will help the National Commission for Privatization to make quick responses to the privatization process and to address the challenges facing the Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

Mr. Savage promised to draw on his professional and business experiences for the success of the Commission.

iii. Ing. Georgette Ayomi Monica Greene - Proposed Board Member, SLRA

Ing. Greene is a Civil/Structural Engineer with eight years post-graduate work experience obtained both locally and internationally. She is currently working for Hawk Plant Limited Sierra Leone as Senior Engineer.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Ing. Greene assured Members about her preparedness to serve on the board of the SLRA. "I think I am up to the task and as an Engineer, I will give my honest and objective opinion on issues."

Answering to further question, Ing Greene opined that "most places in Sierra Leone including the capital city of Freetown, do not adhere to the law regarding the Right-of-Way. SLRA," she went on, "should demarcate the Right-of-Way and those who do not adhere to the Right-of-Way should face the full force of the law."

iv. Mr. Soulay Ishmail Touray-Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery

Mr. Soulay Ishmail Touray is an Accountant who has served in several business institutions including:

1979 – 1982 - The Sierra Leone Produce Marketing Board, SLPMB

1988 – 1989 - Kunike Rural Bank, Makali

1989 – 1992 - Sierra Leone Housing Corporation

1997 - Moreeah Fishing Development Company

2000 – 2005 - Appointed member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Road

Transport Authority

2005- 2013 - Accountant, Freetown Central Lorry Park Co., Limited

Mr. Touray promised to work to the best of his ability to instill financial discipline into the institution.

4. THIRTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

v. P.C. Charles. Caulker – Proposed Member, Minerals Advisory Board

P.C. Charles B. Caulker is a traditional ruler (1984 to date) and chairman, National Council of Paramount Chiefs. He was a Member of Parliament 1996-2007 during the course of which he served on several Parliamentary Committees.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries on his role as an adviser to the Minister and Ministry of Mineral Resources, P.C. Caulker said, "it is a golden opportunity for me to sit on the board of the Mineral Advisory Board to give pieces of advice on mining and mineral exploration in Sierra Leone. I pledge my loyalty to the nation and I promise to put the interest of this nation above all personal considerations."

vi. Mr. Victor Emmanuel Remoe Doherty – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery

Mr. Doherty is a businessman and Managing Director of Sabrener Security Agency. He had previously served for twenty years in the Sierra Leone Police Force where he rose to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Victor Doherty said, "State Lottery is between life and death because it is no longer the vibrant State Lottery that we use to know. If I get the Parliamentary blessing of approval, I will bring to bear on management and staff, discipline, accountability and prudent management of state resources so that the company will provide the much needed revenue that this country needs for its development strides.

vii. Mr. Davidson Aloysius Kuyateh -Proposed member, National Commission for Privatization (NCP)

Mr. Kuyateh is an educationist who has spent the better part of his working life in the noble profession of teaching. In 1990, he joined the Sierra Leone

Teachers' Union (SLTU) Executive as Assistant Secretary-General. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Secretary-General of the S.L.T.U.

Reacting to the Committee, Mr. Kuyateh opined that there were certain government owned enterprises that were definitely not viable. Government, he said, was maintaining such enterprises at a high cost, hence a liability. "I believe such enterprises would be better off being privatized and sold to the public sector that has the know-how to make them work better.

viii. Commodore Moses Bayemen Miller – Proposed Member, Mineral Advisory Board

Commodore Miller joined the Sierra Leone Armed Forces in 1986 as Officer Cadet after graduating from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. He pursued further studies in Ghana that qualified him as a Pilot in the Navy Wing of the Army. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Chief of Defence Staff Support and Logistics.

Reacting to the Committee, Commodore Miler said, "as a scientist, I know about minerals. I believe that the aspect of leadership and discipline will be at the forefront of my contribution to that board.

Answering to further questions on his role on the Minerals Board, Commodore Moses Miller said that the role of the Board entails:

- monitoring mining companies,
- advising the Minister on environmental damages caused by mining
- advising on the mitigation of the environmental damages
- ensuring that the nation derives maximum benefit for its natural endowments etc.

ix. Alhaji Mohamed Dondondo Bangura- Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone State Lottery

Mr. Bangura is a retired Public Officer who has served in several institution in this country including the police, Sierra Leone Produce Marketing Board (S.L.P.M.B.) the Sierra Leone Ports Authority etc. and has had extensive work experience abroad particularly in the former Soviet Union and China.

Answering to the Committee's inquiries, Alhaji Mohamed Dondondo Bangura said he was well aware of the cut-throat competition facing State Lottery from Mercury which, he said, was not beyond his ability to handle. "My sole aim is to make a difference when I get there," he said.

x. Mrs. Kadie Sawyerr-Proposed Board Member Sierra Leone State Lottery

Mrs. Kadie Sawyerr is an active Community women's leader. She founded and nurtured, as Executive Director, two important Associations that are still serving the Sierra Leone Community and these were:

- i. 'Women and Children in Crisis Organization' founded in 2004 and
- ii. 'Consumer Welfare Association.'

Answering to questions, Mrs. Kadie Sawyerr said, " I'm prepared to use my business acumen to revitalize the Sierra Leone State Lottery and to make it provide revenue for the state.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Alhaji Mohamed Dondondo Bangura- Chairman, Sierra Leone State Lottery
- ii. Mrs. Kadie Sawyerr- Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery Ltd
- iii. Mr. Victor Remoe- Doherty- Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery
- iv. Mr. Soulay Ishmail Touray- Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery
- v. P. C. Charles Caulker Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- vi. Commodore Moses Bayemen Miller- Member, Mines Advisory Board
- vii. Mr. Davidson Aloysius Kuyeteh Member, National Commission for Privatization
- viii. Mr. Alpha Badamasi Savage-Member, National Commission for Privatization
- ix. Ms. Georgette Ayomi Monica Greene-Board Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)

x. Mr. Jennings Anto Brian Wright- Member, Board of Trustees, National Social Security and Insurance Trust (NASSIT)

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Tenth Report is the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Tenth Report of the Third Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu
Chairman
Date







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SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLICOF SIERRA LEONE

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ANDTHE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2015 AT 2:00 P. M.

- 1. **Prayers** Members observed a moment of silent meditation.
- 2. Attendance
- 2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present.
 - i. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu **Chairman.**
 - ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 - iii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
 - iv. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - viii. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - ix. Hon, Brimah Conteh

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- x. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
- xi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

- xii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xiii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- xiv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- xv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- 5. **PUBLIC HEARING** Hearing was open to the public and the press.
- 6. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:
- 5:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:
 - i. Mr. Jennings Anto Brian Wright-Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, NASSIT
 - ii. Mr. Soulay Ishmail Touray- Proposed Board Member, S L. State Lottery
 - iii. Ms. Georgette Ayomi Monica Greene-Proposed Board Member, SLRA
 - iv. Mr. Alpha Badamasi Savage-Proposed Member, National Commission for Privatization

7. Closed Session

6:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the four candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 4: 30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON **APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY** 25 MARCH 2015 AT 11:00 A. M.

- 1. **Prayers** - Members observed a moment of silent meditation.
- 2. **Attendance**
- 2.3 The following Members of the Committee were present.
 - İ. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu Chairman
 - ii. Hon, Leonard S. Fofanah
 - iii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 - iv. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - ٧. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vi. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis vii.
 - viii. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - ix. Hon. Mabinty Funna
 - Hon. Brimah Conteh Χ.
 - χİ. Hon. Benneh Bangura

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- ii. P. C. Charles Caulker Proposed Member, Minerals Advisory Board
- iii. Commodore Moses Bayemen Miller- Proposed Member, Mines Advisory Board
- iv. Mrs. Kadie Sawyerr- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery Ltd
- v. Mr. Davidson Aloysius Kuyeteh Proposed Member, National Commission for Privatization
- vi. Mr. Victor Remoe- Doherty- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone State Lottery

10. Closed Session

6:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the six candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 2: 30 p.m.

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