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

**FOURTEENTH REPORT 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 obligations, met on Monday 24th October, 2016 and interviewed eight Presidential nominees for appointments as follows:-

- i. Chairman, National Youth Service Board
- ii. Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate College of Health Specialities
- iii. Three Board Members, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- iv. Member, National Civil Registration Authority
- v. Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- vi. Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Pertinent questions put to the nominees were related to their educational backgrounds, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful and nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into.

3. **FIFTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 24TH**
OCTOBER, 2016

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. **Professor David Sarah Momoh Koroma – Proposed Chairman,
National Youth Service
Board**

Professor David Momoh Koroma is currently the Executive Secretary of the Sierra Leone Tertiary Education Commission. Professor Koroma is a great teacher, a man who has spent the better part of his working life in teaching from St. Francis Secondary School, Makeni (1968 – 1969) to post-primary institutions in the Ukraine, (1969-1977) the University of Moscow, (1978), University of Maiduguri, Nigeria (1979-1990) where he became professor and, Visiting Professor, Frankfurt University, Germany (2002). Professor David Sarah Momoh Koroma has a very long list of publications to his name.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Professor Koroma outlined his vision for the young people of Sierra Leone thus: "Throughout my life as teacher, I have always believed that young people could be made better. I have always looked out for trouble makers and tried to find out why they are troublesome. The reason may be because he/she is neglected at home or nobody is interested in their affairs. When you find that kind of student and you show care for them they will change their attitude completely. I believe society can be a better place if our youths are cared for, " he said.

Questioned about his mandate as the Board Chairman, Prof. David Momoh Koroma, said "the National Youth Service was established to ensure that we train our youths who are graduating from University to make them better citizens, direct, expose them to community life and the job market for employment opportunities and to develop their entrepreneurial skills for self-reliance. We plan to make sure that a graduate from Kailahun is sent to Kabala so that we get him to know the culture of Kabala and may eventually marry and integrate into that community. We want to make sure our young people graduating from the Universities are taught leadership skills by action and example. Every student would be required to devise and implement a project in the community he is posted to so that they leave a visible mark the community would continue to benefit from, " he said.

ii. **PC Melrose Marie Forster-Gberie – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate College of Health Specialities**

PC Melrose Marie Forster-Gberie is the Paramount Chief of Kpanda-Kemo Chiefdom, Bonthe District. She had previously served as a Registered Nurse at the John F. Kennedy Hospital, Monrovia, Liberia.

In her response to probing questions, P. C. Melrose Forster- Gberie promised to work “collaboratively with colleague Board Members to ensure that medical practitioners are well trained to have the requisite qualifications before being posted to hospitals,” she said.

iii. **Mr. Arthur Ebum Davies - Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority**

Mr. Arthur Ebum Davies is a Sierra Leonean British Civil Engineer. After obtaining his primary and secondary education in Sierra Leone, Mr. Davies proceeded to the United Kingdom to pursue further education in Civil Engineer. He lived and worked in England in various Engineering positions from 1986 - 2006. Returning to Sierra Leone, he has been serving as Chief Engineer, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) from 2006 to date

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Arthur Ebum Davies deposed that he has vast experience in engineering project management. “I hear that the Sierra Leone Ports Authority will be undertaking key projects for which I believe I would be able to give my expert advice and also assist the Board with my knowledge and skills to arrive at well informed decisions.”

Giving his opinion on the Ports hosting of multi-billionaire companies like Bollorie International and the Dangote Group of Companies, Mr. Arthur Ebum Davies said that was an exciting moment for Sierra Leoneans, the Board Members and the Ports management because the presence of these multi-national companies has prompted the expansion of the ports into a major international hub. As a Professional Engineer, I view this as positive development because it is a major infrastructural development that will help the Port management in terms of negotiation for the delivery of goods. I think it is an exciting prospect, with the patriotism I have for my country, to sit on the negotiation table with the Dangotes of this world and the billionaires from Bollorie. I will ensure that we negotiate a better contract for posterity.”

**iv. Mr. Augustine Aruna Richard Koroma - Proposed Boar Member,
Sierra Leone Ports Authority**

Mr. Augustine Aruna Richard Koroma is a former Councillor, (2004 - 2008) and Chairman, Tonkolili District Council (2008 – 2012). He had previously served as a teacher and Head-teacher (1991- 2008)

Reacting to the Committee's probing, Mr. Augustine Koroma promised to draw on his past experience to advise on institutional strengthening and capacity building for the Port management so as to be able to effectively handle agreements made with Bollorie and the Dangote Group of companies for increased revenue generation.

**v. Mrs. Fatu-Maria Conteh - Proposed Board Member, Sierra
Leone Ports Authority**

Ms. Fatu-Maria Conteh is the Deputy Managing Director of the Sierra Leone National Shipping Company. She joined the company in 2006 as Assistant Manager, Operations and rose through the ranks to her current position.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Ms. .Fatu Maria Conteh, said, "coming from Shipping Company background, I am sure I have a lot to offer. If I could briefly take you back, most of the developments that we are now seeing at the Ports came as a result of the hue and cry of shipping Companies. Importers generally approved of the privatization of the containers section of the Ports including the recently launched expansion project of the Port.

Ms. Fatu-Maria Conteh did not agree with the Committee that there would be any conflict of interest in her service on the Board of the Ports Authority. If there is any issues of conflict of interest I will declare it and step out. I will always put the interest of this country first," she said.

**vi. Maude Regina Peacock – Proposed Board Member, National
Civil Registration Authority**

Mrs. Maude Peacock is a Senior Principal Lecturer at the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology. (1985 to date) She had previously served as a Lecturer, Port-Loko Teachers College (1972 – 1975)

Responding to the Committee's questions on her Board experience, Mrs. Peacock said, I have served as Chairman of the Board of the National Power Authority for six years during which I gave strategic guidance for energy efficiency. I am sure I am still in position to continue giving strategic guidance to National Civil Registration Authority."

Commenting on the mandate of the National Civil Registration Authority Mrs. Maude Peacock said that the Authority is responsible for the collection of data on all people living in Sierra Leone and for issuing out identification cards. She promised to work to the best of her ability for the success of the Authority.

vii. Florence Thomas – Proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners

Ms. Florence Thomas is an Account Officer who has successfully served in several institutions between 2003 and 2009. She is currently pursuing an ACCA course at the Institute of Chartered Accounts of Sierra Leone (20014 - 2016)

In her interview, Ms. Florence Thomas promised to work collaboratively with other Board Members to ensure that aggrieved taxpayers are heard and their grievances addressed accordingly in a fair and just manner.

viii. Maseray Masseline Conteh – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)

Madam Maseray M. Conteh was, until recently, a public servant who had variously served in the Government Gold and Diamond Office, Sierra Fisheries, Cape Sierra Hotel and the Bintumani Hotel as an individual worker and a team player.

AMadam Maseray M. Conteh promised to work for the provision of adequate transport facilities for the poor market women, traders and the handicap.

**4. EXCERPT FROM THE THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

i. Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay - Proposed member S. L Council of Post-graduate college of Health Specialties

Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay is an outstanding Evangelist of the Westleyan Church. He is a lecturer at the Evangelical College of Theology and has spent all his working life in preaching, teaching and training disciples and evangelists.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Rev. Dr. Philip Sesay promised to work to the best of his ability to help achieve the goals for which the Council of Post-graduate college of Health Specialties was established.

5. 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. Prof. David Sarah Momoh Koroma - Chairman-National Youth Service Board
- ii. P. C. Melrose Marie Foster-Gberie - Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- iii. Rev. Dr. Philip B. S. Sesay - Member, Sierra Leone Council of Post-graduate college of Health Specialties
- iv. Mr. Arthur Eburn Davies – Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- v. Mr. Augustine A. Richard Koroma -Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- vi. Mrs. Fatu Maria Conteh - Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- vii. Mrs. Maude Peacock- Member, National Civil Registration Authority
- viii. Ms. Florence Thomas, Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners

- ix. Mrs. Maseray Masseline Conteh- Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fourteenth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fourteenth Report of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service and the excerpt of the Thirteenth Report 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
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**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON MONDAY
24TH OCTOBER, 2016 AT 2:00 P. M.**

1. **Prayers** – Prayers were said by the Clerk.

2. **Attendance**

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present:

- i. Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu – Chairman
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iv. Hon. Claude.D.M. Kamanda
- v. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
- vi. Hon Patrick L. M. Kargbo
- vii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- viii. Hon. Abie Kalokoh
- ix. Hon. Mohamed S. Tunis

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- ii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Mabinty H Bangura
- vii. Hon. Alhaji. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- viii. Hon Habib Munda

- ix. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- x. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray
- xi. Hon. PC. Joseph A. K. Kongomoh II

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Hearing was open to the public and the press.

4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Prof. David Sarah Momoh Koroma –Proposed Chairman-National Youth Service Board
- ii. P. C. Melrose Marie Foster-Gberie - Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- iii. Mr. Arthur Ebum Davies – Proposed Board Member, S. L. Ports Authority
- iv. Mr. Augustine A. Richard Koroma --Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- v. Mrs. Fatu Maria Conteh - Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- vi. Mrs. Maude Peacock--Proposed Member, National Civil Registration Authority
- vii. Ms. Florence Thomas, proposed Member, Income Tax Board of Appellate Commissioners
- viii. Mrs. Maseray Masseline Conteh-Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation (SLRTC)

5. Closed Session

5:1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the eight candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 5:30 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees.

