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

**SIXTEENTH 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 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and interviewed eight Presidential nominees for appointments as follows:-

- i. Chairman, Sierra Leone Council for Post-Graduate colleges of health Specialties
- ii. Chairman, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- iii. Two Members, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- iv. Two Board Members, National Drug Enforcement Agency Board
- v. Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission
- vi. Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports 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. SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBERBER, 2016**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. **Professor Durodami Radcliffe Lisk – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Council for Post-Graduate Colleges of Health Specialties**

Professor Dr. Lisk is a world renowned Neurologist with extensive international work experience. He is currently:

- i. a Consultant Neurologist to the Ministry of Health & Sanitation  
ii. the Coordinator, Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) U.K. Epilepsy Project, Sierra Leone  
iii. unpaid Visiting Professor, College of Medicine and Allied Sciences

Professor Lisk has an enormous wealth of Board experience and a long list of academic and medical publications to his name.

Responding to probing questions on the need for Sierra Leone to have a Council for Post-graduate Colleges of the Health Specialties, Professor Lisk opined that Sierra Leone has never had the opportunity to train its own medical specialists. Post-graduate training of surgeons, physicians, gynecologists, and pediatricians have all been done abroad and there are issues arising from that. Firstly, he said, many of those sent abroad for training do not comeback and we are losing many trained specialists to the United States, United Kingdom and other first world countries. Secondly, he said, the cost involved in post-graduate training abroad is a major drain on government resources. Finally, he said, doctors are trained-on-the-job. "So when we send out doctors for training abroad, it means that during their period of training, they are actually working and helping the health service of the host country instead of working at home in Sierra Leone whilst pursuing their Post-Graduate courses. Because of all these, we felt that it is about time to have a Post-Graduate College of Specialists. To be honest with this House, Sierra Leone is the last Anglophone territory in West Africa to establish a medical Post-graduate College," he said.

**ii. Professor Dr. Kabineh Koroma - Proposed Chairman, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority**

Professor Dr. Kabineh has over twenty years of successful academic career in lecturership, teaching and training in Africa and the USA. He has a rich background in a wide range of business undertakings including geotechnical consultancy and social enterprises in Europe and Africa. The nominee has excellent negotiation and bargaining skills, conception and implementation of major fund-sourcing initiatives for various business projects.

Professor Kabineh has a wealth of Board experience and has previously served as Board Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board, 2010-2014.

Reacting to probing questions on his strategy to solve the electricity problem in the country, Professor Dr. Kabineh Koroma said, "I think the best way to do it is for me to help provide the leadership not only to the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority but to the Ministry as well. The Government has set itself to achieve laudable goals within a specified deadline and, I am sure that if I obtained the blessings of this House, I will draw on my wealth of experience for the success of this institution. I promise to do my best," he said.

**i. Mr. Kalilu Omaro Bah – Proposed Board Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency**

Mr. K.O. Bah, as he is fondly called, is a Veteran Civil Servant of no mean standing. He joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1981, rose through the ranks and retired as Director-General of the Ministry of Defence.

The nominee has a wealth of work experience in Provincial Administration where he served as:

- i. 1984 -1989 Assistant District Officer, Kenema
- ii. 1989 – 1992 – District Officer, Bonthe
- iii. 1993 – 1994 – District Officer, Koinadugu
- iv. 1994 – 1996 – District Officer, Port-Loko

Mr. Bah also served as Permanent Secretary in a number of government Ministries.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. K. O. Bah agreed with the Committee that drug abuse is a perennial problem in Sierra Leone. "Youths as well as some older people nationwide indulge in it," he said. Mr. Bah promised to

draw on his experience in Provincial Administration and at the Ministry of Defense to help enforce the drug law to minimize the problem of drug abuse situation in the country.”

**ii. Mr. Ibrahim Kabia - Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission.**

Mr. Kabia is the president of the “Consumer Protection Council” in Sierra Leone. He has previously served as Board member, National Telecommunication Commission.

Reacting to the Committee’s probing questions, Mr. Kabia promised to cooperate and collaborate with other board Members to formulate policies that will make water and electricity accessible to the public.

**iii. Mr. Amadu Dumbuya - Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority**

Mr. Amadu Dumbuya is a chartered Accountant with an impressive mix of knowledge, skills and abilities in financial management backed by 29 years of professional work experience.

Mr. Dumbuya has consistently served the Sierra Leone State Lottery from 1987 to date and is currently the Director of Finance.

Answering to probing questions, Mr. Dumbuya opined that there is no way this nation will develop without electricity. Electricity, he said, is the power that is needed to run the engine of development. “It is therefore not a mistake that His Excellency, the President has made electricity one of his priorities. I promise to do my best to help actualize the dreams of the President for this nation,” he said.

**iv. Ms. Ada Conteh – Proposed Board Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Board.**

Ms. Ada Conteh is a consumer Protection activist. She has previously served as a Board Member of the Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission.

Ms. Ada Conteh agreed with the Committee that the drug abuse situation in the country was bad and that everything must be done to combat it. Ms. Ada Conteh promised not only to help enforce the drug laws but to embark on the sensitization of youths, to educate them on the problems of drug abuse to themselves, their families and their communities. "As a youth, I know they will listen to me," she said.

**v. Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Kamara - Proposed Board Member,  
Sierra Leone Ports Authority**

Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Koroma is a trade Unionist and the Secretary General of the Sierra Union of Postal & Telecommunication Employees.

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Koroma said that as a Trade Unionist, he knew the executive of the Maritime and dock workers Union and was au fait with their union issues. "I have had discussions with them. I know some of their concerns and I believe I will be able to give appropriate advice on the burning issues of casual workers, minimum daily wage and other issues. I promise to do my best," he said.

**vi. Mr. Edward Komeh - Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution  
and Supply Authority**

Mr. Edward Komeh is a Consumer Protection activist (2004 to date.) and is the National Coordinator of the Consumer Protection Agency.

Outlining his strategy, Mr. Edward Komeh promised to cooperate with colleague Board Members to protect the consumers by ensuring that management promptly look into and address their complaints.

#### **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. Professor Durodami Radcliffe Lisk - Chairman, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities**
- ii. Professor Dr. Kabineh Koroma - Chairman, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority**

- iii.** Mr. Kalilu O. Bah- Board Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- iv.** Mr. Ibrahim M. Kabia – Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission
- v.** Mr. Amadu Dumbuya – Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- vi.** Ms. Ada Conteh -Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- vii.** Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Kamara – Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- viii.** Mr. Edward Komeh- Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority

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

Peter J. Kulagbanda

For: Hon. Ibrahim R. Bundu  
Chairman

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**SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND  
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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 AT 11:00 A. 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. Leonard S. Fofanah
    - iii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah Hon
    - iv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
    - v. Hon. Claude.D.M. Kamanda
    - vi. Hon. Veronica Sesay
    - vii. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
    - viii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
    - ix. Hon. Abie Kalokoh
    - x. Hon.Mabinty H Bangura
    - xi. Hon Habib Munda
    - xii. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray
    - xiii. Hon. PC. Joseph A. K. Kongomoh II
    - xiv. Hon. Mohamed S. Tunis

**2.1 The following Members of the Committee were absent:**

- i. Hon. Alhaji. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- ii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iii. Hon Patrick L. M. Kargbo

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. Professor Durodami Radcliffe Lisk – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialities
- ii. Prof. Dr. Kabineh Koroma - Proposed Chairman, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- iii. Mr. Kalilu O. Bah- Proposed Board Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Board
- iv. Mr. Ibrahim M. Kabia – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission
- v. Mr. Amadu Dumbuya –Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- vi. Ms. Ada Conteh -Proposed Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- vii. Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Kamara –Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- viii. Mr. Edward Komeh-Proposed Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority

**5. Closed Session**

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

The Committee rose at 3:00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees.