



**HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT
OAU DRIVE, TOWER HILL
FREETOWN**



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

**EIGHTEENTH 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 met on Tuesday 7th July 2015 and interviewed six Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Board Member, National Insurance Company
- ii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- iii. Judge of the Court of Appeal
- iv. Two High Court Judges
- v. Member, Local Government Service Commission

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background so as 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 vision for a nationally productive tenure.

3. TWENTIETH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. **Hon. P. C. Almamy Lahai Mansaray –Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company**

The Honourable. Paramount Chief is a former Member of Parliament (1996 – 2007) and the FIRST Paramount Chief Member of the ECOWAS Regional Parliament. (2000 – 2005) Since 2011, the Honourable Paramount Chief has been an active member of the National Council of Paramount Chiefs and he is currently the Vice Chairman of the Northern Regional Branch of the organization. Hon. P.C. Alimamy Lahai has also served as Member, Board Directors of the Rokel Commercial Bank.

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Hon. P. C. Almamy Lahai Mansaray promised to draw on his experience for the success of the company. "I will endeavor to work to the best of my ability," he said.

ii. **Hon. Momoh C. Koya – Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)**

Hon. Momoh Koya is a former Member of Parliament (2002 -2007) who had previously served SALPOST as Director of Banking and Director of Audit and Inspection,(1987 -1991). Since 2007, Hon. Koya has served as a Member, Board of Directors of the Sierra Leone National Shipping Company for two consecutive terms.

Responding to probing questions, Hon. Momoh C. Koya **said**, "as a former Director of the Post Office Savings Bank, I will do my very best to help resuscitate the Post Office Savings Bank for the benefit of this nation."

iii. **Mr. Reginald Sydney Fynn Jnr. – Proposed Judge of the Court of Appeal.**

Mr. Reginald Fynn is a private legal practitioner who is currently serving as Director of Intelligence Investigations and Prosecutions, Anti-Corruption Commission (2010 to date). He has previously served as Associate Trial Attorney, Office of the prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone, (2007- 2009).

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Reginald Fynn opined that "our Judiciary system as it operates today has brought forth many fine minds. We are currently facing a situation where, I think, there is a need for manpower of a very high calling and commitment. I look forward to having the opportunity to contribute especially in the Court of Appeal where, I believe, many of the cases come to an end," he said.

Answering to further queries about the delay of cases in the courts, Mr. Fynn said that the causes for such delays were three-fold, which he said, were:

- i. The overload of cases which, he said, is related to manpower
- ii. Counsels sometimes have other commitments:- both the Bench and the Bar sometimes find themselves in circumstances where they are clogged down in different ways
- iii. When litigants believe there are possibilities of getting justice in other ways without relying on counsels, these other ways are sometimes employed.

iv. Ms. Miatta Maria Samba – Proposed High Court Judge

Ms. Miatta Maria Samba is a seasoned legal practitioner with over fifteen years international and domestic work experience and is zealous about promoting the rule of law, good governance and national development.

In her response to the Committee's inquiries, Ms. Miatta Samba said, "if I obtain the blessings of a Parliamentary approval to occupy a seat on the Bench, I do believe that I would be able to mete out justice without fear or favour.. I will be fair to all and would ensure that I deliver my judgement on time as provided for to the best of my ability. God being my helper"

v. Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi – Proposed High Court Judge

Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi is a private legal practitioner with over ten years of work experience. From 2010 to date, she has been providing legal and other services for the Guaranty trust Bank (SL) Limited.

Answering to probing questions on her input to the Bench, Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi, said "we all have our different skills, value and ways of adding value to the judiciary. For me, I will like to make a difference with my pace of delivering justice. I know that there are many people out there who think that there are lot of injustices in the system and that the judiciary has failed them. So I want to

seen as someone who comes in with a difference in my speed of delivering justice.”

On the issue of delay of justice in our courts, Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi opined that “barristers and judges contribute significantly to delays in our courts. For us to have an efficient judiciary, Judges need to start off with self-discipline. When you are self-disciplined as a Judge, the lawyers will follow suit.

vi. Mr. Jacob E. Quee – Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission

Mr. Quee is a retired Civil Servant who joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1972 as a Student Printer in the Government Printing Department. He rose through the ranks during the course of which he served as:

- i. District Officer, Kailahun 1989 - 1994
- ii. District Officer, Bombali – 1994 -1999 and
- iii. Permanent Secretary in several Ministries

He retired as Provincial Secretary, Southern Province, Bo.

Answering to question, Mr. Jacob Quee said, “if I obtain the approval of Parliament, I will definitely work with other members of the Commission to quickly identify the many problems that have been affecting the Local Government Service Commission. Having identified the problems, we will then get down to work out modalities to solve them.” As a retired administrator, he said, he already knew that the current practice of frequently transferring Local Government officers when they commit misdemeanors is in itself a problem. “If an officer commits a misdemeanor, I would prefer that the Commission try to solve the problem with the officer rather than transfer him with it,” he said.

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. Hon. P. C. Almamy Lahai Mansaray –Board Member, National Insurance Company
- ii. Hon. Momoh Cifoe Koya - Board Member, S L Postal Services
- iii. Mr. Reginald Sydney Fynn Jnr –Justice of the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone

- iv. Ms. Miatta Maria Samba – High Court Judge
- v. Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi - High Court Judge
- vi. Mr. Jacob Elvis Quee- Member, Local Government Service Commission

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Eighteenth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Eighteenth 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

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

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY
7TH JULY 2015 AT 1:00 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. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
 - v. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - vi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
 - vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - viii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - ix. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - x. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xi. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
 - xii. Hon. Mabinty Funna
 - xiii. Hon. Brimah Conteh

- xiv. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- xv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- xvi. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay

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. Hon. P. C. Almamy Lahai Mansaray –Proposed Board Member, National Insurance Company
- ii. Hon. Momoh Cifoe Koya - Proposed Board Member, S L Postal Services
- iii. Mr. Reginald Sydney Fynn Jnr. –Proposed Justice of the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone
- iv. Ms. Miatta Maria Samba – Proposed High Court Judge
- v. Ms. Fatmatta Bintu Alhadi - Proposed High Court Judge
- vi. Mr. Jacob Elvis Quee- Proposed Member, Local Government Service Commission

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 3:45 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees