



**HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT
OAU DRIVE, TOWER HILL
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**THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
OF SIERRA LEONE**

**TWENTY-SECOND 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, conscious of its Constitutional duties, met on Thursday, 5th November 2015 and interviewed four Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:-

- i. Chairman, National Conservation Trust Fund (NCTF)
- ii. Board Chairman, Sierra Leone Postal Services (SALPOST)
- iii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- iv. Board Member, National Public Procurement 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 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. TWENTY- SEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER 2015**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mr. Raymond Nathaniel Smith – Proposed Chairman, National Conservation Trust Fund (NCTF)

Mr. Raymond N. Smith is a Business Consultant and the Executive Vice President of Raymond Smith (SL) Ltd DBA Rasco Consultant of 35^A Wellington Street Freetown. He had lived and worked for over 38 years in the United States of America and South Africa where he held several executive positions in Sales and Marketing in Multi-National Companies. Returning home to Sierra Leone, he launched an international business consultancy Office that has attracted several major international investors into the country.

Reacting to the Committee's probing questions, Mr. Smith said, "The Trust Fund was established to finance projects that will help deal with the issue of 'Global warming' and conservation. The question is that if we do not conserve or use the fund for its intended purpose, there could be some catastrophic events or natural disasters that would happen in the future. That is what we have to avoid. This objective of the fund is for us to start doing what has to be done to prevent such catastrophic events that might pose serious threats to public safety."

ii. Mr. Brima Koroma – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone postal Services Ltd.

Mr. Brima Koroma is a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone. He is also the Assistant Secretary General of the Sierra Leone Bar Association and Legal Adviser to the Sierra Leone Cable Limited.

Responding to the Committee's inquiries, Mr. Brima Koroma said he was well au fait with the current state of Sierra Leone Postal Services. "if approved by this Honourable House," he said, "I will go straight to work with my team of colleague Board Members, to do the best we can to reawake the Post office. I

believe in team work. It will not be Mr. Koroma alone it will be the collective effort of the board."

iii. Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite – Proposed Board Member, National Public Procurement Authority

Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite is a veteran Civil Servant who joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1966 as a Third Grade Clerk. Through hard work, he rose through the ranks and retired in 1988-99 as Principal Deputy Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Responding to the inquires of the Committee, Mr. Emile Lasite promised to work to the best of his ability for the success of the Authority. "I will work collaboratively with colleague Board Members to ensure that we adhere to the prescribed procurement laws, processes and procedures as provided in the relevant Act."

iv.. Mr. Tapsiru Lamin Dainikeh- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation

Mr. Dainkeh is a Banker of repute who started his career as a Banking Officer, Bank of Sierra Leone. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Director of Banking Supervision Department. (2011 to date) Mr. Dainkeh had previously served as a Board Member of the Sierra Leone road Transport Authority. (2010- 2012)

Answering to questions, Mr. Dainkeh said that, if approved by the House, he was going to represent the Bank of Sierra Leone on the SALHOC Board. "I believe that with my banking background," he said, "I will be able to make a valuable input. The problem with SALHOC, as far as I know, is finance. SALHOC's mandate," he said, "is to provide affordable housing for the low and middle

income earners. Besides, managing the present Government estates in their care, SALHOC's management has not been able to come up with any new ideas to meet the growing housing needs of the public. However, with the new management team and a new Board, all that is needed is to pull our resources together and work to revitalize and resuscitate that corporation.

Questioned on the issue of SALHOC bank, Mr. Dainkeh said, "it is actually a 'Loan and Saving scheme ' that was established by an amendment of the SALHOC Act, 1986. The Scheme was to mobilize savings and assist people to get loans to buy or repair their homes. The Bank of Sierra Leone had actually advised that the 'Savings and Loan scheme' be completely divorced from the Housing corporation but management did not take heed. If I obtain the approval of Parliament, I will do my best, and with the cooperation of other Board Members, to rectify the situation."

4. EXCERPT OF THE TWENTIETH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

i. Ing. Gertrude Sara Trudy Morgan – Proposed Member National Commission for Privatization

Gertrude Trudy Morgan is a Chartered Engineer with over 20 years of work experience on project based assignments in the construction industry affecting health, transportation, hotels etc and in delivering project management expertise to public sector clients.

Trudy is currently an Associate Director with Turner & Townsend, a project Management Consultancy in London, UK, where she leads teams on several multi-million pound assignments. She is currently on sabbatical working on the 70 million US\$ design and construction of the new Cape Sierra Hilton Hotel in

Freetown. While in Sierra Leone, she has been engaged with the World Bank in developing a programme to address urban services within the capital city of Freetown.

Responding to probing questions, Ing. Trudy Morgan said that she has read through the 'National Commission for Privatization Act' and a few articles that highlight the challenges of the Commission. As much as Government's position is to divest itself of Companies that are causing it to lose money, she said, some of the companies however only have management issues that could be resolved by putting in place the right caliber of people. Some other companies, she went on, are however difficult to divest because prospective investors do not consider them sufficiently attractive. "I do not have adequate knowledge of any of these companies to tell which to divest. I hope to draw on my experience in business to help with whatever policies decisions that are needed in that direction," she said.

Questioned on the Cape Sierra Hilton Hotel project, Ing Trudy Morgan said that the project is being developed for Sierra Leone by a Company called IDEA UK. "Cape Sierra Hilton Hotel project is a great asset to our country because it is being designed and built by Sierra Leoneans for Sierra Leone. The limitation we have is capital. We have external funds from Ecobank and other foreign banks like the 'First Bank of Nigeria. The hotel was initially meant to be a business hotel but because of its beautiful location, the Hilton Vice-President said it cannot only be a business hotel but a business hotel in a resort setting. Consequently, we will have the opportunity to use it to attract tourists into Sierra Leone. The timeline for the completion of the project is the end of December 2016," she said.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- i. Raymond Nathaniel Smith- Chairman, National Conservation Trust Fund
- ii. Mr. Brima Koroma- Chairman, Sierra Leone Postal Services Ltd
- iii. Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite- Board Member, National Public Procurement Authority
- iv. Mr. Tapsiru Lamin Dainkeh- Board Member, Sierra Leone Housing Corporation
- v. Ing. Gertrude Sara Trudy Morgan –Member National Commission for Privatization

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Twenty-second Report reflects the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Twenty-second Report of the Third Session and the Excerpt of the Twentieth Report 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
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**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON THURSDAY
5TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 1:00 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 Bundu - **Chairman.**
 - ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 - iii. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - iv. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - vii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - viii. Hon. Mabinty Funna
 - ix. Hon. Brimah Conteh
 - x. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
 - xi. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
 - xiii. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams (Late)

- xiv. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
- xv. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xvi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto (Late)

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. Raymond Nathaniel Smith-Proposed Chairman, National Conservation Trust Fund
- ii. Mr. Brima Koroma- Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Postal Services Ltd
- iii. Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite – Proposed Member, National Public Procurement Authority Board.
- iv. Mr. Tapsiru Lamin Dainkeh- Proposed Board Member, SALHOC

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 3:15 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda
Director of Committees

i. **Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite - Proposed Board Member, National Public Procurement Authority**

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