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

**FIFTEENTH 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 Tuesday 1st November, 2016 and interviewed three Presidential nominees for appointments as follows:-

- i. Director-General, National Civil Registration Authority
- ii. Two Members, National Civil Registration 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 vision for a nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into.

**3. SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 1ST -
NOVEMBER, 2016**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mr. Foday Kamara – Proposed Director-General, National Civil Registration Authority

Mr. Foday Kamara is currently the Chief Registrar, National Registration Secretariat. He joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1995 and has served in the following institutions among others:

- i. 1995 - 2000 - Cabinet Secretariat
- ii. 2000 - 2006 - Anti-corruption Commission
- iii. 2010 – date - National Registration Secretariat

Mr. Foday Kamara is a seasoned administrator, economist, research/intelligence and Civil Registration Specialist with over 15 years of post-graduate work experience in Public service administration and management.

Responding to pertinent questions, Mr. Foday Kamara deposed that his mandate as Director-General of the Authority includes providing overall leadership in the management of the day to day activities of the Authority and to initiate and maintain high-level contact with interested parties at both the local and international levels.

Reacting to further questions, Mr. Foday Kamara said that “the Authority was established to develop and maintain an accurate database of the population of Sierra Leone, issue out national identity cards to everyone resident in Sierra Leone which,” he said, “also include providing accurate information on births, deaths, adoptions and marriages.”

ii. Ms. Valnora A. C. Edwin - Proposed Member, National Civil Registration Authority

Ms. Valnora A. C. Edwin is the Executive Director of the “Campaign for Good Governance” and has served in that position for the past nine years. She is highly skilled in policy advocacy, coordinating and participating in research, leveraging resources, fundraising, networking and negotiating with donors, governments, civil society organisations and the media both nationally and internationally.

Responding to the Committee’s inquiries, Ms. Valnora Edwin said that “the board would be there to make policy guidelines and exercise control and supervision

over the Authority particularly in the area of financial management to enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the Authority.”

iii. Mr. Hassan Lama Bundu - Proposed Member, Member National Civil Registration Authority

Mr. Hassan Lama Bundu is a practitioner of the noble teaching profession and has taught in various schools from 1993 to date. Mr. Bundu combines his teaching with business and is the Proprietor of the Palama General Services, Sierra Leone Limited of 137 Fourah Bay Road, Freetown.

Answering to the Committee’s inquiries on what would be his input on the board, Mr. Bundu said, “I will work collaboratively with colleague Board members to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Act and all policies thereto, to enhance the effective management of the Authority.”

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:

Mr. Foday Kamara – Director-General, National Civil Registration Authority

Ms. Valnora A. C. Edwin –Member National Civil Registration Authority

Mr. Hassan Lama Bundu –Member National Civil Registration Authority

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

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 SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY
1ST 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 Patrick L. M. Kargbo
- vi. Hon. Claude.D.M. Kamanda
- vii. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- viii. Hon. PC. Joseph A. K. Kongomoh II

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon.Mabinty H Bangura
- ii. Hon. Alhaji. Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iv. Hon. Komba Eric Koedoyoma
- v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- vi. Hon. Abie Kalokoh

- vii. Hon. Mohamed S. Tunis
- viii. Hon Habib Munda
- ix. Hon. Jusufu Barry Mansaray

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. Mr. Foday Kamara –Proposed Director-General, National Civil Registration Authority
- ii. Ms. Valnora A. C. Edwin –Proposed Member National Civil Registration Authority
- iii. Mr. Hassan Lama Bundu –Proposed Board Member National Civil Registration Authority

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 1:00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda
Director of Committees.