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

SIXTH 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 3rd February 2015 and interviewed nine Presidential nominees for appointment as follows:

- i. Director-General, National HIV and AIDS secretariat
- ii. Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board
- iii. Chairman, National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA)
- iv. Member, Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- v. Member, Public Service Commission
- vi. Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)
- vii. Member, Petroleum Regulatory Agency Board

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.

3. SIXTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

i. Mrs. Doris C. Kargbo – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)

Mrs. Doris Kargbo is the Chief Executive Officer of UPWARDS S.L. Ltd, an organization responsible for promoting Agricultural business and women and children's welfare.

Mrs. Kargbo started her work life as a Bank Clerk, Standard Chartered Bank Lightfoot Boston Street, Freetown. (1971 –1973) She later became Managing Director of Frickham General Trading Company, dealing in the import of essential commodities and the export of coffee and cocoa.

Responding to interview questions about her inputs into the Presidential initiative on cassava, Mrs. Kargbo said, "the dream is ongoing, and I have put modalities in place to make cassava a staple food in Sierra Leone." She promised to use her connections in the world to introduce local products to the international market for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the country.

ii. Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay – Proposed Director-General, National HIV and AIDS secretariat

Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay is a Senior Specialist in the area of Public Health and Director of Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health and Sanitation. He provides national leadership for primary health care service delivery in Sierra Leone.

From 2007 – 2012, Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay was the Programme Manager and Team Leader, National Aids Control Programme, Ministry of Health and Sanitation. He was responsible for the planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the health response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone.

Responding to the Committee about how he planned to reduce HIV/AIDS prevalence in Sierra Leone, he said, "I will work with my fellow Board members to improve on the indicators by putting modalities in place that would ensure easy access to testing facilities for those who may want to be tested for HIV and AIDS and providing treatment for those who have tested positive." Additionally, he said,

he would use outreach services to raise awareness and provide treatment centres for infected people.

iii. **Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray Proposed Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board**

Mohamed Bundu Mansaray is a veteran Civil Servant who retired from the service as Director of the Geological Survey Division of the Ministry of Mineral Resources. With over 35 years of work experience in geology, Mr. Mansaray has a wealth of field experience in mineral exploration, reconnaissance geological mapping with special interest in the exploration for gold, base metals and diamonds.

Mr. Mansaray has many years of repository knowledge of administrative management of the Geological surveys Department. He was the Chief Adviser to the Minister on all geological matters, including technical and policy issues pertaining to prospecting and exploration, overall planning and supervision of field work. He was also responsible for the overall supervision, financial management, and administration of the senior staff of that Ministry.

Reacting to the Committee's inquires about maintaining impartiality in the performance of his functions, Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray said "I will do my best to advise the Minister, without prejudice, on all mines and mineral issues."

Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray promised to fast-track the Development Agreement made between the Mining Companies and representatives of the Mining Communities which is being drafted as a bill to Parliament; to ensure that mining companies adhere to their corporate social responsibilities.

iv. **Mr. Mohamed Mackie Wurie - Proposed Chairman, National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA)**

Mr. Mohamed Machie Wurie is a Lecturer in Economics at the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology, Freetown. His areas of competence include

- Monetary Economics
- Agriculture and Fiscal policy
- Social Organisation of Agriculture
- Political Economy of International Finance

- Advanced Micro & Macro Economics
- Financial Management
- Development Banking
- Public Resource management and
- Poverty Reduction policies.

Answering to interview questions, Mr. Wurie said, “the problem with the procurement process in Sierra Leone is the will to implement the provisions of the Public Procurement Act. I will ensure that the bidding processes are transparent, free, fair and that the winners of contracts perform within the time frame stipulated in the contract.”

v. **Mrs. Lucy Nicol - Proposed Member, Public Service Commission**

Mrs. Lucy Nicol is a teacher and a local entrepreneur in “Gara Tie & dying. She is currently the Vice-Principal, Akibo Betts Secondary School, Freetown.

In her interview, Mrs. Lucy Nicole promised to work to the best of her ability to ensure that recruitments, promotions and transfers in the Public Service are fair and without prejudice.

vi. **Mr. Idrissa Kanu Proposed Member, Petroleum Regulatory Agency Board**

Mr. Idrissa Kanu is a Tax Policy and Tax Administration expert with extensive work experience locally and internationally as a Tax Consultant for the World Bank, ADB and the IMF in the Sub-Region. Mr. Idrissa Kanu is currently the Director of Revenue and Tax Policy Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

Responding to probing questions, Mr Kanu opined that “Sierra Leone, with regards to the recent fall in the price of oil on the world market and, the subsequent reduction in the pump price of fuel, has the lowest price per liter compared to neighbouring countries like Ghana and Nigeria.” He added that “Government would have loved to subsidize more, but for the Ebola crisis and other pressing issues, Government has allowed the world market prices to prevail.”

Mr. Kanu promised to work with the Board to ensure the stabilization of oil price in Sierra Leone.

vii. Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley_Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)

Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley is a Partner of Yada Williams & Associates General Practice Law Firm, Freetown, Sierra Leone. From 2004 -2012, Mr. Tarawalley was a Lecturer at the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology, Freetown.

Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley promised to work collaboratively with fellow Board members for the transformation of the S.L.B.C.

EXCERPT OF THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

i. Mrs. Mariatu Bangura - Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Social Security & Insurance Trust (NASSIT)

Mrs. Mariatu Bangura is the Director of Children's Affairs in the Ministry of Social Welfare Gender and Children's Affairs. She joined the Ministry as a Social Worker in 1994 and rose through the ranks to her present position.

In her response to a barrage of questions, Mrs. Bangura said that, "as a Member of the Board of Trustees of NASSIT, I am supposed to seek both the interest of the beneficiaries and of the Trust itself." Mrs. Bangura added that her primary concern would be for the women and children who are beneficiaries of the Trust and would ensure that they get the benefits due them as quickly as possible.

Questioned about NASSIT's investments, Mrs. Bangura opined that NASSIT should only invest in projects that would benefit the low and middle-level income earners. "An affordable housing scheme to provide houses for low and middle-level income earners, that would be paid for and owned during the working-life of Sierra Leoneans, would greatly help to reduce poverty in Sierra Leone," she said. Mrs. Bangura also promised to persuade other Members of the Board and management to invest in health insurance particularly for women and children.

ii. Mr. Joseph Sunday Sinnah – Proposed Member, National Commission for Children

Mr. Sinnah is currently the Deputy Chief Social Service Officer of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs. Since 1996, Mr. Sinnah has had a wide range of work experience in local and international NGOs on children and other related matters.

In his interview, Mr. Sinnah said, “I love children. I have great passion for them and I was the proponent and founding member of the “Child Protection Committee” formed in 1995. I have worked assiduously for the protection of children in Sierra Leone particularly in the promotion of the girl child and the prevention of teenage pregnancy.”

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. Mrs. Doris C. Kargbo – Member, Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- ii. Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay – Director-General, National HIV & AIDS secretariat
- iii. Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray- Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board
- iv. Mr. Mohamed Mackie Wurie - Chairman, National Public Procurement Authority
- v. Ms. Lucy Nicol – Member, Public Service Commission
- vi. Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley- Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)
- vii. Mr. Idrissa Kanu- Member, Petroleum Regulatory Agency Board
- viii. Mrs. Mariatu Bangura - Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Social Security & Insurance Trust
- ix. Mr. Joseph Sunday Sinnah – Member, National Commission for Children

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Sixth Report and the excerpt of the fifth report, portrays the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Sixth 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 EIGHTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT
BUILDING, ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11:00 A. 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. Leonard S. Fofanah
 - iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
 - iv. Hon. Ansumana Kaikai
 - v. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 - vi. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
 - vii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
 - viii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
 - ix. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
 - x. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
 - 2.2 **The following Members of the Committee were absent:**
 - xi. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
 - xii. Hon. Brimah Conte
 - xiii. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
 - xiv. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah

- xv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- xvi. Hon. Mabinty Funna

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

5. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments as listed:

5:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. **Mr. Mohamed N'fah Alie Conteh – Proposed Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman, National Electoral Commission**
- ii. **Mr. Momoh Kemoh Konte -Proposed Board Chairman, National Telecommunication Commission (NATCOM)**
- iii. Alhaji Dr. Momodu Sesay – Proposed Director-General, National HIV and AIDS secretariat
- iv. Mrs. Doris C. Kargbo – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Investment & Export Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)
- v. Mr. Mohamed Bundu Mansaray- Proposed Chairman, Minerals Advisory Board
- vi. Mr. Mohamed Mackie Wurie - Proposed Chairman, National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA)
- vii. Ms. Lucy Nicol –Proposed Member, Public Service Commission
- viii. Mr. Mohamed Lamin Tarawalley-Proposed Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)
- ix. Mr. Idrissa Kanu-Proposed Member, Petroleum Regulatory Agency Board

6. Closed Session

6:1. The first two candidates above, Mr. Mohamed N'fah Alie Conteh **and** Mr. Momoh Kemoh Konte, have been ratified in the Fifth Report of the Committee.

6:2 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of the last seven remaining candidates above.

The Committee rose at 4: 00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees