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

**ELEVENTH 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 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and interviewed six Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. **Board Member – Rokel Commercial Bank**
- ii. **Member Environment Protection Agency Board**
- iii. **Board Member Bank of Sierra Leone**
- iv. **Board Members, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority**
- v. **Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Commission**

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Probing questions put to the nominees were related to their educational backgrounds, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful tenure of office. Unsuitability in terms of character to hold such high offices were very closely scrutinized.

**3. ELEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

The following nominees were interviewed:

**i. Hon. P.C. Lahai Mansaray – Proposed Board Member – Rokel Commercial Bank**

Hon. P.C. Lahai Mansaray was elected Paramount Chief of Dembellia Sinkunia Chiefdom, Koinadugu District, in 1994. Two years later, he was elected as Paramount Chief Member of Parliament for Koinadugu District 96 – 2007. 2000 – 2005, he was a Member of the ECOWAS Parliament. Paramount Chief Lahai Mansaray is currently the Vice Chairman of the Northern Regional Branch of the Council of Paramount Chiefs.



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Answering to probing questions from the Committee, the Hon. Paramount Chief said that he was quite au fait with the challenges facing the bank. He promised to do his best, with the cooperation of other Board Members, to tackle the challenges.

**ii. Mr. Birch Momodu Conte – Proposed Member Environment Protection Agency Board**

A Barrister and Solicitor by profession, Mr. Birch Conte has served this country as:

1976 – 1978 - Deputy High Commissioner, -London

1978 - 1979 - Acting High Commissioner, - London

1979 - 1984 - Ambassador to Italy

1986 – 1992 – Minister of Mines

Responding to inquiring questions, Mr. Conte said that the first experience he would bring to bear on the Agency would be his knowledge of geography. “We are already aware of the climate changes that are taking place in the Sierra Leone environment. Bush burning is creating a lot of problems to the extent that climatic conditions were changing. In the month of June for instance, Sierra Leone is supposed to be getting a heavy rainfall. But we are now experiencing the opposite particularly in the northern parts of the country.” He promised to sensitize the people to know that certain farming practices were responsible for the changes in climatic conditions, which in turn would adversely affect their environment.

**iii. Professor Ritchard Tamba M’bayo - Proposed Member Bank of Sierra Leone**

Professor M’bayo is a print and broadcast journalist, a university Professor and a Human Communication Specialist who has lived and worked in the USA for a very long time. He has spent the last six years in Nigeria.

Reacting to inquiring questions, Professor Mbayo said, “I have not worked directly in any banking organization before but I have keenly followed what central banks do. I have followed the Federal Reserve Department in the U.S.A. for many years. When I got to Nigeria there were about a hundred banks and I closely followed what the Central Bank Governor did to consolidate all of those smaller banks by stipulating that their assets have to be (29 billion Naira) to operate as an independent bank. Any bank that could not raise the amount had to merge with other banks. The banking industry in Nigeria today has developed tremendously and has even established branches in Sierra Leone...”



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**iv. Ibrahim Kabia – Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.**

Mr. Ibrahim is a Civil Society Activist with a wealth of Board experience. In 2007 – 2013, he was a Member of the National Telecommunication Commission and was the Chairman of the Board's Disciplinary Committee.

Responding to questions, Mr. Kabia deposed that 70% of his life has been spent in public relations work. "Because of that, I am going to do a thorough PR job to the consumers, for them to know the law governing electricity supply and distribution. I am going to explain the relevant provisions of the law to them so that they know the implications of breaking that law. I will also explain to the public about load-shedding so that the people know and understand in advance when they would get light and when they would not."

**v. Alhaji Mohamed Bailor Allieu Timbo - Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority**

An Engineer and Certified Accountant, Mr. Timbo joined the National Authorizing Office in 1977 as Assistant Project Engineer. He rose through the ranks to the position of Director 2001 – 2008. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of a small multi-disciplinary Consultancy Development Corporation and Investment.

Responding to inquiring questions, Mr. Timbo deposed that "there is a mandate given to the policy Board and I hope to contribute effectively to ensure that we carry out that mandate."

Reacting to information that SOCFIN, an Agricultural company in Sahn Malen, Pujehun District, is planning to supply its excess energy to the Southern region, he said, "that is a welcomed idea. There is already an initiative from ADDAX to supply their excess power to the national grid for distribution. We want electricity nationwide.

"The Authority," he said, "is a new outfit in the energy sector that is open to all independent power producers (IPPs) to contribute to the national power grid for distribution by the Authority. We have had a long history of problems in the power sector. IPPs have performed very well in other countries and I have no doubt that they will perform here."

**vi. Mr. Patrick Olufemi Beckley – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Commission**

Mr. Beckley is a veteran Civil Servant with seventeen years of service with the government of Sierra Leone. He is also a Property Development Consultant with extensive work experience locally and internationally in planning, financing and execution of financial and infrastructural



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projects. He is particularly experienced in project planning, management, project coordination and quality management. Mr. Beckley is currently the Country Director for the Development of the \$690 million Bumbuna Phase II hydro electric project.

In his interview, Mr. Beckley promised to give his best service to his country.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- i. Hon. P.C. Lahai Mansaray – Board Member – Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Birch Momodu Conte- Member Environment Protection Agency Board
- iii. Professor Ritchard Tamba M'bayo-Board Member Bank of Sierra Leone
- iv. Ibrahim Kabia- Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.
- v. Alhaji Mohamed Bailor Allieu Timbo – Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- vi. Mr. Patrick Olufemi Beckley – Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Commission

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

Chairman.



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**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE  
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON MONDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 1:00 P.M**

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed silently and individually.

2. **Attendance**

**2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present.**

- i. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
- ii. Hon. L. S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iv. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- v. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- vi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- vii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- viii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
- ix. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

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

- x. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xi. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- xii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xiii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- xiv. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
- xv. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
- xvi. Hon. Mabinty Funna



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

**4. Consideration of Presidential nominations for appointments listed against their names:**

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Hon. P.C. Lahai Mansaray – Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Birch Momodu Conte – Proposed Member Environment Protection Agency Board
- iii. Professor Ritchard Tamba M’bayo – Proposed Member Bank of Sierra Leone
- iv. Ibrahim Kabia – Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.
- v. Alhaji Mohamed Bailor Allieu Timbo – Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- vi. Mr. Patrick Olufemi Beckley – Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Commission

**5. Closed Session**

5.1 The Committee unanimously accepted the nomination of all the six candidates interviewed.

The Committee rose at 4: 30 p.m.

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Director of Committees



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**Mr. Jenner Arthur Beckley - Proposed Board Member Electricity Generation and Transmission Company.**

Mr. Beckley is an Engineer by profession with a wealth of engineering work experience spanning over 35 years.

**Mr. Emmanuel Tony Jarrett - Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission.**

Mr. Jarrett is a Marketing Specialist who has spent the better part of his working life in marketing oil.

**Alhaji G Tejan A. Kassim - Proposed Member Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission**

Mr. Kassim is a Trade Unionist of high standing. He started his Trade Union Career as a Shop Steward in the then Sierra Leone Selection Trust (S.L.S.T.) in Tongo Field in 1964. Over the years and through hard work, he has paved his way to the top hierarchy of the Sierra Leone Labour Congress. Alhaji has also served on many boards and has an enormous wealth of Board experience.