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

FOURTEENTH 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 its Parliamentary responsibilities, met for the Fourteenth sitting of the Committee on Friday 11th July 2014 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- ii. Resident Minister, East
- iii. Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- iv. Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority.
- v. Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory 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. FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2014

The following nominees were interviewed:

i. Mr. Momodu Lamin KARGBO –Proposed Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone

Mr. Kargbo is a professional Economist and management executive with over 35 years work experience in areas involving economic and social development, particularly in addressing issues related to public financial management and structural reforms, expenditure control and management, revenue and tax policy administration, macroeconomic policy, and promoting macro-economic stability. He has a broad knowledge and experience in setting out the national development perspectives and agenda as well as in facilitating their implementation.



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Mr. Kargbo also has a wealth of experience in development banking, development Aid administration, economic policy research and economic advisory services. He has extensive exposure and understanding of central bank operations particularly its supervisory, fiduciary, oversight functions and its functions as the Government's banker.

Mr. Kargbo has established effective collaborative working relationship with multilateral bilateral agencies such as EU, World Bank, Saudi Fund, BADEA, and ADB etc and has development operational contact and strong working relationship with International Agencies working in Sierra Leone such as Action Aid, World Vision, ADRA etc.

Reacting to inquiring questions, Mr. Momodu L. Kargbo said that he viewed his nomination as a challenge. Hence, he said, he was going to take with him the same principles and discipline with which he had always handled state matters. "People may not know this, but I spent my early years in the army and that was where I became grounded in discipline. Discipline leads one to become very strict about details. My professor, Dr. Park, once said to me 'young man, the devil is always in the details' and I have come to believe that."

Reacting to further questions, Mr. Kargbo admitted that if approved, he was certainly worried about the vacuum he would be leaving behind in the Ministry of Finance. "... Because when I took up the job of Deputy Minister and later as Minister of State dealing with expenditure issues, I found out that the specifics of the job were not conceptualized and institutionalized. So this disaggregation, the lack of continuous coordination, these gaps are taken advantage of by people. Over the period, I have been trying to institutionalize them. I have not completed that bit of the work because I would have come out with some leaflets to guide the process. I am hoping to engage my Minister so that I could link up with my successor to continue the work to a conclusion and to formalize the job."

ii. Mr. Maya Kaikai - Proposed Resident Minister, East

Mr. Maya Kaikai is an entrepreneur per excellence, an investor with successful business enterprises in Kailahun and Kenema. Mr. Kaikai also has executive work experience in a number of major hotels and companies. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lauwa Resort Hotel, Sierra Leone and the Proprietor, Kailefa Construction and General Services. Mr. Kaikai was recently appointed Board Chairman of the Sierra Leone Road Transport Corporation

In his response to a direct question put to him, Mr. Kai Kai said, "I am taking up office at a time when the East is beleaguered by a very serious problem of Ebola epidemic. MY first role is going to be to ensure that I work with all stakeholders to fight against his deadly Ebola disease."



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Mr. Kai Kai humbly admitted that his predecessor, the late Mr. William Smith was a unifier who worked collaboratively with all to maintain peace and harmony in the East. "I promise to take off from where he left for peace and tranquility in the Eastern Province."

iii. Mr. Hamid A. Kamara – Proposed Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission

Mr. Hamid A. Kamara is a veteran Civil Servant who joined the Service in 1969 and rose through the ranks to the position of Senior Permanent Secretary. In Provincial Administration, Mr. Hamid Kamara served as:

Assistant District Officer in:

- i. Kailahun District
- ii. Moyamba District

District Officer in:

- i. Bonthe District
- ii. Pujehun District
- iii. Kenema District

He also served as Provincial Secretary in:

- i. The Southern Province, Bo
- ii. The Eastern Province, Kenema.

He held Permanent Secretary positions in the following Ministries:

- i.* Ministry of Trade and Industry
- ii.* Ministry of Works
- iii.* Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- iv. Senior Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Forestry

Mr. Hamid A. Kamara promised to draw on his wealth of experience and to work to the best of his ability for the success of the Commission.

iv. Mr. Albert Ojo Ulric Collier – Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution & Supply Authority

Mr. Collier is a highly motivated and entrepreneurial Human Resource /Administration/ Corporate Relations Professional, with over twenty years HR Administration and company secretarial experience. He has experience working for a world class multinational with proven track records in Human Resource Management and Strategic and operational level, corporate



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relations, governance and social responsibility management, general administration and company secretariat functions.

After a brief sojourn at the Bank of Sierra Leone as a junior Banking Officer, Mr. Collier joined the Sierra Leone Brewery Limited in 1990. He rose through the ranks to his current position as Human Resource Manager/Company Secretary and Corporate Social Responsibility Manager.

Reacting to inquiring questions, Mr. Collier said that as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce; he believed he would not be working alone to provide answers. "I believe in working as part of a team. The team has already been selected. I believe we can work together to ensure that we actually distribute and supply electricity to his country.

**v. Mr. Abdul Pa-Bamp Yorneh Kamara-Proposed Member, Sierra Leone
Electricity & Water Regulatory
Commission**

Mr. Kamara is an Electrical Engineer who joined the National Power Authority in 1983, rose through the ranks and retired in 2010 as Acting Corporate Planning Head. Mr. Abdul Pa-Bamp Yorneh Kamara has proven competence and ability to carry out power project management to ensure quality and timely completion of projects.

Mr. Kamara promised to work to the best of his ability for the success of the Commission.

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. Mr. Momodu L. Kargbo - Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- ii. Mr. Maya Kaikai - Resident Minister, East
Commission
- iii. Mr. Hamid A. Kamara – Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- iv. Mr. Albert Ojo Ulric Collier – Board Member, Electricity Distribution and supply
Authority



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- v. Mr. Abdul Pa-Bamp Yorneh Kamara- Member, Sierra Leone Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fourteenth Report reflects the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fourteenth 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 FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON FRIDAY
11TH JULY 2014 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
- ii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iii. Hon. L. S. Fofanah
- iv. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- v. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- vi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- vii. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
- viii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- ix. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- x. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
- xi. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- xii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- xiii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xiv. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie
- xv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- xvi. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams

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



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

4:1 The following nominees were summoned for interview:

- i. Mr. Momodu L. Kargbo - Proposed Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- ii. Mr. Maya Kaikai - Proposed Resident Minister, East
- iii. Mr. Hamid A. Kamara –Proposed Member, Judicial & Legal Service Commission
- iv.** Mr. Albert O. U. Collier –Proposed Board Member, Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority
- v. Mr. Abdul Pa-Bamp Yorneh Kamara-Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 2: 45 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees