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

**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 met on the 10th and 11th January 2013 and interviewed a total of twelve Presidential nominees for appointments as:

i. Ministers and Deputy Ministers of State.

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Inquiring questions put to the nominees pertained to their educational backgrounds, track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful tenure. Allegations of malpractices in public office and or unsuitability in terms of character to hold such high offices of State were very closely looked into.

**3. THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 10TH
JANUARY 2013**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

**i. Hon. Mrs. Marie M. Jalloh nee Conteh - Proposed Deputy
Minister of Agriculture
and Food Security**

Mrs. Marie M. Jalloh has an outstanding professional background in agriculture with many years of work experience in community development. She is also an accomplished gender activist and politician and has served Sierra Leone in several capacities.

Mrs. Marie M. Jalloh viewed her appointment as a call to national duty. She assured the Committee that she would work to the best of her ability and with dedication for the success of the Ministry and the nation at large.

ii. Captain Momodu Allieu Pat-Sowe - Proposed Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources

Captain Pat- Sowe is a licensed sea captain for all categories of vessels with unlimited gross tonnage. The nominee acquired his training in several countries including United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Russia etc and has a wealth of experience in maintenance, management and training of technical personnel in the areas of ships, ferries, tugs buoys and slipways. Captain Pat Sowe has served his country in very important positions that include:

2010 – 2012: Minister of Land, Country Planning and the Environment
 2007 – 2010: Deputy Minister (and later) Minister of Transport and Aviation
 1994 – 1998: Operations Manager, Sierra Shipping Company Ltd, England
 1979 – 1985: Harbour Master, Sierra Leone Port Authority, Freetown

Questioned on his functions in the light of the current rampant poaching in our territorial waters, Captain Pat-Sowe said that poaching was depriving the Government and people of Sierra Leone of much needed revenue from our marine resources. As a "sea Captain and Master Mariner unlimited," he said, he had established the "Joint Maritime Committee" to address the issue of poaching and surveillance while he was serving as Minister of Transport and Aviation. That Committee, he said, would have to be re-enforced by surveillance from the air or poachers will be difficult to arrest. He promised to ensure that Marine Monitors are capacitated, enhanced and well-paid to make them corrupt-resistant. " I will also endeavour to raise revenue to boost the low salary situation of all public officers including Parliament."

iii. Mr. Moijueh Emmanuel Kaikai –Proposed Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs

Mr. Moijueh Kaikai is a successful politician who has so far merited the privilege of Presidential Appointments. He was previously appointed as:

i. Deputy Minister of Labour, Employment, and Social Security -2009 - 2010

ii. Resident Minister, Southern Province, 2010- 2013

Responding to probing questions, Mr. Kaikai deposed that as former Deputy Minister of Labour, he had had the unique opportunity to work with several UN Agencies such as UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, WTO etc. He had even lobbied those UN Agencies to provide a well equipped school for the blind in Bo. He promised to draw on his experience for the success of his new assignment in the Ministry of Social Welfare.

iv. Mr. Charles Siamy Rogers – Proposed Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources

Mr. Charles Siamy Rogers is an Agricultural Economist with extensive work experience in management and Monitoring and Evaluation. From 2007 to date, Mr. Rogers has been the Deputy Commissioner, National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA)

Reacting to Members, Mr. Rogers deposed that he viewed his role to be that of an assistant and partner to the substantive Minister in the service delivery of the Ministry. The Ministry he went on, has two major challenges that he would be pre-occupied with. "One is the control of our territorial waters against foreign poachers that is causing enormous loss of badly needed revenue." The second challenge, he said, "is our inability to access the fish markets of Europe. We still have to improve on the sanitary and hygiene conditions of our fish to meet European markets standards." The nominee promised to pre-occupy himself with these two challenges until success is attained.

v. Alhaji F.B.L. Mansaray - Proposed Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Mansaray is an accomplished professional economist with a proven track record in programmes management and facilitation of economic integrations. He has amassed a lot of work experience in the civil service and various other institutions that include:

2010 – Date: Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development
 2004 – 2007 Member, Board of Directors of the African Development Bank
 2002 -2004: Deputy Minister of Finance
 1996 – 1997 ADB Program Officer, UNDP Freetown
 1992– 993 Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport & Communications,
 1989 – 1992 – Deputy Financial Secretary
 1976 – 1987 – Held various positions in the Mano River Union Secretariat

Reacting to questions, Mr. Mansaray said that this was the first time he was appointed as "Minister of State" which, he believe, would give him a little bit of clout over the Deputy Minister in taking decisions in the absence of the substantive Minister. "The Minister will always be in the Cabinet and I will only step in when he is absent," he said. Giving his candid opinion on the nation's economy, he said "there was a time when Sierra Leone was considered a failed state. Those were the days when we would shy away from our debtors because we couldn't meet our financial obligations internationally. From that period to date, taking into consideration that this nation has gone through a ten year war, I think the economy of Sierra Leone is doing well, and I see prospects in the horizon based on the confidence we enjoy from our development partners. I think we are doing well. If we continue doing so, I see no reason why, within the shortest possible time, Sierra Leone cannot become a middle level country."

vi. Mr. Mustapha Bai Attila – Deputy Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs

Mr. Mustapha Bai Attila is a household name in Sierra Leone He is a media practitioner, (Radio Journalist) youth activist and a renowned promoter of disability issues.

In his interview, Mr. Attila acknowledged the fact that he was going to a Ministry that has enormous challenges; a Ministry that is responsible for the elderly, the disabled and other vulnerable groups, women and children. He noted that he was therefore determined to improve the performance of the Ministry. "I have identified areas we can improve on. "One such area," he said, "is to drastically reduce or eliminate the presence of the "physically challenged" from begging in the streets by providing them vocational institutions to provide skills training for them to be self-reliant." Mr. Attila promised to do his best along that and similar lines.

4. FOURTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY 2013

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

i. Mr. Alie Doyle Kamara - Proposed Resident Minister, North

Mr. Kamara is an experienced politician who held the position of Resident Minister of the Northern Province from 2007 to date and is seeking Parliamentary approval for the same position.

In his interview, Mr. Kamara informed the Committee that he has served well for the last five years as Resident Minister of the Northern Province. "To the best of my knowledge I have served productively. I believe I was reappointed because of my performance." Mr. Kamara promised to work to the best of his ability to actualise the President's 'Agenda for Prosperity.'

ii. Mr. Musa Tarawally - Proposed Minister of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment

Mr. Musa Tarawally is another successful politician who has merited the privilege of many Presidential of Appointments and has served as:

- i. 2010 – Date: Minister of Internal Affairs
- ii. 2007 – 2010: Resident Minister, Southern Province
- iii. 2003 – 2007: Member of Parliament

Under a barrage of questions relating to the Shears Moses Commission of Inquiry Report and the attendant White Paper, Mr. Tarawally opined that "the Report was on an incident that occurred in Gendema. The Report was presented to Government and the White Paper that came out was clear. Recommendations were made on banning my very self from holding public office but the White Paper was clear on the recommendations. My understanding of the White Paper is that it is not in law, that is, it has no legal locus and precedence, it has no foundation."

Answering to further questions, Mr. Tarawally said, "if approved I will be going to the Ministry of Lands as a Minister with the fear of God because land is a natural gift from God. I would supervise and coordinate the activities of that Ministry with the fear of God in my mind. I know there are many challenges, particularly the legislative and regulatory challenges." He promised to work with all stakeholders to build the capacity of the Ministry to perform. He further promised to harmonise the nation's land tenure systems and to enforce biometric registration of title deeds.

iii. Ms. Finda Diana Konomanyi –Proposed Minister of Local Government and Rural Development

Ms. Diana Konomanyi is a gender activist and politician that is well known for her community development activities. In 2010, Diana was elected Chairman of the Kono District Council, a position she held until her nomination.

Questioned on how she was going to work with Paramount Chiefs and the Local Government Councils, Ms. Diana Konomanyi deposed that her appointment has offered her an opportunity to work with Paramount Chiefs nationwide. "I grew up working with them. I grew up relating myself to the traditions of this country. I want to assure this committee that I will do all within my powers to ensure that the institution of Paramount Chieftaincy is well protected, guided, preserved and capacitated. With regards to the Local Government Councils, I have had the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Kono District Council during which period I accomplished a lot of things." Madam Diana Konomanyi promised to work assiduously for the success of her Ministry.

iv. Mr. Momodu E. Maligi – Proposed Minister of water Resources

Mr. Maligi has a professional background in International Commerce and Policy and has held several management and executive positions in very credible institutions. He is a skilled implementer and trainer in 'Quality Management Systems and Procedures,' Organizational Leadership and customer Services.

In his interview Mr. Maligi said that he has given a lot of thoughts to the challenges that confront the new Ministry of water Resources particularly in the current situation of "water, water everywhere but no water to drink." The current system," he said, "only supplies 59% of the population with portable water mostly in the Freetown area. The system is however far outdated." If approved, he said, he planned to work with development partners to develop the established system; "and to do so in a sustainable manner, we need to win the trust of the people. "Sierra Leoneans," he said, "have lost confidence in the water utilities and people do not pay their bills. My initial effort would be geared towards making Guma valley Water Company more customer focused." Secondly he said, he would look for private partners to create systems that would enhance sustainable water supply.

v. Mr. Muctaru Conteh – Proposed Resident Minister, South

Mr. Conteh is a politician and an eminent ruling party activist in the Eastern Region of Sierra Leone. In 2007, he was appointed a Member of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Leone Road Transport Authority, (SLRTA) a position he has held to date.

Questioned on what he was going to do as Resident Minister for the Southern Province, Mr. Conteh said, "as Resident Minister I would be above colour politics. The colours that I am going to display in the Southern Region would be the national colours of, green, white and blue. I want to assure you that, if approved, the Southern region would be the most peaceful and the cleanest in the entire country. We are going to ensure that our women and children are highly empowered. I will do that through community development schemes. I will use the Paramount Chiefs, Chiefdom Councillors and Local Councils."

vi. Mr. Theo Nicol – Proposed Deputy Minister of Information and Communications

Mr. Nicol is a media practitioner with a wealth of work experience in journalism, Marketing, Public Relations and Mass Communications and has held the following positions in various institutions both nationally and internationally:

2009 – Date: Managing Director, Choice Media Consultancy Ltd, Freetown

2007 – 2009: Marketing Manager, Premier Media consultancy Ltd, Freetown

2005 – 2006: Marketing Director, Fidelity Global Communications Ltd, Freetown

2002 – 2005: Public Relations Consultant, BETTA, Lagos Nigeria

1982 – 2000: Held several positions as Public Relations Officer and Editor for several Media Houses in Nigeria

Answering to questions on the Freedom of Information Bill, he said that the freedom to information is the right of every citizen and not necessarily meant for journalists alone. He said, "Freedom to information is everybody's rights, therefore I support it 100%. We should have the right to access information even though the Government must also have the right to declare certain information as classified for security reasons."

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 Allieu Pat-Sowe – Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- ii. Mr. Moijueh E. Kaikai - Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Gender & Children’s Affairs
- iii. Mr. Musa Tarawalli - Minister of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment
- iv. Mr. Momodu E. Maligi – Minister of water Resources
- v. Mr. Alie D. Kamara – Resident Minister, Northern Province
- vi. Mr. Muctaru Conteh- Resident Minister, Southern Province
- vii. Mrs. Marie M. Jalloh nee Conteh – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security
- viii. Mr. Foday B. L. Mansaray- Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development
- iv. Ms. Finda Diana Konomanyi- Minister of Local Government & Rural Development
- x. Mr. Mustapha Bai Attila - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Gender & Children’s Affairs
- xi. Mr. Charles S. Rogers - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- xii. Mr. Theo Nicol - Deputy Minister of Information & Communication,

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, we have before us a crop of refined and performance-tested men and women selected, by the President himself, to help him actualize his Agenda for Prosperity. That all of the nominees successfully

went through the rigorous vetting process is an indication of how carefully the President had selected them.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Second Report is the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Second Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendation contained therein be approved.

Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
Chairman

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**FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND
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**MINUTES OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON THURSDAY
10TH JANUARY 2013 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed in silence
2. **Attendance**
 - 2.1 All Members of the Committee were present.
 1. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
 2. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 3. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
 4. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai .
 5. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
 6. Hon. Augustine B. Torto .
 7. Hon. Mabinty Fornah
 8. Hon. Amadu Kanu
 9. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
 10. Hon. Dr. Matthew Teambo

11. Hon. Benneh Bangura
12. Hon. Alimamy Kamara
13. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma
14. Hon. Alice Foyah
15. Hon. Brimah Conteh
16. Hon. P. C. V.B.S. Kebbie

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

4. Consideration of Presidential nomination for ministerial appointment as listed:

4:1The following nominee was summoned for interview:

- i. Mr. Momodu Allieu Pat-Sowe – Proposed Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- ii. Mr. Moijueh E. Kaikai - Proposed Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Gender & Children’s Affairs
- iii. Mr. Foday B. L. Mansaray- Proposed Minister of State, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development
- iv. Mrs. Marie M. Jalloh nee Conteh – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security
- v. Mr. Mustapha Bai Atilla - Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare Gender & Children’s Affairs
- vi. Mr. Charles S. Rogers - Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 3:45 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committes

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ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON FRIDAY
11TH JANUARY 2013 AT 11:00 A. M.**

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed in silence
2. **Attendance**
 - 2.2 All Members of the Committee were present.
 1. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
 2. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
 3. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
 4. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai .
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- iv. Mr. Momodu E. Maligi – Proposed Minister of Water Resources
- v. Mr. Muctaru Conteh- Proposed Resident Minister, Southern Province
- vi. Mr. Theo Nicol - Proposed Deputy Minister of Information & Communication,

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The Committee rose at 4:00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

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