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

**SEVENTH 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 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Electoral Commissioner, National Electoral Commission
- ii. Board Members, Rokel Commercial Bank
- iii. Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- iv. Board Member, National Revenue Authority (NRA)

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee conducted the hearings within its set framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues relating to their educational background to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to man such important offices. 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.

**2. SEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2014**

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. **Hon. Joseph Sallu Conteh – Proposed Board Member, NRA**

After his early education in Sierra Leone, Hon. Joseph Sallu Conteh proceeded to the United Kingdom for further studies. He returned in 1982 and had worked in the following capacities:



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1982-84: Transport Manager, Sierra Leone Producing Marketing Board

1984-87: Deputy General Manager, Magbass Sugar Company-

1987-1996-Company Secretary/Finance Controller, Reliance Insurance Trust  
Cooperation

1996-2002: Member of Parliament

2005-2008 - Sierra Leone's Deputy Ambassador to China.

Reacting to probing questions from the Committee, Hon. Joseph Conteh said that with the cooperation of other Board Members, "records management, robust revenue collection strategies, monitoring and supervision" would top his priority list. "I will draw on experience gained in other pertinent work situations for the success of the NRA."

ii. **Mr. Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh-Proposed Electoral Commissioner, National Electoral Commission**

Mr. Mohamed N'fah Alie Conteh has served for 24 years in the National Electoral Office and has risen through the ranks to his current position as one of the five Commissioners of National Electoral Commission.

Questioned as to his preparedness for the challenges that lie ahead of his second term, Mr. Mohamed N'fah -Alie Conteh was confident that he could rely on the experience he had gained from his long and dedicated service to the Commission, coupled with the cooperation he had enjoyed from his colleague Commissioners and staff to tackle those challenges. "In short, " he said, "I am fully prepared."

iii. **Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite - Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank**

Mr. Emile Adeotie Bernard Lasite is a veteran Civil Servant who joined the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1966 as a Third Grade Clerk. Through hard work, he rose through the ranks and retired in 1998-99 as Principal Deputy Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.



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Responding to questions, Mr. Lasite agreed with the Committee that the Rokel Commercial Bank was going through difficult times. "Though I have never worked in the banking sector before, be rest assured that I will draw on my experience in the Ministry of Finance to proffer advise that would be of benefit to the bank."

**iv. Mr. Sheka Ansumana Kamara- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank**

Mr. Sheka Ansumana Kamara is a retired Police officer who is now a well known teacher in the Kolenten Senior Secondary School, Kambia, and he is admired for his proficiency in teaching Biology and Chemistry.

In the interview, Mr. Kamara admitted that he has never had a banking work experience. "I am going to a different world with its different problems. Nevertheless, I am going there with my own tools, i. e. team work." He called for the cooperation of the other Board Members.

**v. Mr. Moray Saidu Kebe -Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank**

Mr. Sheka Ansumana Kamara is another veteran Civil Servant who joined the Civil Service in 1980, rose through the ranks and retired in 2011 as a Permanent Secretary.

Mr. Kebe promised to work assiduously for the success of the bank.

### **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. Mr. E. A. B Lasite - Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Sheka Ansumana Kamara- Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- iii. Mr. Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh- Electoral Commissioner, National Electoral Commission
- iv. Mr. Moray Saidu Kebe - Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- v. Hon. Joseph Sallu Conteh – Board Member, NRA



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

**SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA  
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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY 2014 AT 2:00 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. Leonard S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- iv. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- v. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- vi. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
- vii. Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis

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

- i. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- ii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iv. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- v. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams



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- vi. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- vii. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- viii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- ix. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

**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. Mr. E. A. B. Lasite - Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- ii. Mr. Sheka Ansumana Kamara- Proposed Board Member, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- iii. Mr. Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh-Proposed Electoral Commissioner, National Electoral Commission
- iv. Mr. Moray Saidu Kebe -Proposed Board Member, Rokel Commercial Bank
- v. Hon. Joseph Sallu Conteh – Proposed Board Member, NRA

**5. Closed Session**

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

The Committee rose at 4: 00 p.m.

Mohamed Koroma  
Clerk of Committees