



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

THIRD 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 to its Constitutional responsibilities, met on Monday, 10th March, 2014 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Chairman, Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Board;
- ii. Chairman, Monument and Relics Commission and
- iii. Members, Monument and Relics Commission

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict adherence to its established procedure throughout the deliberation. The nominees were interviewed on their educational background, track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their vision for a successful and nationally productive tenure of office.

3. THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2014

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

i. Mr. Abdul B. Karim -Proposed Chairman, Nuclear Safety and Radiation protection Board

Mr. Abdul B. Karim is an Associate Professor, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. Mr. Karim has been (2009-2013) the Chairman of the Radiation Protection Board.

Giving an idea of what he would do if approved by the Committee, Mr. Karim said that he would help to "regulate nuclear activity in the country, provide leadership for nuclear safety and security, get the other Members of the Board to work assiduously to bring good governance into the authority, seek the welfare of staff and protect the environment and humanity."

Reacting to the Committee's concern about advanced countries using Sierra Leone as a dumping ground for nuclear waste, Mr. Karim said that there were international laws to guide



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against trans-shipment and export of radioactive materials to other counties. He submitted that Government has mechanisms in place for regular checks at the quay, on what is going out and what is coming in. "We even ensure that mining companies that are exporting ores that may be radioactive are properly scanned to ensure that they do not have radioactive materials above the expected safety levels. Scrap-metals for export are also scanned to ensure that radioactive substances are not exported to other countries. With regards to the importation of radiation, the Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Authority are there to ensure that imported nuclear materials are registered for authorization and licensing to operate. The authority also undertakes regular monitoring of such importers to ensure that they conform to regulatory standards."

ii. Ms. Isatu Smith - Proposed Chairman, Monuments and Relics Commission

Isatu Smith is well known to be passionate about Cultural Heritage Management and has been involved in preservation and conservation issues for about two decades. She has recently been admitted to a Masters Course in Cultural Heritage Management in a number of universities in the United Kingdom for the 2014/2015 academic year. Isatu Smith has had a long association with the conservation and management of Bunce Island, a historical site, and was the Deputy Coordinator, Bunce Island Project, 2011- 2013.

Giving a background knowledge of the Monument and Relics Commission, Ms. Smith said that she has been involved in heritage management issues for about twenty years. The nominee informed the Committee that she had worked as Education Officer for the Sierra Leone-Gullah Kinship Association to strengthen ties between Sierra Leone people and the Gullahs in South Carolina and Georgia, in the USA. The Gullahs, she went on, were descendants of slaves taken from Sierra Leone, because of their rice growing skills, to work in plantations in the American Colonies. The Association, she said, was trying to preserve the remains of slave trade activities on Bunce Island. "That was how I got myself into heritage management and preservation since 1994. I also worked very closely with the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs during those years. So, I believe that it is in recognition of my passion and knowledge that the Minister of Tourism has thought it fit to ask me to chair the 'Monument and Relics Commission so that I could replicate my work, in heritage management and preservation on Bunce Island, onto other historical and cultural heritage sites."

iii. Mr. Charlie Haffner - Proposed Member, Monument and Relics Commission

Mr. Haffner is a Theater Artist and a household name in Sierra Leone. He is predominantly a playwright, songwriter, oral historian, tutor, actor, composer, consultant, founder and Director-General of "Freetong Players International (FPI) Theatre Group."



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The nominee has about 28 years experience in Community Theatre Arts activities in and out of Sierra Leone with his "Freetong Players" taking its creative rhythms and artistic expertise to USA, Scotland, Denmark, Venezuela, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, China, Canada, Poland including many countries on the African Continent.

Mr. Haffner is also the Producer of the acclaimed Radio Soap Opera "Atunda Ayenda". He is also founder and chairman of two important annual festivals: "Tangains Festival and 'Jaamafest' and International Council of Folk Festival and Folk arts: Sierra Leone Chapter.

Responding to the Committee, Mr. Charlie Haffner made a solemn undertaking to continue promoting the cultural heritage of his native Sierra Leone with love, devotion and a determination to leave a lasting legacy. "To this end, I want to inform this Committee that me and my family, my wife, my son and daughter who is now a lawyer, we are all Members of the "Freetong Players."

iv. Madam Kitty C.S. Fadlu Deen - Proposed member, Monument and Relics Commission

Madam Kitty is an acclaimed teacher in classical music who, since her retirement as Principal, Ballanta Academy of Music, is now engaged in teaching piano, voice and theory of music.

She has also worked in other institutions of learning in Sierra Leone that include:

1992 -1999 - Principal Lecturer and Head of Department Performing Arts, Milton Margai College of Education

1977 - 1985 - Lecturer in Music, Milton Margai Teachers College

1973-1975 - Lecturer in Charge, Music Department, Women Teachers College, Port Loko

1970-1973 - Teacher, Our Lady of Guadalupe Vocational Sec. School, Lunsar

The nominee promised to work to the best of her ability for the success of the Commission.

v. Mr. Milton Augustine Koroma - Proposed Member, Monument and Relics Commission

Mr. Koroma is the Director, Human Resource and Administration Officer at SIERRATEL. He also served as Principal at the St. Francis Secondary School Makeni from 1993 – 2009.



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Giving his knowledge on the Monument and Relics Commission to which he has been nominated, Mr. Koroma said, "it is basically a Commission that has been put in place by Government to help preserve our cultural heritage, historical monuments, relics and cultural assets for posterity.

Mr. Koroma promised to work assiduously and with devotion for the success of the Commission.

5. 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. Abdul B. Karim - Board Chairman, Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Board
- ii. Ms. Isatu Smith - Chairman, Monument and Relics Commission
- iii. Madam Kitty C. S. Fadlu-Deen (Dr.) - Member, Monument and Relics Commission
- iv. Mr. Charlie Haffner - Member, Monument and Relics Commission
- v. Mr. Augustine Milton Koroma - Member, Monument and Relics Commission

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Third Report reflects the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Third 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 THIRD SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND
THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING,
ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 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 - **Chairman**
- ii. Hon. Leonard S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- iv. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- v. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
- vi. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- vii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- viii. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon. Claude Kamanda
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iv. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- v. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- vi. Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis
- vii. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- viii. Hon. P. C. V.B.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 summoned for interview:



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- i. Mr. Abdul B. Karim -Proposed Board Chairman, Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Board
- ii. Ms. Isatu Smith - Proposed Chairman, Monument and Relics Commission
- iii. Mr. Charlie Haffner – Proposed - Member, Monument and Relics Commission
- iv. Mr. Augustine Milton Koroma - Member, Monument and Relics Commission
- v. Madam Kitty C. S. Fadlu-Deen (Dr.) - Member, Monument and Relics Commission
- vi. Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle - Proposed Member, Monument and Relics Commission

5. Closed Session

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

5.2 Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle, proposed Member, Monument and Relics Commission, was noted to be absent for the hearing.

The Committee rose at 2: 00 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda

Director of Committees