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

TWELFTH 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, cognizant of its constitutional responsibility of vetting Presidential nominations for public appointments, met on Wednesday 10th April 2013 and interviewed two Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Director General, Petroleum Directorate
- ii. Deputy Commissioner, National Commission for Social Action(NaCSA)

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee strictly adhered to its established procedure of questioning the nominees on wide ranging issues pertaining particularly to their educational background, suitability in terms of character, track records in public office, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a nationally successful tenure of office.

3. SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013

3:1 The following nominees were interviewed:

1. Mr. Raymond Saidu Kargbo – Proposed Director General, Petroleum Directorate

Mr. Raymond Kargbo is doubly qualified as a 'Mineral Geologist' and as a 'Petroleum Geoscientist' with over ten years work experience in the petroleum sector. Mr. Kargbo has worked for international Oil companies, Service Companies and Government institutions in different regions. He has extensively worked with:

- i. BHP Billiton as Regional Project Manager (Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea)

- ii. British Petroleum in Angola and both sectors of the North Sea
- iii. Slumberger in Nigeria, Ghana, Mauritania and Benin
- iv. Worked as Lead Consultant and Project Manager in the development of a Deep Sea Port and Oil Services base in Ghana

Mr. Kargbo has a wealth of professional managerial work experience. He has served as:-

- i. 2011 – date - Ag. Director-General, Petroleum Directorate, Sierra Leone
- ii. 2007 – 2011 - Petroleum Geoscientist, Petroleum Resources Unit
- iii. 2007 – date - Associate Lecturer, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone
- iv. 1994-1996 - Field Assistant, Koidu Holdings (Diamond Mining Company)

Answering to questions on his readiness to assume substantive office as Director General of the Petroleum Directorate, Mr. Kargbo submitted that he was more than ready. "Things were a bit difficult in the acting position as I did not have overall authority. In an acting position," he went on, "there is always something running through your mind that you have to be careful as your position is not yet substantive. I want to assure the Committee that I am prepared and that I will bring on board every weapon in my arsenal to ensure that the Petroleum Directorate is set on a sound footing. I am very much aware that there are lots of challenges and one of these is certainly the management of expectations. There are already programmes that I had started while I was Acting Director General that I am keen to continue. Trust me," he said, "I am up to the task and would not betray the confidence reposed in me."

**Mrs. Isatu Kamara (nee Bah) – Proposed Deputy Commissioner,
National Commission for Social Action
(NaSCA)**

Mrs. Isatu Kamara is an Educationist and a Development Consultant of eminence. She is currently the Training Coordinator and Acting Executive Director of the 'Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre,' (SLOIC) Bo.

Mrs. Isatu Kamara viewed her nomination as a call to national duty and promised, on oath, to put service to the nation above all personal considerations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to possess the requisite qualifications for their proposed appointments and they are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Mr. Raymond Saidu Kargbo - Director-General, Petroleum Directorate
- ii. Mrs. Isatu Kamara nee Bah - Deputy Commissioner, National Commission for Social Action (NaSCA)

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, this report embodies the explicit confidence reposed by all Members of the Appointments Committee on the nominees. The nominees have to their credit impressive academic qualifications backed by application and experience that could be relied upon to achieve those national objectives for which the institutions of their appointments were established.

To the nominees, I want to say that with your qualification and experience, this august body is relying on you to live up to your promises, to initiate good policies, to supervise, to control management, to enforce prudent management of resources so as to ensure the attainment of the national objectives.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the approval of these nominees by this Honourable House is not an end in itself. There are provisions in the Constitution that empower this House to make a follow-up on their performance, to monitor them and to report to Parliament for necessary remedial action.

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

Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
Chairman

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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE
PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1 PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY
10TH APRIL 2013 AT 12:00 NOON.**

1. **Prayers** - Members prayed in silence

2. **Attendance**

2.1 The following Members of the Committee were present.

- i. Hon. S. B. B. Dumbuya
- ii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iii. Hon. Ibrahim Bundu
- iv. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- v. Hon. E. K. Koedoyoma
- vi. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- vii. Hon. Alice Foyah
- viii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- ix. Hon. Claude Kamanda

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- i. Hon. Mabinty Funna
- ii. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- iii. Hon. P. C. V.B.S. Kebbie
- iv. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- v. Hon. Bliss Osho-Williams
- vi. Hon. Veronica Sesay
- vii. Hon. Augustine B. Torto

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

4. Consideration of Presidential nomination for appointment:

4:1 The following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. Mr. Raymond Saidu Kargbo - Proposed Director-General, Petroleum Directorate
- ii. Mrs. Isatu Kamara nee Bah - Proposed Deputy Commissioner, NaCSA

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 2: 15 p.m.