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**SECOND 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, alive to its constitutional mandate, convened for the twelfth meeting on Tuesday 10th June 2014 and interviewed four Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Member, National Youth Commission
- ii. Board Member, Electricity Generation and Transmission Company
- iii. Two Members of the Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission

2. PROCEDURE

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Inquiring questions put to the nominees were related to their educational backgrounds, track records in pertinent work situations, declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for a successful tenure.

3. TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014

The following nominees were interviewed:

i. Hon. Jolly Magnus Lavalie - Proposed Member, National Youth Commission

Hon Lavalie is a former Member of Parliament for Constituency 82, Moyamba District. Prior to entering politics, he was a social worker in the Sierra Leone Council of Churches (CCSL).

In his interview, Hon. Lavalie said that he was quite au fait with the problems of youths and would do all in his power to ameliorate the problems of youths in this country.



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**ii. Mr. Jenner Arthur Beckley -Proposed Board Member Electricity
Generation and Transmission Company**

Mr. Beckley is a retired Engineer who has a wealth of engineering work experience spanning over 35 years.

Answering to inquiring questions, Mr. Beckley said that he was going to the 'Electricity Generation and Transmission Company' with a plan to first observe what the mandate of the Board was, map out strategies as to the set objectives could be achieved and; to ensure successful performance of the company. "Once these are in place, I will do my best to ensure that the mandates of the Board are satisfactorily fulfilled."

**iii. Alhaji Tejan A. Kassim - Member Sierra Leone Electricity and Water
Regulatory Commission**

Mr. Kassim is a Trade Unionist of high standing. He started his trade union career as a 'Shop Steward' in the former diamond mining company, 'Sierra Leone Selection Trust (S.L.S.T),' in Tongo Field in 1964. Over the years and through hard work and perseverance, he had fought his way to the top hierarchy of the Sierra Leone Labour Congress.

Reacting to the inquiries of the Committee, Mr. Kassim said that there was an urgent need to take a closer look at the adequacy of the existing policies on electricity and water supply. "If the policies are working, then they need to be improved upon. If they are not working, and I believe they are not, then the policies would need to be changed and replaced with new and better ideas." Alhaji Kassim called for cooperation among Board Members. "I think if we all work together particularly in the area of policy making, implementation and monitoring; I believe we will succeed in achieving our objectives."

**iv. Mr. Emmanuel Tony Jarrett -Member, Sierra Leone Electricity and
Water Regulatory Commission**

Mr. Jarrett is a Marketing Specialist who has spent the better part of his working life in marketing oil and has served in the following oil companies:

- i. 2010 - Date - Marketing Director, U T Oil Sierra Leone Limited
- ii. 2007 - 2010 - Marketing Director, Trade Oil, Sierra Leone Limited
- iii. 1993 – 2007 - Marketing Director, Star Oil Company etc. etc.



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In his interview, Mr. Jarrett said "I have been in the oil industry for a long time. The energy sector has been plagued with a lot of problems pertaining to fuel and there are some innovations that I would like to bring into the sector. The Kingtom Power Station, for instance, has two fuel tanks each with a capacity of 1000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil (HFO). In the past, National Power Authority purchased fuel was pumped directly from the ship into their tanks. But for some unknown reasons, they stopped doing that. Now costly vehicles are used to transport the fuel from Kissy Dockyard to Kingtom Power Station. I would like to revert to the former method to save cost. Purchased oil could be brought in by barges or small boats and pumped directly into the Kingtom Power Station tanks. That will save about a third of the money currently spent on fuel."

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. Hon. Jolly Magnus Lavalie - Member, Proposed Member,
National Youth Commission
- ii. Mr. Jenner Arthur Beckley - Board Member Electricity
Generation and Transmission Company
- iii. Mr. Emmanuel Tony Jarrett -Member, Sierra Leone
Electricity and Water Regulatory
Commission
- iv. Alhaji Tejan A. Kassim - Member Sierra Leone Electricity
and Water Regulatory Commission

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Twelfth Report portrays the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Twelfth 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 TWELFTH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE
PUBLIC SERVICE IN COMMITTEE
ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT BUILDING, ON TUESDAY
10TH JUNE 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. L. S. Fofanah
- iii. Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah
- iv. Hon. Brimah Conteh
- v. Hon. Alhaji Ansumana Jaia Kaikai
- vi. Hon. Augustine B. Torto
- vii. Hon. Benneh Bangura
- viii. Hon. Veronica K. Sesay
- ix. Hon. Sidi Mohamed Tunis
- x. Hon. P. C. Brima V.S. Kebbie

2.2 The following Members of the Committee were absent:

- xi. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai
- xii. Hon. Claude D. M. Kamanda
- xiii. Hon. Amadu Kanu
- xiv. Hon. Bliss Osho Williams
- xv. Hon. Komba E. Koedoyoma
- xvi. Hon. Mabinty Funna



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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. Hon. Jolly Magnus Lavalie - Proposed Member, Proposed Member,
National Youth Commission
- ii. Mr. Jenner Arthur Beckley - Proposed Board Member Electricity
Generation and Transmission Company
- iii. Mr. Emmanuel Tony Jarrett - Proposed Member, Sierra Leone
Electricity and Water Regulatory
Commission
- iv. Alhaji Tejan A. Kassim - Proposed Member Sierra Leone Electricity
and Water Regulatory Commission

5. Closed Session

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

The Committee rose at 3: 55 p.m.

Peter J. Kulagbanda
Director of Committees