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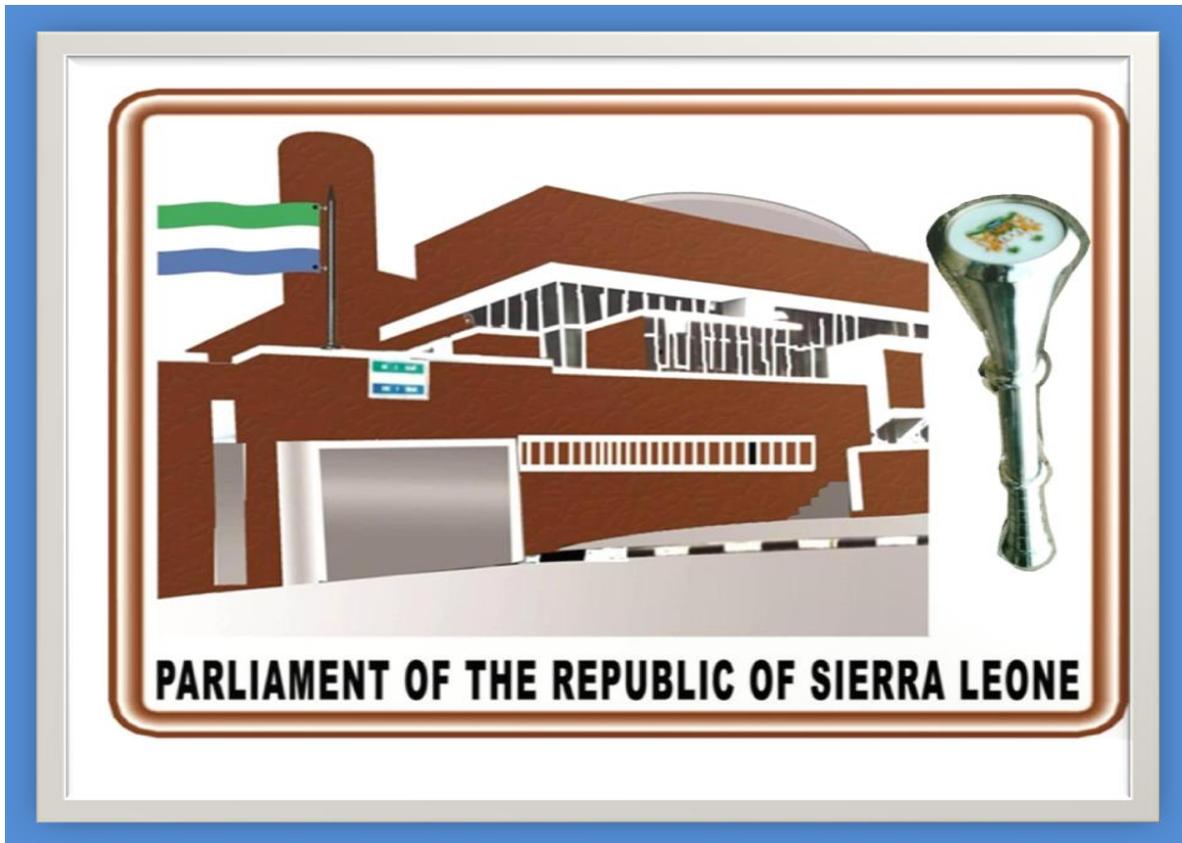
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SECONDER: HON DICKSON M. ROGERS

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE NINTH 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.



*THE CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE*

## **Official Hansard Report of the Proceedings of the House**

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### **FIRST SESSION – FIRST MEETING OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Thursday, 19<sup>TH</sup> July, 2018.**

#### **I. PRAYERS**

*[The Table Clerk, Mrs Bintu Weston, Read the Prayers]*

*[The House met at 10:40a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown]*

*[The Speaker, Hon. Chernor Abass Bundu, in the Chair]*

The House was called to Order

*Suspension of S. O. 5[2]*

**II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS HELD ON THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 RESPECTIVELY.**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, it is my pleasure to announce to the House that our automatic machine has a very special day today. Today is his birthday *[Applause]*. On behalf of the House, we say many happy returns and continue to maintain the automatic seconding machine. We shall start with the record of Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. As is now usual, we shall skip pages 1 through to 4. If any Honourable Member has any problem with his/her name, please see the clerk for the relevant amendment to be done. So, we shall go straight to page 5. Page 5, any comments or amendments? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Since it has escaped all of you, I will now take the opportunity to make my own correction. The bottom of page 8, the name is Sam Maligie not Sahr unless somebody proves me wrong. Mr Leader? So let it be corrected.

**HON. ALUSINE KANNEH:** I move the adoption of the Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, 12th July, 2018

**HON. SIDIE M. TUNIS** *[Leader of Government Business]*: You are correct sir.

**HON. JOAEPHINE MAKIEU:** I second the motion

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for parliamentary sitting held on Friday, 12th July, 2018 has been adopted]*

**THE SPEAKER:** We move on to the record of Votes and Proceedings for parliamentary sitting held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Again, we shall skip pages 1 through to 4 and begin with page 5. Page 6? Page 7? No comment, no amendment can somebody please move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sittings held on Friday, 13th July, 2018.

**HON. MOMOH BOCKARIE:** I so move Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. BRIMA MANSARAY:** I second the motion.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Record of Votes and Proceedings for parliamentary sittings held on*

*Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 has been adopted]*

**III MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

**PROPOSER: HON. SIDIE M. TUNIS**

**SECONDER: HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE NINTH 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. SIDIE M. TUNIS:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, be it resolved: That the Ninth 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.

*1. Introduction*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in tandem with its constitutional obligations, met on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 and interviewed eight Presidential nominees for the following appointments:

- i. Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Ports Authority

- ii. Chairman, Board of Directors, National Revenue Authority
- iii. Chairman, Public Service Commission
- iv. Chairman, National Insurance Company Limited
- v. Director- General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority
- vi. Director-General, National Civil Registration Authority
- vii. Director-General, Petroleum Directorate
- Viii. Executive Director, Sierra Leone Roads Safety

## *2. Procedure*

The Committee maintained strict consistency with its established procedure. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational background, to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to hold such important offices of state. 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 visions for a nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into by the Committee.

## *3. Tenth Sitting Of the Committee on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the following nominees were interviewed on oath:

- i. *Hon Abu Manso Dumbuya ,Proposed Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Ports Authority*

Honourable Manso Dumbuya is a popular politician of no means standing, with proven knowledge in private sector development. From 2002-2007, Honourable Manso Dumbuya served as a Member of Parliament and was a ranking member of the following committees: Presidential Affairs, Defence, Trade and Industry, Energy and Power and Tourism. During his tenure as Member of Parliament, Honourable Manso

Dumbuya won two insignia awards for his contribution to end the 10 years war in Sierra Leone. He is currently serving as the Regional Chairman of the Sierra Leone People's Party, Western Area *[Applause]*. Answering to enquiring questions on depoliticising Ports Authority, Honourable Manso Dumbuya said: **"I view my appointment to be a National one and not a Political appointment and so that I will try to live up to that expectation"**, he said. Responding to further enquiring in addressing corruption at the Ports Authority, Honourable Manso Dumbuya said: **"I have made to understand that the Ports Authority, we see today is not the Ports Authority that we have before. Because lots of their jobs have been privatised, but being the host of all of these companies that are working at the Ports I will make sure that, they do the right thing in order to upgrade the standards of the Sierra Leone Ports Authority up reign"**.

[ii] *Ms Tuma Adama Jabbie, Chairman, Board of Directors, National Revenue Authority.*

Ms Tuma Adama Jabbie is a legal luminary and lecturer in Tax and Revenue law. She is correctly the managing partner of Jabbie associate Jeha Jennah Chambers, 2 Siaka Stevens Street *[Applause]*. Answering the two probing questions on using her proven knowledge in Tax and Revenue law to ensure that the authority increases Revenue Generation Ms Tuma Jabbie said, **"As a lecturer in tax and revenue law at the Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, I will actually introduce this model to the Department. Since I am a lawyer, I have more skills in the legal aspect of the revenue law and not the practical aspect. I will draw on my expect knowledge to advise management when necessary. As chairperson of the board, I will do to the best of my ability to ensure that the revenue laws have been abided to and if there are further policies that the authority needs to enforce, we will make sure that they are enforced"**.

*[iii] Ms Martha Consilia Kanagbo, Chairman, National Insurance Company Limited Board*

Mrs Martha Consilia Kanagbo is a development management specialist a politician and a gender activist. From 2001 to 2009 she championed the campaign violence against girls in and out of schools with Action Aid. She is currently serving as a member of the women forum. Answering to a probing question on ensuring that Nation Insurance Company gains competitive edge over revival insurance companies in the industry, Ms Kanagbo said, **"I am ready to fight for National Insurance Company, because it is the mother of all insurance companies in Sierra Leone so we should be ready to promote and make it viable. If am approve by this Honourable House, I will also ensure that I closely work with management to ensure that indemnity benefits are paid on time to third party insurance. This I believe will restore public confidence and trust"**.

*[iv] Mr Khalilu Omaru Bah, Chairman, Public Service Commission*

Mr Khalilu O. Bah is a career Civil Servant. He entered the Civil Service in 1983 as Assistant Sectary, Ministry of Energy and Power and rose through the ranks and retired as a senior Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in 2015. Outlining his plans to uplift the Public Service, Mr Khalilu O. Bah said, **"I believe with my Public Service background and with all the necessary entities concern I will bring the Public Service in a dynamic manner to respond to the emerging issues and challenges in the 21 Century"**. Responding to further enquires in ensuring that social security is guaranteed for Public Service workers in both rural and urban areas after retirement. Mr Khalilu O. Bah said, **"I want to believe local government is an appendage of central government. With my background in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development those challenges are not new to solve especially, if we organise a consultative meeting and make recommendations for consideration by the executive"**.

[V]. Mr Timothy Musa Kabba, Proposed Director General,

Petroleum Directorate

Mr Timothy Kabba is a Professional in Oil and Gas with strong educational background in oil and gas engineering, Leadership management and strategy combined with verifiable success in oil and gas exploration and drilling. Oil fill reserve development, oil production and reservoir optimization, logistics and supplying chain management, oil and gas material cost tracking, standard cost analysis and management of exception, local content cooperative, social and environmental impact management. He also possesses a great intellect in planning, budgeting, engineering and managing oil and gas operations. He is currently serving as the Project Management Consultant for Total E & PC Ltd abroad.

Responding to probing questions about the preparedness for his proposed appointment, Mr Timothy Musa Kabba said, **"I must say I am pretty much aware of the challenges that surround this particular industry that His Excellency the President has nominated me for, but I will draw on my experience to solve some of those problems. Having worked in the Petroleum Industry for well over eight years, the atlas of experience that I have gathered all over the world essentially in the middle east, the Russia Federation and in the countries around the Caspian sea, and West Africa. I think I have over the time built up myself for these challenges. As a matter of fact, in 2013 whilst I was working in the Middle East, I had an opportunity to go to the United States to work at the Gulf of Mexico or to come to West Africa. Of course, any normal person would have chosen to go to the United States of America, but I chose to come to Sierra Leone to work for my country to become one of the pioneers of the Oil and Gas Industry in West Africa though the project was under Ghana. If you have heard of the discovery that was made in this country in 2013 in oil and gas I was the engineer of that well and from the pre-planning, execution of that process, I participated fully. I want to assure**

**this Honourable House that I will use all my knowledge acquired to revitalize the oil and gas sector for the benefit of all Sierra Leoneans.”**

*[Vi]. Mr David Panda Noah, Proposed Executive Director, Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA)*

Mr David Panda Noah is a trained and qualified Software Engineer with proven knowledge in Software Development Circle, Network Techniques, PC Architecture, Oracle, Developing and Maintaining Websites and knowledge in many different Applications. He is also adept at managing people, marketing, sales, and an efficient communicator. Mr David Panda Noah is the owner of Present Early Steps Day Nursery in London.

Answering to probing questions on bringing transformative changes to the Authority in line with the “New Direction”, Mr David Panda Noah said: **“I am going to bring disciplined leadership and integrity to the Authority. I am also going to be professional in building a system that will be efficient, competent in service delivery to the Roads Safety Authority”.**

In responding to further questions on maintaining effective traffic management Mr David Panda Noah said, **“we will be putting in place very stringent rules to enforce regulations that will empower the Road Safety Corps to dispense their duties effectively and efficiently without fear or favour.”**

*[Vii]. Mr Moses Tiffa M’bayoh, Proposed Director General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority*

Mr Moses Tiffa M’bayoh is a Public Sector Management Expert with requisite and proven knowledge in Civil Aviation Management and Strategic Management. Mr Moses Tiffa M’bayoh is currently the Acting Director General Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority.

Responding to probing questions from the Committee on lowering the cost of air tickets in the transport industry in ensuring that Sierra Leoneans benefit from the investment and tourist opportunities, Mr M'bayoh said, **"the transport oversight Committee is one of those stakeholders whose input is needed in terms of carrying out our mandates. To improve investments and tourist opportunities, all stakeholders such as airline industries, hotels and resorts must be developed. I believe with time the airline industry will reduce prices when we improve on tourism and agricultural exports."**

*[Viii]. Mr Mohamed Massaquoi, Proposed Director General, National Civil Registration Authority*

Mr Mohamed Massaquoi is a Development Management Specialist with over fifteen years' experience in diverse areas such as administration and management, program management, peace building and consolidation, democratic governance, managing donor relations and interventions, monitoring and evaluation. He is also a financial and contractual management expert. He is currently a consultant in democratic governance and electoral management systems.

In outlining his strategies to make the Civil Registration Authority achieve its goal for which it was established, Mr Mohamed Massaquoi said, **"I am very much prepared to meet the expectations of the job. So I am very much prepared and I would not disappoint anyone"**.

In addressing concerns from the Committee about the anomalies in issuing identification cards, Mr Mohamed Massaquoi said: **"I will imagine procedurally after registration is done, exhibition follows to ensure that you have credible data, amendments are thereafter to enable the Authority produce a register that is credible and acceptable to the people of Sierra Leone"**

#### *4. Recommendations*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and they are recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Hon. Abu Manso Dumbuya , Chairman, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- ii. Ms Tuma Adama Jabbie, Chairman, Board of Directors, National Revenue Authority
- iii. Mr Khalilu Omaru Bah, Chairman, Public Service Commission
- iii. Ms Martha Consilia Kanagbo, Chairman, National Insurance Company Limited
- iv. Mr Mohamed M. Massaquoi, Director- General, Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Authority
- v. Mr Moses Tiffa M'bayoh, Director, General, National Civil Registration Authority
- vii. Mr Timothy Musa Kabba, DirectorGeneral, Petroleum Directorate
- viii. Mr David Panda Noah, Executive Director, Sierra Leone Roads Safety Authority

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Ninth Report reflects the unanimous view of the committee. I therefore, move that the Ninth 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.

Signed: Hon. Sidie Mohamed Tunis  
Chairman

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, you have heard the motion any seconder?

**HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS:** Mr Speaker, I so second.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, before I put the question. I would like the House to acknowledge the presence of a few personalities of note in our community. I recognise the presence in our midst of the Honourable Rev Marie Yansaneh, Former President, Parliamentary Female Caucus. Second I wish to recognise and acknowledge the presence of somebody who was one of us until very recently, a legal luminary and a man whose name would definitely occupy an indelible place in the annals of representation of the SLPP before the courts, the Honourable Dr Bubuakei Jabbie. Where is he? The Honourable Dr Bubuakai Jabbie you belong here, not up in the gallery. Thirdly and equally importantly, I would like to acknowledge the presence of His Lordship the Chief Justice, the Honourable Mr Abdulai Amid Charm, you are most welcome sir. And I also want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the presence of so many supporters and relatives who have come to support the nominees that we have before us this morning. All of you are most welcome.

*[Question Proposed]*

**HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I hate what I call tautology; I do not like using tautology Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** So do not use it *[Laughter]*. Since you hate it, do not use it.

**HON. DICKSON M. ROGERS:** Because there is no adjective this House will use today that will not be tautology in qualifying or approving the nominees that are before us today *[Undertone]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have tried to restrain myself not to talk about Madam Tuma Jabbie. I have tried, but I think my restrain is not good enough because a lot of lawyers here today would want to contribute to Madam Tuma Jabbie. But Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Tuma Jabbie is one of the finest Lawyers we have in this country. Besides being a woman, besides being a friend of all of us in the Sierra Leone People's Party [SLPP] she has always stood tall in discharging her duties.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as I said I am loss of words in describing this young beautiful lady. You know most times I envy those who come from a home not a house and copy the legacy of the home they are coming from. As you said in describing lawyer Bubuakei Jabbie, I think he taught his daughter how to be a model in society. Besides her being outstanding, I think she has what it takes to serve in that office. Her appointment is by no means a compensation it is by merit. I think if there is anybody that can handle that office I think she is among the best *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have one of the finest gentlemen in this Well today that rose in the Civil Service from the last grade to the top echelon. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the first day I came across Mr Khalilu O Bah, we normally call him K.O Bah I was shocked by then he was a middle age man, I don't want to say young man. For a man at that time of his stature talked to young civil servants in this country, encourages them to be professional in the discharge of their duties. He was one of the civil servants that cannot boast of wealth, the one thing he always boasts of is, due diligence, professionalism and integrity. Today, we are having K.O Bah to serve in that office. And I think as he said in the interview that he was going to draw from his experience to make sure that the Public Service take its' rightful position in West Africa. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have no doubt in Mr K.O Bah besides him being one of the finest retired civil servants. I wish like in the UK, where a lot of us here studied the way they take care of their retired civil servants, I wish there was that kind of provision here. Because some of us would have loved Mr K.O Bah to come back in the civil service to train our young brothers and sisters that are coming to the service but Mr K.O Bah we hope you will draw from that experience. Don't confine yourself only to the public service but make sure that once in a while you make your professionalism available to the civil service training school by offering free lectures sir. It's a humble request.

**THE SPEAKER:** I think you will also confer on him the knighthood of Pujehun District.

**HON. DICKSON M ROGERS:** I wish I will do that Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is a gentleman I came across in 2011 when I was in the

UK, a very handsome gentleman that any lady would love to have [*Undertone*]. We met in a meeting and I listened to this eloquent disciplined gentleman and I said to myself I wish I could attain that level this young man has attained in the UK. You see him, very young but he is very disciplined and articulate. That is no less a person than Mr Panda Noah. Mr Noah you are going to a department wherein the centre is not holding I am not saying things are falling apart but the centres are not holding. Therefore, I would want you to work diligently with the team that you are going to meet there to make sure that our road safety in this country is paramount.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am a frequent traveller on this road, for every time you are between Freetown, Bo, Kenema and Makeni, you have those big trucks. Nobody knows what they are doing on the roads and they would be there for two or three days. Like my leader of the opposition was saying on that day after break down, they will use those elephant grasses to give a sign that they are broken down but when once their vehicles are fixed they just leave everything there and go. I am a little bit impressed for the past three to five months we are beginning to see a traffic SLRTC or those long trailers that normally picked up broken down vehicles so I hope Mr Panda, you will make the New Direction proud. One question I asked was your participation in team work and you said you are a very good team player and I can attest to that.

To Mr Tiffa, I have no doubt, I am not looking at your qualification, I am looking at the practical job you have been doing throughout this time. I hope that you will make Sierra Leone air traffic an enviable one and make sure that before December or so we will start getting flights coming to Sierra Leone at a very cheaper cost.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Massaquoi worked for the National Election Office and I think he can handle that job because he has been very professional. I am sure he would always make sure that he maintains a good working relationship with his workers. I am sure NEC is no longer going to conduct registration for elections therefore, you are going to that office and I am sure you will be receiving other political parties there. You are not going there as SLPP, even though your appointment is from

the SLPP government, but you are going to serve the rest of the other political parties as you have been professional all this while, I hope you will continue to be professional.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will fail in my duty if I don't recognise Manso for you. For the past 10 years, this is the first time under his leadership the Sierra Leone People's Party can boast of 3 MPs even though they were supposed to be six but the rest is history and I am sure, that professionalism he used to cajole people in the Western Area he would take it to the Sierra Leone Ports Authority so that like he said he would make sure that the Ports once more becomes an enviable one. Money nor dae S.O 2 'go bring yu paper dem, ar nor go release money if neither chairman nor sign', that is Madam Martha Kanagbo. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I think the NIC now is going to have a chair that will look at their finances. We are now going to have an insurance company, you can be rest assured that you are going to work with a very nice to do woman.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me leave the nominees with those few words, that the average person only use sometime 25% of his or her energy and capacity to work but I can assure you that his Excellency the President will be happy if you give him between 70 to 80% of your energy and your capacity because we need to see this country moving. Few minutes ago, one of my colleagues on the other side was telling me Hon. Dickson Rogers, S.O 2 "opposition nor fine, 2023 we go make sure we come back. These are going to be those agents that will make sure we stop those guys from coming back". You are the agents that will say no to Honourable Chernor Maju Bah, you are the agents that will make sure that His Excellency Brigadier Maada Bio attains his objectives. Mind you Honourable Members, this election was won by Paopa not the SLPP. You are the agents that will make sure after 10 years, the SLPP now come to power after Paopa. I thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Order! I think this is an appropriate moment not to recognise an Independent Members yet. Today, I am inclined to take note of any Member who is yet to take the Floor. But today, surprisingly, I noticed a lot of empty seats on my left. Oh they are strategizing? I hope it is a strategy that will take us

forward. I think frankly having listened to the Chief Whip on my right, it is only but fitting that I give the Floor to the Chief Whip on my left *[Applause]*.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, do not forget the promise you made.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Mr Speaker, I will not take a low road that my colleague from Pujehun took. I will take the high road here and like I said, I have said it before; when fine people come to us in this House we will approve them *[Applause]*. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, good people are on both sides of the aisle.

**THE SPEAKER:** Excellent.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Good people are born in Sierra Leone, we know that *[Applause]* but Mr Speaker, I want to assure my colleague, the Chief Whip on the other side that some people are on loan. Mr Speaker, when you have excess players you loan some and at the end of the season you go back and review those loan processes. Anyway, that is a topic for another day. However, why we are gathered today is to recognise a few people that we have here.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would start with a lady not because she is a lady but because I have been somebody fighting for the rights of women for quite a long time and more so, I want to respect a senior colleague who is now not with us in this House even though he is present today because I used to have tremendous respect for him when we sit in the Well and that is the daughter of Dr Buabaki Jabbie.

Mr Speaker, you don't need to be a rocket scientist to know that people when they are qualified when they are young can deliver better because they learn and progress with what they have. Having been a Lecturer, having studied law and with all the fine sentiments expressed by people on the other side have never met with her personally but have heard about her. I know S.O 2 'orinse nor dae bear lem'. Dr Buabaki Jabbie is a brilliant elder I remembered him serving the APC as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs that was when I knew the quality of his intellect.

**THE SPEAKER:** Order! Order! Order! Honourable Members, I am always enthralled when the Honourable Hassan Sesay takes the Floor he is a very clever man. One thing he has omitted is, yes the Honourable Buabaki Jabbie did serve but the dispensation was different.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Accepted Mr Speaker, I only want to have the operational word there 'served', you are correct Mr Speaker, I agreed with you. Moving forward, I know that his penchant for thoroughness must have translated his siblings and that is why I believe Miss Adama Tuma Jabbie would be a fine selection for the job that she has been given. And I am sure, Mr Speaker, she will continue to learn because there are new challenges. I spoke to her outside at the Lounge and I did tell her that quite apart from all you know the human being, dealing with them in that quantum is going to put a challenge for her but let her be prepared mentally and otherwise to make sure that she navigates through those challenges. I know having been a Lecturer because I was a Teacher, she can deal with people as she finds them and I am sure this House will definitely approve Miss Tuma Jabbie to be our Chairman, Board of Director, NRA.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when you have somebody who is serving the Civil Service all his life, coming out untainted, now retired, you cannot count him as one of wealthiest Civil Servants is a virtue in itself. Now, my colleague was saying he hopes that that individual would bring the knowledge that he acquired in the Civil Service to help the new recruits that is why I think he has been given the position to serve at the Public Service Commission and that is my 'kortor' Mr K.O. Bah. I have known Mr K.O. Bah for quite a while. He came from the oldest Government School and I came from the other one which produced the President for the first time. I attended Boys School and Mr Speaker for your information, I only attended schools that produce Presidents and nothing more because I went to the Government Secondary School Boys and the Albert Academy that produced Siaka Stevens.

**THE SPEAKER:** Are you warning the Honourable Leader of the Opposition to be aware?

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** No they had one; I think they had late President Tejan Kabba.

**THE SPEAKER:** You virtually lay claim to be the next flag bearer of your party.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, talking about Mr K.O. Bah, is an epitome of a fine Civil Servant; somebody that you can learn from at every point in time, a mild mannered fellow but very disciplined and thorough and I believe that some of the Civil Servants that will be going through Mr K.O. Bah will find somebody who would not shout, who would not ask difficult questions but he would be very thorough and do not always be sure that you would have your way because he is mild mannered. So, having somebody like Mr K.O. Bah to go to the Public Service Commission, I think we have a fine person that we can count on to head the Public Service Commission because that is where we start recruiting people for the Civil Service and I have said it in this Well that if we have to progress there must be discipline and a complete review of our Public Service. Mr Speaker, on that note, I think we must all take it very seriously that our Public Service is still structured along the lines of our colonial masters. Mr Speaker, we need somebody with dynamism, somebody that will inject a new spirit into our Civil Service and I think Mr K.O. Bah has it takes so I doff my hat to Mr K.O. Bah and hope my colleagues here would all agree that he would be a fine gentleman in that position. But having spoken about somebody that is older than me, I would come to somebody that is very young that I can bully, if I want to but I will not. This is because we have to respect the young for what they are and what they can achieve. If you do not encourage the young, how would they grow? Let us give them space to grow also because we were given a little space for us to grow and we must allow them and give them the support they need.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if we have people like my Honourable colleague from Bayama to be a Member of Parliament today, it is because the young are growing. Anyway, if we have somebody as young as Mr Kabba to serve in the Petroleum Directorate, it means that there is an element of continuity in giving young people the chance to serve. We started it and you are continuing it, we agree but Mr Kabba, when

you look at his resume you have no option but to admire the young man for what he has done for himself and what he plans to do for this Country. I was at the Appointments Committee meeting and this man working in the oil industry can speak French, English, talk Temne and Mende meaning he is somebody who can interact and he is more interactive and those are the people we need to serve us. One that can cut across barriers acting as impediment to the progress of this Country but Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let us forget the partisan divide when it comes to good people. My colleagues were talking about one serving 'PAOPA'. Note, it is not 'PAOPA' anymore, it is Sierra Leone now and that is why we would embrace them, we would accommodate them but I want all of the nominees to know, today we say 'Hosanna' tomorrow we would say 'crucify him' I am sure these people would not disappoint us.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, my friend going to the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority [SLRSA], but I know he is a fine gentleman. I know somebody that has lived in areas where he knows what the traffic rules are. He knows what is expected of traffic rules and I am sure that experience would give him enough for him to prove to this Country that a mistake was not made. I want to give him one advice, when you go there, deal with the people that you find, they know certain things. Not all of them because some of them would definitely mislead you, don't accept because you have people who know the system and who know exactly what the problems are, what the challenges are, listen to them, work with them, accommodate them, they will help you and I am sure that we are looking forward to him because we would all agree that traffic is a challenge, particularly in the city. The drivers are reckless to the core. People care about money, not the lives of the people and for what I know, the lives of the people matter than the vehicle you drive. Most of these people driving these small vehicles we called 'poda poda' do not even have license. They cause accidents and run away, they cannot be traced. I am sure my friend; the new Director, will make sure that all of those issues are addressed adequately.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I also want to call on Mr Massaquoi going to National Civil Registration Authority [NCRA] that is a very vital institution. I have

interacted with Mr Massaquoi a few times that would not be enough to say I know him but I would say I believe him and I am sure he knows the vitality and how pivotal the NCRA is to this country and will expect on him to be objective and not partisan.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when it comes to debates, discussions or arguments, we would argue from dusk to dawn but I want to assure you Mr Speaker, that never mind how we shout, how we bang ourselves here, we are friends and brothers outside of this Well but we must also understand that Sierra Leone comes first, not the parties and that is the attitude I want my brother to adopt when going to the NCRA. Politics is over, even though not over because we are strategizing but Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, these are fine gentlemen and ladies that we have before us. Of course, I would not say all the good things about all of you the other lady there Miss Kanagbo, going to National Insurance Company there is another challenge because at the insurance companies people sometimes don't even pay comprehensive insurance for expensive vehicles they pay third party and when it is damaged they expect to be compensated adequately. So, you have a challenge as a Chairman of National Insurance Company which is a national carrier, we expect that more education would go out to vehicle owners to understand the essence of having a comprehensive insurance. Third party insurance would only pay limited as it is a limited liability, so I think we all must look at that and make sure to bring the insurance industry to par with other insurance companies outside Sierra Leone. We must not always try to lower the bar when it comes to our country; let us try to put up the antenna.

So, Mr Speaker, having said that I know other speakers want to contribute, I would not take all of your time because S.O 2 'ar nor able talk' however, I want to ask my colleagues that we hastily approve these people. Let them go to work with one thing in mind, think Sierra Leone do not think partisan. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. One thing I really do like about the Honourable Member is that he does fulfil his promises. He promised me that, he would set the bar high and that he has done and with that I think the

baton will now move over to the one and only, the Honourable Catherine Zainab Tarawally.

**HON. CATHERINE .Z. TARAWALLY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I know your eyes are always clear to see the wonderful woman in front of you. Honourable Members, I feel honoured standing in front of you to talk about these fine gentle women and men. You know I am a woman of substance; I always like to talk about women that are great, women that are contributing to the development of our nation, Sierra Leone. Today, we are here to approve fine men and women but it will do us good, if we continuously remind them about their duties and responsibilities. We want to talk about people that we think are capable, are eloquent, that have the energy and the strength to perform what it takes to make Sierra Leone a wonderful nation.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start talking about Miss Jabbie. I saw Miss Jabbie some months ago, she has never been my friend. Women love personalities, we feel personal, we feel always big to stand and talk to another woman especially when it comes to political interaction, it means a lot. When I saw her in court, the manner in which she was behaving during the petition I said in my mind S.O 2 'wos kind woman dis ba' but again, having seen her movement, her interaction with the Honourable Gevao, my other close friend within my mind I said Honourable Gevao would always consult Miss Jabbie, I said well the woman is very powerful. I have tried to study her behaviour, she is always here monitoring our movement in this wonderful Well, I want to believe that Miss Jabbie, being a wonderful Lecturer and remember taxation and revenue are key for the development of our economy. We want to believe that His Excellency has done us great thing that we would always continue to say kudos to him because women are in the majority. We are almost 52% of our country's population but we are still low in terms of positions of state. Miss Jabbie is a fine gentle woman. People have talked about her father the great man and he has contributed a lot to Sierra Leone's development. He has been a fine gentleman in this wonderful Well and approving Miss Jabbi will also make us feel unique and wonderful and I am convinced

that Miss Jabbie will do what we are expecting her to do and will try in her own best to improve our revenue in terms of collecting revenue and in uplifting our revenue base.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom on a fine gentleman my Whip has just talked about. I met him during the time of turbulent, the politicking hours. We were all together at the tally centres. We were pushing and pulling. He is so gallant, I am so stubborn and troublesome. We were always pushing, I said man do not come close, if you come close I am very stubborn. I said do not behave like a he-goat, behave like a gentleman and today seeing him, taking a position, I want to say kudos to His Excellency. Engineer Musa, he deserves the position, it is not a payback time. I want to believe it is because, Musa Kabba you have done justice to yourself. Your educational background, the experiences you have got from overseas and West Africa, it makes me to trust that you are capable and reliable. But remember Mr Kabba three days ago we had a problem of petroleum, the Civil Societies were in the streets of Makeni, the street of Freetown, Bo and Kenema running up and down saying it is too much, please come down. You have a role to play and we have a very big trust you that you would perform that role. Stability of our fuel price will make us continue to trust in you, that you are real and you are not a fake but a trustworthy, young, energetic, strong man that would stand firm in that particular Directorate of Sierra Leone.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have another woman that we are about to approve, Madam Kanagbo. I have been hearing about you, thank God today we are here to approve you. We know you are capable, we know you are strong, we know you are that kind of woman that whenever you say white it is white and you would never turn your white to black. We are counting on you again Madam to continue to help Sierra Leoneans to develop. We've been hearing problems of accident but series of problems face the drivers and even the pedestrians with no action. With you we are sure of what we called a proper insurance. We have been clapping and dancing for you and now is your turn to do likewise. Mr President, thank you for helping us with sober minded women, for helping us with trustworthy women. Here in this wonderful Well of

Parliament we have a man that is sober minded, a man that sees women that are capable and a man that always helps women to move forward.

So Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to call on all nominees that we trust in than. We are not here to critique you but we are here to continuously remind you that you have a big role that is Sierra Leone first, the Green, White and the Blue should be your priority. Thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for her wonderful contribution. Indeed as usual now you can see why she catches my eyes so very easily.

**HON. VERONICA K. SESAY:** Thank you very much our supportive Speaker for recognising the women of this House. At least you are giving us zeal to do more because people out there are saying the women are just there clapping but now thank God we are here and people are hearing us. To our nominees, I always say our President, your President, my President and everybody's President is a good coach because if you are a good coach you will have a good team. Each time he nominates you just see that there is no cause to complain. If he nominates a woman, she must be a woman of substance and not of circumstance. Going through the document of this young Lady, I believe she is capable of doing what she is nominated for. In fact, I pleaded with the Honourable Members that this lady looks over qualified. So why do we have to waste time? Let her go and prepare herself to go and take the bread basket. NRA is the bread basket of this country. If we succeed today as you have heard from my colleagues, if His Excellency succeeds is your team. We were shouting Alleluia, Alleluia and you heard from that man the same people who were shouting Alleluia will say tomorrow crucify him or her but we are not ready to crucify you guys. We know you are capable and I would always say those who have suffered much have a right to be happy and look at them. Madam Jabbie has done so much. She has helped this nation. She has led and I believe the young ones would follow one day. The young stars are coming and they are going to grow. We have grown already, we are in the middle age they are coming up and we are going to make sure that we promote you people so that we would have more young stars coming up. I have no doubt and I

know you would do it. Mr Speaker Honourable Members, Madam Jabbie come from a very good breed our colleague 'master pen' we know that when you go there our monies would be protected. I can't say women are 100% but we are 80% corrupt free. We don't buy cars and we don't build houses but we know that we have to protect those monies because they are our monies. Our tax payer's money so go there and prove your mettle. Go there and protect our monies.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there are faces here you know some of them are household names. K.O. Bah I have known him when I was in Bo Town Council that name was a household name. So to send him to PSC I have no doubt. I know that you can do it, go there and check. Go there and make sure the right people are in the right places. Go there and work for the people of this nation. Go there and prove that you are a true Sierra Leonean.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, 'Manso for you Manso for we all', I will leave this with you take it down your tomorrow will be greater than today. You were my colleague we sat together. I think you were one of my mentors whenever I want to get up to talk if you see me here now talking boldly with no shy because it is very difficult to stand here to talk. It is very difficult because you get scared. Sometimes you get up to talk you heart palpitates, you tremble and all the rest. But when you are a seasoned politician and a seasoned debater you will stand here with no fear that was my mentor. He was my mentor whenever I want to get up to talk he would say get up, get up, say it and go on. Even if you say the nonsense they would pick the sense out of it that's the man. I have no doubt and those who have suffered much have the right to be happy. You have suffered for the party and we know that. You have been beaten by Police and humiliated. You stood by the party, you did not go. When you are consistent, you will get the reward and those who have suffered much have the right to be happy. You have suffered much and you have the right to be happy. In that Ports there are so many S.O 2 'yikie yukie' but I know if you go there you will work so hard so that Maada Bio will succeed.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Martha Kanagbo, people were saying where are the women. I want to thank my sister with the few words that she said about you. She is correct when you say red it is red and when you say white it is white. I have no doubt and people are saying National Insurance Company (NIC) is dead. You are going to wake it up. NIC is our baby and national company for this country. We believe that all the Government vehicles should go there. Everything that pertains insurance in this country should go there. We would make sure that we would follow you, protect you and guide you. We would make sure that we revive NIC and they will say the person who revived NIC is a woman of substance. I know you would do it I have no doubt.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Panda and my young brother who is sitting over there. Is good to learn that is why I said when you come here you learn is an administrative language and Parliamentary language. Out there you have your petroleum language go and teach the people that language. You do not have to be selfish we have oil in this country. We are rich but it is the means of management. Some other countries don't even have the minerals that we are having in this country. The wealth that we have in this country would even be enough to pay the last child 50,000 per day. We have water, six months of raining season and six months of dry season so we have everything but lack management. You are going there to manage our oil that is our baby make sure what you have told us on that paper let it not only be on that paper. You have developed other countries and you have sacrificed to come here to come and develop here. We are asking you we want the SLPP to succeed and to be there again, again and again.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Panda the road safety the lives of these people depend on you. You have to make sure you look at the roads. Even if you see somebody flagging the SLPP flag if he or she is doing the wrong thing tell him or her. I admired our Speaker these few days when he started to set example here this is what we want to see. You have to close your eyes and do the right thing. This is raining season, we are tired, we are fed up and we have lost our loved ones. We want to see you at work. You are all over qualified; I don't have to be calling you by names the

President has no doubt. In all of you, we have no doubt in him by nominating you. He knows you by name by heart and by nature so that is why he has nominated you. I just want to tell my colleagues that these people are nice, they are over qualified, can perform. You lead and others would follow. We want to succeed I want to thank you and thank His Excellency for being the best coach in the world. I saw him these days they gave him number ten I am not a footballer please forgive me if I call coach number ten but they gave him number ten, I know he is a good footballer. So you can help that team by joining the others to fight for the betterment of this country. My ladies we have 30% we are growing so we have hope. Thank you very much Mr Speaker for catching your eyes.

*Suspension of S.O. 5[2]*

**THE SPEAKER:** Now let me give notice to those Honourable Members who have never been lucky to catch my eyes that today is your day. Those who know that they had had the privilege of catching my eye before just take your seat softly. I think I can see quite a few on my left who have never really been fortunate but before I come to you let me recognise the Honourable Hindolo M. Gevao.

**HON. HINDOLO M. GEVAO:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, permit me to say God has been and he is being kind to this nation Sierra Leone by giving us our elders to preside over us and giving our leadership the wisdom to acknowledge young men and women to run the affairs of this nation. This House of Parliament is a microcosm of God's wish for this nation. A House full of young men aged 35 to 50. Young men and women with a very renowned elder overseeing the House I must say thanks to God.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when I look at the appointees, one thing that is glaring is the wisdom given to the President by God to choose young men to carry on the affairs of this nation. I know almost everybody there and all of them but two happen to be with the same age bracket with most of us in this House. I will start this debate by acknowledging the eldest amongst them Honourable Manso Dumbuya.

Honourable Manso Dumbuya is somebody I called the wise one, I called him the wise one because he is one of those elders who is always willing to tell you the political history of Sierra Leone. He is very calm but firm and a good administrator. When you are agitated he will put you down and admonish you and give you hope. No wonder you are favoured by God today. I have no doubt that with the discipline that you exhibited in all the offices that you held you would go to that appointment if approved today and exactly do this nation proud.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would move further to someone I call my sister and sometimes I call her my lady Tuma Adama Jabbie. Tuma Adama Jabbie is a woman who has the quality to administer both men and women. Tuma Adama Jabbie is a woman, a young lady who has washed her hands carefully and because of that she is being dining with elders, elders in this nation. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would refer to Tuma Adama Jabbie as a Sierra Leonean if I can borrow the French word 'sanfrontier' a Sierra Leonean without boundary. No wonder today in this Well we have colleagues who are really notable to have served under the past Government who are Lawyers and colleagues who are notable to have been supporters of SLPP coming to actually support her.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if it were not for the size of this Well I am sure the entire Judiciary would have come here today to support Madam Tuma Adama Jabbie. Madam Tuma Adama Jabbie is a lady at the Bar who took her time to carefully choose those who advised her. No wonder I see an elder sister in the person of Justice Miatta Samba coming to see her sister go through the approval process in this Well. She is somebody carefully educated, somebody who took her time to venture in one of the most difficult realm of the law which is to have a post-graduate qualification in tax law. The president I'm sure did his assignment in scanning Sierra Leone to actually look for a person that he will appoint to go to that office to make sure this nation is able to maximise our tax potentials to aid us in actually achieving our dream. Madam Jabbie as you go there I'm happy I also saw the Commissioner around please pay attention to withholding tax. Withholding tax is one of those tax areas that 80 or 90% of Sierra

Leoneans are evading. I had once said we can bring in our young university students to do interns to go to people particularly those people who lease premises, who rent premises to ask them that NRA says we want to see your withholding tax receipt. It is law that when you rent a property or when you lease a property beyond a certain threshold the Landlord should give a quantum of that rent to the NRA in a form of withholding tax. Having studied in the United Kingdom [UK] a nation that survives on tax, I am sure you are going to bring in your expertise in that office to enable this nation to get all of us to be in compliance with the tax laws. NRA is the bread basket of this nation. I always, say governance is continuity. One of our colleagues that was here, he was a very young man and you are going there as the first woman and I will say the youngest ever to be appointed chairperson, Board of National Revenue Authority Commission. I want to say thanks to the President for continuing to acknowledge young men and women in his Governance.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will now zoom on to somebody I consider to be a huge innovator, somebody with some huge initiative, a technologist, somebody who can make something out of nothing that is Master Pander. Master Pander you have a huge IT background I know, I have been by your side when you exhibited those fine ideas of IT technology to ensure that the right thing is being done in this country. And I know it was not by mistake it is said in the Bible that 'those who work always will ripe'. You have worked you have always been in this nation to make sure that the people of Sierra Leone say yes to the right people and now that they have said yes and you've always been there to ensure that it is done . No wonder the President looked at your qualification and picked you out of the 7 million people to send you there to go and ensure that the 7 million Sierra Leoneans that ply the high ways from Freetown to Kailahun are safe. Sir, the high ways are full of death traps, most times when we want to travel our relatives and loved ones tell us don't travel at night. Why? Because you have big trucks plying the roads without light, some used touched light. So if you are traveling at 80 miles per hour and there is a Vehicle running at a very slow pace most time you run into that vehicle. Few, months ago I had a colleague of mine who lost his

brother a medical Doctor through that means. They ran into a vehicle that was plying the road without light. As the whip said, most often and again these vehicles normally station on the high way without any indicator or indication that they are parked by the side. If you run into them there is no other option but for you to lose your life. Please when you take office, if approved by this Honourable House ensure that you look into those death trap issues so that all can be safe. It pains when you lose a dear one through either reckless means that can be corrected by putting the right policy in place and this Government is a policy driven Government. I have no doubt that once you go there you will put policies in place to ensure that those abnormalities are corrected. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to my brother that is going to the Petroleum Directorate, I see you to be very young but from the first time I met you at a fast food centre I said thanks to God for giving young people acquired good and quality education. You are one person who took your time to do your assignment and you prepared yourself for it, you prepared yourself and left the United Kingdom to come to Sierra Leone and today you are going to serve in a position that I can say is a highly enviable but with the wealth of academic and professional knowledge that you have I have no doubt that you will excel yourself in that Directorate. To a brother that everybody call "Ngor Mas" those of us who were fortunate to go to the University of Sierra Leone particularly Fourah Bay College who were very personate about politics in that institution, you mentored most of us. You are a true replica of a good politician; you are going to that institution as a Sierra Leonean. Your personality does not leave space and I know you to be a highly disciplined person no wonder you have been chosen by His Excellency the President to serve. Please go and serve, serve and do the nation proud, serve and do the President proud because as the whip said you people are going to serve as agents to ensure that we on this side remain on this side. You are going to serve as agents to ensure that all of us in this House remain very proud within and outside the boundaries of Sierra Leone. When you travel you want to say yes I come from Sierra Leone because we are set of disciplined people. Please be commanders or lieutenants of that war against corruption if only we win that war Sierra Leone will be a better place that all us will be proud of. To the lady Madam Kanagbo, I

know you are a disciplined person just as they said you don't mix colours and you don't mix your words. I have no doubt that you are going to revive that place and NIC will be an institution that this nation will be proud of again. I want to say thanks to His Excellency again for all of you. Mr K.O Bah is somebody very quiet and somebody who inspired young people somebody I admired a lot. I know all of you are going to perform and we are all looking at you and all of us would be saying it was good these people were nominated I want to say thanks to the Speaker for catching your eyes and for giving me this opportunity to comment or all of you particularly a dear sister somebody I have been admiring so very much at the bar. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. Honourable Members, I just want to talk about a particular nominee who we are fortunate to have in the House today and who is going to play a very significant role in the Civil Aviation Sector and that is Mr Mosses Tiffa Baio. He is so important and let me tell you why, the air route from Freetown to Europe and beyond is extremely expensive if not the most expensive in my experience and let me also draw your attention to what he said before the Appointments Committee. That the role of the Transport Oversight Committee as one of the critical stakeholders in the business would be needed in executing his duties. He is currently serving as the Acting Director General of that Department of that Authority. Now he is going to be elevated to be his own boss so let make the message loud and clear that the route from Freetown to Europe and beyond is the most expensive in the world and we believe he can do something for us once he is approved by this House. I would want some of you to be addressing that particular issue because it is so important to all of us because so you have no excuse once you are now your own boss we want to see that these prices come down. With that, I want to recognise the Honourable Member today you are fortunate to catch my eyes I know you have been trying for quite a while. Give me your name please.

**HON. ALUSINE K. ALU-CONTEH:** Honourable Alusine Kainda Alu-Conteh

**THE SPEAKER:** Oh, the famous Alu-Conteh

**HON. ALUSINE K. ALU-CONTEH:** of course

**THE SPEAKER:** You have the Floor

**HON. ALUSINE K. ALU-CONTEH:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Honourable Members, first and foremost, let me commend His Excellency the President for these fine nominees for their various positions. The previous Government tried as best as possible to see how it will push this nation from one level to another level. Now with this nomination His Excellency has made, I do believe these are men and women of calibre. These are men and women that I believe can deliver, and let me caution all of you that His Excellency has chosen you because he believes in you, he believes that you can represent the people in whatever department or board that you have been nominated to serve. So you should try as best as possible to maintain that. Let me zoom on Mr Manso Dumbuya, I met Mr Manson Dumbuya 25 years ago in Kambia District. Myself and my uncle went for a funeral one for our relatives at the Kambia District then he introduced me to Mr Manso Dumbuya that this is your son. Little did I know that today I will be standing in this podium to say thing about Mr Manso Dumbuya, at that time he was a strong member of the All People's Congress Party. No matter what you say, no matter what you do the All People Congress party groomed Mr Manso Dumbuya *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** I will not let that go *[Applause]* take note of the dispensation then *[Laughter]* let us put the historical record straight

**HON. ALUSINE K. ALU-CONTEH:** Noted Mr Speaker,

**THE SPEAKER:** You know why it goes for me too *[Laughter]* *[Applause]*

**HON. ALUSINE K. ALU-CONTEH:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members I believe with the experience that Mr Manso Dumbuya has had even at one time he was serving as one of the staff of one of the NGOs. I do believe that he can perform at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority. Yesterday somebody was making a statement, when he saw Mr Manso Dumbuya when appearing before the committee; he said that this man because of his age he will not be able to tackle the problems at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority?

Then I said to him because of his experience he will be able to tackle whatever problems that is at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority *[Applause]*. I said let just give him a try I believe that the President has done thorough search about Mr Manso Dumbuya is a man of the people whenever there is a riot at the SLPP Party office, I was a councillor of the Freetown city Council so whenever there is confusion, because we are neighbours, the Freetown City Council [FCC] and the SLPP Party office. Whenever there is a riot among the youth in that particular party office Mr Manso Dumbuya will be the only individual that will calm those young people. So kudos to Mr Manso Dumbuya *[Applause]* I do believe that if he use those ideals and the experiences that he gained in politics he can make great part in handling the Sierra Leone Ports Authority.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom in on K O Bah, he is a man of wealth of experience. I have known Mr K O Bah since 2008 when I was elected as a councillor of the municipality of Freetown. Mr K O Bah is a man that people will say a very difficult man, I tried to study this man, I tried to understand this individual very well. I noticed that he is a man of principles; he is a man that cannot bend whatever he said he will try to keep to it. Let me give you a vivid example Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when we were at the council, we tried as best as possible to form the association of budget and Finance Chairmen. I was asked to lead that group we came to Mr K O Bah we told him that Mr K O Bah we want to form the Budget and Finance Committee or National Committee. He told us young guys go and sit, I do believe that you will form that group, little did we know that Mr K O Bah is the Pioneer, the brain behind the formation of Local Councils the body that governs the entire councils in Sierra Leone. After the formation of Local Councils I went to him again and said Mr Bah we want to form the budget and finance committee, he told us categorically clear `my guys we cannot have any pressure group we have already formed Local Councils what I will advise you, join the local council so that you can put your case that is Mr K O Bah. You know he will not tell you in your face that what you are doing is wrong he will not tell you to discourage you, but he will find a way for you to know that, that time is not right for you to form that particular body. Again, I want to commend him because he is

one of the pioneers for the building that is under construction Freetown administrative structure that is under construction I want to salute him. Mr K O Bah tried as best as possible to make sure that FCC and the other councils benefited from what we are seeing today. If you go to all the councils you will see new structures. He is a man of his words, I do believe that as a strong person and as a man who was serving the council as a permanent secretary for the local government during that time, he will perform his duty very well as the chairperson of the Public Service Commission, he is not a stranger in administration. So, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I do believe that it will please me if this noble House approves all of these nice good looking ladies and gentlemen for the positions that the President has nominated them for. I thank you *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. Now we are going to use the remaining time very judiciously and I don't want us to go beyond 30 minutes more. So please if I recognise anyone of you don't go beyond 3 minutes please. I now give the Floor to you knowing those of you on my right is obvious I know what you going to say. Let me give those to my left, let me give the opportunity to the Honourable Members on my left because they are expected to say things other than collaborate what you people say singing praises. It should please you the more.

**HON. ALLUSINE B. KAMARA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker, for records Alusine Bash Kamara not Bashiru .Mr Speaker, I will adhere to the S.O 38 so that I will give others the Floor. I think His Excellency has done well for those powerful nominees we have no doubt in them, because of time I can just move to one of the hopes for we the young ones who are involved in politics. When you are in the game of politics, the person I want to talk about is somebody who has been in the game of politics since his life time. Is no less a person but Honourable Manso Dumbuya, Honourable Manso Dumbuya I came across him twenty years ago. Somebody is here who can also attest to it in Ansarul Islamic Secondary School, Guard Street was a school which the pupils in this Township hate to attend. He was the brain behind the Ansarul Sierra Leone of Guard Street. He made people to love attending that school when he was a member of

the board in that school. Honourable Manso Dumbuy is a popular politician who cut across all political parties in this Country. When he was a Member of Parliament in 2002 to 2007 he brought a lot of development in his constituency that is why today he has been appointed to one of the revenue generating agencies in this country. We want to salute the President and say thanks to him for such appointment. Mr Speaker, Honourable Manso Dumbuya has been in the area of education, he pays school fees for most primary school children in his constituency, the Western Area particularly East 2 and some of those whom he has been responsible for their education are in good position today. I cannot be able to recall some of them because they are many, but Mr Speaker, when he was a Member of Parliament he gave a lot of scholarships for people to travel to the Holy Land of Mecca. So Mr Manso Dumbuya you deserve it, you are a real sufferer in politics, Honourable Manso Dumbuya has been very generou *[Applause]*. He started it since the 80s, so today we will give you the top up you were giving us top up we will give you back your top up *[Applause]*. I salute you; this is the kind of people we should follow in politics when he says "A" he means "A". When he was in the APC, he was an APC and he moved to the SLPP he has not compromised, he is an SLPP and he is a man of his words. Today, there is hope for the older ones in politics. I will join you in Allen town to celebrate *[Applause]*. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have no doubt to ask this House to approve Honourable Manso and others. I thank you very much Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. Honourable Members, I wish to take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the presence of two justices of the High Court. Honourable Justice Miatta Samba is here with us and Honourable Justice Wright is also with us the Justices are most welcome to the chamber *[Applause]*. I will now recognise oh yes the last but not the least the Honourable Bintu Myers she is also with us I understand she has gone out. I will now recognise only two more speakers before we wind up the debate. I know you have been waiting Honourable Sidikie you have the Floor *[Undertone]*.

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to begin by thanking His Excellency the President the retired but not tired Julius Brigadier Maada Bio for presenting to us these ladies and gentlemen that will be keeping the APC in permanent opposition *[Applause]* Mr Speaker Honourable Members in this Parliament we have received nominees that have disappointed this country but His Excellency the President is presenting to us nominees that will develop this country and that will not disappoint this Parliament *[Applause]* Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk directly to the nominees that definitely excuses will not be accepted. You have been given this responsibility and definitely we are expecting you to perform, we do not want you to talk about excuses because we have made a promise to the people of this Republic that we are going to change the narratives of this country, we are moving this country into a New Direction. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me zoom on some of the nominees. Mr Speaker, let me zoom on the daughter of this Parliament. Of course I refer to her as a daughter of this Parliament because the father of that daughter was a Member of this Parliament and a very respectable Member of this Parliament. When we have one of our children being given this kind of position definitely we should be glad. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Tuma Jabbie the daughter of Jea Jina Honourable Jabbie we were on that side and we were seated very close. I remembered when we were electing the Speaker of Parliament. His name was not there, we decided myself and Honourable Paran Tawarally that we are going to nominate one of our kinds. Dr Jabbie came very late I talked to him, I said Dr Jabbie, we are going to nominate you. He said, for what? I said for 'the Speaker' he said 'COO.....' I said yes. He said go ahead, that was a surprise, but he did not refuse us or else on that day we are not going to have somebody that will represent us as the SLPP. Dr Jabbie, what you did for this Parliament and for this Republic your daughter is going to replicate it. Honourable Members, have not met her personally but definitely with what the Dad has done I have no iota of doubt in my mind that she will do better than what the father has done. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me zoom on Mr Moses Tiffa, I have been a member of the transport committee for the last 5 years and definitely I have interfaced with Mr Tiffa for so many

times as a member of the committee. He has been part of the Civil Aviation and he knows the problems in that Departments, as the Speaker said the air tickets to this country and out of this country is very expensive.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Tiffa you know the problems, when you go to that office, and you are not going to be your own Boss. I remembered when we used to go there you were the Director of Finance, today you are the Acting Director General and we are going to approve you now as the substantive Director General *[Applause]*. Definitely excuses will not be understood by this Parliament we want you to perform. We want you to perform you have the experience you are part of that organisation you are now talking the leadership of that organisation definitely we know you are going to perform because the President trust you and that is why he has suggested you for that office. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me zoom on Mr Timothy Kabba, he has been given this position not because he is just a young man. This is the man that has the requisite qualification for that office, in other countries young people of 26/27 are CEOs but here this man is more than 30 years he's being referred to as a young man. Mr Timothy Kabba has the experience, he has the ingenuity, he has the qualification that is why he has been given that position. I am very confident that he will not disappoint this Parliament, a lot of praises have been showered on you by this Parliament because, if this Parliament refuses you definitely you will not take that office. So I don't want you to disappoint this Parliament we have a lot of trust in you as a young man, we want you to succeed and develop that industry.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me go to my Aunty, Aunty Martha Kanagbo. *[Applause]*. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Martha Kanagbo for anybody in the SLPP who knows her steadfastness and discipline in the Area of Finance, have no iota of doubt that she is going to rebrand the NIC. We want to see the NIC to be the best Insurance Company in this Country; we do not want to see private insurance companies taking the leads to NIC. Please we want you to resuscitate the NIC and we want the NIC to take the lead in insurance in this country. We have no doubt in you; this Parliament has no doubt that is why they have recommended you to this House.

And definitely we believe you are going to resuscitate that institution and in the shortest distance future, we will begin to talk about NIC as we used to talk in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have been a member of the Transport Committee so when people are appointed to different parastatals within that Ministry I am very much obliged to talk on them. Let me conclude Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, because of time. I would not conclude without talking on Manso Dumbuya .He is the God Father, personally when I was a member of the PMDC he is a man who spoke to me, he said come over and that is what we are telling all of you for those who have gone we are now begging you to come back home *[Applause]*. The SLPP is your home we know a lot of our brothers and sisters who went on loan and definitely before the end of the five years they will be coming home. Some of them are seated there and definitely I am sure they will be coming back home. Thank you Mr Manso Dumbuya for advising me to come back home *[Applause]*. Because of your advice I came back home and today am in the front row of this Parliament I am proud of you, I am very sure you will not disappoint us *[Interruption]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** He still has your own unfinished business Mohamed Bangura is at large *[Laughter]*

**HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE:** He will be coming back Mr Speaker, Mr Manso Dumbuya at the most difficult moment when people thought SLPP will not win a councillor seat you gave us three seats. We are very confident that if you can give us three seats when APC was in Governance and at the most difficult period in the life of the SLPP am very sure there is no challenge you cannot tackle at the Sierra Leone Ports Authority *[Applause]*. Mr Speaker, Honourable Member, Mr Massaquoi of course all of us know Mr Massaquoi as a performer because his background has been part of NEC and he knows the issues around registration. I know he will perform well. Let me end up now by talking about Mr Panda, Mr Panda you are going to a very difficult institution Road Safety Authority. I have been part of the Transport Committee and have worked very well with that Authority. I hope and pray that same job will be done we have that

synergy between ourselves as Parliament and when you get there of course for now we know that organization has lots of troubles but we hope and pray with your experience you are going to bring every staff on-board so that we can achieve the New Direction agenda. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members with this short comments, I want to ask this Parliament to approve these people with alacrity. Thank you very much. *[Applause]*

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. We are now in the first month of the life of this Parliament and I was taking aback to hear that. There are still few Members who have never been fortunate to catch my eyes. So let me do a quick one for those of you who have succeeded in catching my eyes before please take your seat. Now, let me recognise the Honourable Member in that bright outfit. *[Applause]* *[Laughter]* Honourable Sorieba, that is wonderful

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** Alias 'Tamenkor', thank you very much. It is like today we are in the Elmina junction, yes. First of all let me introduce myself since this is my first time speaking to the Well of Parliament

**THE SPEAKER:** That is the gate way to Kono right?

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** Exactly!

**THE SPEAKER:** Good.

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** And this chiefdom is one of the chiefdoms in Tonkolili District that produces the highest number of gold *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** But it is not reflecting in our exports

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** I think Honourable Sorieba Turay alias "Tamenkor" I will do my best and also I come from a royal family. The Paramount chief of Tenneh Cheifdom is my elder brother, P C Bai Karthoray Samkolay Haja Mama 2 *[Applause]*. So, I now have to pay royalty. First of all, this House is one of the civilized houses in Sierra Leone. And in any civilized society, we have responsible people who represent the people that is why we represent the 7 Million people in this House of Parliament. So I hope every Member of Parliament in this House is responsible and capable to govern his

people. I want to thank His Excellency for his brilliant nominations, I do not want to say much about the nominees, I only wish the people we are going to approve do the right thing that the people of Sierra Leone will want to see *[Applause]*. For example, when the Almighty God created this world, he created man on earth and he decided to create somebody who is going to accompany man and that is a woman *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** order! Order! Order!

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** The women today when they lead any department or any institution

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Member, just a moment. Honourable Member, you have been most unfair, do not let me remind some of your maiden speeches in this House. Allow the Honourable Member to land he is still in mid-flight *[Applause]*.

**HON. SORIEBA A. TURAY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker that is why when you allow Catherine to speak in this House of Parliament I always supported you because women come first. That is why when a woman leads any department or any institution in this world they do their best so for that reason I recommended all the women that are here today for approval *[Applause]*. Secondly, my advice to these people in this House of Parliament is that we do not want it to be like it is better to resign in hell than to starve in heaven that is S.O 2' from di frying pan to di fire leh e nor bi say wae yu comot from de pot wae jus nah fry egg pan dem e go fodom na de fire' *[Laughter]* S.O2 that is SLPP and the APC *[Applause]*. You see the APC is the frying pan and the SLPP is the fire. There is a perfect gentleman in this group if we refuse this gentleman is like we refuse the youth of this country that is Mr Timothy Kabba *[Applause]*. He is a very perfect young man, he is very energetic, he has the power to work for the next 20 to 30 years *[Applause]*. These are the guys we want to see, these are the guys we want to work with, we do not want people who have five (5) years to leave us in this world yes I am saying this should be the for the New Direction that is why when God created the world he gave all the responsibilities to his angels and the Prophets. He brought the prophets in this world to work, he brought the angels to protect us that is why each and every man has six (6) angels to protect him/her for that reason I

recommend all of the nominees to be approved today because the people of Sierra Leone want to see that is why we said the land that we love in our national Anthem. I arrest my case.

**THE SPEAKER:** Order!, Order! Honourable Members order! Order! Order! Honourable Members, I wish to thank the Honourable Member Sorieba Alhaji Turay alias Tamenkor *[Applause]* for his wonderful contribution to this debates and since that happens to be his maiden speech, I am really encouraging all of you to give him a round of applause *[Applause]*. I will now recognise the Honourable Lamin Kabba another maiden speech maker today.

**HON. LAMIN F. KABBA:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker for allowing me to finally catch your eyes after several attempts. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is an opportunity giving my maiden speech, for the very first time in this Well of Parliament. Let me first start by thanking His Excellency the President for this crop of nominees. There is no appointment done by His Excellency or by any head of State that is not political. Every appointment done by head of state is political and there is nothing wrong with that. Perhaps what matters most is appointing the right people for the right position *[Applause]*. In America, President Kennedy appointed his brother to a judicial position a very senior judicial position. And a lot of people raised head and he said I did not appoint him because he is my brother or he was my brother I appointed him because he was qualified for the position *[Applause]*. All the nominees by His Excellency indeed are qualified for the various positions *[Applause]*. Apart from that, this country has never been short of qualified persons to fill in public positions. What has been lacking over the years is those people being appointed the willingness to be selfless, to be dedicated and to be effective in their service delivery. I want to admonish the nominees not to take that part and trust me as I said the President has done his assignment. Nobody will hold the President responsible because he has appointed the right people. It is left with you to prove yourselves; it is left with you to prove that over seven million Sierra Leoneans did the right thing by electing the President of this Republic who subsequently appointed you in your respective positions *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, the appointment of His Excellency is characterised by a blend of experience and energy. You look at the young faces you see energy, you look at the old faces you see experience and that is exactly what this country requires at this pointing time *[Applause]*. As other colleagues have said to everybody including those in the galleries, they will say yes we elected the President and he has appointed the right people. Five years down the line, they will be the first to say these guys came for their selfish interest they did not work in our interest please don't be that kind of people. It is needless to single out appointees for me all of you are qualified and as other speakers have said you are qualified what is required at this pointing time is to admonish you to be selfless. Your appointment might be political but your service to this nation should not be apolitical *[Applause]*. So go into your various positions and I do pray and hope that this Honourable House will approve your nominations. Go out there and succeed because for any mistake you make in the next five years it will take us ten years to correct those mistakes and we don't want to come to that. I thank you so much *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** Order! Order! I really want to thank the Honourable Member for his most constructive contribution *[Applause]*. I now realize how much these House was missing, from now on you can be sure I will be recognising you. Honourable Members, it is now my pleasure, indeed my honour, to recognise one special member of this House and to give him the opportunity to make his maiden speech as well. Not because of the physical condition but because he is making his maiden speech. The Honourable Mohamed Kabia you have the Floor *[Applause]*.

**HON. MOHAMED KABIA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this is my first time of contributing in this noble institution. On behalf of the disabled community in Sierra Leone, let me congratulate the nominees of His Excellency the President the Retired Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, Fountain of Honour and Grand Commander of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Head of State for appointing you *[Applause]*. I don't have much to say here because I do not know much about these nominees, I wish them well. But let me just say a bit about Honourable Manso Dumbuya. I have great respect for him, for

him to serve as regional chairman and for him to win some seats in our strong hold. I think we should commend him for that and I strongly believe because of his performance and his handwork that was why, His Excellency the President nominated him. He has wealth of experience that is why he has been nominated for this position. And I strongly believe that this House will approve him, we will surely approve you because of your output. I think I will join my colleagues on this side and I strongly believe that those on the other side have already approved you. They are just waiting for us and we will surely approve you and there is no problem about that. Be rest assured now.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I think someone spoke couple of minutes ago, that he will join you at Allen Town in the celebration, I will also pass through there so that I will join you too. The right Honourable I know the pressure that you are facing for the moments as a Regional Chairman, the major problem now that you are facing is employment of your supporters. And many people down the quay are not SLPP, they are APC to be honest with you, when you go down there so they will not be pointing *S.O2`Pa dis na APC make we pull am`*. Please because the SLPP party is a democratic party. Make sure that you do not ask people out of job because of the party that they belong to. So that is just a word of caution Sir, you have made that name for quite a long period of time, that name is a family name, you are protecting your family. Today, you are there tomorrow you will not be there and your children will be here so that we will see them as very good people. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me continue with the appointee for NIC, to be honest indeed the National Insurance Company is really dying. We are expecting you to resuscitate it, to give it life, to make sure that it booms to its highest level. Then for the Civil Registration Authority nominee, in fact the major problem this country is facing is this centralization. Everything is centralized in Freetown if you want I D Card you have to come to Freetown. Anything, that you want you have to come to Freetown, so this is the problem. We are expecting you to decentralise your office to make sure that you can raise revenue for the country and people will get access to their I D Cards. Then, for the nominee for NRA I strongly

believe that the backbone of this country is the NRA. If we are saying anything today we strongly depend on the NRA, so we are asking you to make sure that you give what is required to Government so that Government can carry out its functions. I do not have much to say, but on behalf of my colleagues that are on this side I am giving special preference to women, in fact women have been contributing greatly towards the development of this country *[Applause]*. Quite recently, we were in Bo we supported the women to make sure that the disabled community and the women are equally represented. Because we are crying for 5% and they are crying for 30% so we merged together and I strongly believe that if 35% is given to us we will share it together you have your 30% and we have our 5% so the thing will work well, and we are ready to work with you, we know that women like to share and I strongly believe that the women that have been nominated will work to the expectations. They will contribute greatly towards the development because they have been contributing and they will continue to contribute and they will overcome the challenges outside there to enable His Excellency the President to continue with his daily activities. I support all the nominees for approval. I rest my case here I thank you *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his wonderful contribution. Now we are winding up the debate I will start with the leader of C4C Honourable Emerson Lamina followed by Honourable I B Kargbo and ending the debate with the Honourable Leader of Government Business.

**HON. EMERSON S. LAMINA *[Leader For C4C]*:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am finding it very difficult to at least sing eulogy to all of these fine nominees. Notwithstanding it will be limited to just four, once I thank his Excellency the President for this fine nominations at this same time urged thees nominees to dream big, desire well and be disciplined, in the field that you are about to go. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, what impresses me most about His Excellency's nomination is that our country is more or less becoming very litigious, litigious because most of these appointees you hardly see among His Excellency's appointees 'nor to lawyer'. There must be a lawyer or two (2) with specific reference to the ACC,

Privatization, SLBC, Immigration, Labour, Local Government all of these that are lawyers and when a country becomes very litigious there is great hope for our country *[Applause]*. On this note I am impressed too for me to see effective and efficient citizens that have equity at heart for all Sierra Leoneans. When I see a seasoned civil servant in the person of Mr K O Bah I also hold a strong belief that our Public Service is moving to its apex and professionalism in performance. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me limit myself to just four (4) pieces of advice to those four categories; one at the Public Service Mr K O Bah nobody here has an iota of doubt for his journey that he has travelled through the Public Service of this country and I have no iota of doubt that he will do well. One concern for that particular sector let there be an urban and rural diagonal matrix's. What do I mean there is no equilibrium between those in the rural area as well as those in the urban area. A typical example, if a mayor dies today I am afraid what will be his/her future, if a chief administrator of a council dies today or retires today there is no hope. And I believe he has the power and he has the know how to fix that diagonal matrix between and among those in the rural and those in the urban areas. Two, the chief or the chairperson for NRA, A concern as you go to that particular sector that you have to look with a very strong hand, the mining sector as well as those big private sectors. The Income Tax Act of 2000 has very grey areas and most mining companies hide under that they are exempted from local or minor taxes. The Income Tax Act 2000 is still ambiguous and did not actually describe or define what minor taxes are for this reason there is a whole tax holiday for commemorates as well for big industrial sectors, take note. Three, Is a young man Timothy, Timothy there is hope for this nation it is almost becoming a cliché that wise men came from the east and you are just one. Petroleum is actually a new and emerging field and has given a lot to IAMTECH and other Colleges in the petroleum sector and I believe he will do well. But take note, five (5) years expiration license given to oil and gas or other mining companies take note that period is too long. Whilst they still carry expiration licence for five (5) years they will be doing otherwise injustice to this nation. I hope you take note and finally, Mr Tiffa Moses M'Baio I have strong believed in him because he has gone through the ranks of Civil Aviation being a chief

which is the life blood of all institution; he knows a lot about that. Having reached the top at this moment has the opportunity to attend the continental Aviation Conference in November seize that opportunity and interact with other Aviation chief from North America, Africa, Europe, Asia Etc. you will begin to negotiate the air ticket fee that is so bad for Sierra Leoneans. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, besides their technocrat's background they are highly intelligent with very strong academic portfolio they are carrying. On this note, we will continue to support you from this wing of C4C and we also urge our colleagues from both sides to swiftly approve these fine citizens. Thank you very much *[Applause]*

**THE SPEAKER:** I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution. The Honourable I B Kargbo, you have the Floor.

**HON. IBRAHIM B. KARGBO:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, of course our guest here this morning, may I use this opportunity to once again congratulate you Mr Speaker, for your level of objectivity in directing the affairs of this House. Of course you are also aware of the fact that, the President's nominees and appointments would have more credibility if the opposition APC put a word or two. So, this is what we are doing now Mr Speaker, to provide the necessary credibility required to make our nominees feel good and proud. Otherwise if they leave here without our participation here in the it will be a different case, but may I state Mr Speaker that we on this side have a message for the President that we are quite satisfied with his nominations *[Applause]*. This is because we have studied the nominees very closely and we have discovered that the nominations where done out of objectivity for which we say thanks to the President. May I also assure you sir and they may be forever but, when APC comes back in 2023 *[Applause]*. I assure you that we will keep almost all of these nominees they are good people. We will not ask them out we will keep them because they are assets to this state.

**THE SPEAKER:** Well of course I agreed with you.

**HON. IBRAHIM B. KARGBO:** Mr Speaker, we discovered that you are good material. We did send you to ECOWAS to be Executive Director *[Laughter]* because you were

good Mr Speaker. I want to look at the chairlady for NRA not because the father is a friend but also because I have the tendency to admire people who have succeeded in life. She has succeeded, she is a lawyer at this stage a lecturer at the University and therefore stepping in the shoes of the father of course those of you who are classical students know that we are pleading with the younger and the elderly. If she was a gentleman she would have been pleading to the younger and the father would have been pleading to the elder. But of course she is a lady, but she also know that Marcus Cicero used to write letters to Tullia the daughter to educate the daughter so here is Jabbie is Tullia who am sure received a lots of advice from the father doctor Jabbie I congratulate her.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Manso Dumbuya is a household name in this country. We are not looking at him from the angle of an SLPP or elder but we are looking at him as a Sierra Leonean through and through. He is recognised all over this country and therefore he is a man that deserved the job he has been asked to do. Not only because I am certain that he will perform the job well but also because he is going to an entity that has almost all the tribes in this country and his is a man who is accepted by all the tribes of this country and I also congratulate him. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have looked at the nominees, we took part in interviewing them but what is also important here is the fact that there are certain state institutions that must be protected such as the NIC. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the lady who has been appointed to chair the NIC, I am very certain she will go there with the conviction that she been sent there to perform a noble job. At one time this country decided that we should set up parastatals for the purposes of mobilising resources and providing job this is how the NIC came about alongside the Sierra Leone Commercial Bank and other institutions. But we discovered that the NIC was going through difficult times and we only hope and sure our own side will give support to the lady to go there and perform the duty for which she has been appointed to reactivate the NIC that is very important. Insurance is a big business, insurance is a good business, and insurance can bring money to the state and we expect NIC to be developed in such a

manner as to make it possible for this country to continue to develop. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the gentleman Mr Kabba, I spoke to him very briefly before I went for the interviews and I came to the conclusion that there goes a man that is intelligent, capable and very eloquent. In life, intelligence is not enough, eloquent also matters. Your ability to put your ideals across also matters and I discovered this in him. So I want to congratulate the President for identifying somebody such as Mr Kabba to handle a very important entity such as the petroleum unit to us it's very important *[Applause]*. Petroleum they tell us especially those who are scientists who are geologists they tell us that there is the possibility that Sierra Leone has petrol and they tell us there is a possibility that we also have gas. But what we did not know and what we have not been told is whether in fact the petrol, the gases are in economic quantities to warrant investments. What we want Mr Kabba to do now is to give us this information. Do we have enough of these natural resources to warrant investment? Because we are told that investment in the area of petroleum is very massive they talked sometimes about millions of United States dollars. So like I said Mr Speaker, he is a good nominee well chosen by the President and we want you to take the message to the President that we on this side are satisfied that he appointed Mr Kabba.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am not going to waste any more time because my friend on the other side is quite anxious to go and perform some other duties. But I want us to understand one thing, which is very important and that is the Road Safety as part of the state. There are so many accidents in the country because Road Safety itself has become very serious challenge. But perhaps, what I should also say is that the unit, the entity came up with the idea very recently that for us to be able to identify vehicles from various parts of the country we are going to reintroduce a system where by a vehicle is identified from the districts its comes . For example, if it comes from Kambia it should have a way of knowing that the vehicle comes from Kambia, if you come from Bombali, you should have a way of knowing that it is coming from Bombali or Western Area etc. We are told we thought it was a good idea because we saw it will work but of course I thought the whole idea fizzled away and now that we have a new

management. I can only plead that we do our very best to make sure that we reactivate this system.

**THE SPEAKER:** Please emphasize that number plates should not be covered.

**HON. IBRAHIM BEN KARGBO:** Number plates are covered only by people, who do not want to be seen during broad day light, but if you have nothing to hide Mr Speaker, you have no business covering your number plate. But it does happen Mr Speaker, I take your word it should not be the case so Mr Speaker, I want to thank you very much. Am going to conclude again by referring to the lady Jabbie, I say this because the father also works very seriously and assiduously for this country. For those who did not even know, they will not know that when we wanted to start the peace process in this country. It was Doctor Jabbie, I, Stevens and others who first made the dangerous trip to Liberia to attempt to look out and identify Foday Sankoh. That was how brave all of us were and we could only go to Liberia during those days by helicopter. Now, he has been paid in good dividend, paid in good dividend because he has a daughter we all can be proud of as a great Sierra Leonean and we are certain that when she goes to the NRA she will perform her duties to the extent that all of us will stand up here and continue to praise her. Thank you Very much Mr Speaker, for giving me the opportunity and I thank you and I congratulate the nominees. I can only ask that all of us come together to approve these nominees presented to us *[Applause]*.

**THE SPEAKER:** I really cannot thank the Honourable Acting Leader of the opposition enough for his very constructive contribution, and finally the Leader of Government Business.

**HON. SIDIE M. TUNIS:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start again today by thanking my colleagues for their brilliant contributions to this motion. I want to thank those of our colleagues who made their maiden speeches, this early afternoon. And I want to particularly thank the Honourable Member right back there who said, and I quote **“for every mistake you make it will take ten (10) years to correct”**. I just want my colleagues on the other side to think about that, the problem His Excellency the President Dr Julius Maada Bio has right now. For every mistake, you

make, it will take ten (10) years to correct so just imagine the mistakes that we have to correct. It is going to take a very long time that is why I am calling on the people of this country to just be patient with us. Things are going to be little bit rocky because we need to correct those mistakes and bumpy along the way. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, today's nominees are for very important positions that is revenue generation, we have a lady with a lot of our colleagues have spoken about, highly qualified and intelligent lady I have no doubt that she will do her level best. We have a very young man in the petroleum directorate who have served other countries, who have supported other companies in other countries; he supported the discovering of oil in Ghana he was a very senior engineer in Ghana. And today, Ghana is enjoying oil, I hope now that you are in Sierra Leone and as a Sierra Leonean will not only stop at discovering we will soon be talking about production and then Sierra Leone also will start enjoying benefits of oil. *[Applause]* I want to assure all of the nominees of parliament full support we will support you to amend any act that will enhance service delivery. We know some of these institutions there are challenges especially with the laws but just rest assured that this Parliament and I as the Leader will ensure with the support of the Honourable Speaker, that we are ready to amend any act that will enhance productivity. Finally, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to advise these nominees to stay away from politics, you have been appointed through politics. Please don't behave like other people who wore red t-shirt moving from place to place and when the green took over they want to remain in office that cannot happen. You have the right to belong but please allow us the politicians to do our work. There are lot of people who are complaining today that this person has been sacked from job. This person has been sacked so tell me how comfortable will Julius Maada Bio be when he looks at some of the clips of somebody really dancing, pushing, to ensure that his party wins. And then when he takes power do you think he is going to be comfortable with that person? No. Is not possible, *[Applause]*. You have a right, you have the constitutional right to belong, you have the right to support your party but allow us do our work; you stay in your office and serve the country. Thank you very much Honourable Members, I call on every one of you to speedily approve these nominees. Thank you *[Applause]*.

*[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]*

*[Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has been approved]*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*[The House rose at 1:40 p.m. and was adjourned to Friday, 20th July, 2018 at 10:00  
a.m.]*