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FIRST SESSION- FIRST MEETING OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC

Tuesday, 1st August, 2023.

I. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Mr Lincoln, read the Prayers]

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

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

The House was called to Order

Suspension of S. O. 5[2]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we still have some serious technical breaches with our machines and I have been advised that the Votes and Proceedings for yesterday's meeting is yet to be produced that makes it two days in a roll without Votes and Proceedings. I do not know whether any of you have succeeded in receiving it in the electronic form, if you have kindly raise your hands so that I will know the number of you who have the Votes and Proceedings and those who are without. I know we are very anxious. Order! Order up in the Galleries! Order! S.O. [2] " duya fambul dem una welcome to Parliament la talk pa krio wae we all go understand duya wae una cam Parliament this na very noble House na yaa we dae make laws una still dae talk well r nor get choice Sergeant at Arms go up dae fambul dem please wae una dae enter una enter quietly take una seat quietly any noise wae una make noise up da una dae hambour we down here ar go order una for komot na door o d same respect wae una kin go with na church or mosque wae una dae enter quietly en sidom quietly na d same wae una for enter na ya even though we nor fiba one na a very sacred place una cam so". Honourable Members, I am a little bit quiet because of the absent of the Votes and Proceedings. We cannot go on like this every time postponing our Votes and Proceedings to the next sittings. We need to find a solution to it. I know we are very anxious to get into the realm of E-Parliament to modernize our Proceedings but we should recognise that there has to be transition phase as we move from paper to paperless. I don't know whether the Leader of Government Business can help if you cannot them the Clerk I know it falls within the purview of the Clerk's responsibility but we cannot go on like this.

HON. MATHEW S NYUMA: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, the last time I made my point on behalf of Leadership that for now we can show some amount of understanding for what is going on because of the malfunctioning of the systems. We have and we have requested you for us to have the tablet you said after the induction you are going to do so. We are patiently waiting if we do not have the Votes and

Proceedings for the sake of progress which I quoted the last time Section 94 which you accepted and you gave me the leeway to input certain provisions in the Order Paper. I presented to you the Nominees you accepted so I am making a plead I really do not want us to start pointing fingers. The Director of Legislative Affairs is with us he just explained to me that if I check my what-sap I will see the Votes and Proceedings but still if we cannot do the induction we will try to get Members of Parliament on track on how to use the personal gadget given to them. We still need to have the tablets when we have the tablets that is the time we will have to talk about much of the paperless or E-Parliament so for now I want us to suspend the Votes and Proceedings and have a meeting after this Session so we can address the issue appropriately. Thank you for your understanding Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Mr Leader please come forward. Honourable Members, kindly switch off your mic otherwise mine will not work. I have been having consultations and this is what we plan to do now. Honourable Members, please be prepared to undergo induction course on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of next week the purpose of the course is to equip you with a modem and a tablet and through those gadgets to be able to receive all information relating to Proceedings in e-form but the induction will take the form of a training course. You will be trained on how to use the tablet and we know that is going to take some period before you get accustom to it. But we would try to modernize our Proceedings here in line with international best practice. We cannot achieve it all at once there will have to be transition phase, but in the meanwhile we will have to combine a paper form and a paperless form. The two have to go on concurrently until we master the E-form before we dispense finally with the paper form. So starting next Monday, we will be engaged in a training workshop either in this room or in Committee Room One. We know some of you if not most of you are already trained in the use of modern technology but that still doesn't mean you should absent yourself. Please come, there might be some variations in the training that you need to know about. This means that if you check your Order Paper that we have, there is no Votes and Proceedings for this meeting; we carry over to the next. And for the announcement

from me, I have at this stage no substantive announcement to make if I do have one in the course of the Proceedings I would make it but as of now there is none. Shall we get on with the next item on the Order Paper?

PAPERS LAID:

HONOURABLE SEGEPOH S. THOMAS

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC ACCOUNT COMMITTEE

HON. SEGEPOH SOLOMON THOMAS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with your kind permission, may I lay on the Table of this House Financial Statement of the Parliamentary Service Commission for the year ended 31 December 2021.

IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

PROPOSER: HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA

SECONDER: HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA

1. Introduction

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in tandem with its constitutional obligations met on Wednesday, 26th and Friday 28th July, 2023 respectively and interviewed Presidential Nominees for the following positions: Ministers, Deputy Ministers for various Ministries, one Ambassador and one Head of Department.

2. Procedure

The Committee maintained strict consistency with its usual established procedures and interviewed the aforesaid Nominees on issues pertaining to their educational backgrounds to ensure that they have the relevant

education and necessary backup experience to lead such important offices of State. Probing questions covered wide ranging issues relating to track records pertinent to their declared assets, tax obligations and visions for a sustainable and productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also strictly looked into by the Committee.

3. Third Sitting of the Committee on Wednesday, 26th July, 2023

The Committee interviewed the following Nominees on oath:

1. Ambassador Amara Sheikh Mohammad Sowa -Proposed Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN

Ambassador is a Graduate from Fourah Bay College with Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in English Language. He also has a Master's Degree in Development Studies from Njala University College.

He served as Resident Technical Facilitator at the Decentralization Secretariat, Budget Manager at Plan International that earned him improved human interactions.

As Resident Permanent Representative, he was in charge of the supervision of UN Committees, the duty he has handled with excellence over the past years.

2. Mr Alfred Moi Jamiru -Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government & Community Affairs

Mr Jamiru holds a Master's Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in Management (2009) and hosts of other Diplomas at the Cambridge International College, England. He is a disciplined enterprising young man that had acquired great skills in projects management. "I will use my project background to assist the Minister whilst looking into the various projects –especially donor funded projects implemented by council's country wide.

3. Ms. Phylis Kapu – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Lands, Housing & Country Planning

Miss Phylis Kapu has a vast knowledge and experience in Management of Housing and Resettlement programmes. She studied Health and Social Care and Housing, which enhanced her skills and capability to work in various housing outreach programmes such as St. Mungo's Housing Charity to assist tenants, investigate housing issues and general management issues in the UK.

She promised to collaborate with the Minister of Lands in implementing the numerous land policies already in force at the Ministry. "I am aware of the problems associated with land acquisition and am ready to share my experience with my Boss," she concluded.

4. Ing Dr Eldred Tunde Taylor – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy.

He acquired his postgraduate Degree in Chemistry at Njala University from 1999 – 2005 and proceeded for his Ph.D (Risk Management & Environmental Sciences) in Japan in 2012.

Dr Taylor has served as Deputy Minister in this same Ministry and his re-appointment might not be unconnected with his exemplary leadership and supports in the rolling out of the energy sector plan currently underway country wide.

5. Mrs Emily K. Gogra – Proposed Deputy Minister - Ministry of Basic & Senior Secondary School

After her Secondary school at Our Lady of Guadalupe Secondary School in Lunsar, Mrs Gogra pursued her HTC Education at the Port Loko Teachers College from 1999 – 2002.

Mrs Emily K. Gogra holds a Bachelor of Education at the Northern Polytechnic – Makeni (2006 – 2010) and a Master’s Degree in Applied / Descriptive Linguistics at Njala University in 2017.

She served as Deputy Minister in the last term and promised to assist the new Minister in executing the numerous programmes left behind by the outgoing Minister.

6. Mrs Christiana Queen Fofanah – Proposed Deputy Minister,

Ministry of Works & Public Assets

Mrs Fofanah holds a Bachelor Degree in Language Arts from Njala University. She is a seasoned teacher and served as a Senior Teacher and Vice Principal and acquired great leadership skills in managing people. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Research and Innovation Manager of the Universal Access Development Fund (UADF).

Mrs Fofanah in responding to the Committee, she mentioned that lots of government properties are in ruins that required urgent attention. “I will collaboratively work with my Boss to implement government programmes and reverse any negative trend that will otherwise thwart progress of measuring up to our task” She concluded.

7. Mr Ibrahim Sannoh – Proposed Deputy Minister of

Communication, Technology and Innovation

Mr Sannoh holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and served as Executive Director of the Sierra Leone Road Safety Authority (SLRSA) during the last term. His leadership skills acquired over the years have enabled him to lead and produce timely results.

He told the Committee that he will learn from professionals and the Minister in a bid to roll out the new Ministry’s programmes in technology.

8. Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo – Proposed Deputy Minister , Ministry

of Sports

Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo is a native of Kono District with passion for sports and Community development. He is a former Councilor of the Koidu New Sembehun City Council and served as the Deputy Minister of Sports until his recent re-appointment. He has an excellent track record in various sporting disciplines.

He promised to follow up on the many programmes currently underway in the Ministry.

9. Mr. Hindowa Buakai Bindi – Proposed Deputy Minister of *Gender & Children’s Affairs*

Mr Bindi is a holder of Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science and served as Deputy Minister of Gender, and children’s Affairs. He has an astute interest in the Gender Act and has been very active in the mainstreaming Policy at the Ministry.

He promised to support the Minister to promote the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Act.

10. Col. (RTD) Muana Brima Massaquoi – Proposed Deputy Minister, *Ministry of Defence*

Col. (Rtd) Massaquoi was recruited in the Sierra Leone Armed Forces in 1985 and was Commissioned in 1991. He is a fine soldier with vast experiences in Military trainings. He holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration.

He served as Commanding Officer in the Engineering Regiment and also Officer commanding Electrical and Mechanical Workshop, Juba workshop.

If approved as Deputy Minister, the trained Military personnel promised to uphold the security tenets and work collaboratively with other national security apparatus to ensure the stability of the State.

11. Dr Theresa Tenneh Dick-Proposed Deputy, Minister 1, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security

Dr Theresa is a professional Agriculturist that has vast knowledge in agricultural research and extension services. She has been the driving force behind most programs implementation in the Ministry. In the third Session Report of the Fifth Parliament, the Committee adjudged her as an astute professional with wealth of experience that can help turn the agricultural sector in the positive trajectory.

She promised to support the Minister to achieve premium aspirations of the Government.

12. Mr Sahr B. Hemoore- Proposed Deputy Minister 2, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

Mr Hemore is an unassuming professional that always serves with loyalty. His reappointment to this Ministry clearly still confirms the Committee's earlier recommendation of this Nominee as were reported during the Third Session of the Fifth Parliament.

He promised to work collaboratively to bring laurels to the agricultural sector through effective monitoring.

13. Rev Dr Jonathan Titus Williams- Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development.

Rev. Williams is an academician of no mean standing that believes in producing timely quality results and has worked extensively in many church organizations at both home and abroad. His reappointment to the Development Ministry would help the new Minister monitor the different

sectoral development goals mapped out by this Ministry. He promised to support the new Minister.

4. Fourth Sitting of the Committee on Friday, 28th July, 2023

14. Dr Charles Senesie – Proposed Deputy Minister 1- Ministry of Health.

He is an Associate Professor, Doctor in Medicine (MD), MSc. and PhD in Public Health from the Post Graduate College of Health Specialists. He is a Lecturer in Dermatology in the Department of Internal Medicine, College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS), University of Sierra Leone.

He has also provided Consultancy services for many medical and Research Institutions globally.

His Professional activities and achievements are recorded from his contributions to research, lectures, consultancies, association, and participation in many international Health Programs.

He promised to assist the Minister build a stronger health sector.

15. Mr Mohamed Lansana Dumbuya – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Employment, Labour & Social Security.

Mr Dumbuya is a Native of Kambia District with vast track record in social and community development.

He served as Deputy Minister of Labour from 2018 – 2023 with enough experience to support the smooth running of the Ministry.

He said he would continue to help the Minister in implementing the programs outlined in the Ministry.

16. Dr Ramatulai Wurie (Haja) – Proposed Minister of Technical & Higher Education.

Dr Wurie is a renowned extra ordinary Lecturer both in Sierra Leone and at international level. She is a seasoned Biomedical and Research Analyst and a Senior Lecturer and Head of Biochemistry Department at the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences.

From 2002 to 2015 in the United Kingdom, she gained her first degree in Biochemistry, M.Sc. in Biomedical Science, PhD in Medicine and Post graduate Certificate in Health Management, Policy and Practice with distinction.

Her Professional experiences are recorded in very important Institutions globally. She served as extraordinary Lecturer at the University of Pretoria, South Africa on Health Policy and Systems as module, Fellow at the Kofi Annan Global Health Leader Fellowship Program, Guest Lecturer at the King’s College London – UK in Advance Quantitative Methods in Public Health, Principal Investigator in Sierra Leone on Common Health implementation programmes, Co- Project Lead and Research Analyst in both Sierra Leone and the UK on Health Policies, Technical Feasibilities of new biomedical therapeutic.

Dr Ramatulai has more than 50 publications to her credit on various health issues which the Committee highly commended as worthy for such hundred percent elite Ministry.

She promised to acquire the necessary knowledge first from professional then take the lead to implement the many programs of the Ministry.

17. Mrs Haja Isata Abdulai Kamara – Deputy Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources.

Mrs Kamara is a well-known Gender Activist, Community Developer, Master Farmer, a seasoned Teacher, Lecturer and Politician.

Her Advocacy role in social and gender contemporary issues made her to be well known in many Institutions such as the Cotton Tree Foundation, CORD – AID, etc.

She has a driven passion for community development and had served as Resident Minister – North West, Acting Resident Minister-North, Deputy Minister of Trade & Industry in the Government of His Excellency, President Bie.

18. Mrs Mamusu Massaquoi- Proposed Deputy Minister 2, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School Education.

Mrs Massaquoi is an Educationist, Nutritionist that has shown over the past three years much leadership in handling educational issues at the above named Ministry where she has been reappointed.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged her to be competent and up to the task. The Committee on Appointments and the Public Service therefore re-affirms all commendations bestowed on this candidate as was reported in the Fourth Report of the Third Session of the Fifth Parliament.

She promised to give the necessary supports to the new Minister to consolidate in the gains.

**19. Mrs Nabeela Farida Tunis- Proposed Minister, Ministry of
*Tourism and Cultural Affairs***

Mrs Nabeela F. Tunis is a household name in our national governance. Apart from her political prowess and adept administrative skills; she is a very strong academic and holds a Master's Degree in Rural Development and has worked in several reputable institutions including the United Nations where she served as Civil Affairs Officer (2008-2013).

She has held a number of Ministerial portfolios including Planning and Economic Development, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Regional Minister of the West.

She promised to consolidate the gains of her predecessor and lay premium on the development and promotion of eco-tourism.

**20. Dr Kadijatu Grace A. Kamara - Proposed Deputy Minister,
*Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.***

Dr Kamara is a motivational, inspirational and transformational young coach, media personality and Corporate Executive Officer that has worked extensively at global level. As an academics and consultant, she hopes to bring to the global stage Sierra Leone's touristic potentials.

She served the Foreign Affairs Ministry as Director of Strategic Management and Coordination prior to her appointment to this position.

She promised to work with the Minister to promote the nation's Tourism.

21. **Dr Alfred G.O. Dickson – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone
Agricultural Research Institute Council.**

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Nominee is popularly known as doctor cassava by his peers because of his extensive tropical research on cassava breeding. He is a seasoned scientist, with wealth of experience in breeding at international and local level. Prior to his appointment, he was the Director, Development and Delivery, at the Partnership for Delivering Directorate at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), where he shared most of his scientific experience with SLARI.

Responding to the Committee on the contribution of SLARI to achieving food self-sufficiency, the Nominee said "I have worked with SLARI for years and I'll bring to the Council the required professional advice that will turn the institution round towards the expected trajectory.

**4. Excerpts of the First Sitting of the Committee dated 21st
July, 2023**

22. **Mr Rex Bhonapha- Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Transport and Aviation**

Mr Bhonapha is a humble personality and academics with wealth of experience in logistics and operations in mining and transport for two decades spanning from varying organizations. He served as Deputy Minister of Lands and Transport prior to his reappointment this year.

He represented his Ministry severally in this Chamber in the passage of Bills and Ratifications of Agreements during the Fifth Parliament.

He promised the Committee that he will work diligently with the new Minister to realize the mandates of the Ministry.

23. **Miss Manty Tarawally- Proposed Minister of State, Vice**

President's Office

Miss Manty Tarawally is a versatile Professional and Gender Activist who has served various Institutions both local and global. She was appointed Gender and Children's Affairs Minister in November 2019 to address the inequalities faced by women in Sierra Leone and to strengthen child protection landscape in the Ministry.

Guided by her conviction, she impacted in 2020 the development of the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) policy which recently became the GEWE Act. The Committee commended her for this brave action.

In responding to the Committee on how the GEWE Act will be championed across all sections of society, Madam Tarawally said " by way of implementation many initiatives have to be undertaken including national Gender mainstreaming. Even though I have been transferred from the Ministry, I will still use my expertise to work closely with all stakeholders to implement this GEWE Act".

This Nominee has lots of achievements to her credit ranging from government circle where she facilitated the Integration of sexuality and Gender Rights education in the school system in Sierra Leone to private entities where she served as Country Director for the four Solutions, Mariestoppes Sierra Leone, UNFPA, and hosts of others.

She holds a Master Degree in Project Management from the University of Salford, UK and has won lots of awards for her Humanitarian services.

This committee still reaffirms all recommendations made on this Nominee during the Fifth Session of Parliament.

24. Dr David Moinina Sengeh- Proposed Chief Minister.

Dr Sengeh is a Scientist with data driven expertise to transform institutions through real motivations and innovations. After his Bachelor's Degree in

biomedical engineering in 2010, from Cambridge MA, he pursued a Master's degree M.Sc. (2012) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge MA and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) from the same institution in 2016.

In September 2017, he was Manager IBM Research Africa in South Africa, a data driven healthcare team of Scientists and Engineers to deploy healthcare innovations in Africa.

Dr David Moinina Sengeh is Co-Founder and President of the Board of Global Minimum Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is currently the owner and lead designer of Nyali Clothing, a designing company based in Sierra Leone. Prior to his appointment as Minister of Basic and Senior Secondary Education in 2019, he transformed the technological outlook of President Bio's governance system in his capacity as Chief Innovation Officer at the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation at State House; a position he held for less than two years. His energized motivational outreach skills to schools in all corners of the country coupled with enforced digitalization of the basic and secondary education sector brought even the remotest school under government watch for assessment.

In his response to serve as nerve center for the operations of the Ministries and other Government functionaries, the learned erudite young Doctor said "I feel honored and lucky to be appointed to this office and will discharge my duties with utmost sincerity, sense of purpose and humility. My main focus is to remove bottlenecks from my colleagues in government and across society and to engage in consultation with various sectors to ensure those citizens' voices and contributions to governance are taken into consideration'.

He promised to ensure effective implementations of government manifesto commitments through robust monitoring and digital innovations. He ended on the optimism that the youthful Cabinet of His Excellency would measure

up to expectations as they have the potential and energy to move with the growing governance demands of the world.

25. Dr Henry Musa Kpaka- Proposed Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

Dr Henry Musa Kpaka is a development economist with professional experience spanning over twelve years. He has a proven track record in economic analysis, strategy development, data systems and project management with multinational donor organizations including the World Bank Group, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

Dr Henry Musa Kpaka graduated with a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2021. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration specialized in International Development from Harvard University, Massachusetts, United States of America. He was appointed as the Chief Technical Advisor, Office of the Chief Minister in July 2021, a position he held until his recent appointment as Minister of Agriculture and Food Security. During his tenure, he provided strategic advice to the Minister of Agriculture in designing and rolling out of policies to boost agricultural productivity in Sierra Leone.

This proven development expert dialogued with members on wide ranging issues from agro sector prioritization by the government as flagship program, policy and research permeation to rural productive sector and productivity digitization for quick reflections on donor supports impact. To these, Dr Kpaka enthused "I am very much aware of the enormity of the task ahead of me and I am fully prepared for it. I am not a stranger to the Ministry of Agriculture. My first priority is to develop a data based reporting of our agricultural productivity e.g baseline data and annual data to inform the policies of the Ministry. To energize large scale production we must invest in energy as a means to boost up continuous cultivation especially in

our inland valleys where irrigation is required during periods of fewer rainfalls.

To achieve desired results, the Nominee said leading by example and engaging people to emulate would be his guiding principle rather than being dictatorial. He concluded on a sound note that, utilizing the huge portions of unutilized lands in the provinces including the Tormabom was his focus.

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. Ambassador Amara Sheikh Mohammad Sowa- Proposed Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN
- ii. Mr Alfred Moi Jamiru –Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government & Community Affairs
- iii. Ms Phylis Kapu – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Lands, Housing & Country Planning
- iv. Ing Dr Eldred Tunde Taylor – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy.
- v. Mrs Emily K. Gogra – Proposed Deputy Minister - Ministry of Basic & Senior Secondary School
- vi. Mrs Christiana Queen Fofanah – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Works & Public Assets
- vii. Mr Ibrahim Sannoh – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication, Technology and Innovation
- viii. Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo – Proposed Deputy Minister , Ministry of Sports
- ix. Mr Hindowa Buakai Bindi – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Gender & Children’s Affairs
- x. Col. (RTD) Muana Brima Massaquoi – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Defence

- xi. Mr Sahr B. Hemoore- Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- xii. Dr Theresa Tenneh Dick- Proposed Deputy Minister 1, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- xiii. Dr Charles Senesie – Proposed Deputy Minister 1- Ministry of Health
- xiv. Mr Mohamed Lansana Dumbuya – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Employment, Labour & Social Security
- xv. Dr Ramatulai Wurie (Haja) – Proposed Minister, Ministry of Technical & Higher Education
- xvi. Mrs Haja Isata Abdulai – Kamara – Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
- xvii. Mrs Mamusu Massaquoi- Proposed Minister 2, Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School Education
- xviii. Mrs Nabeela Farida Tunis, Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
- xix. Dr David Moinina Sengeh - Proposed Chief Minister
- xx. Dr Henry Musa Kpaka - Proposed Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.
- xxi. Rev Dr. Jonathan Titus Williams - Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development
- xxii. Dr Kadijatu Grace A. Kamara, Proposed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs
- xxiii. Dr. Alfred G.O. Dickson – Proposed Chairman, Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute Council
- Xxiv Mr Rex Bhonapha, Proposed Deputy, Minister, Ministry of Transport and Aviation
- Xxv. Miss Manty Tarawally- Proposed Minister of State, Vice President’s Office

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Third Report reflects the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Third 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. Mathew S. Nyuma(JP)

Chairman and Leader of Government Business

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Leader of Government Business. May I have a Seconder to the Motion please?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members I so second.

[Question Proposed]

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, before I open the debate I will start with you as Seconder of the Motion. Let us have certain ground rules and the first ground rule is let us apply the principle of equity and that demands if you have already taken the Floor please allow your Colleagues who have not yet spoken to now take the Floor and be heard in the same manner that you wish to be heard so I am sure your Colleagues also want to be heard by their Constituents and the nation as a whole that is the first ground rule. Second, there has to be a time limit now but let me hear if the principle of equity has infused itself in the thinking of Members of Parliament let me hear from you what suggestion would you like to give? How many of you wish to take the Floor today? You know what this means we will be here till night and what I see in front of me minus the Leadership who might want to catch my eyes at any given time so let us limit it to three minutes apart from the Seconder of the Motion and Mr Seconder I will limit you to six minutes which is doubled the time of your Colleagues.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency the President for presenting these Nominees to the House for approval. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Nominees were chosen from the many Sierra Leoneans who contributed to the success of this

Government by His Excellency the President to come and help him in achieving his agenda. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the people of Sierra Leone are yearning for development. We are lagging behind. These Nominees should speed up because at the end of the day Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, excuses will not be tolerated because our people are not ready for excuses they are ready for performance. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if these Nominees succeed they will be succeeding for us as Members of Parliament. Mr Speaker, in 2028 our faces will be on the ballot papers and the questions our Constituents would ask us are the questions that should be answered by the Executive branch of Government.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, our Constituents are with the strongest convictions that Members of Parliament are responsible for primary development. Mr Speaker, to our Constituents I want to make it very clear that the question you put to us during the elections are to be answered by these Nominees but at the end of the day we are punished for the job the Executive fails to do. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, that is why when we have Appointees and our Constituents are here I will make sure I explain to them because at the end of the day they know our phone numbers, they know our addresses, they visit us and they believe we are in charge of development. They believe we are in charge of recruitment, they believe we are in charge of everything in Sierra Leone but I want to make it clear that Members of Parliament we have three core functions. We represent you here, we make Laws on behalf of the people and we do oversight.

THE SPEAKER: I think after this approval today we will probably need a special visit to the designated Chief Minister as you can see our technology here is not functioning well.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, as I was saying if this Appointees fail they will not just be failing themselves but they will be failing us and they will be punishing us. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as I said our people are of the strong conviction that we are responsible for primary development. We have more than 30 of our Colleagues who were not fortunate to win because of

these same questions that were not answered by the Nominees. You have been selected from the numerous Sierra Leoneans that supported His Excellency the President, he has a lot of confidence in you, he believes in you, please do not disappoint him, please do not disappoint this Parliament and do not disappoint the people of Sierra Leone. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the President has done due diligence because he has a lot of confidence in the Nominees. He believes they will perform and at the Committee level we did our own due diligence and we are very confidence as a Committee based on the interview that they will deliver for us as a Parliament. Mr Speaker, let me just zoom on few of them; I begin with the Chief Minister Dr Moinina Sengeh. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Dr Moinina Sengeh is the youngest Chief Minister of Sierra Leone that shows that His Excellency has a lot of confidence in the young people of Sierra Leone.

THE SPEAKER: I will permit him, is the stationary mic working? I will permit you to move on to another table where the mic is working.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will zoom in to Dr Sengeh, he is the youngest Chief Minister that has been appointed ever since the position has been created and I believe Mr Speaker, future President would struggle to have the likes of Dr Sengeh to serve in that position if he doesn't succeed. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, that shows that His Excellency has a lot of confidence in young people in the last Government. Mr Speaker, in 2018 through 2023 His Excellency handed over all Arms of Government to the young people, this Parliament apart from the Speaker, Leader, the Deputy Speaker, Deputy Leader, Chief Whip, all of you are below the ages of 50 years.

THE SPEAKER: And you will qualify for the next Chief Minister?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: That shows the level of confidence for all Arms of Government to be handed over to the people of this country that shows the level of confidence His Excellency has for the young people of Sierra Leone today. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, His Excellency has catapulted that in appointing a young man as Chief Minister of this Government. It shows that apart of the President and Vice

President is the most senior Government official below the age of 40. Mr Speaker, that speaks volume what His Excellency has done Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, is to bring these young people and these young people are going to be used as guinea pigs if they succeed Mr Speaker future President will bring more young people on board but if they fail they will not be failing themselves they will be failing the young people of Sierra Leone because in future if these young people fail no President will be brave or bold enough to employ young people to serve. We are challenged as young people because the elders still believe we should not be where we are. Our age mates think we should not be where we are and my appeal to all of us is to support them to succeed and on this part in this Parliament Mr Chief Minister I will assure you that you will enjoy the utmost support you deserve. Apart from the Speaker this Parliament is led by young people and there is no way we will not support you in the pursuit of success.

THE SPEAKER: His warranty is still valid those of us who were manufactured in the 40s and 50s your warranty has long ago been expired, carry on.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, to the man going to the Ministry of Agriculture. He is also a young man that is the priority agenda of His Excellency the President Dr Kpaka the responsibility given to you is extremely important. Of course, Mr Speaker we know the cry of the people of Sierra Leone the prices in the market are sky rocketing every day. Sierra Leoneans we import everything we eat, everything we eat we are importing. His Excellency has told us that his priority will be to feed Sierra Leone and we should feed ourselves because our only means of fighting hunger is for us to be able to provide for ourselves so Mr Kpaka as a young man we know you are highly educated but our problem in Sierra Leone is not education, in the last dispensation there was a Professor running that Ministry but we saw the outcome. So Mr Kpaka and all others that have been appointed you are wished well. The Minister of Defence of course we know the current trend of the social media please take it very seriously. Make sure you work with the Officers to make sure you handle the security threat of Sierra Leone you are wished well.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Minister going to the Ministry of Education of course the Members of Parliament will be bringing their lists, the Constituents will be running to our offices they will be asking us for SLG Madam Minister we will be visiting your offices very soon. Before now the Minister supported this Parliament immensely we hope you will follow suit. You have a very vibrant Deputy Minister he is a friend of this Parliament we hope you will also be a friend of this Parliament because if you do not support us our Constituents will run after us. They want to be educated they do not have the ability they do have the capacity. You are wished well and I wish you success in your new offices. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, despite this Parliament having passed the GEWE Act which enjoins us to recognize equality between the genders in certain circumstances we do give priority to women so let me start with the youngest. Well I stand to be advised by the 'mama' of the House who is the youngest? You have the Floor. This is the age of the young and by the way if you know your name is on this list and you spoke at the last approval Sitting please do not burder to try to catch my eye allow your colleagues who have not spoken to do so you have the Floor Honourable Member.

HON. SIA MAHAWA HABIAMA TOMMY: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am Honourable Sia Mahawa Habiama Tommy representing the far East commonly known as Kono District. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, today I stand before you with immense gratitude and pride as I address this esteem gathering. It is an honour for me to express my heart felt appreciation to His Excellency for his unwavering support to gender equality and youth empowerment. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will like to commend His Excellency for transforming the 30% women representation from mere lip service to a tangible reality. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, today in our midst we are blessed with eminent women in the persons of Miss Phylis Kapu, Mrs Emily Gogra, Mrs Christiana Queen fofonah, Dr Theresa Tenneh Dick, Dr Ramatulai Wurie, Mrs Haja Isata Abdulai, Mrs Mamusu Massaquoi, Mrs Nabeela Farida Tunis, Dr Kadija Grace Kamara, and Miss Manty

Tarawally. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, these are not just ordinary women they are women of substance. They are women with transformative ideas, they are women that are ready to move Sierra Leone. They are women that are ready to take Sierra Leone to another level. These are women with fresh perspectives. These are women that have been battle tested, these are women that are fit for purpose and these are women that are ready to work.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as it is once said by Hilary Clinton when women participate in politics the effect we pull out across nation, women are the world most unused resources. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the women and young people of this nation have been called to serve and we have answered diligently to serve to the best of our ability. The women and young people of this nation were the missing pieces for nation building and we are here to make sure that we help His Excellency to deliver on his manifesto. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will like to zoom in on the proposed Deputy Minister of Sport Kai Lawrence Mbayo.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, you have exhausted your time but I will treat you as an exception for two reasons one is your maiden speech.

HON. SIA MAHAWA HABIAMA TOMMY: Thank you Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Second you come from where the wise men come.

HON. SIA MAHAWA HABIAMA TOMMY: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo is a man that is fit for purpose, this is a man that travels the length and breadth of Kono District to spread the gospel of President Bio re-election.

THE SPEAKER: The proposed Chief Minister take note our technology is out-dated, out modelled and not fit for purpose.

HON. SIA MAHAWA HABIAMA TOMMY: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo is a man that travels the length and breadth of Kono District to spread the gospel of the re-election of President Bio. Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo campaigned like his life depends on the winning of this election. Mr Kai Lawrence Mbayo assured us that

he is indeed a trusted servant. It was under his leadership as a Deputy Minister of Sport that Sierra Leone succeeded in contesting in the Africa Nations Cup after over 20 years. Leone Stars actually did well though we were not fortunate to win the cup, we did well and the nation celebrated Leone Stars, we qualified and we did well. So Mr kai Lawrence Mbayo's re-appointment is indeed a deserving one.

Mr Speaker, let me zoom in on Mr Rex Bhonapha. Mr Rex Bhonapha is a man that has been battled tested. This is a man that travelled throughout Kono District, he travelled the Eastern Region to ensure that President Bio was re-elected. This is a man that we can call over night to invite him to an activity and he would present himself and he would do well. This is a man that is ready to serve this nation and I have no iota of doubt in him, that he is going to deliver again.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is a blessing for our generation to have a genius in the name of Dr David Moinina Sengeh and I am saying this with immense happiness to be serving under the same Government with Dr David Moinina Sengeh it is a blessing for our generation. Dr David Moinina Sengeh is indeed a genius these are the kinds of Doctors that we want to see in Sierra Leone not the theoretical Doctors. The Doctors that will just be carrying tittles and not working, and the Doctors that cannot put what they have learnt into practical. Dr Sengeh we the young people of this nation we are looking up to you in your capacity as Chief Minister we want to see that you can take your expertise to other Ministries to assist other Ministers because we are tired of celebrating glorified Doctors that cannot deliver.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to Dr Ramatulai Wurie as Members of Parliament from Kono District we had a campaign message and part of that campaign message was the Kono University of Science and Technology, we are pleading to you that you please use your office to ensure that the university kicks start. The people of Kono deserve to be educated and President Bio told us that particular project is his heartbeat and we want to see that manifested. Madam Minister please the people of Kono are not people to be toiled with. The people of Kono are people that are very decisive and we

campaigned with a message that President Bio gave us that Kono matters and we want to see that manifested in the education sector. I thank you.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Member from Kono. There is a golden age coming from Kono after diamond we see Gold represented by human capital development. I am still going to focus attention on the women and if you know your name is already here kindly do yourself the service of not catching my eye. I will give the Floor to the Honourable Lady from Segbewma. The Honourable Lady unless I am mistaking well whiles you are debating let me give the Honourable Lady at the far end there.

HON. RUGIATU MUSAFFA TARAWALLI: Thank you Mr Speaker, Honourable Members.

THE SPEAKER: Is that not the lady from Tinkoko? Where is the lady from Tinkoko? No, no, you have spoken kindly take your seat Madam I can bear witness to that you have spoken. Madam you too have spoken not so? The last time I presided you did great. Lady of the Fifth Parliament you have spoken too? She has not? You have the Floor.

HON. RUGIATU MUSAFFA TARAWALLI: Thank you Mr Speaker. Honourable Members, I am Honourable Rugiatu Tarawalli Musaffa from Kenema District. I am going to be focusing on the women appointees. President Bio did not make a mistake in appointing women the 30% plus women in his Cabinet. There is a saying that we are the neck that makes the head to turn because everything we set our minds on we do it perfectly very well. I am going to focus on the Deputy Minister of Works and for one reason I come from a class A Chiefdom the Lower Bambara Chiefdom. This country has benefited from that Chiefdom since the days of SLST, NDSC and the likes and that is the Diamond area. Anybody that wants to mine in that area now has to do deep mining my people are not equipped for that so I have spoken to them and we are transitioning into agriculture the President flagship program and for us to do that successfully Madam Minister we need to get good roads to bring our products to the market. We will be dealing with perishable foods Madam Minister please make that a priority we are not

going back to mining we need our roads to be in tip-top shape for us to be able to transition from mining into agriculture please make that a priority. This country is going to benefit greatly and you have women in strategic places like tourism, and education let us not take it lightly what we have now is like a gift handed to us by the President, let us make good use of it if we default the women of this country will suffer. You people have been fortunate to have been chosen please do not disappoint us. Please take your task seriously this is not the time to leisure around this is the time to work and to prove President Bio right that he did not make a mistake in appointing women or supporting the women. We are looking up to you all. I thank you very much Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Lady for her contribution and for the advice she has issued. I now give the Floor to the Honourable Lady from Kailahun. How many of you come from Kailahun? Oh you have spoken already Madam I can sport you from a distant you have the Floor.

HON. LOLLOH EMILIA TONGI: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency for giving us these beautiful Nominees.

THE SPEAKER: Didn't you hear what I said by my book they have priority.

HON. LOLLOH EMILIA TONGI: Mr Speaker can I?

THE SPEAKER: Who is threatening me with Zainab?

HON. LOLLOH EMILIA TONGI: Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to thank His Excellency for giving us these beautiful Nominees I am not going to elaborate on what has already been said I know they are all extremely qualified. Mr Speaker, the list we saw they are all Masters, PHD holders etc, etc. I want to actually thanks His Excellency for looking out for such beautiful and strong caberated Nominees. Mr Speaker, we were like what such of questions are we going to ask these educated people but we actually manage to interview them and today they are here for confirmation.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom in on two people the first one is Mr Hemoore. Mr Hemoore was interviewed not long ago and I am not actually going to say much about him he is in the Ministry of Agriculture and we all know that our flagship project is agriculture and Mr Hemoore we are actually looking up to you in the Eastern Province to do your level best so that Sierra Leone could be proud of us because we have fertile lands in our place and our women 80% of them are in agriculture. We wish and we pray that we make His Excellency flagship comes up and beautifully from the Eastern Province of this country. Mr Speaker, I want to tell you something which I actually encountered in Mozambique when I finished my speech the Cameroonian lady that came up and gave his speech and after that at the end of our speech she said to us I will like each African country to have a Ben Kaifala I was so happy to a point that from Sierra Leone to Mozambique there was a Ben Keifala there. So this is actually what I want the youth to know because His Excellency has confidence in you and we will like to hear about Sierra Leone outside Sierra leone. Why are we hearing that? Because he is extremely doing very well and secondly I will like also to end up with Dr Sengeh.

THE SPEAKER: You have said it all.

HON. LOLLOH EMILIA TONGI: Dr Sengeh keep it up you are so young, young to a point that at your age some of us were still looking out for something but look at you heading distinguished educated elderly people in the Government. God bless you and I hope you would continue to win.

THE SPEAKER: And on that note.

HON. LOLLOH EMILIA TONGI: And on that note Mr Speaker, I will like to tell each and every one of them in the different Ministries to tell them to inform them that there is a Ben Keifala in each Ministry so they should be careful. I thank you.

THE SPEAKER: This is a convenient point Honourable Members for me to recognise His Worshipful Mayor Komba Matu Sam, is he here? Is the Mayor for Koidu City here? You are most welcome. Any more ladies who qualify? Let me start with the lady in white. Is that the Honourable Kumabeh.

HON. ALICE KUMABEH: Yes.

THE SPEAKER: Ok now I can recognise you.

HON. ALICE KUMABEH: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I want to start my intervention by thanking H.E President Bio for giving us these fine Nominees. Firstly, let me start with my sister Dr Tenneh Dick that is going to the Ministry of Agriculture and also my brother Rev. Titus Williams going to the Ministry of Economic, Planning and Development, one thing I love about these people is that they are always visible around Bonthe District propagating the ideas of the Sierra Leone Peoples' Party to the grassroots and the Government and also most of the times they are around the District and their presence speak volume so because of that I love them unlike some other Ministers in those days that they draw that line of demarcation between themselves and the grassroots and there is one thing in this country you can never become a Minister or Deputy Minister without a political Party that is the fact and so what makes the political Party is the grassroots so Politicians have respect for the grassroots and value them and of course their outputs in the last Government is what have led them to be re-appointed by His Excellency the President for this second term so my brothers and sisters I love you people and I hope you will serve in this present Government in the best of your ability so that His Excellency will look forward to give positions to more people from Bonthe District because we are a sober people.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me zoom in to the proposed Minister of Agriculture. Mr Minister you are here going to the Ministry of Agriculture the people of Sierra Leone and the Sierra Leone Peoples' Party are looking highly to you because right now we are in a worry the bread and butter did not succeed the last time because of so many reasons and this time around you are there for solution. We do not want to hear any other further problems in the agriculture sector. We do not want to hear any other excuses but to let you take that Ministry to a higher heigh and the other thing that I want to tell you is that you please intensify your monitoring and supervision to the Tomaborm rice farm if you want to see the desired result because that is the place that we are highly looking up to but without monitoring and supervision it will be a fruitless

endeavour and I hope the Committee on Agriculture will robust this time to do their oversight on all Agricultural sectors in this country. Because the people of this country voted basically for President Bio because of the first pillar of the people's manifesto which says 'feed Salone' and so if you are going to that Ministry you do your best so that you will keep on flying the flag of Sierra Leone and you will keep the Sierra Leone Peoples' Party in power for the coming decades and also to keep APC in permanent opposition with these few words I want to say thank you Mr Speaker once again.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Lady let me now give the Floor to the lady at the back after this speaker it will be the turn of the Paramount Chiefs.

HON. FATMATA SARAH SOUKENAH: Mr Speaker...

THE SPEAKER: And the same rules will apply to the Paramount Chiefs the principle of equity they are applying it in their Chiefdoms every day.

HON. FATMATA SARAH SOUKENAH: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I just have a little word to say to the Nominees it is because you are relevant in this Party that is why you are nominated to be Ministers all of us know what the President of Sierra Leone His Excellency wants. He wants us to feed Sierra Leone and to the Minister of Agriculture please we are coming the Members of Parliament and even the Ministers all of us should go back to our Districts, our Regions to do farming so we can feed ourselves. Mr Bhonapha you have been a strong man. You have been a lion and a lion is a lion and he walks in his territory. Thank you because you have been an obedient man to His Excellency the President.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, I want to talk about a very young man called Dr Sengeh he has been my boyfriend. Mr Speaker, Members of Parliament, this young man you see is the greatest young man I have never seen in the history of Sierra Leone. If I am here today as a Member of Parliament, he is the one who campaigned in this West Urban District that we are here today I want to say Mr Minister kudos to you. It is just because you are wonderful that is why you are nominated and continue to do the job that you know to do best. On that note, I want to talk about my sister Phylis a

very humble woman with a humble beginning. Phylis your love for Party people please continue to do that. My ladies it is time for us to rise up because we want to be President of Sierra Leone one day. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, watch out very soon we are going to be one of the President in Sierra Leone. On that note Mr Speaker, I want to congratulate all my Ministers. I thank you Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Lady. My reason for giving priority to the ladies this morning and afternoon is quite deliberate. I think the 'mama' of the House will bear witness to the fact that as Speaker of the Fifth Parliament I laboured in the vineyard of hard work to get us the GEWE Act and 42 women in Parliament today. And when I keep hearing what the women are saying today they vindicate the advocacy that I made. Thank you very much indeed I will continue to fight for the course, now the Paramount Chiefs who have not yet spoken. I do recall with greatest reference to the Paramount Chief from Pujehun I want to believe you have spoken Sir. And during the time I presided over you spoke so I will give the Floor to the Paramount Chief of Bonthe.

HON. P.C. LANSANA PRINCE BIO: Thank you Mr Speaker. I would like to congratulate Mr Speaker because I was not opportune the last time to do so congratulations Sir for your re-election. To the Nominees congratulations you are highly lucky most of you there are young people as said earlier by my Colleagues. You were nominated by His Excellency to represent us and the young people if you fail the young people you have failed the entire country, please take your work or your job or your offices seriously. Mr Speaker, I would like you to relay this message to His Excellency he told us about the 30% for women we are seeing it here he has done it. We thank him we appreciate that. My word of advice to you the Nominees as you know the President has the right to hire or fire take your job seriously. I know most of you, you are very good at your work please continue doing your job.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me zoom in on my elder brother retired Colonel Muana. He has been my Boss I know him very well, I love you Sir, I know your worth, and people know your worth you have been there for five years please Sir continue to

do your best. Miss Phylis my sister I know you very dedicated to your job and to all the Nominees I wish you well. I thank you Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Paramount Chief. Is there any other Paramount Chief wishing to catch my eyes? At this point I see the Paramount Chief of Falaba, I am afraid P.C. Thomas you have spoken kindly take your seat, you know they are traditional Leaders and I want to give them special recognition. The Chief from Kenema you have the Floor.

HON. KPAKRA P.C FABA FODAY STEPHEN: Thank you Sir. Mr Speaker, Colleague Members of Parliament, today is a big day for me to have been given the first time to speak in this Well of Parliament. I have not been privileged to talk but now I want to hit on the nail. Mr Speaker Sir your re-election to this position again marks a milestone when we were away watching TV in the Fifth Parliament one day I saw your staff been thrown in the Well of Parliament everybody was looking out for exit later I saw him again sitting on your chair as the Speaker of the House that means you have the courage. I admire you keep it up thank you very much for your courage Sir.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on Chief the Deputy Speaker has taken the Floor.

HON. SOLOMON SEGEPOH THOMAS: Paramount Chief did you see us defending the Speaker?

HON. KPAKRA P.C FABA FODAY STEPHEN: I saw some people defending the Speaker but it was in disarray. It is just a small caution for those who have been nominated and who are going to be approved if Members of Parliament so wishes and we are going to do it I am sure with much confidence. You have heard from my brother here Chief Bio that there were people within in the last Government today where are they? They have lost like a candle flame because they did not work to the expectations of the President. So be cautioned my brothers and sisters who have been appointed to those positions we are looking up to you for good work to move Sierra Leone forward particularly in Agriculture and Education. Dr Sengeh is well known by everybody so we want everybody to copy Dr Sengeh. I thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Paramount Chief for his kind sentiment addressed to me but I just want to assure him that what you saw on television is just the hazard of the occupation of Speaker. I thank you. I think I have exhausted the ladies. Honourable Paramount Chief Thongos from Falaba I can verify from the records Sir that you have spoken so please today take a rest and allow others you know I want by the end of the approval process I would like every Member present here to have had their maiden speech so let us apply the principle of equity if you know you have already spoken on the matter of approval of Presidential Nominees. I see you waving your hands vigorously and if I look at my records the last time I presided you spoke let me recognise the Member from Falaba.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, since time has been set for all of us I want to congratulate all the Nominees. I want to start with my my beautiful sister seated here from Falaba District we are so proud of you. You are a hard working lady your dad worked hard for what you are reaping now you are working for your children and you are working for Falaba District we are so proud of you. Mr Speaker, I want to single out another Nominee Dr Henry Taylor I want to explain how I came to Parliament. Mr Speaker, if you can give me ten or fifteen minutes to do so we are not many here today those that have not contributed they are just few and some are lobbying for time.

THE SPEAKER: Somebody said young people from Falaba are very greedy.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: We are not we are misunderstood Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I vigorously defended you.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: So please.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: I will do justice to the time given to me Mr Speaker but I want to single out Dr Taylor when I was a student at Njala University in third year. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, a file was sent to me to fill in to apply for candidature for Honourable Member of Parliament for Constituency 39 then I said no I

will go and campaign for my Party so that I will be given scholarship if the SLPP wins for me to go and further my education and I said I am not intending to go to Parliament I am not interested. These are one of the people who called me and sat me down like a father and said look my son some are looking for this opportunity that you have now you need to take it. If you fail to take it you will find torchlight during the day in search of this opportunity you will not see it. I said I do not have money how can I pay all these taxes they are charging he said I will pay. Mr Speaker, he gave me everything at that time I need to recognise that. I thank you Dr Taylor.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will zoom in also on Rex Bhonapha and Chairman Bindi. These are household names in the SLPP, these are people we always go to their offices.

THE SPEAKER: Rex Bhonapha was a permanent fixture here, he was always representing the substantive Minister.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I presume Miss Fofanah is going to the Ministry of Works as the Deputy Minister designate. Mr Speaker, the Deputy Minister designate for works I might not know you in person but I want to remind you about the Falaba Road. Falaba is closed to the President heart every time he speaks he speaks about Falaba. We want to see it in action now the road is in progress. We want you to go there and support the Minister, monitor the progress of that road that is one of the things we need.

THE SPEAKER: Hold on, hold on Honourable Member. Is that the only road you are advocating for?

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: It is not the only road we can also advocate for the road leading to Kamakiwe to Gbinti Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Ok that is better.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Minister designate for Agriculture I want to remind you about Musaya Compound used to house our livestock in this country I want you to revive the compound if you do it will do us

good. Musaya Compound is located in my Constituency very closed to Kabala it used to be my Constituency.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to Mr Mbayo going to the Ministry of Sport we want to see the school league reintroduced. I was with the Chief Minister designate Dr David Sengeh in Qatar he was all over the place advocating for sport and that is the correct Ministry he has been given as the Chief Minister. Sport is something that can unite people, it is something that can distract people from all forms of violence, so I encourage you to go and support the Minister to see how we get this roll out down to schools.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with that I go to my friend and a brother Dr David Moinina Sengeh. Mr Speaker, he has been a friend and a brother. Mr Speaker, the name David Moinina Sengeh is synonymous to progress. He is a young talented man I first watched him on TV when he asked Barack Obama that he has been called by the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone to come and serve as the Chief Innovation Officer. Barrack Obama said I think the President has made a good choice and you have to honour that invitation go and serve your country, go and make us proud and today you have done that. You have not only made your parents proud to have you, you have made us proud as Sierra Leoneans so continue to do that. You have saved this State a Billion of Leones in the name of scratch card, it used to be a burden but I am proud to be associated with you. People used to call me to congratulate me for your nomination and I said thank you it is good to be associated with progressive people. I am so proud to have you Mr Speaker as one of my people that come from Bindi to establish Gbinti your forefathers are from Bindi.

THE SPEAKER: Yours is misspelled the name of your town was misspelled the correct spelling is Gbinti and we exported the name over to Bindi.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: To Madam Mamusu you are a hard working woman we have challenges, there are issues in the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School with specific reference to WASSCE challenging the number of candidates that Government uses to send for the WASSCE. These are issues we need to

address that is a Government program we need to ensure they accommodate the number of candidate we are sending so I will be looking forward to working with you if it pleases this House to give me the Committee again.

Mr Speaker, to the Minister of Agriculture again I am making suggestion Sir as the representative of the people of Sierra Leone. Mr Speaker, we need to have the Military having their farm so they will grow what they eat, the Police as well as the Prisons. This is where huge junk of money is going from the Government coffer and you know what you will face stiff resistance from a cartel of people. What is this cartel? The suppliers and those who give these contracts they will fight you with their last breath. They will not want this to come to light to stop you from buying rice from them and those that are awarding the contracts they will not want this to stop because that is where there kickbacks will be coming. If you attempt doing that you will be doing justice to Sierra Leone and they will see you as you are doing injustice to them so they will fight you but if you implement these policies I think the agenda for the President for this second five years by 2028 I will be sitting in my village in Bindi to just call the people and say if you believe the SLPP can do it vote for SLPP they would vote at least not to go to all the communities.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to Madam Wurie the family has made a name. There is a legacy you need to protect, professor Alpha wurie and others have done extremely well in this country from Gbinti. We know him to be Apha Wurie Sababu that is what we used to call him. My village is above 300 hundred years old he is the first person to construct school for us and that school is serving thousands of kids. You need to protect that name when you go continue in that line I just want to disagree with you Mr Speaker when you said the wise men come from the East. The wise men can come from the North too. You are a wise man the people from Bindi and Gbinti and Falaba are wise people Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: S.O. 2 'bela'.

HON. MOHAMED BILLOH SHAW: Mr Speaker, with that Madam Wurie we will be coming to your Ministry because we want to benefit from the technical institute that is

being built and those that are to be built so Falaba we will be benefitting. To all the Nominees I congratulate you and I wish you well in your offices. I thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: I will give the Floor to the Honourable Member next to Honourable Sellu. You have spoken I know let us not argue about it the proof is here give the mic to the Honourable Member.

HON. CHARLES ABDULAI: Thank you Mr Speaker. This is my maiden speech for the Sixth Parliament and I want to toe the line with other colleagues who have praised and admonished all the Nominees but I want to personally congratulate former Ministers and Appointees who made their way back after the tsunami.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when the waters took over at State House as Members of Parliament everybody was worried because we have friends and we have brothers who were at the State House working but one exception I want to take with regards of those who survived and those who did not His Excellency did not tell anybody or any one that it was because of performance or under performance that the other Ministers did not come back that is the beauty of the Presidency he hires and fires that is the bottom line. In as much as we want to congratulate you especially the young folks we believe in you as His Excellency has done there are also other jurisdictions that also believes in the older folks so it is the prerogatives of His Excellency to approve and appoint whatever category of people.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will zoom in on few people because almost all the former Ministers and Appointees I have crossed path with definitely either ways. Of course, the Chief Minister, Mamusu, Dr Taylor, Mamie Gogra of course for some time now when I was in the NGO world when I was in Port Loko this was somebody who has passion for education. I worked with her she has schools that was how infact when I was in one of the agencies we crowned her as one of the women champion before getting this position so her appointment by H. E in the previous Government was not a surprise. You are a hardworking woman all the women let me join my colleagues to congratulate you I am a gender person. Of course, my colleague who was my former

advisor in the gender team is here that gives me the kind of passion I have for the women especially the time we have taken to bring this gender stuff to this level. We initiated it of course we have been part of it and then today His Excellency has passion and has confidence in the women congratulations to you all.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom in on my SLPP brother Chairman Bindi is a brother from Bo. This is not praises that we are lavishing on people but give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. These young men and women have proven beyond any doubt I think it was on that note His Excellency has nominated them and to be approved by Parliament and in few moment I would urge and plead with colleagues that we approve you all without much I do I want to say congratulations in advance. Thank you very much Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Kindly handover the mic wait until we elect you Speaker not this time hand over the mic I will come to the front desk later.

HON. ABDUL MARRAY CONTEH: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency for giving us persons with high intellect and vast experience. He carefully took into consideration in making this appointment, age, gender, ethnicity and above all competency. I won't throw the line of praise singing here but just few words of advice as you have chosen to serve this country there is no doubt that you are going to add values to governance. You have to embrace excellency as a national standard. You have to work as a team because it is that team that will lead this country to prosperity. I surely believe that there are so many people but he struggled to make the choice of these few here. The expectation is high especially from our Constituents and the rest of the electorates of Sierra Leone. But I believe when you work as a team under this New Direction in this era of responsibility we will be able to succeed.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom in on the Chief Minister in this time you possess style and substance. Style and substance go a long way in the current politics. You give inspiration to the young people because ten to fifteen years it will be very strange for you to see a Chief Minister with a lovely dreadlocks as we have in the

current Chief Minister. We are changing the narratives here you do not judge the person by the looks he got the celebrity status but again the professional looks he can deliver. For a country to succeed you have to eliminate the poverty of data. He is data driving person because when you have the information you will be in a better position to make development decisions that is what he is bringing in. Mr Chief Minister some time back I worked in Government there was something they called the performance tracking table [PTT]. I do not know whether it still exists. It helps to track the performance of various Government Ministries and I think for your set-up right now performance should be the best word. My final message the major requirement for you to succeed in your position is how you manage policy and politics. You are all professionals. You have delivered before and I believe you can do it again but policy is just Government direction but you need the political skills to ensure that this Government direction goes the right way that is the combination. It is very difficult for our Constituents to understand that but you have to be steadfast and resilient in your action. Mr Chief Minister the expectations are high provide the guidance for the Ministers not to over promise and underperform because sometimes the expectations will force them to say things they cannot do but I think with guidance they will be able to do the right thing.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to my sister from Falaba Madam Manty Tarawallie. We worked closely during the implementation of the GEWE Act you are a true champion. I believe you will continue the good work. To Dr Taylor going to the Ministry of Energy, there is still a long way to go but you have been here before with good energy policies we want to see more of you on behalf of the Minister. My brother from Kambia Mr Lansana Dumbuya before the end of the Fifth Parliament we passed three good labour Laws I think you are there to continue the institutional memory work closely with all those you are supposed to work with. Mr Rex Bhonapha, it is just a matter of encouraging you to continue the good work and to all of you because you have the good values. At this juncture, I want to thank all of you for giving me your attention and Mr Speaker I was not opportune to congratulate you the other day. I

spoke about style and substance when referring to Dr Sengeh I am sure you have been that symbol and icon of style and substance. Thank you very much and may God bless you.

THE SPEAKER: I want to thank the Honourable Member for his contribution now very soon I am going to give the Floor to the front liners so we can conclude this debate but let it be assumed that when you occupy a seat at the very back you are disadvantaged and like the Chief Minister designate I want to see myself also as a champion of a radically inclusion so I would give the Floor now to the lady who geography seems to have been hidden away from the limelight by been at the very back so I will be bringing you forward where the light is and I will give the Floor to Madam Mariama Ella Goba.

HON. MADAM MARIAMA ELLA GOBA: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, my name is Mariama Ella Goba representing Kenema District. To the Nominees this is a sacred assignment and the fate of our nation is entrusted in your hands and so you have to take it in mercy and wisdom.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Nominees the task is so huge, yet His Excellency the President entrusted so much the confidence in your abilities of doing the duties, and so you have to take this particularly for our Party, and so do the work for our generation and for all of us. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Nominees I entreat you to take this all diligently in your duties, kindly serve us well and never forget that to whom much is given much is expected. I thank you all.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Lady, remedy is indeed the soul of wit, she did not even spend the three minutes, and I wish the rest of you should follow her brilliant example. I will now give the Floor considering the number of Pujehun Nominees, among the designated Ministers. I will now give the Floor to the Honourable from Pujehun.

HON. HAWA KALLON: Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to thank you for giving me the privilege to talk in the Well of Parliament for the first time. I did not have the privilege to congratulate you then, so I want to use it now congratulations Sir. I want

to say thank you to all the Nominees who have accepted to work with this Government. I want to say a special thanks to the women but before I come to address the women let me zoom in on some people I know and have worked with personally. I want to zoom in Mr Alfred Moi Jamiru, I worked with Mr Jamiru in the US for over ten years, when he was Chairman of the Tehloma Federation in the United States. Tehloma Federation is a non profit organization and we did a good job there with him, so thank you and I know the President did not make any mistake in appointing him.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to zoom in on our wife Mrs Tunis. I want to thank you for your hard work which always pays, that is why you are here again so continue to make us proud. Mr Speaker, Dr Sengeh I first met Dr Sengeh when he was studying at the MIC in Boston. He is very humble, very respectful, and I am not surprised that he is here so continue to do the good job.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the women we are all here today because of the GEWE Bill President Bio was so wise to make sure that he put it into practice. Our being here should not be taken as a destination, let us take this as a traveling this is not our destination. We are still working, and wherever we go with our hard work we would be paving way for other women who will be following us. I just want to say thank you let us continue our good job and for giving me the opportunity to say congratulations and thank you all.

THE SPEAKER: I want to thank the Honorable Lady for her contribution, let me now recognize the Honourable gentleman from my right. And after him I will give the Floor to Honourable Amara Kargbo is he here?

HON. ALEX M. ROGERS: Mr Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of Pejehun District, the Wanjama people to register our thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the President for two reasons. One of course for appointing those eminent sons and daughters of this country in general and particularly from Pujehun District. Secondly, for being constitutional compliance vis-a vis in line with section 56 of the Constitution which states that, there shall be in addition to the Office of the Vice President such offices as Ministers, Deputy Ministers as appointed by the President. They should take

that into consideration that indeed your appointment is within the conferment of that section, but take note of section (61) which speaks about the concept of collective responsibility, that you are being responsible to Parliament. I am happy that you will be having induction ceremony on Monday it is good particularly for new comers, at least let us induct them with some salient constitutional clauses so that at least when even rising up to talk on behalf of those appointees we should always remind them about that. I want to do justice to all of them therefore I will advise myself not to at least speak particularly on individual Ministers but since they have their Boss here who serves as a repository of all power of the State, and he is serving as a catalyst for the performance of this Government that is the Chief Minister.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will narrow my praise to the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister the President makes no mistake to have you in that office that you will be assessing and tracking the performance of all the Ministers and Deputy Ministers. You will set up a very good data base so that it will be very useful to Parliamentarians to carrying out our oversight functions on those Ministries so that we could be able to track down their progress report. I entrust that one to you I have no doubt you have the capability to do that. The people of Pujehun District are very proud of you. I am happy your father and mother are all here and they are very proud of you.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the wife of the Ecowas Speaker Mrs Nabila Tunis. I have engaged with her in carrying out series of consultancy services particularly on the Mining sector. I have no doubt in your capability but the position that you have occupied I urge you not to only limit it to the Western Area please extent the touristic also to the Provinces.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the one going to the Ministry of Transport you are a friend to this Parliament of course we know what you did during the Fifth Parliament. You have worked very hard so the President made no mistake to reappointed you but I want to make a plead with you please ensure that we now enjoy the bus services in Pujehun. We don't have bus services in Pujehun please make sure that you assign one or two buses in Pujehun District.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Minister of Agriculture who happens to be the son of Pujehun District. I hope mechanized farming will help the Country a lot; it will boost the economy of the country. I hope you focus your attention to that in terms of articulating policy that will include the Remilitarization of the Agricultural sector. I think we have another son here, Mr Sowa who happens to be the Permanent Representative in the UN, congratulations to you. Also to Dr Edred Taylor, I was the Deputy Chairman in the energy sector you contributed also to the Rural Electrification, and Pujehun happens to be one beneficiary. So we register our thanks and appreciation to you so with that few remarks I want to urge us all to speedily ratify the appointment of those eminent and well qualified sons and daughters of this country. I thank you all.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution let me now give the Floor to the Honourable Amara Kargbo.

HON. AMARA KARGBO: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Speaker with your leave, I will like you to allow me to call on Dr Edred Taylor the designated Deputy Minister of Energy. Mr Speaker with your leave Dr Taylor please stand up. Mr Speaker please allow me to correct some historical wrongs, for far too long anything concerning the SLPP let me also make reference to my Colleague Honourable Wuyata Songa. Last week she made reference that there are two lions from the East Mr Ngobeh and Mr Mohamed Alie from the South and Mr Abu Abu from the North. What about the Western Area? Let me introduce to you our own emerging lion Dr Edred Tunde Taylor. Dr Taylor fought and conquered the APC not only from their back yard in front of their face backed by result from Western Rural Area. We fought with them very hard and we shared the ten seats equally it was not a easy battle. Dr Taylor once more I bring you greetings from the people of the Western Rural community to be specific the Tombo Community. They send warm greetings for the rural electrification project. We thank you so much as we are expecting a speedy completion of the rural project.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, please allow me to zoom in on Mrs Haja isata Abdulia. Of course, am not only a resident of Tombo Community I was given birth and raised from a typical fishing home am proud to say I am a fisherman and I have spent

most of my life around fishing activities. I was also privileged to work in the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources which means you are going to my Ministry. You will be facing with persistent and reoccurring challenges of illegal and unreported fishing activities please take note of this especially in the artisania sector they are really experiencing serious challenges.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to Mrs Nabila Tunis going into the tourism sector of course I don't like to say you are taking up this job in the most challenging circumstances because most of our beaches have flooded with sea weeds and trust me for most of us living along those seaside communities that is a horrible picture for far too long all our energy has just been focused on clearing the sea weeds but if we can transform those sea weeds for medicinal use at least it will also create another job opportunity for most of our unemployed youth out there.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, also to Mrs Christiana Quee going to the Ministry of Works. One of the very reason that most of our fishes have not been accepted with regards to international standards is because most of the roads leading to most of our beaches are bad roads. They are really challenged and as far as I am concerned the center for artisanal fishing for Sierra Leone has been the Tombo Community. It will actually sadden you to know that the main route heading to the Tombo Wharf which is the Wharf Road is not healthy please make it a priority to construct that Tombo Wharf Road leading to the main beach hosting majority of the artisanal fishing sectors.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, also to Mr Ibrahim Sannoh going to the Ministry of Communication. One of the major challenges most of our students face is regards the data tariff communication problem. Please Mr Sannoh I know you very well to at least talk with most of these communication operators to bring back our weekly free calls and also the data tariff.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you on that note.

HON. AMARA KARGBO: On that note, I wish all of you the best just as my Leader has spoken that you have a big tasks and one of our major problems for this country

has never been education is about transforming our educational certificates into the practical world. I wish you all the best and I know you will surely succeed. God bless us all.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Member from Western Rural. Let me ask you a question. All of you in that segment is there any Member who has not made his or her maiden speech? How many? Ok, I have been advised that there are only two and of the two I can only take one and that one has to be a lady, you have the floor.

HON. JULIAN SALAMATU FATORMA: Thank your Mr Speaker for appointing me now, I wonder how I would have felt if I don't talk again today so I say thank you.

THE SPEAKER: So you have spoken before?

HON. JULIANA SALAMATU FATORMA: No this is my first time I want to thank you Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, for giving me this opportunity to talk for the first time. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I came from a Chiefdom a Chiefdom that was locked in by Lower Bambara, Kono, Yawei Chiefdom and Nogorwa Chiefdom. The Chiefdom has a Paramount Chief that is well known but the Chiefdom is hidden that is the Malemgowo. I want to talk to the Minister of Agriculture Malemgowo knows nothing except agriculture. The problem we are having and I think you can guide that by intertwining with the Minister of Works we have a very poor network and also road network in fact it is a dead trap. We only hope that you people will pay attention to that Chiefdom if really being paid attention to you will succeed in agriculture because all they know is agriculture and SLPP that is all they know.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank the President for giving us good healthy energetic ladies and gentlemen as Ministers. I really want to zoom in on the youth, people has been advising the youth to work diligently so that the youth of Sierra Leone will copy but I want to assure you people that when you give a job to a youth this youth is going to do his or her best because the youth are people who want to be popular. They want to do hard work so that they would be seen. They want to do the right thing so that people will commend them, and I know the youth in this Ministries

are going to do their best. I want to say something about the Ministers and the Parliament I think if we can work and complement each other's effort the country will work diligently. I cannot see a Well like this that do not have solar panels when light goes off we are in the dark for at least three minutes.

THE SPEAKER: No no no, let me correct that when you go out of this building today go to the fore court as if you are walking towards the ACC Building they came and stole part of our land, they are trespassing into our territory . But you will see newly constructed solar panels all over the place so we are forward thinking Madam.

HON. JULIANA FATORMA: Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I want to zoom in on Dr David Sengeh. I know Dr David Sengeh for one thing, when Dr David Sengeh meets you sit on the floor he will sit there. When he meets you eating porridge he will eat with you that is the man I know and I believe with that kind of attitude he can work anywhere and with anybody and I know he is going to do his best for this country again.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk to the Minister of Communication. You people have tried because communication is going on in Sierra Leone but when I see my community without communication poles and they struggle a lot some of them go up the hills to communicate with their people it is really sadden. I really want you to look at some areas and give them poles so that communication will go on.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk to the Minister of Works. You people have done very well I see you do more of big roads than feeder roads. Look at the feeder roads this time some people are struggling alone and this is why agriculture is still lagging behind. You cannot carry a large chunk of goods on your head to access the market but if there are roads that can go into these communities I think we will be having enough to eat and enough and to spare so I want you people to look into that.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will also want to talk to the Minister of Fisheries we don't want, or maybe that is still helpful for us, but all the fishes going out and we struggle in Sierra Leone because most times the fishes are so expensive and it is even

hard to see. So please use your good office and make sure that we have more fishes in Sierra Leone we cannot feed people when we cannot feed ourselves. I want to thank you all for listen to me and please Mr Minister of Works don't forget Malemogowo Chiefdom Agriculture is ongoing there and we need good road to bring our goods out because most time we are having bike accident. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Lady for her contribution, now we are going to wind up the debate if by this time you have not been fortunate to catch my eyes not too worry there is still plenty of time ahead I am more concerned about Members who are yet to make their maiden speeches I promise you next time. Let me give the Floor to the Chief Whip to be followed by the Deputy Leader Two and then the Honourable Mohamed Bangura in that order.

HON. DICKSON ROGERS: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, immediately after the elections I was wondering how best we can win the 2028 elections, but Mr Speaker after the pronouncement of the Cabinet list I now know that we have already had 30% in the bank for the 2028 elections. With the appointment of Dr moina Sengeh as Chief Minister, when he was at the Ministry of Education I believe 80% of our elections campaign was geared towards the Ministry of Education and I can say 40% of our vote is because of his achievement in the Ministry of Education. I am challenging him and also challenging this House that with him as Chief Minister the 2028 elections have already been won. Dr Sengeh I believe your appointment was deliberate not only deliberate but you are carefully educated and carefully mannered. I want to say thank you to uncle Paul Sengeh for bringing you up in a manner in which you are now an asset to this country. I have no doubt that you will not work assiduously in making sure that President Bio gets his agenda going. I know your commitment to this nation. I know you are a fervent committer a very good team player I believe you are up to the task. I believe even Mr Speaker has no doubt that you can work the miracle for us to work as a team in this country.

Mr speaker, let me also briefly talk about the newly appointed Minister of Agriculture. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when you look at the architecture of this Cabinet

sitting here you know exactly where President Bio is taking us. He is taking us to a very different level which a lot of Sierra Leoneans were not expecting if by today or even before the announcement of these results nobody would have guessed that the type of young men and women we are having today will be there and am pretty sure one person that will admire President Maada Bio is our Speaker. Our Speaker today because in his days in governance am not sure if they have so much young men and women in their Cabinet. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to tell you that Sierra Leone is moving in a different direction and I can tell you for free that this is just the New Direction Cabinet, before the elections we have the SLPP Cabinet but now this is the 'Paopa' Cabinet. We have the SLPP Cabinet that will take us to the 2028 elections, and make sure the SLPP comes into power proper.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Minister of Agriculture as part of one of the big five is Agriculture 'feed Sierra Leone' and please I want you to priotise agriculture in the sense that you have to make sure that the tractors are distributed evenly. I want you to send the tractors to the right places because tractors are sent to Districts that are not rice producing District. I can tell you that for free, and when they talk about 'feed Salone' we are not only talking about rice. Let have a soil sample in every District which crops they can produce better. Mr Speaker, you would tell us more better, because you know where we can rear cow properly. Mr Minster of Agriculture tell your team to do soil sampling we don't need to send tractor to District where they cannot produce rice better. There are Districts that can produce Cassava and Potato not only rice. On behalf of the people of Pujehun District I want to say thank you to His Excellency the President and also thank you to our Leader of Government Business for making sure that those fine gentlemen and ladies would pass through this House.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to Madam Dr Ramatulia Wurie, I am sure it is no mistake that today you are going to serve in the Ministry of Education. I believe your grandfather was Minister of Education in the SLPP Government, Dr Alpha Wurie has been the longest serving Minister of Education in the history of this Country, I don't know if the Wurie's are exactly born to man the Education Ministry in this Country. I

want you to know that a legacy has been set, but mind you, you are not going to represent yourself as a person but the family you are coming from. They have set the pace in this country and that is exactly what I want you to follow because tomorrow we want people to say President Bio did not make no mistake to appoint you as Minister of Education, because when some of your names were mentioned people start wondering where are those names coming from? Where have they been? But when I look at your CV I said she was somewhere preparing for today and today is here; please make the Wurie family proud and the Gbinti people. It is often said that the reward for hard work is more work today because of hard work, today we have Madam Phylis here and Madam Quee. I believe your appointments is what you have been doing for this country, I don't want you to relax because you have now got what you want I want you to put more work.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the man going to the UN you are going to the UN at the time when Sierra Leone needs the UN most or when we need our international recognition to double. You have never disappointed us in this country and I believe you will not start. Please go there and make us proud.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Musu Massaquio if anybody says you are an hard worker that is tortorlogy, because the name Musu Massaquio is very synonymous to progress. Please make us proud you are carrying a name of a Queen and that name should be protected. Mr Speaker, you might not know but when we talk about Massaquio kingdom, that the only Chiefdom in this country that is called kingdom. And when you are coming from that kingdom you should work hard to protect our image and to make us proud.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Mr Bindi I Know you will work in that Ministry. I know you are an agenda activist and you have been working for women for far too long, so please I want you to go and work with your Minister, you know what we need right now is team work because we are a team. Mr Speaker, I will fail in my duty if I fail to measure the wife of my own elder brother Mrs Nabila Tunis. Madam Nabila Tunis you are carefully guided and am sure if you succeed in that Ministry then we in Pujehun

have succeeded. Madam Nabila Tunis please make sure the Ministry of Tourism becomes and Heaven in West Africa. One thing I want you to introduce is what we called, apart from having sustainable tourism let us start experiencing package holidays. You can say this week we are going to BO, Kenema or Pujehun let have buses that we can have site seen. Let people start going out, because every day the same chair, the same bed, the same furniture in your house you would get tire let have an opportunity where we would start taking package holiday. You would just place something like One Million Leones or Two Million where you have your hotel rent and one week food you go and come back in the weekend. I believe Dr Sengeh will want to have that experience and even Henry Kpaka will want that experience to go and see the beautiful Wanjama women.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Manty I said in this Well when you were first appointed that you will not disappoint us because you are coming from a family and your father particularly who was very discipline so you will not disappoint us. Mr Speaker on that note, let me congratulate all the other Appointees that I did not call like the Deputy Minister going to trade, the Deputy Minister going to Tourism she is a fantastic lady and I believe working with Nabila Tunis she will enjoy working with a Minister. I thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Member. I give the Floor to the Deputy Leader Two.

HON. EMERSON LAMINA: Thank you very much Mr speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, at a glance if one watches the Nominees one will be tempted to say President Bio is a sausauer. As a sausauer he looks out for the the best quality breeds, from the East, West and North of Sierra Leone and he would bring them to the fore to show their expertise. Mr Speaker, we are told from history lane that before 1961 this House was called House of representatives and in 1961 Parliament were told that Sir Milton Margai was Chief Minister the position that Dr David Moina Sengeh is taking today and Sir Milton saddled the ship of leadership in quietness and oneness and development through and through and in 1964 the bad news came on that day that

the message. Presidential Nominees, I urge you to look forward to the Chief Minister is going to serve as a coach. He is going to serve as a leader to lead the way when it appears that governance will be difficult to go forward look to him, listen to him, and learn from him that's the three powerful Ls. What does Parliament expect from the Chief Minister? Mr Speaker, Parliament expects a PTT performance tracking table and this is how we are going to design our oversight role. Section 93 and 6 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone tells us that we are going to play this oversight one of our traditional roles. We are not going to make good and workable Laws here. We are not only going to represent our people am representing Wandakor, Wandafer and Wafei section in Kono District like all the other MPs. We are not only going to scrutinize the annual budget and approve it. We are not only going to promote the peace and national cohesion this nation still needs. Dr Moina Sengeh Parliament expects PTT (PERFORMANCE TRACKING TABLE) with the trackers we want to see a nexus between the five big changers on those performance trackers and serving as a coach you call a Minister at the click of a button you evaluate the exams you set for yourself, let them set exams for themselves as we move on quarterly. You watch at it so Parliament will be playing oversight role as well as the Chief Minister also playing the oversight role. Let us see the nexus with the five big changers visa-viz feed Sierra Leone. I don't know whether if it is a coincident the three Ministers I want to zoom at they are sitting very closely please set a stage feed the people. How do we feed the people? Is it through animal husbandry? Is it through cash crop production? Is it through inland valid swamp? For the record Tomaborm is harvesting hundred hectares of rice and they are about to do another four thousand but they have challenge with the road. You have to follow up with SLARI the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr Speaker Honourable Members, David Sengeh I hold the belief that you will do well. I campaigned on your legacy I told first term voters 18 years the headache the agonizing pills that we used to have on the scratch card buying for one week, two weeks following your result Dr Moina Sengeh has ended it. The first time voters and they came out in number and they voted for President Maada Bio that's your legacy

scratch card. What are you going to do Dr Sengeh? We want to see Apps let the Apps be applied to Parliament to the President and Vice President and to you at a click. We want to see the Ministry that will perform best that's the message Dr sengeh I know that you are going to bring up performance tracking tables, matrixs and the Ministers are going to ginger up to salvage this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Nominees I do apologise in anticipation because I actually don't have time to talk on all of you but I will look at a man called Kai M. Lawrence Mbayoh. Why am I looking at Kai Lawrence Mbayoh Deputy Minister of Sports? We are told and it is even a conventional language than when wealth is lost nothing is lost when health is lost something is lost, but when integrity is lost all is lost that is the man that has an unquestionable integrity because money will not buy him. Mr Speaker, a sad story I will tell you, it came at a time when I was serving as a Mayor all of the APC Councilors abandoned me he was one of the APC Councilors but he stood his ground we were intimidated but we stood for our People in Kono District. The man went to jail in rapidity and prefers to remain in prison. Why are you releasing me? He stood and gave President Maada Bio his word in 2018 runoff and that is the man which serves as a vanguard of Kono campaign in 2018. He serves as a vanguard of Kono campaign in 2023 the new Akram of Kono District and that the trust he has built over the years and today he is serving his second term as Deputy Minister of Sports. Kudos to you Kai Lawrence Mbayoh.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we also campaigned on education for the records of the Wurie's. You will not write about education in this country if you attempt to erase the Wurie's. She has an enviable CV. When I looked at her publications which is 50 publications. Can you imagine 50 publications, a woman making that publication which I am still battling with three publications for my PHD research. Mr Speaker, we campaigned for Kono to have a university that is the campaign for the records. Kono got its first school in 1910 Jiama Nimikor Primary School after one hundred and twelve years President Maada Bio corrected that historical injustice against the people of Kono. Your predecessor did well for the record of laying one of the foundation stones

for the building of that university. Your predecessor was so passionate to see that university built up that is the project you are taking over if you join President Madaa Bio's Cabinet, when this university is completed you will not only have root but you will have forest in Kono District.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, how can I sit if I fail to acknowledge the author of the GEWE Bill. Many women are here today you are going to praise President Julius Maada Bio for being the male champion of the GEWE Bill but look at the author she deserves a standing ovation for the GEWE Bill.

Mr Speaker, with all these good things that we have for our youth, unfortunately however, section 41c of the Constitution is saying until you are 40 years before you become a President and I am telling you if there would be a referendum we are going to launch a massive campaign against section 41 [1c]. Dr David Sengeh is not 40 you want to debar him. Today in Nigeria in the General Assembly they have ratified a Bill not too young to run, removing the bottle necks and the check point for young people so you see you are debarring Dr Sengeh today because he is not 40 years yet he has the capacity.

Mr Speaker Honourable Members, to the Nominees I congratulate you all in advance I know you are going to perform especially Philip Kapu has been very diligent. Mrs Nabila Tunis who has served as a face internationally of this country in the Office of the Foreign Ministry today she is coming to Tourism Ministry. I have been asked by Mr Speaker to round up. There is a place called Captain Lendy's legacy in Kono District, that is a legacy for fine touristic center. You can use a French money as well as the British money. Captain Lendy a French almost claimed Kono District and Guinea. Captain Lendy has a mass grave in Kono District it could be a fine touristic center that is a fine assignment for you. And I know you are going to submerge this news. It is on this note, I call on all Members, traditional authorities, women to speedily ratify these fine Nominees so that they can go to work in peace. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: And the last speaker on my list is the Honourable Quintin S. Konneh.

HON. QUINTIN S. KONNEH: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. At this point I want to thank Mr President for giving us a very fine team to take us through to 2028. I will not spend much time praising people here, but rather I will try to admonish all the Nominees and for those who deserve to be praised, that we have to do. At this point I will want to take this golden opportunity for those of you seated on the other side don't take it as a case that you are the best we always have the best people.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in the Fifth Parliament when we had the Nominees we thought those people were better, but now looking at this team is the best and at this point I just want to admonish all of us taking up new offices and for those who have been there before I still encourage you to press on. In the last term we had so many people who were here for nominations or to be approved but today they are not here. What removed them? We cannot tell only Almighty God and the President knows but one thing I know the President for is somebody who believes in performance. So if you know you are a performer then you have nothing to fear you will always be kept in that office or you will always be given bigger offices. I realized that most of the Deputy Ministers were retained so I don't know what the secret is but it appears to me that all of the Deputy Ministers most of them are still on board. Kudos to you guys but again Mr Chief Minister Sir, I believe you have not been nominated for this position by mistake it is because of performance so I see you as a captain of this team and as a captain you have to help the coach to devise strategies so that we will win a match, and the match we want to win as a Party is the 2028 elections. We believe in you and we depend on you to devise strategies to help the Ministers and the Deputy Ministers to help the Executive and Managing Directors of Ministries, Department and Agencies to actually make sure that everybody performs at their level. In the past Government before ours we realized that there were so many in fight between substantive Ministers and their Deputies but for us as a Government we realized that it is at a minimal rate but again I realized that most of the time substantive Ministers marginalize their Deputy Ministers so much that their Deputy Ministers are redundant which we may not want to see this time. Everybody has been appointed to serve and that we must ensure that

more hands are better than one so we have to ensure that, and that has to be ensured by you. Again, I know for some of you, you are not Politicians for us here we are Politicians and for those of you who have been appointed because of the knowledge you are by default you are now a Politician. So please your doors should be open to every Politicians because we serve the communities and the people depend on us. You know the irony of our position as Honourable Members is not a comfortable position but the mystery about it is that, none of us want to leave it. It is not comfortable but we don't want to leave it that is the mystery we cannot explain and again the people out there look up to us as the super heroes. They look up to us for everything and we don't have but for those things to happen we need you the Executive to make sure you take some of these amenities to the communities that is on the side of admonishment. But again I realized out of the 23 Nominees today I have personal relationship with all 23 and so I know time will not permit me to talk personally on all 23 so for those I will not be able to talk on please forgive me.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will just quickly use one line for everybody I will be talking on but I will end with the Chief Minister by all means the first person I will talk on is my Boss my former Director the innovator, the iron lady Madam Manty Tarawally who has been appointed to serve in the Vice President's Office. I believe Madam Manty is an asset. I went through her, she groomed me and I worked under her department as a manager and I tell you she is a very wonderful person who is passionate, professional and everything. She is an asset to Sierra Leone and I will tell you, you will have every fun with Madam Manty but when you miss your target she has that kind of flexible leadership and so I believe Madam Manty will do very well in that office. She will close the door and lambast you until you do the right thing and that is the more reason I am very grateful to her, thank you Madam Manty.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, you know in the Fifth Parliament somebody came here who served as a Director in the Ministry of Basic Education. You know this school feeding programme and because of her performance the President saw the need to appoint her as Deputy Minister Two in the Ministry of Basic Education and when she

was here I told her she was going to be our 'Musa Tombo' and if today she is being retained in that position I believe is not because she is so beautiful but because of her performance and we already know the Chief Minister who was then the Minister of Basic Education is somebody who does not associate with failure. He only associates with those people who perform and in fact it has become an adage that when somebody is doing well you say that person is 'Sengehing' that is from the the word Sengeh.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Madam Mamusu Massaquio who doubles as the President of Quorosa and I have no doubt she is going to perform and very soon we will see the need to elevate her to another position.

On that note Mr Speaker, I will talk on the Minister of Agriculture. We all know the President is emphasising on feed the nation project and that has to happen from his own Ministry but again for the other Ministries let us know that the Minister of Agriculture cannot achieve without the support of some of your Ministries. If we must say we want to feed ourselves then the energy sector must be seen performing. If we want to say that the Agriculture Ministry must perform enough funds must be disbursed to the Ministry of Agriculture. If we say we must feed ourselves then other Ministries like the Ministry of Fisheries must be seen working with the Minister of Agriculture. So Mr Chief Minister Sir, I believe you have a great role to play so that those Ministries that we believe can work together collaboratively should be merged so that they see themselves working together so that we can achieve our common goal and we all know the President is a talk and do so let support the process.

To conclude Mr Speaker, I will just want to say a few words about my 'Kortor' and my small brother Mr Sannoh and Kortor Amara Sowa and without leaving out Dr Eldred Tunde Taylor I believe to a very large extent Dr Eldred Tunde Taylor is responsible for my being here because it came to a time when my community was much angervated because we wanted light and there was electricity in other marginalized communities. He gave me his word and he did not failme and he was there to ensure that it happened so thank you very much Dr Taylor of the energy sector. Mr Speaker, Mr

Ibrahim Sannoh, even though he was a small boy but he served as a Senior Prefect and as you already know Bo School Boys are not failures. They can always perform and of course my prefect Kortor Amara Sowa you have also been respected and finally to the Deputy Minister of Lands Philip Kapu. The Ministry of Lands is a very delicate Ministry and I want to welcome you into the Ministry and I ask that Honourable Members quickly ratify these fine Nominees so that they would go back to their offices and commence their work. I rest my case.

THE SPEAKER: I thank all Honourable Members who have taken the Floor on this very important day. I have reached a convenient and appropriate point before I call on the Honourable Mohamed Bangura for kick start the winding up of the debate. I will like to announce the following Caucus Leaders, and the Membership of the international delegations.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, you said you want to announce Caucus Leaders you should discuss that with the Leadership for the Caucus.

THE SPEAKER: I want to believe that I have done that.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: What Leadership?

THE SPEAKER : Come forward please. Honourable Members, I would start with the Leadership of the Paramount Chiefs. The Chairman of the Honourable Paramount Chief is Honourable P.C Bai Lansana Marrah of Koinadugu District, Vice Chairman Honourable P.C Haja Famata Bintu Meama Kajue Koroma, Secretary General, the Honourable P.C Cyril Foray Gondor, Assistance Secretary P.C. Sheku Tongos Marrah III, PRO Honourable P.C Alhaji Kandeh Paria Kawallah II, Adviser 1, Honourable P.C Honourable Foday Stephen Kpakra Fabah, Advicer 2 Honourable P.C Alhaji Masakana IV of Tonkolili District.

The Female Caucus, the leadership of the Female Caucus is Honourable Nenneh Lebbie her designation is the President of the Female Caucus and the Vice President will come from the APC Party. I now wish to announce the following delegation to international Parliamentary organizations. The Pan Africa Parliament, the Honourable Segepoh

Solomon Thomas Leader of the delegation, Honourable Bashiru Silikie, Deputy Leader of delegation, Honourable P.C Alie Balansama Marrah, Member, Honourable Francis Kaisamba, Member and there will be one Member from the APC Party.

Ecowas Parliament, Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay Leader of the delegation, Honourable Shiaka Sama, Deputy Leader of delegation, Hon Sidi Tunis, Member, Honourable Saa Emerson Lamina, Member and Honourable Mohamed Bangura, Member.

The Africa Caribbean Pacific/ European ACP EU Parliament, Honourable Mathew S. Nyuma, Leader of the delegation, Honourable Dickson Rogers, Deputy Leader of delegation, Honourable Emila Lolloh Tongi, Member, Honourable Abdul Bash Kamara, Member, and the fifth Member will come from the APC.

The Common Wealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), The Right Honourable Dr Chernoh Bundu, Chairman, Honourable Abdul Marray Conteh, Branch Representative, Honourable Nenneh Lebbie Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Representative, Honourable Amie Nyava Moriba, Member, Honourable P.C Bai Farama Tass Bubu Ngbak, Member, Honourable Alex Mattia Rogers, Member, Honourable Massay Ngahinteh Aruna, Member, Hon P.C Alhaji Masakana Kanamaka III, Member, Honourable Umar Paran Tarawally Branch Secretary.

HON. DICKSON ROGERS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that S.O. 5[2] be suspended to continue the business of the House.

THE SPEAKER : Thank you, any Seconder?

HON: I so second.

SUSPENSION OF S.O. 5[2]

THE SPEAKER: The Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Honourable Hawa Rosaline Siaffa, Chairperson, Honourable Ibrahim Tawa Conteh, Deputy Chairman, Honourable Edward George, President Young Legislature Network, Honourable Christopher Kekurah Vandy, Member, Honourable Alice Sandy, Member, Honourable Sia Mahawa Tommy,

Member, Honourable Foyoh Tholley, Member and there will be two representatives of the APC. The Honourable Boston Munda, Member and the Honourable Paran Tarawally, Secretary. Can I have a Motion please for the adoption of the list for the various delegations that I have announced?

HON. DICKSON ROGERS: Mr Speaker I so move as read.

THE SPEAKER: Any Seconder?

HON. VERONICA KADIE SESAY: I so second that Motion.

[Question proposed put and agreed to]

THE SPEAKER: We shall now conclude this debate but unfortunately I don't know what has happened to the main light. Can somebody please get the Electrician? I understand that the Engineer is on his way. I now give the Floor to the Honourable Mohamed Bangura to conclude this debate.

HON. MOHAMED BANGURA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me start by admonishing the Nominees. Mr Speaker, I want to start this afternoon by admonishing these fine gentlemen and women. Please you are appointed out of the Seven Million people as Ministers and Deputy Ministers not because of your Party affiliation because H.E the President believes that if he puts you there, you are going to make a mark so you are at that office as a result of you being a Sierra Leonean. It has nothing to do with SLPP, nothing to do with APC you are to serve the people of this country. Please I want you to refrain from corruption and uphold accountability and transparency in your offices because H.E the President he stood and ran under that ticket and the Seven Million people want to see a corrupt free society and it has to start from you.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to the Deputy Defense Minister I know that there are lot of fine people in the Military but small number of them are trying to give the Military a bad name. They are involving into civilian matters especially land issues. You go to Waterloo, you go up the hills you will see Military Officers there leaving their barracks to go out for land. Please Mr Deputy Minister I want to take this opportunity this afternoon to please appeal to members of the Judiciary. Let them please hurry up

to speedily conclude the trial of the AG that is the Auditor General because it bothers on accountability and transparency.

Mr Speaker, on the Chief Minister you are appointed in that office and your appointment is a blessing to this country. Dr David Sengeh you look at your age and the office you occupied today in the past it was meant for ageable people. So a whole lot of trust and confidence is reposed in you by the President. If you go to that office with the attitude you have exhibited as the Basic Education Minister if you apply that in your present office believe you me you will succeed. I want you Mr Minister to introduce performance contract for all Ministers so every year you evaluate them, you know the most performing Ministries and the less performing ones. You will name and shame them [Applause]. Mr Chief Minister the Civil Service or the Public Service has long been marred with problems please knowing you well as an innovator go in and introduce digitalization of the Public Service even in Parliament you can help us. Mr Minister I remember when H.E the President said he is going to appoint Ministers or he is encouraged to appoint Ministers who are Farmers and who owns farms. I did not expect you to answer this but how many of you are farmers today? How many of you own farms? We have to take this thing serious if we are going to feed ourselves. You go to Sander Karene District Mr Speaker, Honourable Members of Parliament, Agriculture as the President said, he wants to feed the nation and that is where the Minister of Agriculture comes in. You know over the years this is an area where we have not done much to feed the people. You go out there people are struggling for their daily meals so with you as young as you are educated we expect you to come with new ideas. Remove the neck tie and coat go to the field and interact with farmers, give loans to Farmers and give loans to who is due regardless of their Party and region.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me take this opportunity to address my APC friends and family again to say please Honourable MPs come to the Well and subscribe to the Oath of Office [Applause]. In the past the APC in the 80s have about five seats in Parliament that is during the time of Mr Speaker they made a difference. They held another elections we had about 25 to 26 seats with the SLPP 80 an above seats they

made a difference now we have 54 seats in Parliament so if now you take part in Parliamentary affairs definitely we are going to make a difference. We are going to make the job of the Majority Leader very difficult. So I am appealing to my Comrades to please put behind the election issues. Please put it behind you, in life it is not all the time you get what you want but you take what you have and move on. I will say let us take the 54 seats and move on, we do this it will help this Country especially at a time like this when this Country needs us most.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want the Chief Minister to work with the Peace Commission. Please Mr Chief Minister work with the Peace Commission, summon the Peace Commission, give them a role to play and tell them to go and make peace. Let them go talk to the APC to come to Parliament. We cannot fight all the time the people have voted and elections are over. So we must now think ahead believe you me if we come to Parliament and work together we are a Government in waiting so let us don't lose that opportunity.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as I said I am going to be brief for the Leader of Government Business to take over and I hope he is going to be brief too but before I sit down I will want to salute the Deputy Minister of Lands. The Deputy Minister of Lands she was the Personal Assistance to the First Lady. We all saw how she managed the First Lady and today she has been elevated to the position of Deputy Minister of Lands so I salute you the people love you. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I ask you all to hurriedly approve these Nominees [Applause].

THE SPEAKER : I thank the Honourable Member for his contribution to the debate, over to you now. I admire the brevity of your contribution as I always say brevity truly is the soul of wit and I hope the Leader of Government Business will follow your good example.

HON. MATHEW S. NYUMA: Mr Speaker, brevity is the soul of wit I am in sympathy with my Nominees. They have sat for so long it is a job we started it from the Committee Stage. It will be very unfair for me to select individuals and start to talk about them because collectively they are good, well educated and up to the tasks.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Colleagues, at this point I want to thank you all for your numerous contributions bestowed upon these noble people we have in this Chamber today we called then Presidential Appointees. They are going to help the President with a simple formula. It is going to be the Executive kum Parliament the catalyst in service delivering. Where is the catalyst? But today we have some Michael Faraday in the Chamber. When I was doing my elementary sciences, I read so much about Michael Faraday so today in this group we have the Michael Faraday inventions. If you have started talking about them, in my presentation or when I was reading their résumé I read some innovations and some practical research that they have done. So if you have read about Michael Faraday we have electromagnetic rotation discoveries and the law of electronics. There is no way you are going to describe people like Sengeh without referring to Michael Faraday. These are people full of inventions the likes of G. O Dickson going to SLARI and of course my brother the Deputy Minister of Health 1. I am very proud of all of them especially where they are going and that is why I am very passionate when I was reading the resume of Dr Ramatulia Wurie. I tried to present a square peg in a square hole.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Colleagues, I am so pleased with what the President has done taking into consideration a lot of other parameters. We said we are not praising them but advising them so that they can serve the different offices of the State, and what they have been nominated for and I believe they are going to deliver.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, because we have not done mistake at the Committee level we have tried our very best to make sure that they are properly scrutinized. Of course, Dr Sengeh proposed Chief Minister was drilled for almost one hour and he responded to most of the questions but trust me it was very interactive and intriguing session. I was happy to interview him because of his innovations that is why on that day I sat on the Committee, that is why today I said we in Sierra Leone we can have some Michael Faraday. We are going to work together as Parliament in doing our oversight responsibilities. We are not going to chase them because they are Ministers, we are chasing them because we have common goals. One of the goals is to

have the project of His Excellency the President to feed Sierra Leone in the five pillars. So Mr Speaker, as I said earlier these are good people from their resume. Some have served as Ministers, Deputy Ministers in their previous positions and they have been sent to other Ministries to do other jobs. They have experienced so many things in their various Ministries but Mr Speaker when I asked Dr Sengeh I said in the Fifth Parliament or even the old administration do we have something like administrative bullying? And he said what? I told him the issue between the Minister and the Deputy Minister where job description was not properly outlined, he said oh yes, for me I did my job description for my Deputy very well in charge of school feeding programmes. We are talking about the general concept of Deputies to their Ministers and I made reference to Section 62 of the 1991 Constitution, Act Number 6 and I said you have the Ministers are in charge of their Ministries and their MDAs and in between the Ministers and Deputy Ministers you have the Permanent Secretaries who is the administrative head. They are always there in fact, I can say at the moment if not talking about their retirement age if they are below the retirement age their position is like almost sacrosanct you can just rotate them, but you cannot rotate their attitude. You can rotate them from one Ministry to the other because they are properly seated but what we can do as Parliament Mr Speaker, permit me to say this one today. What we can do as Parliament is to help these Ministers to do their oversight but Dr Sengeh was very precise in his statement and said "I will push for desk responsibility to be given to every Minister to ensure that there is proper administration for proper line of responsibilities between Ministers and Deputy Ministers". Our Constitution the Ministers and Deputy Ministers should work together sometimes the Permanent Secretary with all due respect to them some deliberately becomes very obstructive because of certain selfish reasons and they can play games between the Ministers and their Deputies so we are saying in this Sixth Parliament this should not be allowed. Of course, maladministration we have seen or have heard Ministers and Deputy Ministers fighting amongst themselves on the radio, it is not a palatable for any administration so he promised to do something about it. So in the interview we admonished them to be cooperative that is what we said to all of them. We are very much magnanimous in talking about their Bosses and substantive

Ministers they are going to meet. We agreed that these people are going to work hand in gloves and what they are going to meet will be different, because it is a whole congregate of people you are going to meet with different attitudes so it can be good when talking about Dr Wurie she has a very beautiful resume with hard work, but if you are dealing with people as a political head sometimes you have to deal with people with different background so it different when you have stricto sensu purely academic so you just focus on one but this is going to be multiplicities of things or events that you are going to do so they need our support. So the support you can give to them is the oversight function that is what I said, there is something peculiar about our Parliament having the Paramount Chiefs around I called them the mediators, the Kings of our motherland Sierra Leone. Whenever I talk about MPs I especially take out the Paramount Chiefs and say something about them because I am a Chief coming from Bokakajama so in your wisdom in arbitrating our traditional people you are dealing with chunk of our population who are illiterates not by their own design but by the make of things we have in our society.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Paramount Chiefs are there to talk to us. They can act like conduits between the governing side the leaders of the nation the SLPP and our brothers on the other side who are yet to behave accordingly. But we have our Leader of the Opposition sitting there the wise man the man who has seen so many things. He came as a Political Leader in another Political Party, he saw and he conquered and you have done nothing wrong. Please my brother advise them the days of representing our people is here and remind them about the Laws in our Constitution which the Speaker has done continually to remember them that the Speaker has spoken and one day you will recall the statement "we don't want them to be under the watchful eyes of Mr Speaker".

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I do appreciate your comments. I appreciate it very more when we do our oversight functions effectively so that these people cannot be reshuffled like eating a ripe banana because that is the sole power of His Excellency the President I salute you ladies and gentlemen. Mrs Tunis for example she has served the

length and breadth of this administration in the first term. She has now come to the second term the reason why I am mentioning you have to work assiduously so that you cannot be reshuffled because of your own negligent because it is the responsibility of the Executive power Section 61 of the 1991 Constitution Act Number 6 that provision gives the President the power to hire and fire.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, before I take my seat I did say in the interview panel, I said there is one provision in the Standing Orders. Mr Speaker, you have been after me in the Fifth Parliament I reminded my Colleagues about the same provision S.O.19 questions to Ministers and the Chief Minister in the Fifth Parliament was brought to this Chamber and he came in a well relaxed mood, and he said am here and I am ready to answer the questions. My Colleagues on the other side were very happy they thought they were going to embarrass him and some were worried about what was going to happen it was very interesting both the former and the later all of them at the end of the process Mr Speaker it was like a lecture time for others, for others it was like giving them a serious update of what was happening in the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary School Education. Dr Sengeh was able to talk about issues and predicated questions were asked also and he was able to produce his data that he generated so it is not a sort of embarrassment when we go after Ministers when we receive questions from MPs it is just a way for us to interact with you all. So those who are going to be in charge of the five pillars be ready for questions from my Colleagues. It is their democratic right to ask you questions.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, without much I do, I will just join my colleagues in anticipation to congratulate you and that you can do well, for me I have no doubt but the only doubt I have is if APC would ever come to power that is the only doubt I have. You can be Government in waiting forever. But I am really pleased with the Nominees and I am happy to have them Mr Speaker. We are happy to have you my Colleagues I salute you all for your numerous contributions. I thank you very much about what you have said about them. May the Lord bless us all I thank you.

Mr Speaker, Honorable Members, I move that the Third Report of the First Session of the Sixth Parliament on the Committee on Appointments and Public Service be adopted by the House and recommendations hereby be approved. I thank you Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Honourable Members, the Nominees of His Excellency the President, members of the public occupying the Galleries before I put the question I will like to admonish all of you that when the question is put and the vote is carried and I make my pronouncement that is not the end of the proceedings. Please remain seated until I have concluded my own part. What we have observed of late is the moment I pronounced the last word both Nominees and their supporters rise and leave the Chamber and it should not be that way. You should not in fact leave the Chamber until the Speaker leaves the Chamber and that goes for all of you in the Galleries.

[Question proposed, put and agreed to]

[The Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the public Service has been carried]

THE SPEAKER: It is now my honor and privilege to add my own humble voice to the chorus of approval that we have had from the Honourable Members of this Chamber. I say to you the Nominees severally and collectively you epitomized the highest qualifications for your appointments to your respective Ministries and am sure your qualifications have impressed His Excellency the President to appoint you to your respective Ministries. You have earned his trust and from the chorus of contributions in this Well and this Parliament will like to say it has endorsed the nominations made by His Excellency the President. But earning the trust of His Excellency and earning the trust of this Parliament does not mean that you have earned our confidence. We see a galaxy of qualifications amongst you, very impressive the only thing one can say amongst you we see a paucity of experiences in public life but that would come with time. I am confident that with time most if not all of you will acquire the necessary experience to back up the qualifications that you have. You are leaving this Chamber with very much high expectations from Members of Parliament and very high

expectations from the electorates who have elected the Members of this Parliament. I hope and pray that you will not let the President down and you will not let this Parliament down. We are reasonably confident that you will help the Government to achieve its goals as clearly spelt out in the manifesto including the five great pillars of the manifesto. On our side in Parliament we proposed to recalibrate our oversight activities to create Committees of oversight that will correspond to the five great pillars that the Executive has established and let me further amplify the point that the Leader of Government Business has made. We are going to create a procedure of question time, we tried to do it during the Fifth Parliament but we never got round to implement it but this time around, I noticed that there is a growing consensus amongst us that question time is necessary as part of our oversight responsibility. When we call you for question, it does not mean that we are chasing you in any shape or form. We want you to understand that we are simply carrying out our own constitutional duties to ensure that you do your job well, and that the Government fulfills its aspirations for the people of this country so there is a commonality between what you do and what we do in this House. There is no divergence we are all aiming at the same destination to provide a very successful Government and a successful implementation of Government policy so we wish you well in your new assignments. Now it is time to acquire experience in public life, the qualification side you have it is in abundance and I admire all the wonderful Degrees that you all have. It reminds me of my own younger days for some of us were manufactured in the Forties and Fifties, our warranty time has long expired but most of you are within the warranty time. We are only now waiting to inch out our way towards the exit door and bid farewell but you are as well as we in this Chamber have a legacy to leave not just for our generation but for generations yet unborn. The achievements we have seen in other countries were not made by one generation but by series of generations of their time. Let us go with one feeling what the European nations have done, what the Asians have done in the area of achievement and development we too can do it. It is not impossible more particularly I compare ourselves with the Asians, we were at the same level yesterday but today they seem to be on a higher level than African countries. But there is no reason why Sierra Leone

cannot be the Singapore of West Africa, all we need is dedication and determination to achieve the goals clearly set out by the manifesto of the Ruling Party. I wish you well and I wish you Allah's blessings in the discharge of your new assignments, good luck and God bless you. Any announcement?

ANNOUNCEMENT

TABLE CLERK: Honourable Members of Parliament are kindly informed that the first phase of the induction programme for the Sixth Parliament will officially commence from the 7th to the 11th of August 2023. Members are also informed to contact the Office of the Clerk or the Center for Strategic and Parliamentary Studies for further information. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we are not meeting tomorrow the Chamber will be needed for preparation for the State Opening, scheduled to take place on Thursday 3rd August 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

MR SPEAKER ADJOURNED THE HOUSE TO TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2023 AT 10: 00 A.M.

THE HOUSE ROSE AT 4:55 P.M.