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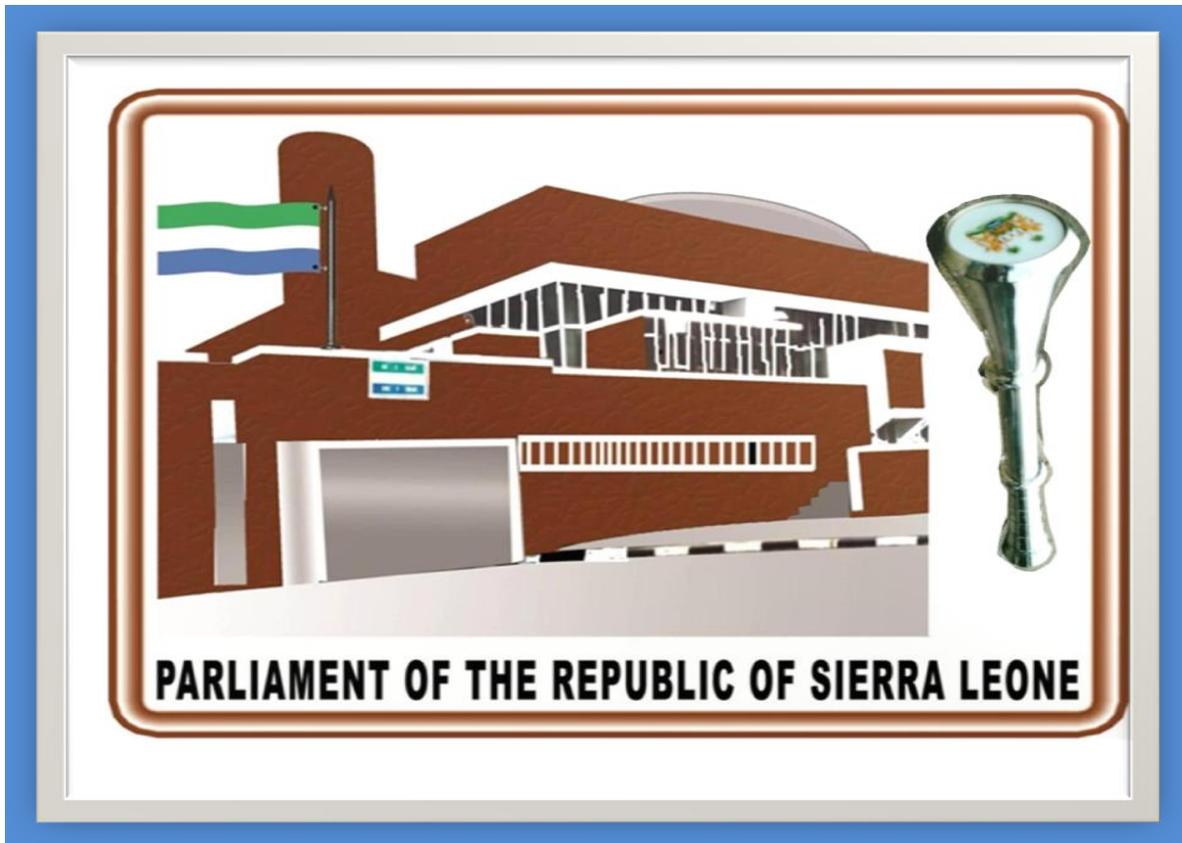
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MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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The Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone has presented the following items as gift to the Sierra Leone Parliament:

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| (i)   | Motorbikes        | - 2 |
| (ii)  | Televisions       | - 2 |
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| (iv)  | Laptop Computers  | - 2 |
| (v)   | Desktop Computers | - 2 |
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SECONDER: HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE APPROVED.



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

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

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**SECOND SESSION-SECOND MEETING  
OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT  
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC**

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**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

*The House met at 10:03 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown.*

**I. PRAYERS**

*[The Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Ibrahim Sulaiman Sesay, Read the Prayers].*

*[The Speaker, Hon. Sheku Badara Dumbuya, Presided].*

The House was called to Order

*(Suspension of S.O. 5(2))*

**II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SITTING HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I hope everybody has a copy of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. As usual, we go through it page by page. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3?

**HON. SHEKU SANNOH:** Mr Speaker, Page 3, No. 79. My surname is Sannoh and not Sankoh.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr King, you are a senior officer of this House. Make sure you make the necessary correction. Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? There being no further amendments, can somebody move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014?

**HON. DAVID JOHNSON:** Mr Speaker, I so move.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder?

**HON. ALIE KALOKOH:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I second the motion.

*(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)*

*(Record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 was unanimously adopted as amended).*

**III. PAPERS LAID**

(a) HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU

MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

*"In accordance with Section 118(7), Parliament shall be notified by the appropriate Minister or authority of all gifts, donations, grants and pledges made to the state of Sierra Leone"*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, we go to the second paper. There is some technical hitch on that paper. So, we will come to it later, but for now, we go to (b). Would you please announce for b?

**(b) HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA**

**CHIEF WHIP AND LEADER OF THE DELEGATION**

REPORT ON AN OFFICIAL STUDY VISIT TO THE KENYA PARLIAMENT BY A PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM THE SIERRA LEONE PARLIAMENT, FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, preceding the laying of this paper, I stand on S.O 18(7). Mr Speaker, His Excellency the President, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, while he was Minority Leader of this House pioneered the passage of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) Act of 2007, by a motion that was unanimously ratified by Parliament and was signed into law by the Late President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Alhaji Dr Ahmad Tejan Kabba. The memorandum and object for the PSC is to provide technical and administrative support and advisory services to enable Parliament effectively execute both its constitutional and other functions. The first attempt to support the initiative of His Excellency the President, was the introduction of the Constituency Facilitation Fund (CFF) to assist Members of Parliament (MPs) to reach out to their constituencies.

However, some donor partners, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the general public raised questions on the rationale of the CFF and made suggestions for it to be renamed, the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), instead of Constituency Facilitation Fund. Similarly, the Auditor-General queried both Parliament and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) on how these funds should be utilised by Members of Parliament. In the first instance, the Constituency Facilitation Fund was introduced without any legal framework that should determine the criteria for accessing and implementing the scheme. Since its introduction, the Constituency Facilitation Fund was paid directly into the personal accounts of Members of Parliament and how this this should be utilised was difficult to track.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in its wisdom, Parliament suggested to Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to discontinue the Constituency Facilitation Fund scheme and introduce the Constituency Development Fund. The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, through the 2014 Appropriation Bill introduced the CDF; and this has been enacted by Parliament in the 2014 Budget Act.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with the above background, Parliament, with the support of UNDP sent to the Kenyan Parliament a six-man delegation; and I was the head of that delegation. Mr Speaker, the main purpose of this visit was to inquire into and learn from Kenya Members of Parliament the mechanisms or procedures they are using to implement the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and the operations of the Legislative Department and the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), with a view of drawing best practices for the smooth running of similar departments in the Sierra Leone Parliament.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, permit me to lay on the Table of Honourable House, a report entitled: *"an Official study visit to the Kenya Parliament by a Parliamentary Delegation from the Sierra Leone Parliament, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014."*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I will like to interrupt the proceedings to recognise the presence of a former Speaker of this Honourable House, Honourable Justice Edmond Cowan. We came to Parliament in 2002; and he was already Speaker of this House. We went through him; and if I have to serve today as Speaker, and if you find out that I am serving well, I owe part of that to him (*Applause*).

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, permit me to lay on this Table the gifts from the Chinese Embassy. But before I do so, I would like to preface what is contained on the Order Paper.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Majority Leader, you do not do that on your own.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker with your leave.

**THE SPEAKER:** Proceed Mr Majority Leader. That is the procedure in this House.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Honourable Members, Section 118(7) says: *"Parliament shall be notified by the appropriate Minister or authority of all gifts, donations, grants and pledges made to the state of Sierra Leone."* In line with this provision, the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone has presented the following items as gifts to the Sierra Leone Parliament. It is not possible to bring the items in the Well of Parliament. These items are:

- i. Motorbikes - 2 pieces.
- ii. Televisions - 2 pieces
- iii. Air Conditioners - 2 pieces
- iv. Laptop Computers - 2 pieces
- v. Desktop Computers - 2 pieces
- vi. Printers - 2 pieces

Mr Speaker, with your leave, before I lay this paper, I want to go over what I have just said. In accordance with Section 118, Sub-section 7, *"Parliament shall be notified by the appropriate Minister or Authority of all gifts, donations, grants and pledges made to the State of Sierra Leone"*

Mr Speaker, Members of Parliament will agree with me that it has been the practice of most ministries, departments and agencies that when they receive gifts on behalf of the people Sierra Leone, they do not go by the provision that I have just read. I want to say here, as the Leader of Government Business that henceforth, this Parliament will monitor all ministries, departments, agencies and non-governmental agencies in terms of donations and gifts they receive on behalf of the people of this country. With these few words Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I beg to lay on the Table of this House the gifts from the Chinese Embassy to the Sierra Leone Parliament (*Applause*).

#### **IV. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

PROPOSER: HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU

SECONDER: HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSISON OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE APPROVED.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I present to you the Second Session of the Fourth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone, the Fourth Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service on Parliamentary vetting of Presidential nomination.

### *1. Introduction*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, alive with its constitutional responsibilities met on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and interviewed five Presidential nominees for appointment as:

- i. Chairman, Legal Aid Board of Directors;
- ii. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Arab Emirates;
- iii. Chairman, National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA);
- iv. Members, Monument and Relics Commission.

### *2. Procedure*

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

### *3. Fourth Sitting of the Committee on Tuesday, 25th March, 2014*

The following nominees were interviewed:

- i. *Justice Adeliza Iyemide Showers, Proposed Board Chairman, Legal Aid Board of Directors*

Justice Adeliza Showers is a retired Justice of the Court of Appeal. She served the judiciary from 1973 to date and was decorated "Grand Commander of the Order of the Rokel" (GCOR) in April, 2013.

Reacting to Members' questions, Mrs Showers informed the Committee that *"the purpose and primary function of the legal Aid Board is to provide legal representation in court for accused persons, in criminal and civil cases, who do not have money to hire the services of a lawyer."* The solicitors, she said, would be paid a fee by the Board for their professional services.

Justice Showers assured the Committee that the operations of the Board would be partly financed from the Consolidated Fund and partly by donor agencies that have manifested interest in legal aid. *"There are NGOs that have already demonstrated interest in legal aid and these would be taken on board when the Board is properly organized."*

*ii. Mr Siray Alpha Timbo, Proposed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Arab Emirates*

Mr Siray Alpha Timbo is a professional Architect of no mean standing, who has held the following diplomatic and Business positions: 2008-date, Special Envoy of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East; 1992- date, Director/Founder, IDEAS LIMITED (Architects, Engineers and Development Consultants); 2008-2013, Chairman/Commissioner, National Telecommunication Commission (NATCOM); and 2005 to date, Executive Chairman – M.J. Motels

Mr Siray Timbo assured the Committee that he will be going to the United Arab Emirates to serve the best interests of his nation and its people. *"If given the required blessing of approval by Parliament,"* he said, *"I promise to work with devotion and dedication, as I have always done, to actualise the foreign policy objectives of this nation".*

*iii. Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle, Proposed Member, Monument and Relics Commission*

Professor Magbaily Fyle is a retired professor in the African-American and African Studies Department of Ohio State University from 1991-2008. Prior to that, he was Professor of History at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. He also held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Arts (1986-1988). Professor Magbaily Fyle is an accomplished scholar and has a long list of publications to his name.

Members of the Committee, across party lines, held Professor Cecil Magbaily Fyle in high esteem. A Member commented that *"to ask Professor Cecil Magbaily Fyle, a great historian, to be a Member of the Monument and Relics Commission is like sending whale back into the ocean where it readily belongs."*

The Committee was generally interested in having somebody as a member of the Monument and Relic Commission who has a passion for historical monuments, an authority in Sierra Leone history and would without doubt, give initiative and drive to the Commission to identify, preserve and manage those historical relics that form the cultural heritage of Sierra Leone. The Committee cited a few examples like the old Fourah Bay College building, Bonthe Island, Bunce Island, the Locomotive Train and other historical sites which are scattered all over the country.

*iv. Hon. Legacy R Sankoh, Proposed Chairman, National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA)*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Legacy Sankoh started life with the noble profession of a classroom teacher. In 2007, he was elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 069, Bo District; and was appointed Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA).

Answering to probing questions, Honourable Legacy Sankoh said that his service as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on NaCSA had given him an insight into the operations of NaCSA. *"For the same former Member of Parliament, who was the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on NaCSA, to be appointed Chairman of*

NaCSA", he said, "is a blessing for Parliament because NaCSA is a development arm of Government. My colleague Members of Parliament come from constituencies, where Development programmes are supposed to be channeled. If given the blessing of approval by Parliament, it would be my duty to spread out NaCSA's development programmes to ensure that all Sierra Leoneans benefit from it".

v. Mr Sahr M. S. Gbenda, Proposed Member, Monument & Relics Commission

Mr Gbenda is the sitting Mayor from 2008-date, Koidu New Sembehun City Council. Responding to probing questions, Mr Gbenda promised to work to the best of his ability for the realisation of those objectives for which the Monument and Relics Commission was established.

#### *4. Recommendations*

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

- i. *Justice Adeliza Iyemide Showers, Board Chairman, Legal Aid Board of Directors;*
- ii. *Mr Siray Alpha Timbo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Arab Emirates;*
- iii. *Prof Cecil Magbaily Fyle, Member, Monument and Relics Commission;*
- iv. *Hon. Legacy R Sankoh, Chairman, National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA); and*
- v. *Mr Sahr M. Sessie Gbenda, Member, Monument & Relics Commission.*

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Fourth Report portrays the unanimous view of the Committee. I therefore move that the Fourth Report of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved. This report is presented by Honorable Ibrahim R. Bundu, Chairman.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any seconder to that motion?

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Mr Speaker, before I second the motion, I want to make a correction on the last nominee, Mr Sahr M. S Gbenda, proposed Member, Monuments and Relics Commission. He is not the current sitting Mayor. He was the Mayor from 2008-2012. Having made that correction, I second the motion.

**THE SPEAKER:** Any counter motion?

*(Question Proposed)*

**HON. CLAUDE D. M. KAMANDA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will take a different trend this morning in which I will not shower praises on the nominees before us, but reflect on the institutions.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA), as we all know, is responsible for the development that should reach the common man and common woman. Mr Speaker, we must, as a Parliament, inform the Chairman to be, if this House approves him, that there is a lot of work to be done. In that Commission, we still experience dishonest, unreliable and deceitful contractors; contractors we think should be blacklisted as we speak.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there are abandoned or uncompleted projects all over the country. These abandoned and uncompleted projects are projects the people of this country should start reaping the intended benefits. We want to charge the Chairman of the Board to get on his toes and work hard before new contracts are awarded by that Commission. As a former Member of this Honourable House, I want the Chairman to know that there are lots of works for him to do. Please, go out there and show the world that you have learnt a lot in this House. Go and represent both former and current Members of Parliament. We want to see positive changes in that Commission.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move to the nominee to the United Arab Emirates. I call this country as a region of seven (7) countries and even more. This is a region that started with fishing and later moved to oil production. Sierra Leone is endowed with plethora of minerals. But Mr Speaker, despite these mineral deposits, we are still struggling as a nation. When I read through the profile of the Ambassador to be, I have

no iota of doubt that he would perform and can help His Excellency, the President to bring prosperity to this country. We have a lot to learn from the United Arab Emirates. The nominee has to focus on:

- i. how they used religious tolerance to develop their country;
- ii. how they used intelligence to improve their country;
- iii. how they used fishing and the production of oil to improve on agriculture; and
- iv. how they invested in infrastructure and business to make their country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I believe that the United Arab Emirates is interested in Sierra Leone because our country has supported that country in many areas. We want to charge the Ambassador to be, to go out there and represent Sierra Leone accordingly. We have seen what MJ Motel is doing in this country. When Members of Parliament are on official trip to the provinces, MJ Motel is usually their choice.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move to the Monuments and Relics Commission. In the past, when I heard of relics and monuments, I just thought of funny things. But I took my time last night to do some research about Relics and Monuments; and I believe that we have a lot to do. Thank God, somebody that has passion for relics and monuments would now be part of the commission. Relic talks about the historical remains after decades. It talks about something old and kept for sentimental reasons. And it also talks about residue. Where can we find these things? Where can we trace them? If students want to see them, where can the Commission take them? What is the collaboration between the Commission and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture? We want to see the proper functioning of the Commission.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I look at Monument as a structure built for commemoration of something important. We just celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this country. What can we point at as a monument if we want to talk about the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Some would say none. But I would be proud to say that the only thing we can point at is the Dr Ernest Bai Koroma Mini Stadium at Newton. That is a legacy we should be proud of. Mr Speaker, if you pass by and stop at Ernest Bai Koroma's Mini Stadium, it is boldly written on the sign post: *'Legacy of the 50<sup>th</sup>*

*Anniversary.* When His Excellency, the President went for the launching, they pronounced that place as one of the legacy projects. There was no funding from donors and other partners. But I fought very hard, with the support of community members to ensure the completion of that project. As a people, we must be ready to show something for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I want to know if the Ministry of Tourism and Culture has ever been there. The answer is no. What about the Commission of the Relics and Monuments, have you ever been there? I don't think so. People do not care about certain development taking place in this country. I want to charge the members of this Commission to go and have a look. Our students and foreign students will like to know about these Monuments in the future. We must be proud of our monuments and we must be ready to prepare them. This is because that makes what we are and that is why we establish this Commission.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, it is always being an important site, owned by the community as a whole. We have our secret societies in different communities. But has the Commission gone round to see all those sacred places that would depict our heritage, tradition and put them in the books, so that when people come, they will show interest?

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Commission needs to step up its efforts so that we can be proud of any achievement at the end of the day. Note that our surveying reference point is marked by a permanent fixed marker called a survey monument. When we travel to other countries, we are taken to places of historic importance. And if we want to read about people like Bai Bureh and Madam Yoko, we go to the museum. If we want to read about the peace we are enjoying today, there was somebody at the helm of governance at the time when we achieved peace. But where can we get a simple picture of that hero? The effigy of the architect of peace in this country should be pasted in conspicuous places with the inscription: "*di wo don-don.*" That should be a monument for us as Sierra Leoneans. We want to charge the members of this Commission to go and work that out so that when parliamentarians go there to see our monuments, we will see these relics. It is high time Members of Parliament are taken to

places with relics or monuments. We will be proud to come back to Parliament and report.

With these words Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to move that the nominees before us be approved by this House. I thank you all.

**HON. J. B. MANSARAY:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Mr Siray Timbo. About a month, I stood here talking about a gentleman, a man who made mark in the communication annals of this nation. Today, he has been nominated by the President of this nation to go to another land and represent this nation. I had been a member of the Committee on Information and Communications for years. I came to know this fine gentle man through Honourable Veronica K. Sesay. We knew Mr Siray Timbo when communication was very bad in this country. During his tenure as Chairman of the Board, we started getting quality communication and we started getting service providers being put on their toes to see how this nation can provide us with reliable communication system. And because of that I always admired him. He has always given respect to Members of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the day I knew we were getting another Chairperson, I was shocked. But when I was contributing that very day, I gave an advice to the Chairman. I told him that somebody has been in that office; and he has been doing very well. Today, he is no longer there. I only want you to step in his shoes and do more than what he has been doing.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am very pleased with this appointment by His Excellency, the President. My dear brother, you are going as a Sierra Leonean. You have made plans for Sierra Leone to move forward. You have served as an engineer, providing architectural support for NATCOM. Mr Speaker, those were the good days of the NATCOM. Now, you are leaving Sierra Leone to go to a developed nation. I want you to know that Sierra Leone is still yearning for development. We need you to exercise the same qualities you have exhibited in this country. I want you to also know that His Excellency, the President, has appointed you to serve this country not because

you are a supporter of the All People's Congress Party, but because of outstanding qualities you have demonstrated in this country. Therefore, I do not want you to look at party colour, especially when you talk about development. Please Mr Ambassador to be, I want you to know that Koribondo still exists in the Bo District. Therefore, make sure you do your level best. Please represent us well in that country. I have confidence in you as an individual. I like you because you are sincere in whatever you are doing. Make sure you bring Sierra Leone to that country and tell them that your brothers and sisters are in need of developments.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me move to a colleague and a younger brother of mine, Honourable Legacy Sankoh, commonly called *'di pa i yag*, S.O.2 Mr Speaker. When I saw him this morning wearing a red shirt, I told him that the days of *'di pa i yag* are over. I also told him that he would be going to that Commission as a national figure. Therefore, I want you to stop wearing things that depict party colour.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Honourable Legacy Sankoh was the Chairman of the Committee on NaCSA. He was managing a Committee of sixteen Members of Parliament. Today, he is going to face another level in the hierarchy of NaCSA. The Chief Whip has just said that there are many abandoned jobs by NaCSA. Some jobs have been contracted and paid for, but nothing is done.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to tell this Honourable House that I was a contractor and I always made sure that my jobs were properly done. After parliamentary approval, make sure you look for these bad contractors. I want the nominees to know that they have been nominated by His Excellency, the President because of the confidence he has in you all. This is no longer a matter of *"di Pa i yag,"* but Sierra Leone as a whole. I want Honourable Legacy Sankoh to know that he is a young man among senior Commissioners of NaCSA. And if he wants to gain wisdom, he has to work with them in a very sincere manner. He should not be allowed to be lured into any dubious activity. Don't befriend or connive with these Contractors to derail your course and even tarnish your character.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, our business is to work towards the achievement of the 'Agenda for Prosperity.' During the latter days of the SLPP, you saw the result. And that is why when we were burying the late President, you saw the amount of eulogies that were showered upon him. Please, make sure you work very hard to maintain and improve on the foundation that has been laid.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to briefly talk about Professor Magbaily Fyle, an illustrious historian in this nation. He has set record in the United States and in Sierra Leone. Now, he has been nominated to serve in the Monuments and Relics Commission. The Chief Whip has said it all. Go to Bunce and Bonthe Islands and see what you can get from those places. There are other important places in this country where our brothers and sisters were temporarily kept as slaves by the Europeans, awaiting their exportation to the New World.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to tell Justice Showers that our brothers are languishing in jail. Some do not have reasons to be there at all. Some are there without reason and some do not even know why they are there. People are sent to Pademba Road for loitering and they will be there for months. When someone is caught for loitering, he or she should be fined; but they are sent to prisons. Today, the prison is overcrowded. People are not being properly represented in court and there is nobody to defend them. Please Mr Showers, make sure you free some of these young boys and girls detained in prison.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want the nominees to know that they are going to work for Sierra Leone. We should be thinking of Sierra Leone and not party loyalty. On that note, Mr Speaker, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity. I want to crave the indulgence of this Honourable House to speedily ratify these nominees before us. Thank you very much (*Applause*).

**HON. VERONICA K. SESAY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to give my contribution not to shower praises on these nominees, but to say the truth. In as much as I will commend the nominees, I will single out somebody whom I have known for a couple of years. I have worked with him

and I have seen his handiworks. It is good to pay tribute to people when they are alive so that they can know exactly what they have been doing. Mr Speaker, paying tribute to the dead is a fruitless endeavour.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominee I am going to talk about is a quiet gentleman, very patriotic, hardworking and a business oriented young man. When you do good things, obviously somebody will say thanks to you. So, if this gentleman has done a good job, I have to give him all the praises he deserves. Even though I am in the opposition bench and this man is been given the appointment by the ruling party, he is going to serve the government and the people of Sierra Leone (*Applause*).

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have worked with Mr Siray Timbo, former Chairman of National Telecommunication (NATCOM). He is one of the people we admire in this country. I admired him because he was committed to his job. He cut across regional and tribal line. He was one of those who helped the Minister of Information and Communications to win the 2008 All Works of Life Award (AWOL). I was the Chairperson of the parliamentary Committee on Information and Communications; and I also won that prestigious award. This was due to the unity and hard work of Mr Siray Timbo. He was the regulator. So, I have no doubt when he is been sent there. I know he will do justice to this nation.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I have no doubt that this nominee will perform exceptionally. You also know the religious tolerance in this country. Please, you have to lobby when you go there so that our Muslim scholars can go there and build on their religious capacity. This is what we are looking forward to. If we are talking about building the capacities of our brothers and sisters, you have to make sure that every region or district in this country has a mosque. I have no doubt that you are going there as a Sierra Leonean and you must make sure that you work for the interest of this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA). A former Member of Parliament has been nominated to manage that Commission. People have been calling you as the "*di Pa I yay,*" but after your

nomination has been ratified, you will be called "*Sierra Leone i yay.*" I want you to know that NaCSA is the backbone of the country's development and you are going there as the Chairperson of that Commission. You have served as the Chairman of this Commission when you were in Parliament. The advice I will want to give you is very short. Make sure you monitor those you are going to work with and all the projects under your purview. You are not going there to receive 'kick-backs' or percentage from Contractors you will be awarding contracts to. I am not a contractor, but I think that has been the norm in that Commission. And the Sierra Leone People's Party has been blamed in that regard.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am saying this because it was an allegation. People were saying that officials of that Commission were asking for 10% as commission. Let us forget about this 10% and focus on monitoring every Contractor. There are unfinished projects all over the country. Sometimes, employees are coming from other districts, rather than those within the district where the project is being implemented. I have encountered that in my Constituency. There were people employed from other districts who were not citizens of the district where the project is implemented. And Mr Speaker, if somebody is coming from another area, what do you think he or she will do? He/She will not do a thorough work.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Prof. Magbaily Fyle, one of the most revered historians this country has ever produced. I enjoyed the clip you gave us during your interview. We appealed to you on that day to give us some lectures on the history of this country. We want to know the history of this country and we really want to know some of the important events that have taken place in this country during your days. We continue to appeal to you to find time and come to Parliament for a one day lecture.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about the only woman among the nominees before us this morning. We are asking for 30% quota of women's representation. What we have here today does not reflect what we have been asking for. But in any case, there is hope for the future. One woman among four nominees is a

stepping stone towards actualising the 30% quota. But I want to tell her is that *"justice delayed is justice denied."* There are women who are languishing in Prison. I am a woman and am representing women and the youths. They are out there languishing in prison and their cases are still not taken seriously. We want to see justice injected in this country. With these few words, I want to urge my colleagues, especially those on this side to speedily ratify these nominees.

**HON. HELEN KUYEMBEH:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to lend my voice to the felicitations for our proposed members of various Boards. Our proposed nominees are all honourable people. But let me take this opportunity to talk about one particular nominee, Professor Cecil Magbaily Fyle. I stand here today very proud of Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle. In fact, I am a breed of Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle. Needless to overemphasize that there are not enough words to even ascertain what we feel about him and what we know about him because he is everything as was said by the Majority Leader of the House.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when you talk about the history of Sierra Leone, it is probably the biggest thing for us. But it is just a minute part, as proclaimed by Professor Magbaily Fyle. This is because we also have the African History. Apart from Sierra Leone History, he drilled us in such topics as the Transvaal and the Great Trek in South Africa. He taught that History was not just about Sierra Leone, but that it had a big picture that you will never get the grip of it all until you actually had everything which is the big picture.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, most people do not know how 'Magbaily' came about; but I am sure, those who are historians and those who have read a lot are in a position to know how he got the name Magbaily. I believe that people that come from the Northern Region of this country will attest to that because of his great service, desire and concern for bringing history and relics to life. He went to the Magbaily Town and the marvelous work he did there gave him the name that added to Cecil Fyle. And today, he is called Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Chief Whip has given us an insight of what monuments and relics are. What I want to emphasize to all the nominees is that when people are assigned to Commissions, it is based on the guarantee and belief that you have pool of expertise and knowledge that we can tap from. As a result, we are expecting you to take such experiences to these Commissions in terms of supporting and helping them to bring out the best and make a difference within the period you will be serving as Commissioners. Mr Speaker, I know Professor Magbaily Fyle because he taught me in college.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I know that the other nominees will bring positive results to the offices they have been nominated for. I want all the nominees to make an admirable difference; and that is the rationale behind what we are doing now. Make sure you import your expertise and experiences to those Commissions for the furtherance of this nation. I am not going to waste time to repeat all that has been said. I think that is my genuine advice to all the nominees; and I believe if they adhere to this advice, they will succeed to make this country a better place for all of us. On that note, I salute Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle and the rest of the nominees. I ask this noble House to speedily approve their nominations. I thank you.

**HON. HASSAN A. SESAY:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, sometimes you do not always have the opportunity to say things or provided the forum to say things about people. Today, I thank you for giving me that opportunity. There are certain nominees to be approved by this Honourable House that I want to talk about. I need to express what I feel about them and what society thinks about them.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start with Prof. Magbaily Fyle. Again, if today I am an African historian, I owe that to Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle because he taught me African history at Fourah Bay College. Later, we developed a personal relationship as my elder brother and father. Even when he was in the United States, I used to call him from time to time and when he came back to Sierra Leone, I have been with him and his family. He has been telling me so many things about African History;

and he was the first lecturer that gave us a different dimension as to why that war should not be called the Hut Tax War, but the House Tax War.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, these were some of things he taught us in school and he gave us the argument. He said that because the Eurocentric Historians of those years wanted to paint Africa in a different way, they differentiated the hut from a house and they did not say the "*House tax war.*" He also told us that because the Europeans failed to penetrate into the interior parts of Africa, that was why they called Africa a "*Dark Continent.*" Those are just two of the various dimensions he lectured us in African History. That is why I am still grateful to him.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is no better person to be a member of the Relics and Monuments Commission, rather than somebody who values relics and monuments. That is why I think Professor Magbaily Fyle and those who have been nominated in that Commission are the right people. If I stand here to talk about Prof. Magbaily Fyle, I will not end today.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, to me, there would have been no better person to be appointed as a member of the Relics and Monuments Commission than somebody who value relics and monuments. Mr Speaker, the nomination of Professor Magbaily Fyle and others to that Commission shows that President Koroma is committed in achieving the 'Agenda for Prosperity.' If I stand here to talk about Prof. Magbaily Fyle, I will spend the whole day.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is another nominee among the nominees I want to talk about. We grew up together. He attended a lesser known school; and we were twelve miles apart. They used to come to us frequently in Magburaka. We used to go to Makeni, where we would have fun together. There was always a tradeoff between both of us. Since then, he has shown that he is somebody we can always depend on. He was indeed a friend.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if this gentleman goes to the United Arab Emirates as Ambassador, I know that there are certain architectural designs he will want to

import to this country. I am talking here about the fine gentleman that everybody has spoken about, Mr Siray Timbo. Mr Speaker, I was a member of the parliamentary Committee on Information and Communications when he was the Chairman of NATCOM. When he got to the communication industry, he demonstrated that he is a man that can do many things in different areas, as long he is given a level playing field to do his work. In fact, he had been working in this capacity as a Special Ambassador to His Excellency, the President. I am sure the smart man that I knew since school days will prove to be as an excellent diplomat. I have no doubt that Mr Siray Timbo has an avalanche of virtues such as integrity, personality and sobriety to be a good diplomat. I am therefore asking this Honourable House to speedily approve the nomination of the nominees before us.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, among the nominees is a woman. I always support women's participation in governance but not the 30% Quota. Mr Speaker, for somebody to have worked in the justice sector since 1973, means that she has mustered plethora expertise and experience in that field. She must have proved that she is capable of handling cases in the High Court. The name 'Showers' is a household name in this country when it comes to discipline and justice. Please Madam Showers, we don't want you to disappoint the people of this country. I know certain people in life will work and get to a point where they only want to serve humanity and not the material things. I am sure Mrs Showers is not different from such people. She is somebody who will definitely care for the underprivileged. Therefore, we expect excellent services from her. As a Parliament, we do not only give our confidence, but we support the Board of the institution you are going to serve.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, though a junior in terms of age, but a senior in Parliament on the day "*di Pa i yay*" was nominated. I arrived in Bo that faithful day. Honourable Legacy Sankoh was the Chairman of NaCSA. I am saying this because he was the Chairman of the Committee on NaCSA in Parliament. Mr Speaker, I want to implore my colleagues to speedily ratify these nominees. I thank you.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, at this point I want to recognise the presence of two dignitaries: His Excellency Ambassador Lawyer Osman Foday Yansaneh, Secretary-General of the All People's Congress and Captain Momodu Alieu Pat-sow, Minister of Marine Resources.

**HON. P.C JOSEPH ALIE KAVURA:** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am going to be very brief. I am happy to note that people can be grateful and with my experience in the religious life, I want to say the greatest sin on earth is ungratefulness. I am not going into detail of what I feel, but I am beginning to see that some of us, even though we are now old, but in future, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. Some of us will earn gratefulness from people at the end of our services. I am not trying to betray other people, but I want to say here that the President is grateful *(Applause)*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the group of people that were interviewed and approved by this House, shows that the President made no mistake. He is trying to be grateful to people who have sacrificed for this country. What the President is doing today is something he has spelt out in his speech to Parliament on the occasion of State Opening of Parliament. He promised to bring young people onboard and that is what he has done when he nominated Honourable Legacy Sankoh.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to caution Honourable Legacy Sankoh to be very careful. You are not going to represent any individual in that Commission but you are going to represent the interest of the people of this country. You are the youngest among those who have been nominated by the President. You should know that the office you are going to manage (if approved by this Honourable House), is very important for the people of Sierra Leone. You are coming onboard as Chairman of NaCSA. Honourable Legacy Sankoh, you have to be very careful the way you work with your colleagues. Some may come to disrupt your good intentions, but you have to be careful. Take your time when working with elders. You are going to meet some people that are older than you in that Commission. They have more experience than you. They

are more educated than you and they might attempt to sway your good plans to suit their comfort.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this advice is also meant for the other nominees. I am very sure that this Parliament is going to approve your nominations. I want you to know that the President is expecting all of you to perform exceptionally well. With those few words, I thank you Mr Speaker.

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Sidi M. Tunis, before I call on you, according to the hierarchy in this House. If the Leader is not around, the Deputy is expected to act on his/her behalf. Both the Leader and her Deputy are not around, therefore, you are going to act on their behalf. I will also like to recognise the presence of a very important official in this country. He is currently the Chairman of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), in the person of the Honourable Justice Tolla Thompson, commonly called Pa Tolla Thompson.

Honourable Members, you would recalled that when I was the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, I did draw the attention of Members of Parliament to something that was wrongly applied. Today, the moment you become a lawyer, they call you Legal Luminary. That is very wrong. Even if you start practicing today, they call you Legal Luminary. Legal is the adjective for lawyer. Those who are truly Legal Luminaries are people who have made their name in the Legal profession. They are people who have performed exceptionally well; and Justice Tolla Thompson is one of them.

**HON. SIDI M. TUNIS (*Minority Whip*):** Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I am a member of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service. I witnessed what happened during the interview; and I heard the responses of the nominees. I am very proud that these are honourable men and lady who have been nominated by His Excellency, the President.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to start with Mrs Iyemide Showers, proposed Board Chairman, Legal Aid Board of Directors. Mr Speaker, for me, this Board is very

important for the people of this country. Today, as some of our colleagues were saying, Pademba Road Prisons is overcrowded simply because some of the inmates do not have legal representation. When this Board is constituted and fully functional, it is going to assist in terms of providing legal aid to those inmates. Mr Speaker, with your leave, the second paragraph of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service report reads: *"reacting to members questions Mrs Showers informed the Committee that the primary function of the Legal Aid Board is to provide legal representation in court for accused persons in criminal and civil cases, who do not have money to hire the service of a lawyer"*. This is very important for the hundreds of inmates we have in our prisons. I therefore urge Mrs Showers that if approved by this House, she has to do her level best to work in the interest of every one of those people at Pademba Road Prison or in other prisons across the country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Mr Siray Alpha Timbo, proposed Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Arab Emirates. Mr Siray Timbo is a gentleman and he is very sincere in words and deeds. I say so because I have worked with him for several years as a Contractor. He is a man that knows his job. Though he likes smiling when working, but at the same time he will ensure that the work is properly done. This is the kind of person we need in this country. If we are talking about seasoned engineers in this country, Mr Siray Timbo is one of them. He has excelled not only in his profession, but even when he was serving as the Chairman of NATCOM. As the former Chairman of Information and Communications Committee in Parliament, Mr Siray Timbo made a difference in the telecommunication sector during his tenure as Chairman of NATCOM. I am proud that he is here today to serve in another capacity as Ambassador to United Arab Emirates. I have no doubt that Mr Siray Timbo will excel.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when we talk about businesses and investments, Dubai is a transit point. I have visited Dubai several times; and any time you go there, you will meet new development. I therefore urge you to please bring those developments to Sierra Leone. We want you to bring investors to this country. As the

Ambassador to be, I have no doubt that you will perform superbly. Do not forget that I am now the Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Industry in this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the next person I want to talk about is Professor Magbaily Fyle. I do not know him much, but according to Committee report, it is very clear that this is somebody that has passion for relics and monuments. So, I have no doubt that this country will benefit from his appointment.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Honourable Legacy Sankoh has been a Member of this Honourable House for five years. He was the Chairman of the Committee on NaCSA in Parliament. This simply implies that he knows much about NaCSA. I want him to know that development is needed in every corner of this country. Today, he is going to be given responsibility to ensure that developments get to our people. I also want you to know that the sentiments expressed by our colleagues are true. I have an unfinished hospital or clinic in my hometown, Zimmi. In fact, that project was awarded to NaCSA. The project has been abandoned for a very long time. Before we came to the Well, I spoke to you briefly about it. After here, if approved by this Honourable House, I will urge you to please set up a Committee that will look into these unfinished projects to ensure that they are completed (*Applause*). Mr Speaker, Honourable Legacy Sankoh is no stranger to us. I am saying this because once a Member of Parliament is always a Member of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to talk about Mr Sahr Gbenda, proposed member, Monuments and Relics Commission. He has served as Mayor of the Koidu New Sembehun City Council from 2008 to 2010. I think that is sufficient for you to perform in that Commission. I want to assure you that this House will support you in whatever capacity needed. There is a Tourism Committee in this Parliament that will help to make your job easier.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency, the President for his strategic move in opening a mission with the United Arab Emirates. President Koroma is a foresighted Leader. I admire him a lot for his astute leadership. I will like him to open

few more embassies in countries like Brazil, Argentina and Ecuador. I believe with those few remarks, I urge my colleagues to speedily approve the nominees before us.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Majority Leader, before you take the Floor, I want to refer you to Page 3 of the report. I want you to look at the second paragraph, the last line. It says: *"it is like sending a whale back into the ocean."* That is a beautiful quotation and it is very appropriate in the case of Professor Magbaily Fyle. But let us have it right that sending a whale back into the ocean where it readily is will have to be corrected.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Thank you very much Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I believe from the sentiments expressed this morning, you have indicated that the Committee and its members did a thorough job. It is now before you and all the sentiments you have expressed are a mark of endorsement for the good work done by the Committee.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, on that note, I am not going to bore this House with strange words, but I will attempt to briefly make some comments. When these nominees appeared before me as Chairman of the Appointments Committee, I was not ashamed to say that I was not competent enough to interview some of them. I said this without any hesitation for obvious reasons. Mr Speaker, I don't know if I am correct to refer to the only woman among the nominees as Legal Luminary.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Majority Leader, you are very correct. Luminus means 'Star' in Latin.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Thank you very much. I know it will take time for me to learn some of these Latin words because Bo school considers Latin as a dead language. We do not quote in Latin.

**THE SPEAKER:** Mr Majority Leader, the people that went to Bo school are not as educated as those that went to St. Edwards and Prince of Wales.

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Mr Speaker, as the Leader of this House and Leader of Government Business, we will put on the Order Paper for a debate in the future.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle is an epitome of service to this nation and a paragon of academia. He is one of the renowned historians this country has ever had. Somebody said that Mr Siray Timbo was his classmate in secondary school. Well, I want to say here that he was my classmate in primary school. We were in class together from class 1 to class 6. He left me in class six because he had a double promotion. This shows that he is a brilliant man.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when we were interviewing Prof. Magbaily Fyle, I made a quotation and it in the report. I said, sending him to the Monument and Relics Commission is like sending a whale back into the ocean, where it belongs. But this has been corrected by Mr Speaker. Having listened to the various sentiments by Honourable Members, I am tempted to say that sending Mrs Adeliza Showers to the Legal Aid Commission, sending Honourable Legacy Sankoh (a former Chairman of NaCSA in Parliament) as Chairman of that Commission, sending Mr Siray Timbo (who had been the special envoy of His Excellency the President from 2009 to date), to the UAE, is like sending Whales back to the ocean where they belong. So, when you put that into context, you will notice that all the nominees are going to manage offices where they have had a forehand knowledge of.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have great interest in the Monuments and Relics Commission. The reason why I am saying this is because any country that fails to preserve its culture, is putting its history in the dungeon. Culture is a way of life and it should be cared for and preserved for future reference.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I graduated from the Institute of African Studies, under the tutelage of Prof. Magbaily Fyle. I benefitted greatly from his lectures on the 'Province of Freedom.' I benefitted from the arts, Nomoli, Gongoli, Nafalay and the rich cultures of ethno musicology (i.e., the richness of the music of this country from the Salia Koroma, the great Abibu with his Accordion and Amadu Kaylay).

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Foday Rado Yokie, there were no such loud interruptions when you were not here (*Laughter*).

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** As a Parliament, I want to challenge the Chairman of the parliamentary Committee on Tourism and Culture to monitor the activities of this Monuments and Relics Commission. This is a Commission that is going to make Sierra Leone proud. Our national pride is anchored on the seriousness of this Commission. When we went to Greece, they took us to 17th Century buildings where we had our lunch and dinner. We were shown two hundred (200) years old buildings. It is a pride of that nation, but we do not have that culture in this country.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, when we went to Senehun Gola in 1988 on a field trip, we discovered Baindu Jabaty. You can contact the University of Sierra Leone on that. Among the Mende culture, when somebody is dead, there is a traditional way of burial. We discovered all that during our field trip. It was that song that was sung somewhere in South Carolina, where Dr Cynthia Smith traced that song and we found a lady, a woman who is an offspring of that family by the name of Baindu Jabaty of Senehun Gola. So, Honourable Helen Kuyembeh, that is your constituency and make sure you make use of that opportunity.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I promised at the start of my contribution that I was not going to bore you with verbosity. I thank you for the sentiments you have expressed. The nominees are fine Sierra Leoneans and I believe they will not fail this country. Failure is not an option and we urge you to do your best. Thank you very much Mr Speaker (*Applause*).

*(Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to)*

*Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service was unanimously ratified)*

**THE SPEAKER:** Honourable Members, I would like to thank Honourable Justice Edmond Cowan, Justice Tolla Thompson, Ambassador Lawyer Osman Foday Yansaneh and Mr Alieu Pat-Sowe for their presence in today's proceedings. I want to thank all the nominees for their patience. Mr Gbenda, you have served as Mayor for the Koidu community and I am sure the people will never forget the services you rendered to them. Honourable Legacy Sankoh is one of us. When he was Chairman of the

parliamentary Committee on NaCSA, he did very well and I am sure, as the Majority Leader has said, he is now going to serve as Chairman of NaCSA. We expect no less from him.

Mr Siray Timbo, so much praises have been showered on you. I think you deserve every word of what has been said about you. As Speaker of this House, I will not like to dilate on them. Justice Adeliza Showers, you were a credit to the Judiciary and you have retired. I never knew that you have retired. I am sure that we are going to benefit from your experience and expertise.

Professor Fyle, the people that S. B. B. Dumbuya, admires are "*Lovers of wisdom,*" or Philosophers. Prof. Magbaily Fyle, I will call you as a repository of knowledge. Some will even want to say you are a reservoir of history. I salute you sir. On behalf of Parliament I congratulate all of you on your approval. Thank you very much (*Applause*).

**HON. IBRAHIM R. BUNDU:** Honourable Members, on the date that is going to be announced for adjournment, I want you to read the Report on the visit to the Kenya Parliament that was laid this morning by the Chief Whip and the Report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on the Public Accounts of Sierra Leone, on the Accountant General and the Ministry of Health. Please look at those two Reports. They will be debated on Tuesday. I thank you very much.

### *ADJOURNMENT*

*(The House rose at 12.00 p.m. and was adjourned until Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014, at 10.00 a.m.)*