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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT CONGRATULATE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT AND DEPUTY

Members of Parliament from both sides of the political aisle on Tuesday, 07/05/2024 commended and congratulated both the Speaker of the Sierra Leone Parliament, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas and his Deputy, Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh on their recently elections to positions of trust.

Making her submission to the felicitations of the Speaker and his Deputy, Hon. Alice Kumabeh prayed for wisdom and protections over the new Speaker and referred to him as his brother from the Bonthe District. She admonished the new Speaker and Deputy to serve well in their new offices.

On his part, Hon. Bash Kamara from Karene District said the people of Kerena supported the election of the Speaker and promised to work with him, in order to achieve the oneness of politics. "We the people of Gbinti are with you", he concluded.

Hon. Sulaiman Marry Conteh from Western Area Urban congratulated the Speaker and his Deputy on behalf of the people of Western Area.

"I know you as an outstanding personality who respect the feelings of everyone and I believe you can deliver", he said and went on to praise the new Deputy Speaker for his outstanding input and achievement of Parliament. He encouraged them to address the challenges of Parliament relatively to office space for MPs, welfare issue and staff matters.

Hon. Rose Marie Banguara from Tonkolili District on behalf of the Pan-African Parliament West Africa Bureau Caucus congratulated both the Speaker and his Deputy for their elections respectively and went on to pray for their tenure be mark with blessings to the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

Hon. Mamoud Bangura from Western Area Urban congratulated Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh. He said on behalf of the people of Lumley they wished them well in their new assignments. He appreciated both Speaker and Deputy and advised them not to allow bad incidence to repeat in Parliament.

Hon. Joseph Williams - Lamin appreciated both the Speaker and his Deputy and offered prayers for God's guidance in their new assignments. "We stand with you and we will always protect and give you our support", he concluded.

Hon. Rosay Kanu from Western Area Rural said the opposition would work with them, in order to create a new dimension for the engagement of Parliament. She called on the Speaker and his Deputy to represent Sierra Leone and not the SLPP. On religious perspective, the MP ended with a wonderful prayers for both Speaker and Deputy of the House.

Hon. Musa Fofona from Kono District congratulated both the Speaker and his Deputy on behalf of the people of Kono District. Hon. Musa expressed kindness for both Speakers and wished them well in their new assignments.

Hon. Unpha Sorie. G Koroma expressed joy and happiness over their elections and went on to note that through their elections, section 79 and 80 of the 1991 constitution of Sierra Leone were exhausted. He said their elections were true testament for democracy.

Hon. Alpha Mohamed Jalloh from Falaba District congratulated both Speakers for their elections to the position of the Speakership. He called on them to serve well so that they could be remembered as those who serve well for the people of Sierra Leone. "How do you want to be remembered?", he concluded.

Hon. Mohamed Tarawallie from Kambia District applauded the new Speakership and wished them well. The MP admonished them to serve well and also considered the welfare of MPs very strongly.

Hon. Veronica Kadie Sesay thanked God Almighty for given Parliament a wonderful Speaker and Deputy. On behalf of the people of Moyamba District, she congratulated them. She called on them to support and promote the cause of women's empowerment.

Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara from Kambia District questioned the appointment of young people in the positions of trust and went on to encourage them to deliver. "As young people we need to go to the extra mile, and also forget about our party colours so that Sierra Leone will develop", he said.

He called on the speakership to serve well as the expectations of the people are very high.

Hon. Massay Ngahiteh Aruna from Bo District showered praises on the Speaker and his Deputy for fighting for the welfare of MPs and went on to congratulate them on their elections respectively.

Hon. PC Marrah Tongos from Falaba District congratulated both Speakers and described them as hard working and industrious people.

Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah Esq. said the Deputy Speaker is representing the Fifth Parliament and a true replica of, "He for She". He advised both Deputy Speaker and Speaker to deliver for the interest of the nation and be the respecters of the rule of law

Hon. Mariama Zombo from Pujehun District congratulated the Speaker's elect and appreciated both side of the island for electing them into offices. "I believe they will bring a positive change in the House" she concluded and urged them to work as a team to promote female representation.

In rounding up the debate, the Acting Leader of Opposition, Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma from Tonkolili District said for the records, Parliament have had two elections for Speakers that were currently Members of Parliament.

The Acting Leader of Opposition assured that the opposition would always work with the speakership of Parliament and underscored the importance of dialogue within the House. He also called on the new Speaker and his Deputy to see the need for the debate of the Auditor General Reports. "We want to see the speakership who respect the opposition and also free speech by opposition MPs", he concluded

In concluding the debate, the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie commended the Speaker of Parliament for rising through the ranks from a Member of Parliament, Deputy Speaker and now Speaker of Parliament. "The two of you are representing the young people of the Republic, if you failed, you have failed the people of Sierra Leone and I want you to succeed and you will succeed", he said. "With the support of the Speaker and the Clerk, Parliament would rise again", he called on the speakership to control the environment of Parliament. "Make this Parliament an enviable and also make it the supreme legislative body of Sierra Leone". He concluded.

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