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PARLIAMENT APPROVES CEO, CHAIRMAN & OTHERS

The Ninth Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business,, Hon Mathew Sahr Nyuma has on Tuesday, 28/03 /2023 been approved by Parliament.

The following Presidential Nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mr. Ahmed Akar, Chairman, National Consumer Protection Commission
2. Mr. Lawrence Landi Bassie, Chief Executive Officer(CEO), National Consumer Protection Commission and
3. Paramount Chief Sheku A. T. Fasuluku Sosiama III, Member Board of Directors, National Land Commission

Presenting the Presidential Nominees, the Leader of Government Business recalled that, the Nominees were interviewed on Monday, 27/03/2023, in Committee Room One, Parliament Building in Freetown. According to the Leader, the Nominees were interviewed based on specified criteria and procedures, not excluding the strict consistency of their educational background, track records, tax obligation, and vision for a nationally productive tenure amongst others.

Seconding the motion, the Leader of NGC in Parliament, Hon. Dr. Kande Yumkella acknowledged the approval of the Nominees, in tandem with their performance at the interview. The Leader went on to recall UNIDO support in that direction, while expressing the importance of the responsibility of the Consumer Protection Commission. He pointed out that, the Nominees appointed to the Consumer Protection Commission must protect the lives of the citizens. He also made reference to the destruction caused by counterfeit products, in light of emphasizing on the Consumer protection. For the Paramount Chief Nominee, the Leader expressed serious concerns over rapacious land grabbing and informed the House and the Nominee to ensure equity in the land areas. He also expressed worries over land grabbing relative to development.

While contributing to the debate, Hon. Sahr Juana Biblically related one of the Nominees, Lawrence Bassie's character to profile solutions with reference to his contribution to the fight against the Ebola outbreak. He informed the House that, the President did not make any mistakes in appointing the Nominees. He also heaped praises on others Nominees and asked them to go and perform.

Hon. Kusan Sesay commended the President for appointing former Hon. Paramount Chief. He recalled several good attributes of the former Hon. P. C. Including his outstanding performance to debate in Parliament and recalled other characters including generosity to humanity. He asked all the Nominees to go and deliver for the people.

Independent Member of Parliament from Kailahun, Hon. Emelia Lolloh Tongi hastily endorsed the Nominees, relative to their qualifications. The MP encouraged them to deliver practically, in tandem with national services and developments

Hon. Dr. Mark-Mahmoud Kaloko said the Presidential Nominees are fitted and informed the House that, the tradition of the country demands that, one of the Nominees, Hon. Paramount should be respected. The MP advised the Nominees to work in the interest of State as he asked them to be mindful of the power bestowed upon them by the President.

While referring to the positive message from Leader of C4C, Hon. Musa Fofana said the qualifications of the Nominees are quite in place. The MP heaped praise on the Nominees. He expressed hope for their vision for the next offices.

The MP revealed to the Honorable House about some outstanding performance of the Hon. Paramount Chief Nominee and expressed thanks to President Bio for appointing him. He told colleague MPs that, the people of Kono are very happy over the Chief's appointment.

Hon. Mohamed Lansana underscored the excellent educational background and knowledge of one of the Nominees, the CEO National Protection Commission and assured the House that, the latter has the ability to deliver in the designated office. He advised the Nominee to work in

collaboration with the Standards Bureau in order to perform well. He asked colleague MPs to speedily approve all the Nominees.

In rounding up the debate, the Acting Leader of the Opposition Hon. Hassan Sesay made reference to the qualifications and experience of the Nominees in tandem with vision for the new offices. He expressed regards to the former Hon. PC for being well-positioned to the appointment, in light of experience and qualifications.

He lavished praises on the Hon. Paramount Chief and recalled his positive character, in light of his neutrality in Parliament. The Leader said having, Ahmed Akar as Chairman of National Consumer Protection Commission is not a mistake. While heaping praises on the experience and knowledge of the Nominees. He. appealed to Colleague MPs to approve the nominees

Concluding the debate, Leader of Government Business Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma thanked all the MPs for their various contributions. The Leader spoke well on the wealth of experience and qualifications of the Nominees in tandem with national development for various designated offices. The Leader categorically asked the Nominees for Consumer Protection Commission to work with other sectors including private entities and other Ministries, Department, and Agencies to render perfect national services.

The MP referred to the Nomination of the Paramount as the right man for the right job. He informed the House that, the Hon. Paramount Chief is synonymous with positive character including strong human relationships. He assured the House that the Nominees would perform.

In his felicitation, the Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu applauded the President for appointing the Nominees and went on to say, Parliament has wholeheartedly endorsed them. The Speaker congratulated the Nominees and wished them good luck.

In another development also, Parliament has on Tuesday 28/03/2023 debated and ratified the Memorandum of understanding Maternal Center of Excellence, Kono District Between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Partners in Health Sierra Leone LLC. The Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation Mrs. Princess Dugba piloted the agreement.

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