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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT APPROVES FIVE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES**

The Fifth Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma has on Friday 18/11/2022 approved five Presidential Nominees for the development of Sierra Leone.

The following Presidential Nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mr. Sheikh Siddy Sowa- Commissioner General, National Land Commission
2. Dr. Philip Maada Pessima Mornya, Chairman, Board of Directors-National Land Commission
3. Mr. Lunyaga Ngagba Kaiwa- Chairman Board of Directors-Audit Service Board
4. Mr. Dehunge Shiaka- Executive Director, National Task Force on Human Trafficking Secretariat and
5. Mr. Prince Fomba Goba- Chairman Anti-Corruption Commission Advisory Board.

Reporting the activity of the Committee to the Plenary, Leader of Government Business told the House that, the nominees went through vetting, interview and other related set criteria.

Seconding the nomination, the Deputy Leader of the Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie vehemently urged the nominees to work diligently, in light of delivering positive national service. He admonished the nominees to respond swiftly to matters that are of State importance, adding that they are the main players that would determine the government scorecards for the forthcoming election.

Speaking about the nominees, the MP used the opportunity to call on compatriots to support President Bio agenda for development.

The Deputy Leader commended some of the nominees for outstanding characters, and also advised them to replicate same in designated offices. He encouraged the nominees to focus on team work and diligent national service to develop Sierra Leone.

Hon. PC. Matilda Y.Minah described the day as remarkable and zoomed out one of the nominees who happened to be an illustrious son of Pujehun district, Mr. Sowa. She expressed hope that Mr. Sowa would do well and admonished him to tender national service. She used the opportunity to call on Pujehum District Descendants to unite. She stood on the same platform to inform the House that as a democrat, she is going to step down for another Paramount chief in the upcoming election.

Independent Member of Parliament from Kailahun, Hon. Quintin Salia Konneh informed colleague MPs that some Creole people were celebrating one of the nominees, Mr.Sowa. He outlined all the positive aspects of most of the nominees and advised them to deliver.

Hon. Joseph William-Lamin recalled the diligent service of Mr. Sowa and advised all the nominees to promote interpersonal skills. He expressed hope for the protection of land data and encouraged the nominees to swiftly respond to all State matters.

Hon. Emelia Lolloh Tongi thanked President Bio for appointing such nominees. The MP recalled based on experience and used the opportunity to ask the nominees designated to land institution to educate Paramount Chiefs on their related positions. He also advised the nominee for ACC to perform.

Rounding up the debate, Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Hassan Sesay informed the House about the good character and expertise of Mr. Sowa, describing as a man with a passion for land issues. "I have known him and family", he stated and went on to say he has no reason to doubt his capacity in that area. "I believe that he would deliver" he revealed.

The Acting Opposition Leader spoke well of the other nominees and urged them to work in team spirit and with the intention of serving national duty. He expressed hope that, they would deliver, in light of sanity.

Concluding, Leader of Government Business thanked all those who made various contributions and concluded as saying the nominees are all qualified.

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