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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT APPROVES TWELVE (12) PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 04<sup>th</sup> May 2018 debated and approved the First Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in the Fifth Parliament of the Second Republic, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis.

It consists of twelve presidential nominees to serve in various high offices of State, including the Ministers of Finance, Internal Affairs, Health and Sanitation, Water Resources and Information and Communication.

The following presidential nominees have been approved by the House:

1. Mr. Jacob Jusu Saffa-Minister of Finance
2. Col. (Rtd) Simeon Nasiru Sheriff-Deputy Minister of Defence
3. Dr. Alpha T. Wurie-Minister of Health and Sanitation
4. Alhaji Kanja Ibarhim Sesay-Minister of Energy
5. Hon. Edward Amin Soloku-Minister of Internal Affairs
6. Hon. Emma Kowa-Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources
7. Kabineh M.Kallon-Minister Transport and Aviation
8. Ms. Baidu Dassama-Minister of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs
9. Dr. Bonapha Jonathan Tengbeh-Minister of Water Resources
10. Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swaray-Minister of Information and Communication
11. Mr. Adekunle Joliff Milton King-Minister of Labour and Social Security, and
12. Mr. Alpha Osman Timbo-Minister of Primary and Secondary Education

Seconding the motion, Leader of the Coalition for Change (C4C), Hon. Saa Emmerson Lamina, commended the presidential nominees and encouraged them to be efficient and effective in executing their duties.

Contributing, Leader of the National Grand Coalition (NGC), Alhaji Dr. Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella called on the nominees to work towards the realization of President Bio's agenda for inclusive governance, whilst speaking on the need for collective efforts to develop the nation.

An Independent Candidate from Pujehun District, Hon. Shiaka Sama also praised the nominees and prayed for success in their new assignments.

In concluding the debate, Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mohamed Sidi Tunis commended President Bio for nominating qualified Sierra Leoneans to serve the nation, but cautioned that the expectations of the people are high, whilst encouraging them to deliver in the best interests of the State.

Members of the APC did not contribute to the debate, but promised to do so in due course.

Congratulating the nominees after approval, the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu called on them to live by example and work in the interests of the country, whilst wishing them well in their pursuits.

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