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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT APPROVES TWO PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Thursday 13/01/2022 debated and approved with unanimity the Fourth Report in the fourth session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Bashiru Silikie.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- 1. PC Dr. Michael Shamsu Mustapha Ngebeh-Member, Board of Directors, Bank of Sierra Leone and
- 2. Dr. Alfred Morie Saffa-Member, Board of Directors, Environment Protection Agency

Members of Parliament who spoke to the motion referred to the nominees as competent for their respective appointments aimed at improving the economy of the country and protection of the environment. They also called on one of the nominees to do more in light of the redenomination of the Leone and thanked President Bio for appointing competent people to serve in high offices of State.

Congratulating the nominees after approval, Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu wished them well in their respective appointments for the development of the country.

In another development, the Parliament of Sierra Leone has debated and passed into law a Bill entitled: "The Forestry (Amendment) Act 2022".

The Bill was seeking to amend the Forestry Act of 1988 and to provide for other related matters.

It was piloted by the Minister of the Environment, Prof. Foday M. Jaward.

Members of Parliament who contributed to the debate called for the strict implementation of laws in light of the protection of the environment and described the amendment as "non-controversial".

Also in Parliament today 13/01/2022, the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Mrs Melrose Kargbo has introduced a Bill entitled: "The Local Government (Amendment) Act 2021" for consideration by Parliament.

The Bill was seeking to amend the Local Government Act of 2004, to extend the period of local council election from four to five years to reflect the tenure of other elective public officers, to reduce budget costs, and to provide for other related matters.

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