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PARLIAMENT APPROVES UN AMBASSADOR AND THREE OTHERS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday, 08/08/2023 debated and approved with unanimity, The Fourth Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Services chaired by the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma.

The following Presidential Appointees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mohamed Oman Bangura - Minister, Ministry of Youth Affairs
2. Mrs. Frances Piagie Alghali-Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
3. Rtd. Col.Ambassador Fanday Turay Esq.- Minister, Ministry of Transport and Aviation and
4. Ambassador Dr. Micheal Imran Kanu- Ambassador and Permanent Representative Sierra Leone Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York.

Seconding the motion, the Deputy Leader 2 of Government Business, Hon.Saa Emerson Lamina from Kono District congratulated the President for appointing credible nominees to serve the nation.

The MP also urged the nominees to ignore complacency and serve with the best of their abilities, in order to deliver. He said the nominees are eminently qualified to serve. He went on to zoom in on the reappointment of the Minister of Youth Affairs, Mr. Oman Bangura on his tremendous achievements in that Ministry; relative to the creation of huge employment. He called on the Minister to table a policy paper in Cabinet to curtail a very dangerous drug, "Kush", that is affecting the youths.

The Honourable Member praised the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on her role played in the education sector and other related matters. The MP pleaded with the New Transport

Minister to address the transportation challenges in the country. He commended the UN Representative for his outstanding performance in the UN General Assembly.

On his part, Hon.Hindolo Moiwo Gevao said the President in his wisdom has chosen young people to serve and went on to commend the newly appointed Transport Minister for his dedicated services. He encouraged the UN Representative to continue his hard work and represent the country well and also congratulated other appointees for their nominations by the President.

Hon.Foyoh Tholley from Tonkollili District appreciated the President for re-appointing the dynamic Minister of Youth Affairs to serve and called on his colleague MPs to speedily approve all the nominees.

Hon. Ibrahim Kabba from Western Rural applauded the President and the Appointments Committee for presenting nominees in the Chamber of Parliament for approval. He cautioned the appointees to serve diligently and work in the interest of the State.

Hon.Tamba Simeson from Kono District commended the President for appointing qualified Sierra Leoneans to serve the State and went on to refer to the newly appointed Transport Minister as a "go-getter". The MP commended the good work of Ambassador Turay for championing Sierra Leone in the Non- Permanent seat in the United Nations. He asked the Transport Minister to transform the transport industry and also called on him to consider the provincial towns with bus services. On the Minister of Youth Affairs appointment, he described him as a man of development and encouraged him to do more. The MP referred to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs as a developmental-oriented person and assured the House that the latter would deliver for the State.

Hon. Idrissa Dauda Moiwai from Bonthe District said he has no doubt in the appointees and believed that they can perform for the nation.

Hon. Adama Bangura from Kambia District joined her colleagues to approve the nominees and said that she has no doubt in their credibility, base on the tasks assigned to them by the President.

Hon.Idris Sahid Kamara of Western Area Urban requested the nominees to reciprocate the work of the President and pleaded on them to deliver.

Hon.Rtd. Capt. Bioma Sylvester Arnold Maxwell from Moyamba District encouraged the nominees to discharge their duties with diligence as prescribed by the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone. The MP called on the nominees to see the need to serve well.

Hon. Konkofa Farah Mansary from Koinadugu District commended the President for appointing well-qualified Sierra Leoneans to serve the people and went on to encourage the Minister of Youth Affairs to promote robust agricultural productivity which would yield dividends for more revenue generations.

In rounding up the debate, the Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon.Mohamed Bangura advised the nominees to know that, they are taking office at a very difficult time and encouraged them to deliver for the people of Sierra Leone.

He commended the former UN Representative, Ambassador Turay for helping Sierra Leone to achieve the UN Seat and went on to call on the nominee to transform the Transport industry.

The Acting Leader of the Opposition congratulated the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Youth Affairs to deliver for the interest of the country.

In concluding the debate, the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma applauded the nominees and referred to them as qualified Sierra Leoneans. He encouraged them to work together, to achieve a better result for the State. The Leader congratulated the new MP in the House for subscribing to the oath of office.

The Rt.Hon. Speaker Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu said the House has unanimously approved the nominees and went on to call on them to deliver and wished them well in their new assignments.

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