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PRESS RELEASE

**PARLIAMENT APPROVES MOHAMED KALLON, PAUL MASSAQUOI AND THREE
(3) OTHERS**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 approved the First Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service in the Third Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Second Republic of Sierra Leone, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Mr. Mohamed Kallon-Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Road Maintenance Fund Administration (RMFA)
2. Mr. Paul Sobba Massaquoi-Executive Director, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration
3. Ms. Joan M.S. Bull Esq- Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Local Content Agency
4. Mr. Roberts B. Kowa-Chairman, Corporate Affairs Commission
5. Mr. Taspir Ibrahim N'jai- Member, Corporate Affairs Commission

Seconding the motion, the Leader of C4C, Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina referenced the constitutional mandate of the President in lieu of appointments to serve the nation. The Leader went on to commend President Bio for presenting to Parliament nominees that are highly profiled relative to their qualifications and professionalism. "This is what has made other countries including USA well developed today", he referenced. Before taking office, Hon. Lamina advised the nominees to take cognizance of existing challenges and proffer solutions to them during the course of executing their duties. He also admonished Mr. Mohamed Kallon to apply due diligence in the road maintenance sector.

Chief Whip of Parliament, Hon. Dickson M. Rogers encouraged the nominees to work hard in order to address the bread and butter issues in the country. He called on the nominees to ensure that they influence positive transformations to their respective appointments by President Bio. For Paul Massaquoi, the Chief Whip assured Parliament that, “I want to promise this House that in the next three months, there will be a difference in the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration”, he assured.

Hon. Josephine Mackieu of SLPP representing Kenema District asked the nominees to deliver on their appointments for the benefits of the country, whilst craving their support for women to contribute to the development of the nation. “Always keep your doors open to women” she appealed.

An Independent MP from Kailahun District, Hon. Quintin Salia-Konneh told Parliament that President Bio was eventually becoming consistent with the trend relative to the quality of nominees that he is appointing to serve in high offices of State; adding they are real assets for the development of the country. He admonished the nominees to put the interest of the nation above all else.

Hon. Alpha Bah of APC advised the nominees to serve well and with fairness and in the best interests of the people. “Use your conscience in terms of service delivery”, he appealed.

Deputy Leader of Government Business, Hon Bashiru Silikie consciously and wisely admonished the nominees to perform and serve the people well. “Please make Parliament proud”, he appealed. He told them that very soon Parliament would conduct robust oversight on the MDAs to determine whether they are on track in light of the expected deliverables.

Deputy Leader of Opposition, Hon. IB Kargbo said that Sierra Leone is the only country we have and whatever relate to national development they are ready to support it. He said irrespective of the ugly situations in some of the offices relating to the appointments, it was high time for the nominees to go and instill changes, pointing out the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration is affected in terms of leadership. He asked all the nominees to do well to achieve their goals. “We are expecting good results from all the nominees”, and added that the development of Sierra Leone comes first.

Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma frankly told the nominees that they need to perform or stand to be fired by President. He also reminded them of solid performance and effective and efficient service delivery as the top-most priority of Government.

Extending felicitations, Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu admonished the nominees to deliver in the best interests of the country. He asked them to work in accordance with the development programmes and policies of Government. “We hope that you will live up to the expectations of all of us” he concluded.

In another development, the Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 debated and ratified the following agreement which was laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 2nd June 2020:

“Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and JOLAKS Manufacturing Company Limited, Dated May 2020”.

It was presented for ratification by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Ing. Dr. Edward Hinga Sandy.

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