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PARLIAMENT APPROVES P.C SALLAY GENDEMEH AND TWELVE OTHERS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 15th January 2019 debated and unanimously ratified the Twenty-Fifth Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma.

Congratulating the nominees after approval, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu expressed his congratulations and felicitations to the new appointees in light of their qualification and competence, cognizant of the fact that they would live up to the expectations and confidence reposed in them by the President, Parliament and the People of Sierra Leone.

The Hon. Speaker had earlier ruled that “statutorily the Inspector General of Police is a Member of the Minerals Advisory Board as provided in the Mines and Minerals Act of 2009” and therefore such appointment was not subject to the approval of Parliament.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- I. Hon. P.C Sallay Satta Gendemeh-Member, National Commission for Social Action
- II. Mr. Roland Eben Buck-Member, Tertiary Education Commission
- III. Ing. Georgette Greene-Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- IV. Mr. Musa Mehwa-Member, Board of Directors, National Minerals Agency
- V. Alhaji Mustapha B. Turay-Member, National Minerals Agency
- VI. Mr. Mohamed Kanneh-Member, National Youth Commission
- VII. Ms. Zainab Kamara-Member, National Youth Commission
- VIII. Ms Lucretia Mbogba-Member, National Youth Commission

IX. Saidu Alie Lakoh-Member, National Youth Commission

X. Mr. Malcon Gabriel Mannah Kpana-Member, National Youth Commission

XI. Rev. Fr. Martin Leo Bassie-Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation

XII. Ing. Sahr Tamba Nyalloma-Member, Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation and

XIII. Alhaji Foday B. Turay-Member, Police Council

Seconding the motion, the Opposition Whip, Hon. Hassan Sesay said that the nominees are qualified for the positions they had been nominated by President Bio and referred to them as “fine gentlemen and women” who needed parliamentary approval before they could enter their official duties.

Hon. Hindolo Gevao also described the nominees as “fine men and women”. In recognizing Musa Mehwa as a barrister and solicitor at the High Court of Sierra Leone, he spoke about a one-stop-shop aimed improving and shortening the period for establishing and doing business in Sierra Leone, whilst speaking on the need for decentralizing institutions of governance across the country.

Hon. P.C.M.P from Moyamba District, Haja Fatmata Meama-Kajue, in her recognition of the appointment of the female Paramount Chief by President Bio, she remarked that “I hope the nominees will put into perspective what they had told the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service”.

Hon. P.C.M.P from Bo, Joe Kangbai Macavoray, thanked President Bio for nominating a Paramount Chief for the second time out of 190 of them, adding “as Oliver Twist we are asking for more appointments”.

Rounding the debate, the Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo said that they are part of the process and that they are satisfied with the nominees, whilst recognizing the nomination of Paramount Chief Gendemeh whom he described as “a motherly figure” who had contributed immensely to the development of Sierra Leone.

Concluding, the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma said that they were working in the best interest of Sierra Leoneans who voted SLPP into governance, whilst recognizing the nomination of Rev. Bassie “as putting square pegs in square holes in light of his qualification and competence”.

In another development, the Parliament of Sierra Leone on Tuesday 15th January 2019 debated and unanimously ratified a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and QCELL Sierra Leone Limited, dated December 2017.

Presenting the MoU prior to ratification, the Minister of Information and Communication, Mohamed Rado Swaray said among other things that it is geared towards providing jobs for Sierra Leoneans; improve call quality and internet penetration in most un-served communities in the country; construction of its operational headquarters; provision of cheap, reliable and affordable internet connectivity in Sierra Leone; and to promote a healthy and accountable competition among service providers such as ORANGE and AFRICELL to consumers in Sierra Leone.

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