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PARLIAMENT RATIFIES BIOMETRIC AGREEMENTS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Wednesday 15/12/2021 extensively debated and approved with unanimity, biometric registration agreements that are geared towards the development of the state.

The following agreements were ratified:

A. Agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and Landreg (SL) limited Government support agreement relating to the procurement of biometric property registration project on a build, operate and transfer basis and

B. An addendum agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and Landreg (SL) limited to Government support agreement relating to the procurement of biometric property registration project on a build, and transfer basis.

Presenting the agreements, the Minister of Lands, Housing and Country Planning, Dr. Turad Senesie said the initial agreement was inherited from his predecessor. He went on to say that, he reviewed certain aspects of the agreements including period and service fees amongst others. According to him, all the suggestions made by the Honourable Members, when the agreement was initially brought to Parliament, had been considered by the service provider, all in the interest of the state. The contract he said would improve the development of the state, relative to land acquisition and proper management as well as revenue collection.

Contributing to the debate, the Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Lands, Housing and Country Planning, Hon Quintin Salia-Konneh, An Independent MP from Kailahun District said the agreements were not contentious and went on to commend the minister for the proactive moves he made, in light of consultations. "We want to ensure that the interest of Sierra Leone is considered" he stated. He also noted that, he was proud of the minister for giving consideration to the sovereign guarantee. He appealed to colleague MPs to speedily ratify the agreements for the nation to start getting its revenue percentage.

The Chief Whip of Parliament, Hon. Dixon Rogers thanked the service provider for the agreements and commended the minister for the dynamic steps he took towards the passage of the agreements. He appreciated the minister for reviewing certain aspects of the contract in the interest of the state.

Hon Abdul Karim Kamara said that, these were the first agreements MPs are praising, adding "It is because, the minister is a listening person". He noted that the agreements would help Sierra Leone in its developmental strides. The MP noted that the people should not only focus on the present benefit, but also the post development of the nation.

Rounding up the debate, Acting Leader of Opposition, Hon. Hassan Sesay said the minister took into consideration what Parliament suggested and were adhere to. He went on to commend the minister for his patriotic renegotiation with the service provider and his humility towards Parliament. He used the opportunity to urge his colleague MPs to speedily approve the agreements.

Concluding the debate, the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma supported the positions of the earlier speakers, in light of commending the minister for renegotiating with the service provider. He emphasized on the good phenomenal approach of the Minister. The Leader of Government Business stated that, they were satisfied with the agreements and expressed hope for national benefits.

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