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PARLIAMENT APPROVES FIVE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Parliament on Tuesday 25th October 2016 approved five presidential nominees to serve several institutions across the country.

The approved nominees are:

Ambassador Andrew G. Bangali, as Chairman, National Civil Registration Authority;
Mr. Stephen Aiah Mattia, Electoral Commissioner, Eastern Region;
Mr. Babatunde D.R. Pratt, Member, Political Party Registration Commission;
Ret. AIG Sorie Brima Kargbo, Chairman, Drug Law Enforcement Agency and
Mr. Alphonse Willy Mabilia Ngana.



Approved Presidential Nominees



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Making his contribution prior to ratification, Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chernor Bah referred to the nominees as fine gentlemen and respectful individuals who have the required experience to serve this nation.

On the other hand, Hon. Souhilo N. Koroma was pleased with the nominees, but urged the Electoral Commissioner East to be focused on rehabilitating dilapidated NEC structures in the regions, whilst other Members of Parliament admonished nominees to work in the interest of the country.

In concluding the debate, the Minority Leader of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai, urged the nominees to continue their hard work and make a difference in the development of the nation, whilst the Leader of the House Hon. Ibrahim Bundu, admonished the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency to collaborate with line agencies to eradicate marijuana and the use of illegal drugs in the country.

Approving the nominees the Speaker of Parliament Hon. SBB Dumbuya, congratulated them and wishes them well in their pursuit.