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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PARLIAMENT PASSES THE APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2019 INTO LAW**

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 07th December 2018 unanimously passed into law the Bill entitled “The Appropriation Act 2019” for the services of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

The Act provides for the authorization of expenditure to the tune of Le 7.03 Trillion from the Consolidated Fund for the services of Sierra Leone for the year 2019 and for other related matters.

The Six Sub-Appropriation Committees of the Committee of Supply generally observed during the scrutiny of budgetary heads and estimates for 2017 and 2018 financial years that there were huge discrepancies between allocations and actuals received by Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and the late disbursement of funds that are seriously affecting service delivery in the country. MPs therefore recommended that budgetary allocations should tie with what is actually received by MDAs for effective service delivery in the country.

In another development, Parliament has debated and approved the Twenty-First Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sidie M. Tunis.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- I. Mr. Junisa Patrick Bangalie Esq-Director-General, Water Resources Management Agency
- II. Ing. Sheik Allieu Swarray-Deen-Member, National Telecommunications Commission
- III. Mr. Victor Lansana Koroma-Board of Trustees, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation and
- IV. Ms. Edna Jones-Member, Tertiary Education Commission

Congratulating the nominees after approval, the Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu said that he hoped the nominees would live up to expectations of both the President and Parliament, whilst assuring them of the support of Parliament as and when necessary for success during the course of executing their duties.

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