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PARLIAMENT APPROVES PROFESSOR LISK AND SEVEN OTHERS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Wednesday 07th December 2016 adopted the recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service by ratifying Eight Presidential nominees for various high offices of State.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

- I. Professor Durodami Radcliffe Lisk-Chairman, Sierra Leone Council for Post-graduate Colleges of Health Specialties
- II. Mr. Edward Yarrimeh Kamara-Board Member, Sierra Leone Ports Authority
- III. Mr. Kalilu O. Bah-Board Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Board
- IV. Mr. Ibrahim M. Kabia-Member, Sierra Leone Electricity & Water Regulatory Commission
- V. Ms. Ada Conteh-Member, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
- VI. Mr. Edward Komeh-Member, Electricity Distribution & Supply Authority
- VII. Prof. Dr. Kabineh Koroma-Member, Electricity Distribution & Supply Authority and
- VIII. Mr. Amadu Dumbuya-Member, Electricity Distribution & Supply Authority

Prior to the approval of the presidential nominees, MPs on both sides of the aisle who spoke to the motion called on them to perform in respect of their various appointments based on their experience and the confidence reposed on them by President Koroma to serve the State.

However, the MPs also called for improvement in the distribution of electricity since power is now available, the need for effective sensitization on the effects of drugs abuse to the youthful population, that energy has increased in Freetown and blackout in homes has also been reduced considerably, that the MoFED should increase allocation to the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency to enhance their work, they also expressed the need for Sierra Leone to get specialized medical personnel and sophisticated medical equipment such as a dialysis machine, whilst recalling the death of a Member of Parliament who died of kidney failure, whilst civil servants were blamed for withholding relevant information for the development of the country at the expense of the politicians, by citing the Finance Act of 2016 which provides for increase in electricity and water tariff has generated huge public outcry because it was not communicated to the people, and decried unregulated postings in social media without regards for existing legislations, and described such acts as immoral and unpatriotic behavior.

Pursuant to the relevant constitutional provision, nominees having been approved by Parliament will enter their official duties after they have subscribed to the oath that will be administered by President Koroma.

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