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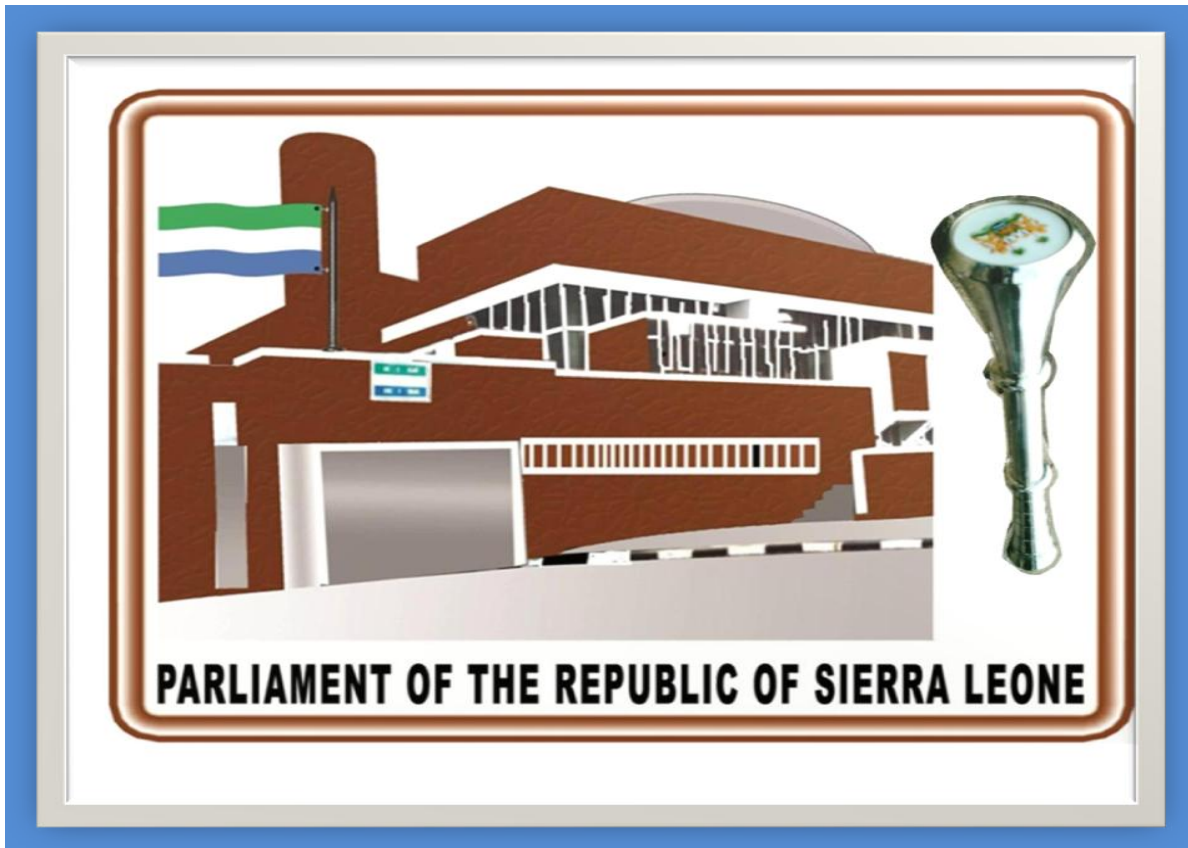
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Tuesday, 12th June, 2018.

I. PRAYERS

[The Table Clerk, Mrs Bintu Weston, Read the Prayers].

[The House met at 10:20 a.m. in Parliament Building, Tower Hill, Freetown].

[The Speaker, Honourable Dr Abass Chernor Bundu, in the Chair].

The House was called to Order

[Suspension of S.O 5[2]]

II. CORRECTION OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY SITTING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 2018.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we go through the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Tuesday, 5th June, 2018. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Page 4? Page 5? Page 6? Page 7? Page 8? Page 9? Page 10? Page 11? There being no correction or amendment, could somebody move for the adoption of the record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting, held on Tuesday, 5th June, 2018 as presented?

HON. ALUSINE KANNEH: I so move, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder?

HON. JOSEPHINE MAKIEU: I second the Motion, Mr Speaker.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed To]

[Record of Votes and Proceedings for the parliamentary sitting held on Tuesday, 5th June, 2018 has been adopted as presented]

III. MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE

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HON. SIDIE M TUNIS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I present to you the Sixth Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service:

1. Introduction

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, pursuant to its constitutional responsibility of vetting and approving of appropriately qualified candidates for appointment to public offices, met on Monday, 11th June, 2018 and interviewed one Presidential nominee for appointment as Chairman, National Assets and Government's Property Commission

2. Procedure

The Committee maintained strict consistency to its established procedure. Pertinent questions put to the nominee were related to his educational background, track record in public office, declared assets, tax obligation and his visions for a successful and nationally productive tenure. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were closely looked into by the Committee.

3. Seventh Sitting Of The Committee On Monday 11th June 2018

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the following nominee was interviewed on oath:

Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray, Proposed Chairman, National Assets and Government's Property Commission

Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray is a businessman/politician since 2007 to date. He has served in various capacities, including that of Chief Executive Officer in a private business, [2000-2005], Manager in a Construction Company [1996-1999] and Site Manager in the Grafting Mining Company, Kono [1995-1996].

Reacting to the Committee's inquiries, Mr Hindolo Moseray promised to improve on the existing operations of the Commission and put in place the necessary mechanisms to identify, protect and maintain all such Government properties, including the legal instruments needed for their disposals.

Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray further promised to work collaboratively with all line ministries, particularly the Minister of Lands who had promised to reclaim all Government lands. He added that he would work with the Minister of Transport and Aviation who is in

charge of all Government vehicles to ensure that modalities are put in place to forestall theft of government vehicles.

4. Recommendations

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominee to be adequately qualified for his proposed appointment and is accordingly recommended to the House for approval:

Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray, proposed Chairman, National Assets and Government's Property Commission.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Sixth Report is the unanimous decision of the Committee. I therefore move that the Sixth Report of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved. Signed by Honourable Sidie Mohamed Tunis, Chairman.

THE SPEAKER: Any seconder to that Motion?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, I so second the Motion.

[Question Proposed]

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to begin by thanking His Excellency the President, for presenting to us somebody who should occupy a very important office. Today, we have in our midst a candidate who is going to serve as chairman for the protection of government's assets and property. I have no doubt in my mind that this candidate will perform this responsibility for which he has been appointed.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the candidate that the 'New Direction' is ready to develop this Nation. This suggests that there is no room for mistakes. You should be prepared to move that Commission forward because we have a contractual agreement between ourselves and the people of this country. As a government, we will develop and improve their lives. I want to advise that when you

take over that office, it is neither an SLPP office nor an APC office. It is an office for every Sierra Leonean *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this was what we expected our brothers when they were on this side to have been advising those who were occupying state offices. We had always expected them to advise their ministers and other appointees. That would have helped develop this country. Thank you very much, Honourable Member. That is why we are here and that is exactly what we would do to keep you in opposition *[Undertone]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind this Nation that we are in a hurry, as a government and as a country, to develop this Nation. We got our independence in 1961, but there is nothing to write home about. The 'New Direction' is in a hurry because we want to develop the lives of the people of this country. We want to change their lives and that will happen under the leadership of his Excellency the President, Rtd Brigadier Julius Maada Bio and his lieutenants, like the nominee we have today. I want to admonish the nominee to go to that Commission and make sure that government properties are protected. He has to ensure that government assets are not misused and those who have personalised state assets are brought back to the government. Make sure you put in place a comprehensive National Assets Register. This has been lacking, but I am very confident that you will address this issue. Usually, government gives assets to people to make them comfortable, but before they leave office, they personalise those assets. Please, make sure you retrieve those assets and provide adequate records of those assets. We want a situation wherein if somebody asks the whereabouts of particular asset, we should be able to find it on Google or otherwise.

Without much ado, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I recommend to this House that we approve this nominee, so that he will go and put in place all government assets. Thank you very much.

HON. DR KANDEH K. YUMKELLA: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, before I make my own contribution to this debate, I would like to make an observation and a plea. I was not aware of the meeting yesterday. I am Member of the Committee on

Appointments. If you look at the Votes and Proceedings, you will find out that I pleaded last week for every document to be made available to us earlier enough, so that we can do due diligence. Again, I was not aware of this meeting and I checked this morning that in fact some people were called. If you look at it, you also find out that ten of us were not there. However, we are now in this situation and I want to plead that this does not happen again because it's twice in a row.

Having said that, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would like to admonish our colleague that he has an important assignment to accomplish. I have only one issue I would like him to check for us. A year and half ago, we were informed that some of the government's quarters would be sold. Some of us went on radio to object because we did not think the process was transparent. We believed those are assets that belong to this Nation. In your new responsibility, therefore, we hope you will check whether the OAU Villas have been sold. We also want to know whether government's quarters have also been sold. We know that many government officials do not have housing facility, but if we do not want to use those facilities, we can build high rise buildings for government workers. I want you to crosscheck whether any government's property, especially the quarters have been sold. I campaigned against it and I am just hoping that we would rely on your good office to check. I am saying this because those assets belong to our people. Good luck in your responsibility. Thank you *[Applause]*.

HON. SHIAKA M. SAMA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I will use this opportunity to talk about a very important issue that I have observed over the years. Mr Speaker, before some of us were born, families leased lands to government. I grew up in Bo and I know some families in that part of the country that leased some property, especially land to government for about 50 years. I am sure the time has elapsed and if you go to Bo, you will find out that there are lots of problems with those leases. Some families are so weak that they have not been able to retrieve those lands from government. Again, past governments have not been able to right those wrongs. I want to appeal to the nominee that in his new responsibility, since we are now moving in the 'New Direction,' I would like him, with support from the President, to look at some of those property

that have ceased to be government, but government is still using them. Some of those families are so weak that they cannot hire lawyers to retrieve their properties. I would like you to consider this as part of your mandate. Some of those properties are no longer government's properties. We want government to seat with those families and revisit these agreements. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, we take note of your concern. You are still extending your previous role into this House. We take note of that and well done.

HON. JOSEPH WILLIAMS-LAMIN: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray that 'we must succeed in the 'New Direction' and he should take it as his mandate. We have heard about many assets being owned by government, but within a twinkle of an eye, those assets disappeared. Therefore, you are about to take a very huge and herculean responsibility on behalf of this Nation. It takes a very hard tax payers money to acquire property; i.e. houses, vehicles, etc. When we took over governance, it was a big task to retrieve all government assets. People were running away with vehicles and others kept them in their kitchens like toys. Some of them thought they could not even afford to buy vehicles for themselves. You are about to take up that task. You have to be very strong in performing this task.

On that note, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I crave your indulgence to make sure that you do everything in you power so that you can succeed or we can succeed. Thank you, Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Honourable Member. You may sit down at this point. I would like to draw the attention of the House to two very salient points made by the Honourable Kandeh Yumkella which I am compelled to bring to the attention of the Clerk so that we do not have a repetition of the same episode again. First, he drew our attention to the fact that he is a member of the Appointments Committee, but unfortunately he was not notified about the meeting, whereas other Members of that Committee were duly notified. I hope this will not happen again. Secondly and equally important is that Members should be given documentation well in advance of the discussion of those documents in the Well of this House, so that they will take the

opportunity to make due diligence before coming to the Well. That is a very important matter that again ought to be duly taken into account by the administration of the House. I hope, frankly, that we would not have occasion to draw attention to such important matters in the course of this session.

Honourable Member, your points are well noted and brought to the attention of Mr Clerk. I would not want to disrupt proceedings in future by drawing attention to these two important aspects of our work again. That being said, we may now proceed with the debate. I hope we can make it as short as possible because there are other things on the Order Paper we wish to address today.

HON HASSAN A. SESAY: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would not want to repeat what the Honourable Member from Kychum was saying about documents because he has flagged that point up. I hope it is a message well taken by the Leadership of the House.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we are about to approve the Chairman of the National Assets Commission. Honourable Members have already spoken about the way and manner people have been handling government property. I know that handling government property is a herculean task. I am sure the proposed Chairman we are about to approve knows that he is going to face huge challenges.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, there is something that is very common among government property, particularly houses owned by government. We must accept the truth that civil servants who use these property sometimes do not take good care of these property; and in the end, they convert them as their personal properties. Some of them build houses on those lands, while they are still occupying government property. That has been a prevalent problem amongst civil servants. Mr Speaker, I must state here that we have to reconfigure the mind-set of civil servants if we are to progress as a Nation. We have to do that so that civil servants will know that government property are our property. They do not belong to one person. Therefore, people should not try to personalise something that belongs to the general public. Sometimes it will not workwell for even the individual, but people fail to learn from the lessons of history. It

is not about owning property, but people who occupy government property must be responsible. This is why, like my colleague said from the other side, to develop a comprehensive data for all government assets, so that from time to time, they will be properly monitored.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if you go to Hill Station, for example, you will see some houses owned by government which are not properly taken care of. Some of the buildings are without occupants. People are not sleeping in those buildings and there is no proper care at all. If it were their personal property, I do not think whether they will abandon those properties. We have very little regard for government property in this country *[Applause]*. If this attitude does not change, our governments would not be boasting of anything good.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, sometimes we blame the government, but we are responsible for some of these problems. This is not about the government; it is about the the people because government is about people. It is the people that constitute government. These are the people who usually put the blame on the politicians, S.O [2] 'na da minista so.' That is not the case because **80%** of these properties are occupied by civil servants. We need to overhaul the mind-set of public servants. It is not only about the physical side of things, but also the mental side of it. People must change their attitudes in the way they handle government property.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the same driver who manhandles a government vehicle, is the same driver who takes great care of a private vehicle. Mr Speaker, these are good appeals we are making, but the people who are occupying these offices must ensure that their personal relationships should not determine what you do with such people. If it is the law, it is the law; and if it is prohibited, it is prohibited. Let us do it across the board without fear or favour. Let us look at this issue from a national outlook and not from a personal outlook or from personal interest. We all have personal interests, but we should not compromise the interest of this Nation. These are the things the government will show to the public as government property. If we destroy

everything that is owned by government, how do you expect government to progress? We are making a sad mistake and it would be unfair to the government itself.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the proposed Chairman has been approved by the Committee on Appointments and he is here to be approved by the entire House. I want to personally implore colleagues to approve him on the basis that we will also be monitoring his work. In other words, we will pay keen interest in his activities. He has to ensure that government property are retrieved and a data is maintained for future reference. Those who have built on government lands ought to know because they knew before they built on those lands.

Again, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the Ministry of Lands and the Environment has a role to play. It is not the Minister, but the middle level bureaucrats in the Ministry of Lands are the people who are causing the danger. We have had over seven Ministers in that Ministry, but the problems are still prevalent. It is not the Minister because the bureaucrats in that Ministry are just recycled. They misinform and misdirect the ministers for their personal gains. When the Minister is relieved of his/her duties, the civil servants stay; and when they stay, the same practice continues. Sometimes we attack the Minister wrongly. This should not be the case.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, parliamentarians only approve moneys, but we do not have the money. When you go to your constituency, people usually say S.O [2], 'na den dae eat govment money.' Where is the money coming from? We only approve moneys here, but we do not collect money. Our salaries are still not a thing to write home about, but we do our work. People do not even realise that coming to Parliament on daily basis costs money. We receive **Le400, 000** as sitting allowance per month. We have to attend five parliamentary sittings and go to your constituency. Despite all these challenges, we are not complaining because we are politicians. We must not complain because we do not deserve the right to complain. We complain when necessary *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the public servants are also using project vehicles for personal reasons, but they usually say, 'government does not have money.' They

will never move from those ministries. Government provides accommodation for them, vehicles, fuel, top-up, confectionaries etc.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, government assets belong to government and those are the things we own. What we lack in this country is maintenance culture. S.O [2] '*if na govment yon ar m go mek am'* 'but if na yu yon yu go mek am'. That attitude ought to change if we want to upkeep government assets. We should understand that government property is what we own. It is your property and our property.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I would like the nominee to make sure that things are done correctly. Let me not waste time to commend the President, Rtd Brigadier Julius Maada Bio for taking the prompt action [*Applause*]. It shows that where we need to commend the President, we would commend him. I am saying this because he has got rid of somebody who is very divisive, somebody who wants to bring friction rather than tranquillity to our political system. He is now the shortest serving Attorney-General and Minister of Justice in the history of Sierra Leone [*Laughter*]. If we should go by that, we will continue to give respect to the President for doing something in response to national interest, instead of personal interest. When people substitute national interest for personal interest, we will begin to have problems.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to say something on this issue. I will continue to say and point out the property that have been personalised by civil servants who are working for the government. I thank you very much, Mr Speaker [*Applause*].

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I want to thank the previous speaker very much for articulating with great eloquence, a matter of public concern. Frankly speaking, you have also re-echoed that public concern. I am just wondering whether we should just be talking and talking in this House without taking appropriate action [*Applause*]. Therefore, I want to recommend, for your consideration, that when we come to compose the Standing Committees under Section 93 of the Constitution, you give due regard to the provisions of Sub-sections 2, 3 and 4 of that provision of the Constitution. Perhaps, you should consider consulting amongst yourselves, as you have always done,

in the composition of Standing Committees, to constitute a committee specifically on this matter. It is a matter of burning concern to the public. It would greatly assist the work of government and more particularly the work of the Assets Commission. So, it is some food for thought for you.

Honourable Members, if there is a Committee, it certainly not amongst the Committees that I am going to announce later on. But if there is a Committee of that nature, then we would mandate that particular Committee to pay special attention to the work of the Assets Commission. May be that is one way of getting around the difficulties. Their remit would include special attention on the work of the Asset Commission. Therefore, I want you to bear that in mind when we come to the part of constituting the various Committees before we adjourn the House.

HON. DR ROLAND F. KARGBO: Mr Speaker, I am going to make a very short statement. I want to thank His Excellency for this nominee. I also want to thank the Committee on Appointments for vetting and presenting him to us. The Chairman of this Commission is a very important person, so also other Chairmen of other Commissions. We expect him to steer the activities of the Commission professionally.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to remind the nominee, we have not been able to go through the document to conduct a research on all documents that are related to this Commission, but I want to appeal to the nominee to do everything possible to put in place regulatory mechanisms through legislations that will serve as guidelines with regards the mandate, maintenance, acquisition and disposal of government properties. I want to see at the end of your tenure, mechanisms are being put in place to regulate government the use of property and assets. We are in this situation because we do not have guidelines to spell out what should be done with government assets. So, each person who comes in decides to do what he or she likes. I think this is not the right way and we must put an end to it. If we are going to make progress, we need to have some regulatory mechanisms that spell out what should be done with government property. I thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much for your contribution. I now give the Floor to the mother of Parliament, Honourable Veronica K. Sesay.

HON. VERONICA K. SESAY: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank His Excellency for this nominee. And let me tell you, S.O [2] 'talk am go talk am cam' our President is a very good coach. He has a very good team and each time you see His Excellency nominating somebody, that person is fit for the job. However, if you fall short, you would go and wait on the bench *[Applause]*.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, having gone through the nominee's resume, I must say he is fit for the job. In fact, he is over qualified. However, that does not warrant him to go and relax. As you heard from my colleagues about the Government property, those property are being acquired from the taxes we pay to government. These are taxes the women pay to government. I am making reference to the women because we are vulnerable. Each time they talk about taxes, it is very difficult because we are talking about **30%**, and **70%** work done in every sphere, for women. To take that amount from our little income to pay tax and the Government acquires any property that belongs to the nation you should be very mindful that you are either destroying or making this country

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the nominee has a very big task ahead. Sometimes when these people acquire Government quarters, they say it is Government property. For God sake, you have to be descent. If there is a crack on the walls, please take cement or board and repair the crack. This is because when you go, somebody else will definitely come to take your place. Sometimes they leave those places in bad shape because People always say it is Government property or Government money.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, let me talk about government vehicles. Sometimes my heart bleeds when I see government vehicles carrying wood, charcoal and other things. My colleagues on the other side have gone, but we the 'PAOPAs' are here and we are here to stay for ten years. The SLPP will even come for another ten years *[Applause]*. This is just the 'PAOPAs' and the other ten years is SLPP. Therefore, we

need to work together and maintain the standard. The President has sent you there to represent him.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, if you go and inspect the OAU Villas, you see what my colleagues have been saying. People have taken the law into their hands. Some are residing there with no document. They will go there and build whatever they want to build. They thought they would stay there for the rest of their lives. Today, you are gone, but there are other people who are going to stay there. I want to admonish the nominee to go there and crosscheck. You are not going there as SLPP or 'PAOPA,' but you are going there to represent the people of this country. Remember, another person from the 'PAOPA' or SLPP will go there to stay. Please, go and crosscheck those who are occupying these premises without proper maintenance. If you meet a Minister or Government functionary, but he/she fails to properly maintain his/her place, you have all right to ask him or her out because he/she needs to maintain and upkeep the standards of this country.

With those few words, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I humbly as my colleagues have said to hurriedly approve him because he needs to go and start work. The coach is waiting and the train is ready to go. I wish you good luck, if approved by this House. Make sure you work and let others follow. Thank you *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you for your contribution, Honourable Member. I will take two more speakers, one on the either side of the isle before we wind up the debate.

HON. SIRAJIN M. ROLLINGS-KAMARA: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to draw the attention of the nominee to the correlation his department or agency has with the Ministry of Transport. According to the Committee's Report, the nominee said that he would work with the Minister of Transport, who is in charge of all Government vehicles, to ensure that modalities are put in place to forestall theft of Government vehicles. I want to draw your attention to something that is very important. We used to have the Ministry of Works and Road Transport that service Government vehicles, but that practice has changed over time. Today, government vehicles are taken to local garages. Maybe, this is where we lost a lot of vehicles. I

think we have to review the work of the Ministry of Works, so that government vehicles are serviced by this Ministry, thereby providing jobs for young men and women in the country. This could also help to keep records of government vehicles because you now have a pool where these vehicles are serviced instead of these splinted garages. I think that is very important and it would also help us to manage our resources well. Thank you.

HON. P.C. SAHR YOUNGAI KONTANDAY MBRIWA II: Mr Speaker, I hail from Fiama Chiefdom, Kono District. I would like to join the previous speakers to thank His Excellency the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone for giving us this fine gentleman. I would personally wish to advise him that we are looking forward to success in this country. We are praying that he would rise to the presidential and the parliamentary confidence that is being placed on you. I do not know the scope of your work, but I am aware that land issue is a very sensitive issue, as well as Government assets. From what the other speakers have said, emphasis is being placed on assets, may be in Freetown and in the cities, but I am sure government has assets and properties across the country since the colonial period to date. May be, for some of the property in the provinces, we are not fully aware of their status simply because of bad governance. However, now that the Government has put a structure in place to investigate some of these issues, I am inclined to believe that you will be going to the provinces to meet the Chiefs. We are ready to give you the support and cooperation you will need. We need a clear policy on the scope of your work, so that when you go to our Chiefdoms, you will be given the full support and cooperation.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we know the District Commissioners used to have quarters, but those quarters are no longer in existence. There were also protected forests and we do not know whether they are Government property or not, but they were protected by the government. Also, maybe I am going far and wide, but even the Chiefdoms, there are Government assets and property. You may be aware that we have many inter-Chiefdoms, inter-districts as well as inter-provincial district boundary disputes. All these are assets and property that belong to Government, but they are not

been properly taken care of. This is why we have boundary disputes and they are negatively impacting on the peace and stability of the local people in these areas. We would be interested in knowing exactly how you are going to work with the Chiefdoms because they also have Government assets. How can we collaborate with you to ensure that you succeed should be your concern. So, it is a whole complex issue and it is going to take a lot. We are however looking forward to working with you. I want to say at this point that we wish you good luck and we pray that you live up to the expectations of the President as well as Parliament. Thank you, Mr Speaker *[Applause]*.

THE SPEAKER: I thank the Honourable Paramount Chief for his contribution. We now wind up the debate and I call on the Leader of the Opposition.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH *[Leader of the Opposition]*: Mr Speaker, I keep reminding you on a daily basis that you cannot run away from the majority because it is extant. However, thank you very much. All those who have spoken before me have done their best, but fortunately I was part of the interview yesterday and the shortest advice I proffered had to do with working of the Assets Commission is relationship with; i.e., the now Ministry of Housing. Housing has been separated from Works. I wonder why the proposed Chairman of the Works Committee is chasing the Asset Commission. I want to tell him that Housing has been moved from Works and has been appendage to the Ministry of Lands. The nomenclature of the Minister we approved in this Well, is Minister of Lands, Housing and the Environment. So, the Committee on Works should think about this.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the other major asset of Government has to do with Government vehicles as other speakers have said. This again is under the purview of the Ministry of Transport and not the Ministry of Works. These form the bulk of Government assets; i.e., land, vehicles and real property. These are the three assets that are outside the remit of the Ministry of Works. As a Parliament, we would cooperate and support the Chairman, if approved by this House. I will make that recommendation because I did so in the Committee. I will also do it this morning to recommend for his approval. We should support him in whatever form. He is a very

young man. I think I knew him when we were in school. He was slightly my senior, *[Laughter]*. We should support him because it is difficult to succeed alone.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the ideas to support the nominee should come from all the corners of this House. We have neighbours who stay in Government property and they are also using Government vehicles. The information must filter down and it is our responsibility as patriotic citizens, so that we can support the right course. I have just learnt this morning that there is a party called 'PAOPA'. I thought that the 'PAOPA' is an extension of the SLPP. I learnt that from the mother of the House. Today, we have a party called 'PAOPA.' I will be looking at the PPRC register to confirm whether that party is registered *[Laughter]*. Maybe it is registered somewhere in Moyamba and not in Karene.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, I know of two; one is called 'PAOPA' and the other is called 'TOLONGBO' *[Applause]*.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, I agreed with you, but the distinction here is that 'TOLONGBO' is APC. For 'PAOPA,' we have just been told that it is not SLPP. That is the distinction and that distinction is serious. In any case, I want to recommend two things: we collectively support the Chairman after he has been approved by the House and I want to encourage all of us to approve his nomination. I thank you very much *[Applause]*

THE SPEAKER: I thank you for your contribution, Honourable Member. I call on the Honourable Leader of Government Business.

HON. SIDI M. TUNIS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to thank my colleagues for supporting our nominee. He is a gentleman and he is very good. He has a very good track record and he is a successful business man. I only want to remind him that the job of the Chairman of this Commission is so important and the task is daunting. I want to assure him of our support in this Parliament and I will, at this point, call on the Ministry of Finance, especially the Minister and the Financial Secretary, to ensure that they give him all the support. We should not just have a Commission. If we

have a Commission without the necessary finances to work, it is not going anywhere and indeed it is very important at this stage to have a Commission that would actually look at Government assets. Assets of Government are scattered all over the country and nobody seems to be in control. I am therefore hoping that the Ministry of Finance will provide every support to this Commission to ensure that they carry out their duties. Thank you very much *[Applause]*.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Motion of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service has been carried]

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, permit me, as a Speaker. It is my pleasure and pride to take this opportunity, considering the fact that not too long ago, I was head of the ECOWAS, where I represented the entire sub-region, but in particular my country, Sierra Leone in the position of an Executive Secretary of ECOWAS. It is now my pleasure to announce that we have in our midst a very important delegation from ECOWAS, headed by Honourable Edwin Melvin Snowe from Liberia *[Applause]*. And the other Members of the delegation are Honourable Mahama Arariga from Ghana, Honourable Marie Fofanah from Guinea, Honourable Sele Polli from Cote D'voire, Honourable Christopher Chair from Togo and we have Ambassador Babatunde Abayumi, Special Representative of the resident of the ECOWAS Commission in Liberia. They are accompanied by Mr Umaru, who is their Clerk *[Applause]*. They are visiting us as a follow up to the work that they undertook here some two months ago. We welcome them to Sierra Leone and we wish them well. Thank you for coming.

Honourable Members, on behalf of the House, I wish to congratulate and extend our warmest felicitations to Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray, who has just been approved by the House for the position of Chairman, National Assets and Government Property Commission. Mr Abu Hindolo Moseray has heard from the speakers who have taken the Floor, the great tribute paid to his ability and his competence. And indeed, I think the entire House would like to acknowledge that he is fully qualified to occupy the position for which His Excellency has nominated him. We wish you well. We believe and hope that indeed you will discharge your responsibilities with a high sense of commitment

and purpose that you will not let neither His Excellency down, nor this Honourable House or the general public. The confidence and trust reposed in you will be with you throughout your tenure. We hope it would last for the next five years and we are very pleased that you have been nominated and approved for that position. We hold you in high confidence and we do hope you will discharge your responsibilities with distinction. Thank you and you are now released to go and execute your tasks *[Applause]*.

Honourable Members, it is now my pleasant duty to announce Members of the various Sessional Select Committees. Under the relevant provisions of our Constitution, these lists have been provided after consultations between the various Leaders of the political parties represented in this House.

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Honourable Segepoh Thomas	- Chairman
Honourable Lahai Marah	- Deputy Chairman
Honourable Emilia Loloh Tongi	- Member
Honourable Boston Munda	- Member
Honourable Francis Amara Kaisamba	- Member
Honourable Alusine Kanneh	- Member
Honourable Peter Musa Moigua	- Member
Honourable Alhassan Jero Kamara	- Member
Honourable Salieu Osman Sesay	- Member
Honourable Osman Abdal Timbo	- Member
Honourable Ibrahim Aziz Bangura	- Member

2. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Honourable Daniel Brima Koroma	- Chairman
Honourable Osman Abdal Timbo	- Deputy Chairman
Honourable Segepoh Thomas	- Member
Honourable Alpha Amadu Bah	- Member
Honourable Chernor R.M. Bah	- Member
Honourable Ajibola Manly-Spaine	- Member

Honourable John Sati Kargbo - Member
Honourable Abdul Turay - Member
Honourable Mohamed Kanneh - Member
Honourable Keikura Vandy - Member
Honourable Foday M. Kamara - Member
Honourable Yusuf Mackery - Member
Honourable Maada Afiju Kanja - Member
Honourable Musa Lahai - Member
Honourable Komba Kamanda - Member
Honourable P.C PFDK Marah iii - Member

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Honourable Francis Amara Kaisamba - Chairman
Honourable Moses Andrew Edwin - Deputy Chairman
Honourable Mohamed F. Lansana - Member
Honourable Ibrahim Tawa Conteh - Member
Honourable Mohamed Kanneh - Member
Honourable Mohamed Musa Lahai - Member
Honourable Alimamy A.O. Kamara - Member
Honourable Lahai Marah - Member
Honourable Rose Marie Bangura - Member
Honourable Alusine Marah - Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Kamara [Constituency 59] - Member
Honourable Ariatu A. Bangura - Member
Honourable Hassan Abdul Sesay - Member
Honourable Salieu Osman Sesay - Member
Honourable P.C. Sahr Youngai K. Mbiriwa - Member

4. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Honourable Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella - Chairman
Honourable Foday Mario Kamara - Deputy Chairman

Honourable Abdul Titus Kamara	- Member
Honourable Mohamed Bilu Shaw	- Member
Honourable Simeon Fefegula	- Member
Honourable Bernadette W. Songa	- Member
Honourable Emilia Lolloh Tongai	- Member
Honourable Musa Sellu	- Member
Honourable Mohamed Kanneh	- Member
Honourable Mohamed N'fa Sorie G. Koroma	- Member
Honourable Ibrahim Aziz Bangura	- Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Kamara	- Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Koroma	- Member
Honourable Ibrahim Kamara	- Member
Honourable P.C. Prince Mambu Pewa	- Member

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I am sure we have more than one Ibrahim Kamara here. So, sometimes it is better we indicate the Constituency number against the name to avoid confusion. I would only allow corrections at this stage. If I mispronounced or misspelt somebody's name that is what I would encourage at this point.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Honourable Hindolo Moiwo Gevao	- Chairman
Honourable Catherine Zainab Tarawally	- Deputy Chairman
Honourable Osman Wurie Jalloh	- Member
Honourable Momoh Bockarie	- Member
Honourable Mohamed Konneh	- Member
Honourable Nenneh Lebbie	- Member
Honourable Ishmail Sama Sandi	- Member
Honourable Abu Kemokai	- Member
Honourable Brimah Mansaray	- Member
Honourable Mohamed Kabia	- Member
Honourable Ibrahim Kamara [Constituency 59]	- Member

HON. IBRAHIM KAMARA: Mr Speaker I am Honourable Ibrahim Kamara, Constituency 063, Karene District.

THE SPEAKER: We proceed, Honourable Members.

Honourable Emmanuel Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Ajibola Mani-Spaine	-	Member
Honourable Alpha Amadu Bah	-	Member
Honourable Foday Lamin Kabba	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Kandeh Finnoh III	-	Member

6. MINES AND MINERALS COMMITTEE

Honourable Sahr Emerson Lamina	-	Chairman
Honourable Amadu Kanu	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Musa Fofanah	-	Member
Honourable Musa Fofanah	-	Member
Honourable Rebecca Yei Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Komba Kamanda	-	Member
Honourable Dickson Momoh Rogers	-	Member
Honourable Bai Sama Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Bashiru Silikie	-	Member
Honourable Alex Mattia Rogers	-	Member
Honourable Moses B. Jorkie	-	Member
Honourable Boston Munda	-	Member
Honourable Hassan A. Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Kusan Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Issac Tarawally	-	Member
Honourable Issic Tom Tucker	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Sahr Youngai Kontanday Mbriwa II	-	Member

7. HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

Honourable Moses Jorkie	-	Chairman
Honourable Bernadette Songa	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Dickson Momoh Rogers	-	Member

Honourable Abubakarr Fofanah	-	Member
Honourable Josephine Makieu	-	Member
Honourable Maada Hafiju Kanja	-	Member
Honourable Mathew Sahr Nyuma	-	Member
Honourable Sattie Banya	-	Member
Honourable N’fah Sorie G. Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Emmanuel Alieu Koroma	-	Member
Honourable James Ozan Tholley	-	Member
Honourable Haja Miata Amara	-	Member
Honourable Cecilia Mabinty Bangura	-	Member
Honourable Abdulai Daniel Sesay	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Prince M Pewa	-	Member

For the avoidance of doubt, let me go over the names again here. I have Honourable Abubakarr Fofanaah – Member and he is the Honourable Member from the SLPP. I also have Honourable Abubakarr Fofanah, Member, APC. Could this mean the two of them are members of this Committee.

8. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Honourable Sahr Francis Bendu	-	Chairman
Honourable Musa Sheika Sama	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Mario Foday Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Mohamed S. Rahman Coker	-	Member
Honourable Ambrose Maada Lebbie	-	Member
Honourable Abu Kemokai	-	Member
Honourable Bernadette Songa	-	Member
Honourable Peter Musa Moigua	-	Member
Honourable Sahr Charles	-	Member
Honourable Mamoud M. Kalokoh	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Kamara Con. 69]	-	Member
Honourable Rugiatu Rosie Kanu	-	Member
Honourable Yamba Peter Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Hajaratu Faith Samura	-	Member

Honourable Abdul Turay - Member,
Honourable P.C. Foray C. Gbondo II - Member

HON. MAC MAMOUD KALOKOH [DR]: My name should read Mac Mamoud Kalokoh and in bracket Doctor, Honorary Souza.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Mac Mamoud Kalokoh, please take note. Are you asking for the Doctor against your name?

HON. MAC MAMOUD KALOKOH: Yes Sir.

THE SPEAKER: In this House, I do not think I will adopt that doctor. You have to work very hard and earn it before I call you doctor. We move on.

9. TERTIARY EDUCATION & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Honourable Alimamy A O Kamara - Chairman
Honourable Mohamed S. Rahman Coker - Deputy Chairman
Honourable Maada Hafiju Kanja - Member
Honourable Musa Peter Moigua - Member
Honourable Festus M Lansana - Member
Honourable Mohamed Billow Shaw - Member
Honourable Aiah S. Kassegbema - Member
Honourable Mohamed F. Lansana - Member
Honourable Quinton Salia Konneh - Member
Honourable Bai Sama Kamara - Member
Honourable Rugiatu Rossy Kanu - Member
Honourable Aaron Aruna Koroma - Member
Honourable Osman Abdal Timbo - Member
Honourable Alusine Osaio Kamara - Member
Honourable Momoh Kamara - Member
Honourabl P.C. Alie Badara Sheriff - Member

10. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Honourable Dominic T J Lavalie	-	Chairman
Honourable Joseph William Lamin	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Christopher Vandy	-	Member
Honourable Nenneh Lebbie	-	Member
Honourable Bernadette Songa	-	Member
Honourable Sheku Munir Turay	-	Member
Honourable Dickson Momoh Rogers	-	Member
Honourable Francis Amara Kai Samba	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Kamara [59]	-	Member
Honourable Alusine Bash Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Foday Roland Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Karim Koroma [APC]	-	Member
Honourable Alusine Marah	-	Member
Honourable Kussan Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Haja Miata Amara	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Cyril Gbondo II	-	Member

11. AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Honourable Salieu O Sesay	-	Chairman
Honourable Aaron Aruna Koroma	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Abdul Karim Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Daniel Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Alhassan Jero Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Kemokoh Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Amadu Kanu	-	Member
Honourable Mohamed S. Rahman Coker	-	Member
Honourable Ishmail Sama Sandy	-	Member
Honourable Josephine Makieu	-	Member
Honourable Alice J Kumabeh	-	Member
Honourable Yusuf Mackery	-	Member
Honourable Bai Sama Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Eya D S Kassegbama	-	Member

Honourable Musa Sheika Sama - Member
Honourable Paramount Chief Matilda Y M. Lansana - Member

12. FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Honourable Nenneh Lebbie - Chairman
Honourable Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh - Deputy Chairman
Honourable Joseph Mohamed Lamin - Member
Honourable Satie Banya - Member
Honourable Ambrose Maada Lebbby - Member
Honourable Osman Wurie Jalloh - Member
Honourable Peter Musa Moigua - Member
Honourable Abdul Titus Kamara - Member
Honourable Momodu Eskimo Mansaray - Member
Honourable Hajaratu Faith Samura - Member
Honourable Catherine Zainab Tarawallie - Member
Honourable Yamba Peter Koroma - Member
Honourable Cecilia Mabinty Bangura - Member
Honourable Kadiatu Davies - Member
Honourable Ahmed Samba Turay - Member
Honourable P.C. Damba K. F. Marah III - Member

13. TRADE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay - Chairman
Honourable Charles Osman Abdulai - Deputy Chairman
Honourable Joseph Abdul B. Kamara - Member
Honourable Abubakarr Fofanah - Member
Honourable Sahr Juana - Member
Honourable Bai Sama Kamara - Member
Honourable Osman Wurie Jalloh - Member
Honourable Francis S. Bendu - Member
Honourable Alhaji Jihadi - Member
Honourable Ibrahim Conteh - Member
Honourable Momoh Kamara - Member

Honourable Unpha Sorie Gbassay Koroma	-	Member
Honourable Abu Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Turay	-	Member
Honourable Ahmed Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Bintu H. F. K. Mema Koroma	-	Member

14. DEFENCE AND PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Honourable Maada Hafiju Kanjia	-	Chairman
Honourable Musa Lahai	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Aloysius B. Ansumana	-	Member
Honourable Edward George	-	Member
Honourable Moiwa Hindowa Gevao	-	Member
Honourable Paul Saa Sam	-	Member
Honourable Francis A. Kaisamba	-	Member
Honourable Joseph Abdul B. Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Alusine Osaio Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Abu Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Momodu E. Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Hassan Sankoh	-	Member
Honourable Foday B. Sillah	-	Member
Honourable Issic Tarawally	-	Member
Honourable Mohamed Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Kangbai J. Macavouray	-	Member

15. INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Honourable Alusine Kanneh	-	Chairman
Honourable Sarty Banya	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Charles Usman Abdulai	-	Chairman
Honourable Momoh Bobor Bockarie	-	Member
Honourable Mustapha Musa Sellu	-	Member
Honourable Massay Aruna	-	Member
Honourable Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh	-	Member
Honourable Musa Shiaka Sama	-	Member

Honourable Ibrahim Bun Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Alimamy Brun Kanu	-	Member
Honourable Emmanuel Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Lamin Foday Kabbah	-	Member
Honourable Rollings S.M. Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Latiff Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Rugiatu Rossy Kanu	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Alie Badara Sheriff	-	Member

[Suspension of S.O 5 [2] being 12:00 noon

16. ENERGY COMMITTEE

Honourable Christopher Vandy	-	Chairman
Honourable Eya S. Kassegbema	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Dr Kandeh Yumkella	-	Member
Honourable Sahr Egninda Juana	-	Member
Honourable Massay Aruna	-	Member
Honourable Moses Edwin	-	Member
Honourable Christopher Vandy	-	Member
Honourable Paul Saa Sama	-	Member
Honourable Ibrahim Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Hassan Sankoh	-	Member
Honourable Osman Abdal Timbo	-	Member
Honourable Alhaji Soriba Turay	-	Member
Honourable Alimamy Brun Kanu	-	Member
Honourable John Charles Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Hajaratu Faith Samura	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Kandeh Wusu Sesay III	-	Member

17. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Honourable Mathew Sahr Nyuma	-	Chairman
Honourable Mohamed Bangura	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Abubakarr Fofanah	-	Member
Honourable Bashiru Silikie	-	Member

Honourable Veronica Kadie Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Musa Lahai	-	Member
Honourable Alusine Kanneh	-	Member
Honourable Boston Munda	-	Member
Honourable Hassan Abdoul Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Ibrahim Ben Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Hassan Sankoh	-	Member
Honourable Papa Abdulai Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Foday A.B. Sillah	-	Member
Hon P.C. Bai Kurr Kasanka III	-	Member

18. TRANSPORT AND AVIATION COMMITTEE

Honourable Dickson Momoh Rogers	-	Chairman
Honourable Sahr Joana	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Edward George	-	Member
Honourable Yusuf Mackery	-	Member
Honourable Mathew Nyuma	-	Member
Honourable Bashiru Silikie	-	Member
Honourable Alex Mattia Rogers	-	Member
Honourable Timbo Wuroh Jalloh	-	Member
Honourable John Sattie Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Alusine Osaio Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Ibrahim Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Mohamed S. A. Carew	-	Member
Honourable Abu Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Sirajin R. M. Kamara	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Bai Shebora Gberek III	-	Member

19. TOURISM COMMITTEE

Honourable Issic Tom Tucker	-	Chairman
Honourable Rosemarie Bangura	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Alhadi Lihadi	-	Member

Honourable Mohamed C.K. Sheriff	-	Member
Honourable John Charles Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Kadiatu Davies	-	Member
Honourable Momoh Kamara	-	Member
Honourable Samuel G. Panda	-	Member
Honourable Charles Osman Abdulai	-	Member
Honourable Aloysious Ansumana	-	Member
Honourable Bernadette Songa	-	Member
Honourable Alex M Rogers	-	Member
Honourable Moses Andrew Edwin	-	Member
Honourable Brimah Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Rebecca Yei Kamara	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Kandeh W. Sesay III	-	Member

20. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Honourable Abu Kemokai	-	Chairman
Honourable Emelia L Tongi	-	Deputy Chairman
Honourable Rahman Coker	-	Member
Honourable Mohamed Billow Shaw	-	Member
Honourable Musa Fofanah	-	Member
Honourable Samuel Panda	-	Member
Honourable Munirr Sheku Turay	-	Member
Honourable Brimah Mansaray	-	Member
Honourable Emmanuel Conteh	-	Member
Honourable Abdulai Daniel Sesay	-	Member
Honourable Alimamy Brun Kanu	-	Member
Honourable Papa Abdulai Kargbo	-	Member
Honourable Isacc Tarawallie	-	Member
Honourable James Ozan Tholley	-	Member
Honourable Abdul Latiff Sesay	-	Member
Honourable P.C. Bai Kurr K. Sanka III	-	Member

21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Hon. Kemokoh Conteh	Chairman
Hon. Daniel Abdulai Sesay	Deputy Chairman
Hon. Alusine Kainde Alu-Conteh	Member
Hon. Alhadi Lihadi	Member
Hon. John Sattie Kargbo	Member
Hon Zainab Cathrine Tarawallie	Member
Hon. Haja Miatta Amara	Member
Hon. Brima Mansaray	Member
Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	Member
Hon. Sartie Banya	Member
Hon. Simeon Fefegula	Member
Hon. Moiwa Hindolo Gevao	Member
Hon. Bai Sama Kamara	Member
Hon. Abdul Titus Kamara	Member
Hon. Sahr Charles	Member
Hon. P.C. Kandeh Finoh III	Member

22. LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

1	Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara	Chairman	Apc
2	Hon. Kusan Sesay	Deputy Chairman	Apc

3	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Timbo Worrer Jalloh	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Ahmed Mansaray	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Moses B. Jorkie	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	Member	Slpp
10	Hon. Moses Andrew Edwin	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Osman Wurie Jalloh	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Foday Musa Ba. Jalloh	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Mohamed S. Rahman-Coker	Member	Slpp
14	Hon. Musa Fofana	Member	C4c
15	Hon. Emilia L Tongi	Member	Independent
16	Hon. P.C. Bai Farma T. B. Ngbnak Iv	Member	P.C

Lands, Country Planning And Environment Committee

The Speaker: Hon. Leader Of The Opposition Do You Have Any Comments To Make? Let Me Read The Name Of The Committee, I Pay Attention Whenever You Take The Floor. Lands, Country Planning And The Environment Committee Do You Have Any Corrections To Make? You Did Mention A Little While Ago Something Concerning House, Would You Like Us To Insert It Here? I Am Giving You The Opportunity To Do The Correction Now The President Has Exercised His Own Prerogative, Take The Queue From That.

Leader Of The Opposition, Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah: I Take The Queue From That

The Speaker: Thank You. So?

Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah: So For It To...

The Speaker: In Light Of Your Own Amendment A Little While Ago?

Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah: Mr Speaker, With Your Permission, I Want The Committee To Read As Pronounced By His Excellency The President: Lands, Housing And Environment Committee

The Speaker: Thank You, So It Shall Be. Leader Of Government Business Please Take Note. We Go On.

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Quintin Salia-Konneh	Chairman	Independent
2	Rebecca Yei Kamara	Deputy Chairman	C4c
3	Hon. Kadiatu Davies	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Timbo Worrer Jalloh	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Abdul Latiff Sesay	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Abu Backarr Fofannah	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Alhaji Sorriba Turay	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	Member	Apc
9	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	Member	Apc
10	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Alex Mattia Rogers	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Yusuf Mackery	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Edward George	Member	Slpp
14	Hon. Joseph Abdul B. Kamara	Member	Slpp
15	Hon. Massay N'gahintay Aruna	Member	Slpp
16	Hon. P.C Bai F.T.B. Gbnak Iv	Member	P.C

The Speaker: We Move On

Transparency& Accountability Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Mohamed Festus Lansana	Chairman	Slpp
2	Hon. Maada Ambrose Lebbay	Deputy Chairman	Slpp
3	Hon. Sahr Egbinda Juana	Member	Slpp
4	Hon. Edward George	Member	Slpp
5	Hon. Massay N.Aruna	Member	Slpp
6	Hon. Musa B. Foray Jalloh	Member	Slpp
7	Hon. Osman Wurie Jalloh	Member	Slpp
8	Hon. Samuel Genewai Panda	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Hariatu M. Bangura	Member	Apc
10	Hon. Hassan Abdoul Sesay	Member	Apc
11	Hon. Samba Paul Conteh	Member	Apc
12	Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma	Member	Apc
13	Hon. Ahmed Samba Turay	Member	Apc
14	Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma	Member	Apc
16	Hon. P.C Kangbai J. Makavory	Member	P.C

Social Services Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Hassan Abdoul Sesay	Chairman	Apc

2	Hon. Alhassan Jero Kamara	Deputy Chairman	Apc
3	Hon. Haja Miatta Amara	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Cecilia Mabinty Bangura	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Hariyatu A.Bangura	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Mohamed Kabia	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Foday Abu B. Sillah	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Simeon Fefegula	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Moiwa Hindolo Gevao	Member	Slpp
10	Hon. Alice Jebbeh Kumabeh	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Joseph William Lamin	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Maada Ambrose Leby	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Osman Wurie Jalloh	Member	Slpp
14	Hon. Titus Abdul Kamara	Member	Ngc
15	Hon. Paul Saa Sam	Member	C4c
16	Hon. P.C. Bai S. Sheba.Gberh Iii	Member	P.C

Works, Housing And Assets Committee

The Speaker: I Hope Proper Correction Would Be Made Later.

Hon: Sorry Mr Speaker, It's Works And Public Asset Because Already Housing Is In The Ministry Of Lands, So The President Pronounced It As Ministry Of Works And Public Asset.

The Speaker: So It Should Read What? Works

Hon. : And Public Assets

The Speaker: Thank You For The Correction.

Works And Public Assets Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Bashiru Silikie	Chairman	Slpp
2	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	Deputy Chairman	Slpp
3	Hon. Foray Bamba Musa Jalloh	Member	Slpp
4	Hon. Sheku Munirr Turay	Member	Slpp
5	Hon. Alimamy O. Kamara	Member	Slpp
6	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	Member	C4c
7	Hon. Simeon Fefegula	Member	Slpp
8	Hon. Moiwa Hondolo Gevaio	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Kemokoh Conteh	Member	Apc
10	Hon. Samba Paul Conteh	Member	Apc
11	Hon. Saidu Babah Kamara	Member	Apc
12	Hon. Lahai Marah	Member	Apc
13	Hon. Amadu M. Kanu	Member	Apc
14	Sallieu Osman Sesay	Member	Apc
15	Hon. Sheriff Mohamed Kassim Carew	Member	Apc
16	Hon. P.C. Bai Shebora S. Gberah Iii	Member	P.C

Youth Affairs Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
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1	Hon. Abdul Kargbo	Chairman	Apc
2	Hon. Abdul Karim (59) Kamara	Deputy Chairman	Apc
3	Hon. Momoh Kamara	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Abdul Latiff Sesay	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Mohamed Bangura	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Alusine Bash Kamara	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Rose Marrie Bangura	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Yusuf Mackery	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Dominic J. T.Lavalie	Member	Slpp
10	Hon. Samuel Panda	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Aloysious B. Ansumana	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Paul Saa Sam	Member	C4c
13	Hon. Francis Saa Bhendu	Member	C4c
14	Hon. Quintin Salia-Konneh	Member	Independent
15	Hon. Sheku Munirr Turay	Member	Slpp
16	Hon. P.C Balansama A. Marrah Ii	Member	P.C

Sports Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Alusine Kainde Alu-Conteh	Chairman	Apc
2	Hon. Rollings Siraji Munirr Kamara	Deputy Chairman	Apc

3	Hon. Samba Paul Conteh	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Abu Backarr Forfannah	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Mohamed Kabia	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Alpha Amadu Bah	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Momodu Eskimo Mansaray	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Alusine Kanneh	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Ibrahim Tawa Conteh	Member	Slpp
10	Hon. Mohamed Billow Shaw	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Samuel G. Panda	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Abu Kemokai	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Maada Ambrose Lebby	Member	Slpp
14	Hon. Sahr Charlse	Member	C4c
15	Hon. Bai Sama Kamara	Member	Ngc
16	Hon. Alie B.Marrah Iii	Member	P.C

Nacsa/Ngos Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Foday Roland Kargbo	Chairman	Apc
2	Hon. Alusine Marah	Deputy Chairman	Apc
3	Hon. Abu Backarr Forfannah	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Abdul Karim(59) Kamara	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Abdul Karim(69) Kamara	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Papa Abdulai Kargbo	Member	Apc

7	Hon. Yamba Peter Koroma	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Charlse Abdulai	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Ishmail Sama Sandy	Member	Slpp
10	Hon. Joseph Abdul B. Kamara	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Komba Kamanda	Member	C4c
12	Hon. Dominic J. Lavalie-Tshombe	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	Member	Slpp
14	Hon. Josephine Makiew	Member	Slpp
15	Hon. Aloysius B. Ansumana	Member	Slpp
16	Hon. P.C Matilda Y.M. Lansana	Member	P.C

The Ethics Committee

No.	Names	Positions	Party
1	Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo	Chairman	Apc
2	Hon. Alusine Osaio Kamara	Deputy Chairman	Apc
3	Hon. Chernor R.M. Bah	Member	Apc
4	Hon. Mahmoud Mark Kallokoh	Member	Apc
5	Hon. Agibola Emanuel Manly-Spain	Member	Apc
6	Hon. Foday Roland Kargbo	Member	Apc
7	Hon. Alusine Kainde Alu-Conteh	Member	Apc
8	Hon. Neneh Lebbie	Member	Slpp
9	Hon. Veronica K. Sesay	Member	Slpp

10	Hon. Francis A. Kaisamba	Member	Slpp
11	Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma	Member	Slpp
12	Hon. Abu Bakarr Fofana	Member	Slpp
13	Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina	Member	C4c
14	Hon. Moses B. Jorkie	Member	Slpp
15	Hon. Musa Sheika Sama	Member	Independent
16	Hon. P.C. Haja Fatmata K.M.B.Koroma	Member	P.C

HON. SIDIE MOHAMED TUNIS **LEADER SLPP**

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH **LEADER APC**

HON. SAA EMERSON LAMINA **LEADER C4C**

HON. KANDEH K. YUMKELLA **LEADER NGC**

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CLERK OF PARLIAMENT

HON. PARAN UMAR TARAWALLY

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SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT

HON. DR. ABASS CHERNOR BUNDU

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, can I have a Motion for the adoption of the names of the various Committees as read out?

HON. SIDIE MOHAMED TUNIS: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I move that the Sessional Committees as read by the Honourable Speaker be adopted by the House.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[Sessional Select Committees and Membership, as announced by the Honourable Speaker, have been carried]

IV. LAYING OF PAPER

HON. SOLOMON SEGEPO THOMAS, CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

HON. SEGEPO THOMAS *[Deputy Speaker of Parliament]*: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, here is the Auditor-General's Report on Accounts of Sierra Leone 2016. Mr Speaker, it is strange that this Report was not laid in this House during the last Parliament. In fact, during the last Parliament, I noticed that this Report was brought to Parliament for distribution to Members of Parliament. Unfortunately, this document was speedily withdrawn. I do not want to enquire as to why this document was withdrawn, but as a Committee, we will take the recommendations in this Report very seriously. This has always been the case in the Republic of Sierra Leone. We spend huge resources on institutions to investigate certain matters, but at the end of the day, when these reports are produced and recommendations are preferred, they lay waste.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, as a Committee and as a member of a responsible Government, we want things to be done differently this time. I intend, as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, to follow the recommendations of this report to the latter. In the circumstance therefore, I crave your kind indulgence to table the Report of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of Sierra Leone, 2016.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Member, leave is so granted, but let me foreshadow here and now that unlike previous years when the reports were allowed to gather dust, this time around, the fullest debate will be encouraged on the report of the Auditor-General 2016 *[Applause]*.

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand on S.O. 25, in tandem with Section 119 subsection 5 of the Constitution.

THE SPEAKER: SO what?

HON. BASHIRU SILIKIE: Mr Speaker, I stand on S.O. 25 to give a 'Notice of Motion,' in tandem with Section 119, Sub-section 5 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone.

Considering the importance of this document, I move that we debate this document as presented by the Deputy Speaker of the House. Thank you.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Do I have your permission, Mr Speaker?

THE SPEAKER: Before I ask for a seconder?

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Yes, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Okay, you have the Floor.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, during the course of the Presidential debate, I vividly remember making a submission; vis-à-vis, the relationship between the PAC and that of the Office of the Auditor-General. The Public Accounts Committee is a special Committee of this House. That is why if you look at the Standing Orders, the membership is lesser than all Select Committees. I did say on that very day that the Office of the Auditor-General is an office under Parliament. The concept of the Public Accounts Committee is something that we borrowed from the Westminster style of governance. The report that has just been laid contained queries and opinions proffered by the Auditor-General. This is clearly stated in the report itself. It is now the duty of the Public Accounts Committee to take ownership of the report and work in collaboration with Office of the Auditor-General who will provide the expertise needed in ensuring that we do a perfect job. Mr Speaker, I hope you are with me?

THE SPEAKER: I am listening, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Thank you very much sir. Debating the report before hearings are held by the PAC is like putting the 'cart before the horse' and that is the procedure all over the world. Fortunately, the Auditor-General is here with some of her most senior staff. In recent years, we have made tremendous progress as far as the office of the Auditor-General and the PAC are concerned in the Republic of Sierra Leone. I said it and I am going to repeat it again that before we entertain that particular Motion, we have to go back and confirm what the procedure is, so that we

will not make a mistake. This is very serious and I am kindly asking your indulgence to ensure that this Motion is deferred.

THE SPEAKER: It is only a Notice of Motion, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: The perception, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: It is only a Notice of Motion that the Honourable Member has tabled and it is not yet the Substantive Motion. Honourable Leader of the Opposition, I am sure you will agree with me that it is in the public interest that this report be debated at an appropriate time.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: We should ensure that we follow procedure, but we have to do what is right and nobody will disagree with you on that.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you, Honourable Member.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: If we fail to follow procedures, we will also face the wrath of the very public we are trying to please.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. On that note, we shall duly follow the procedures scrupulously.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Thank you very much sir.

THE SPEAKER: So far, what is before the House is a Notice of Motion and not a Substantive Motion. It will come in due course. Honourable Leader of the Opposition, I think I resolute here the intention of every Member of this House that unlike previous years, it is the intention of this House that we debate the report of the Auditor-General that has just been laid before the House [*Applause*]. In fact, not only this report, but all previous reports that have been allowed to gather dust over the years [*Applause*]. I am sure you will agree with me on that.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Mr Speaker, as I said earlier and I will repeat that again there is nothing Members of Parliament can go against that falls within the rules of this House. I also want to assure you that the last report before this, hearings were held, the report of the Public Accounts Committee which is what is supposed to be debated,

was tabled in this House and debated. I agree with you because as the public is waiting. They are watching and we have to follow procedures. That is all I wanted to say.

THE SPEAKER: Let me assure you, without a doubt in my mind, that all procedures will be faithfully followed.

HON. CHERNOR R.M. BAH: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ORGANISATIONS

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, please listen attentively to the announcement of Membership to International Organisations.

1. INTER PARLIAMENTARY UNION [IPU]

Hon. Neneh Lebbie	Head of Delegation
Hon. Moses Baimba Jorkie	Deputy
Hon. Sahr Juana	Member
Hon. Josephine Makieue	Member
Hon. Osman Abdul Timbo	Member
Hon. Daniel Koroma	Member
Hon. Hajaratu Faith Samura	Member
Hon. Kemokoh Conteh	Member
Hon. Abdul Kamara	Member
Hon. Rebecca Yei Kamara	Member
Hon. Emilia Lolloh Tongi	Member
Hon. Joseph William Lamin	Member
Hon. P. C. Bai Shebora Sheba Gberh III	Member
Hon. P. C. Bai Farama Tass Bubu Ngbak IV	Member
Hon. Maada Hafiju Kanja	Member
Hon. Mustapha Musa Sellu	Member

2. COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION [CPA]

Hon. Dr Abass Chernor Bundu	Leader of Delegation
Hon. Sidie M. Tunis	Desk Officer
Hon. Chernor R. M. Bah	Desk Officer
Hon. Mohamed Billoh Shaw	Member
Hon. Massy Ngahinteh Aruna	Member
Hon. Mohamed Bangura	Member
Hon. Khadijatu Davies	Member
Hon. Musa Fofanah	Member
Hon. P. C. Haja Bintu Fatmata Meama Kajue Koroma V1	Member
Hon. Umaru Paran Tarawally	Secretary

3. THE PAN-AFRICA PARLIAMENT

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the last time we constituted this delegation to the Pan-African Parliament, I was told it was rejected for non-compliance with the relevant protocol. We are therefore compelled to review our membership of this delegation and our membership. The delegation list now reads as follows:

Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas	Leader of Delegation
Hon. Bashiru Silikie	Deputy Leader
Hon. Dr Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella	Member
Hon. Rose Marie Bangura	Member
Hon. P. C. Fasalie Kulako Demba Marah III	Member

Honourable Members, I want somebody to move

HON CHERNOR R. M. BAH: Mr speaker, I want to confirm that the last list which was read is not in compliance with what was agreed by the two leaders; i.e., myself and the Leader of Government Business. On that note, I am kindly requesting that this particular list is put on hold. The names that were submitted by parties are not the names that have been read out.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, after due consultations, I will like to withdraw the list of delegation for the Pan-Africa Parliament until further notice.

[Question Proposed, Put and Agreed to]

[The Motion to withdraw the list of Delegation for the Pan-African Parliament has been carried]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HON. PARAN UMARU TARAWALLY [Clerk of Parliament]: Honourable Members, the parliamentary service commission will meet at 2:00 p.m. today in the Speaker's Conference Room. Number plates for Members of Parliament will be ready immediately after the recess period. You are kindly requested to submit to the Director of Transport vehicles upon which the number plates would be affixed. This is because we will not want switch number plates from one vehicle to the other. Therefore, vehicle licenses will be twined to the number plates. Honourable Members, please comply with this particular notice. The police will be crosschecking and we do not want any Member of this House to fall victim. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Honourable Members, the last announcement is coming from me. The state of our environment is a matter that is very dear to Mr Speaker. We have a local NGO call 'land that we love,' which came during our last sitting to make a video presentation for us to see the state of deforestation in our country. I have already seen it and it convened to me a deep sense of shock and bewilderment about what has happened to the forest cover of our country. I therefore want to take this opportunity to stand on their behalf and invite all Members of Parliament to go down to Committee Room 1 after we arise from this Well, so that we can see what is happening to our country. You are all invited and if you want to continue catching the Speaker's eye when next we meet, I will be taking note of those who will attend [Laughter].

ADJOURNMENT

[The House rose at 12:50 p.m., and was adjourned to 27th June, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.]