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PARLIAMENT APPROVES PROFESSOR FYLE AND FIVE OTHERS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 16th November 2018 debated and approved the Nineteenth Report of its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma

Speaking to the nominees after approval, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu expressed his warmest congratulations and felicitations, adding that “they are certainly among the best whom the President had nominated to serve in high offices of State”, whilst encouraging them to live up to the trust and confidence which the President and Parliament had reposed in them. He acknowledged the concern raised by Prof. Fyle about the need to revisit the Education Act, with a view of restricting technical learning only to technical institutes and not to transform themselves into universities, assuring that Parliament is ready to accede to the amendment of the Education Act.

The following presidential nominees have been approved by Parliament:

- I. Prof. Cecil Magbaily Fyle-Member, Tertiary Education Commission
- II. Dr. Victor Salifu Suma-Member, Independent Media Commission
- III. Rev. Eranus T.C Thompson-Member, Independent Media Commission
- IV. Mr. Jonathan J. George-Chairman, Board of Directors, SLIEPA
- V. Mr. Ansu B. Lansana-Member, Independent Media Commission and
- VI. Mr. Patrick F. Taylor-Member, Independent Media Commission

Rounding the debate, Acting Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Ibrahim Ben Kargbo said that “I am satisfied that the President has given a lot of premium to the development of the IMC, with a view of putting legal structures in place for the protection of both the people and the media, cognizant of his Presidential mandate”. He also acknowledged Prof. Fyle as a household name

who had contributed immensely to the development of education in and outside the country, adding that the “President did a good job by identifying him to serve in such capacity”.

Concluding the debate, the Acting Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma appreciated the sentiments expressed by the Acting Leader of the Opposition, adding that “they are looking forward to working in unison”, whilst speaking on the need for the intensification of oversight to ensure the success of the nominees in their respective appointments for the development of the country.

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