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PARLIAMENT APPROVES SIDIQUE WAI, KHORYAMA AND FOUR OTHERS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Thursday 25th October 2018 debated and approved with unanimity the Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, chaired by the Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sidie M. Tunis.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Sierra Leone, Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu extends his warmest congratulations and felicitations to the nominees, whilst encouraging them to execute their duties in the light of the skills they had acquired over the years in the confidence both Parliament and President Bio had reposed on them.

The following presidential nominees have been approved by Parliament:

- I. Mr. Sidique Abou Bakarr Wai-Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Washington D.C
- II. Mr. George C. Khoryama-Chairman, Independent Media Commission
- III. Ms. Doreen Zephina Faux-Member, Public Service Commission
- IV. Mr. George C. Taylor-Member, Board of Directors, Bank of Sierra Leone
- V. Mr. Ira Nyakeh Amara-Member, Board of Directors, National Minerals Agency
- VI. Mr. Sulaiman Kaikai-Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank

Contributing to the debate, the Leader of C4C, Hon. Saa Emerson Lamina said that “in concurrence with Section 61 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, I want to congratulate President Bio and his nominees in anticipation of their approval”, having regard for their professionalism and competence. He specifically called for the approval of the nomination of Mr. Wai, whom he referred to as “a nationalist, patriot, and a true philanthropist”.

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Chernor R.M Bah said that “I do not know Mr. Wai before this time”, whilst referring to his resume’ as rich when endorsing his nomination. He described him as a “nationalist who cuts across political boundaries”.

The Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sidie M. Tunis urged the nominees to do their very best in executing their duties, whilst encouraging them to draw on parliamentary support, especially the Committee on Foreign Affairs, cognizant of vigorous oversight activities with a view to ensure that nominees perform well in their various appointments.

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