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PARLIAMENT OKAYS SIX PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Parliament of Sierra Leone on Wednesday 05th July 2017 extensively debated and unanimously ratified the appointments of six presidential nominees, including five Judges and the Chairman of the National Assets and Government Property Commission, by adopting the recommendations contained in Part Two of the Seventh Report submitted by its Committee on Appointments and the Public Service.

The following presidential nominees were approved by the House:

- I. Ansumana Ivan Sesay -High Court Judge
- II. Magistrate Alfred Athanasius Tommy Ganda-High Court Judge
- III. Magistrate Mrs. Jamestina Essie L. King-High Court Judge
- IV. Col. I.M Koroma-High Court Judge
- V. Mr. Unisa Kamara-High Court Judge and
- VI. Mr. Idrissa M. Funna-Chairman, National Assets and Government Property Commission

MPs who spoke to the motion assured the Chief justice that Parliament is open to accommodate amendments to our existing laws to enhance the smooth functioning of the Judiciary as their work is highly performance-driven and that the Assets Commission should maintain, retrieve and document all Government Assets in the country.

The need to provide adequate funds and logistics to the Judiciary, that Judges should administer justice with integrity fairness and speed and the TRC's Report cited as a causative factor for the war, the status and respectability of Judges, the production and maintenance of Law Reports and the regularization of backlog cases, were also highlighted.

Acting Minority Leader of the House Hon. Sidi Tunis referred to the Judiciary as the Third Arm of Government that has lagged behind for far too long and being faced with a lot of challenges such as inadequate funding and logistics. He called on Government to provide the Judiciary with the necessary resources to support her work.

Majority Leader of the House Hon. Leonard Fofanah acclaimed Chief Justice Charm for doing extremely well in judicial case management before the appointment of new Judges by assigning two Judges to two Districts to deal with 300 cases within 19-Days, promising that the new Judges will be catered for in the light of their status in the Judiciary.

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