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**FIFTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC
SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS-
AUGUST, 2025**

1. Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service, in tandem with its constitutional obligations met on Friday, 1st August, 2025 and interviewed **six** Presidential nominees for the following positions:

- i. Deputy Minister II, Ministry of Finance
- ii. Ombudsman,
- iii. Director General ,Sierra Leone Shipping Agency,
- iv. Deputy Director General, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority,
- v. Commissioner, National Youths Commission and
- vi. Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority Board.

2. Procedure

The Committee maintained as usual, its strict established procedures and interviewed the aforesaid nominees on issues pertaining to their educational backgrounds to ensure that they have the relevant education and necessary backup experience to lead such important offices of state. Probing questions covered wide ranging issues relating to track records pertinent to their declared assets, tax obligations and visions for sustainable and productive tenures. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also strictly looked into by the Committee.

3. **Fifteenth Sitting of the Committee on Friday 1st August, 2025**

The Committee interviewed the following nominees on oath:

I. Ms Jeneh Jabati, Proposed Deputy Minister II, Ministry of Finance

Ms. Jeneh Jabati is a seasoned banker with over 35 years of remarkable and unblemished service at the Bank of Sierra Leone. She is an accomplished Human Resource practitioner that attained the position of Chief Operating Officer and Head of Human Resource at the Bank of Sierra Leone. Her long years of work at the Central Bank give her much insight into the operational link between the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Sierra Leone which would leverage the supervision over the latter by the Finance Ministry.

She holds a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Middlesex University, United Kingdom in 2006. She is also a Chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. This background earned her extensive experience in the financial sector whilst serving various departments within the Central bank including General Services Secretariat and procurement.

In her response to Members of the Committee on tax and financial due diligence, the nominee said "I am going to the Ministry of Finance with administrative skills and team work to support the Agenda of the Government. With integrity and commitment, I will work with my bosses to execute state assignments as required".

The Committee advised that the Ministry of Finance pays closer attention to the extractive sector for the repatriation of foreign exchange earnings through nominal role as in other African countries where mining sectors are thriving well.

II. Mr. Emmanuel Sahr Tondoneh, Proposed Ombudsman

Mr. Emmanuel Sahr Tondoneh Esq is a highly experienced legal professional in Corporate and Commercial transaction, administration, mining and contract management. He has a strong focus on corporate laws and regulatory compliance insolvency which he has demonstrated over the past years with analytical expertise during complex legal matters both home and abroad.

This renowned Counsel holds a Master Degree in Corporate and Commercial Law (2015-2016) from the University of Dundee (United Kingdom), a Bachelor of Law with Honours (2003-2006) at De Montfort University Leicester, United Kingdom

and is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree (PhD) at the same De Montfort University, UK.

A close examination of his employment records reveals the following:

- Nov.2024-Feb 2025: Rosab Group as External General Counsel; providing legal and company Secretariat supports, management adviser, performance management expert amongst others to Rosab;
- Dec 2021-Nov 2022: FG Gold Limited, Legal Consultant
- Aug 2017-Aug 2020: Sierra Rutile Limited; Legal Consultant/Counsel
- 2011-2017: Cole & Co Solicitor, Senior Associate;
- 2014-2015: Timis Mining Corporation (SL) Limited, Legal Counsel & Head Commercial Contracts
- 2013-2014 London Mining Company Limited, Legal Counsel Secretary and Head of Commercial Contracts; etc.

In his interaction with the Committee, Mr.Tondoneh proved very professional and articulate with a deep sense of knowledge on the Office of the Ombudsman as in Chapter VIII, section 146(2) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone. He expressed enthusiasm to popularize the office as he mentioned; "I will work with the office of the Attorney General to review the archaic laws that will guide and make the office attractive and useful to Citizens", he concluded

III. Mr. Mustapha Mark Lissa: Proposed Director General, National Shipping Agency

Mr. Mustapha Mark Lissa is a disciplined administrator, with over 17 years of managerial experience with sound knowledge in demonstrating leadership skills. He has a proven track record as a strong personality with solid approach in performing tasks and achieving objectives. He is one of the oldest staff of the said Shipping Company where he has gone through the ranks.

He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree with special emphasis on shipping and Ports Administration from the Business University of Costa Rica and has held several managerial positions thus:

- 2021 – to date: Deputy Managing Director, Sierra Leone Shipping Company Ltd.
- 2014 2018: member of the Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Seafarers Union.
- 2010 – 2017: shipping manager, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company Ltd.
- 2006 – 2010: assistant shipping manager, Sierra Leone National Shipping Company,

Reacting to the future economic and social development potentials of the new Merchant Shipping Act of 2025 for the said institution, Mr Lissa expressed optimism of more growth over the 2003 period of outdated Act as the outlined benefits of 40% on inbound and outbound cargo tax from operating companies would economically help the country and the Shipping Agency.” My long years of service at the Shipping agency would help me execute the mandate of the new Act with support from all stakeholders”, he added

IV. Mr. Joseph Maada Lahai: Proposed Commissioner, National Youths Commission

Mr.Speaker,Honourable Members, the Youths empowerment processes are taken seriously by both the Ministry and the Youths Commission. In all these, government allows the Youths to lead and to carve out their own livelihoods with a structured government Agenda.

Mr. **Joseph Maada Lahai** is a strategic team player, with exceptional interpersonal and mentoring skills. He is an experienced project manager with proven track records in delivering results with stipulated time frame. He is a specialist in community engagement with extensive background knowledge in working with youths in deprived communities.

He is currently awaiting results for his Master’s degree in Operations and Project Management from Athena Global Education, United Kingdom. He is also a

certified project management professional from both the Vantage Leadership School, Kenya and project management Institute, United States of America. His extensive work experience in the same Ministry and related sectors were noted thus:

- 2022-date: Director of Programmes, State House.
- 2018 – 2022: Programme Manager, Youths in Fisheries project, Ministry of Youth Affairs that caters for majority of youths in riverine and coastal communities,
- 2016 – 2018: Wash Manager, World Vision Sierra Leone
- 2013 -2014: Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Bonthe District Council

Responding to the Committee on the trajectory on youth's empowerment and jobs creation, the nominee said "I have been around the aforesaid Ministry and Youths for a while and I am aware of the government priority agenda for the youths. I will work with the Minister, professionals and interested stakeholders to promote government's youths empowerment programmes of the transformative big five agenda.

V. Mr. Alfred Malthus Kobba: Proposed Deputy Director General, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority

Mr. Alfred Malthus Kobba is an analytical Petroleum and Natural Gas Management professional with over six years' experience in the Sierra Leone natural gas and petroleum sector. With International Oil and Gas experience, he has proven track records in conducting in-depth market analysis, developing supply-demand forecasting models, monitoring regulations, and infrastructure and pipeline developments that impact on industrial pricing and availability. The Committee noted that retention of such a professional is vital for the Oil and Gas sector.

Mr Kobba has a Master Degree (LLM) in International Oil and Gas Law and Policy from Dundee University, Scotland, United Kingdom (2023). He also holds a Master of Business Administration, Petroleum and Natural Gas Management from Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India (2023) and other certificates in Marketing, Operations and Logistics management to his credit,

With regards work profile, the nominee has exhibited leadership roles thus:

- 2019- 2023: Head, Public Affairs/Communications, National Telecommunications Commission (then) now NATCA,
- 2018 – 2019: Head, Prime Products (Sales & Marketing), Mantrac (CAT) SL Limited
- 2017 – 2018: Head of Operations, My pay Electronic Payment Services (Subsidiary of AFCOM SL Limited)
- 2011 – 2017: Country Manager, Vodacom Business Africa Sierra Leone Limited
- 2008 – 2017: Head, Transaction Banking- Wholesale Banking, Standard Chartered Bank

Responding to the Committee on what value he would add to the Oil and Gas sector, the nominee said he would be acting on delegated responsibilities and would work collaboratively with authorities to bring to fruition the visions of the recently amended Act of the institution.

VI. **, Haja Kadie Johnson: Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA)**

Haja Kadie Johnson is an accomplished broadcasting journalist with over four decades in uncovering stories that drive social change and policy reforms. She specialized in data –driven reporting, multimedia storytelling and building trusted source networks across diverse communities. She is well known for producing award winning series on both radio and television of the National

Broadcaster, then SLBS now the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC).

She has spent all her professional life at the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation from 1986 to date. Her dedication, uprightness and commitment to duty earned her several awards nationally including Presidential award in 2017 and the Justice of Peace award in 2002. The Committee endorsed her remarkable national service as **worthy**; and recalled instances where the commanding voice of this nominee swept through the morning and evening airwaves of the SLBC on contending issues especially relating to gender.

In her response to the Committee on the work of the SLRA Board, she said “I am going to the Board to learn and work closely with other Members and the administration to execute the mandates of the institution, as the Act establishes”, she concluded.

4. **Recommendations**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee **unanimously** adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and are therefore recommended to the House for approval:

- i. Ms Jeneh Jabati, Proposed Deputy Minister II, Ministry of Finance
- ii. Mr. Emmanuel Sahr Tondoneh, Proposed Ombudsman
- iii. Mr. Mustapha Mark Lissa: Proposed Director General, National Shipping Agency
- iv. Mr. Joseph Maada Lahai: Proposed Commissioner, National Youths Commission
- v. Mr. Alfred Malthus Kobba: Proposed Deputy Director General, National Petroleum Regulatory Authority
- vi. Haja Kadie Johnson: Proposed Member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority

5. **Conclusion**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, with the aforesaid, I therefore move that the **Fifteenth Report** of the Second Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Signed.....

Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma(JP)

Chairman and Leader of Government Business