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### 7 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES SAIL THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL

The Third Report of the Committee on Appointments and Public Service, chaired by the Majority and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma has, on Thursday 20/11/2025, been approved.

The following presidential nominees were approved by Parliament:

1. Dr. Susan Amie Robert, Deputy Commissioner, National Commission For Social Action (NaCSA)
2. Mr John Vandí Rogers, Director General, National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)
3. Mr. Sulaiman B.Sowa (Esq) Deputy Director General, National, Disaster Management Agency (NDMA)
4. Mr, Noah Mansaray, Chairman Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency
5. Mr. Abdul Manaf Kemokai, Chairman, National Social Protection Authority Board
6. Mr. David Allen Amara member, Sierra Leone Roads Authority, and
7. Mr . Gideon Gbappy, Member, Board of Directors, Sierra Leone National Shipping Agency.

Presenting the Nominees to the plenary, the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Sahr Mathew Nyuma explained to Members of Parliament how the aforesaid nominees were interviewed. According to the Majority Leader and Leader of Government Business, the nominees were interviewed under oaths and issues pertaining to experiences gained over the years and track records. The leader said they also probed into other issues, which include tax obligations, asset declaration, and vision for productive tenure of their appointments. He proceeded by telling colleague Members of Parliament that other matters regarding the nominees were critically looked into. Hon. Nyuma stated that the report reflects the unanimous view of the committee.

Seconding the motion, the Deputy Leader 2 of Opposition, Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma referenced Section 61 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, which gives the President the power to hire and fire. He added that the appointment should be based on competence and delivery. He added that the various appointees have the responsibility to work for the people of Sierra Leone. He singled out the nominee appointed to NaCSA as the best and expressed that the latter would work with her substantive boss for national development. He urged NaCSA to join others for the rehabilitation of drug victims. He admonished the nominees to go with fresh ideas and contribute to the growth of the various institutions. "Please go to your respective offices and work for the interest of Sierra Leoneans" .Hon Aaron ended by calling on the government to consider the people of Mile 91, particularly on the issue of road construction.

President of the Parliamentary Femal Caucus, Hon. Wuyatta Songai, representing the Kailahun District, extended appreciation to President Bio for appointing fine nominees. She continued by wishing the nominees well and asked them to go and perform in their respective offices. The MP pointed out one of the nominees, Dr. Susan Robert, as one of the most educated people Sierra Leone had produced over the years. She called on nominees to deliver for the people of Sierra Leone. "I want to wish all nominees well in their capacities" she ended.

Hon. Abdul Karim Kamara, representing Kambia District, premised his submission on the need to find a mechanism to prevent some of the disasters that often occur in the country. He said Sierra Leone has been noted as a disaster prone country and that there is a need to have emergency funds for the prevention of future disasters across the country. She joined others to heap praises on the nominee for NaCSA and encouraged her to continue working for the development of Sierra Leone. "That woman sitting there is NaCSA" she said. He encouraged the leadership of NaCSA to ensure that people working at the institution are motivated. "Government needs to highly invest in NaCSA, in order to attract institutional sustainability and development" ,he ended.

Hon. Musa Shiaka Sama, representing Pujehun District, described the nominees as competent and qualify for the development of Sierra Leone. He said that national unity is a bedrock to ensure progress in state institutions. He therefore urged the nominees to embrace unity among their respective institutions."I want to urge the nominees to bring change that Sierra Leone truly deserves" he said.

Hon. Mustapha Sellu, representing Moyamba District, thanked the President for appointing the nominees. He urged Parliament to ensure oversight activity in the institution of the various nominees. He earmarked specific nominees appointed to various Ministries, Departments and Agencies including the National Disaster Management Agency. He encouraged him to work hard to prevent disaster challenges across the country. He admonished the nominee to SLRA to facilitate good roads across the country and exonerate the burden on the people of Sierra Leone. "Most of the nominees, after approval, they don't even consider Members of Parliament even for official purposes" he said.

He ended by encouraging all nominees to perform the various responsibility bestowed on them by the president.

Hon. Neneh Lebby, representing Bo District, joined others to appreciate President Bio for appointing the nominees. She extended appreciation to the Committee on Appointment for the vetting of the nominees. She admonished the nominees and advised them to perform to ensure the development of the government. "Some of us go to your offices not for personal favour but to encourage you to deliver for the people of Sierra Leone". She said.

The Chief Whip of Parliament Hon. Dixon Rogers, representing Pujehun District, began his debates by admonishing the women to be hardworking just like Dr. Susan, who has been committed to working for the interest of the people. "The President made no mistake in appointing the nominees" he said. He proceeded by encouraging the nominees, particularly those from Pujehun District, to work and perform for the progress of the country. He said the nominees should set a standard and make their respective offices progressive. "Work with Parliament, make Parliament your friend" he urged the nominees.

Rounding up the debate on the side of the opposition, the Deputy Leader of Opposition Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma said, "Parliament always looks at the qualification and other competency of nominees for parliamentary consideration." He encouraged the President to continue giving more opportunities to women as the President has always been a champion for women. He encouraged the nominees to focus on performance or risk to be dismissed by the President. He urged the nominee to SLRSA to renovate the road from Model junction to Parliament and informed that the road is not good for the safety of Members of Parliament and other users. "I urged all Members of Parliament to approve the nominees".

Concluding the debate on the side of the government, the Majority Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Sahr Nyuma said the nominees were vetted by the committee and could confirm their qualification and competence. He said the output of the nominees is important, and they are expected to work tirelessly for the development of the State. He added that institutional memory and implementation of institutional policies are integral for nation-building. "What we are looking for in the disaster sector is the prevention of disaster across the country" he said. Hon Nyuma continued that some of the appointees are going to vulnerable institutions that much more efforts are required to address the concern of the people across the country. He admonished the nominees to be receptive to Members of Parliament in terms of project implementation and national development. "Involve political leaders and Members of Parliament in project implementation for collective national development of the country", he said. He ended by encouraging the nominees to implement their various expertise as captured in their CV for the growth of Sierra Leone.

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