

**IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE
FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**SEVENTH REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE ON
DEPUTY MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Appointments Committee, appointed under Article 103 of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 172 (1) and (2) has the authority/mandate to consider nominations for Deputy Ministerial and such other appointments made by the President as specified, in this instance under Article 79 of the Constitution for prior approval of Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 156 and 172 and Article 79 of the Constitution, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, on Wednesday, 28th February 2001, referred nominations made by His Excellency the President for Deputy Ministerial Appointments to the Committee for consideration and report.

The Committee, having held a number of sittings in the course of the recess and in the course of the Second Meeting of the First Session of Parliament to consider a nominee, reports as follows:

2.0 NOMINEE CONSIDERED

- (i) Alhaji Moctar Musah Bamba - Dep. Minister for
Presidential
Affairs designate

3.0 PROCEDURE ADOPTED

The Committee continued to apply its time-tested method of getting an informed opinion as to the competence, eligibility and experience of nominees.

As has been the practice, the media was used as a conduit for advertisements soliciting for public opinion in the form of submissions on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee.

The Committee further relied on the expertise of a state intelligence institution to verify the credentials of the nominee in order to determine his qualification and experience.

The nominee, on appearing before the Committee at the public hearing session, was extensively interviewed on oath.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee noted that besides being a successful businessman, Hon. Alhaji Moctar Musah Bamba has a lot of organisational and managerial abilities. However at his public hearing, the issue of his qualification was raised. A Member had posed to him a question as to whether he had an AIA Foundation "A" Accounting Certificate, which appeared on his Curriculum Vitae to which he answered in the affirmative. The Committee, later at a caucus meeting, wondered why the Hon. Member had delayed so much in producing the Certificate as was agreed during the vetting and therefore decided to conduct some further investigations to ascertain the veracity of his assertion that he had the Certificate.

At his appearance before the Committee upon an invitation to assist in the investigations, Hon. Bamba informed the Committee that he had not as yet found the Certificate. He recounted in detail how it was left in his belongings with his late uncle, a businessman with whom he had stayed in Nigeria. He explained that, after entering into commerce he had no cause to look for the Certificate until he was asked to produce it by the Committee at the vetting. The said uncle, according to Hon. Bamba, had died in the early 1990s.

He indicated further that all efforts to trace the Certificate had since proved futile, as the personal effects of the late uncle had not been kept intact after his death.

In the circumstance, the Committee considered the possibility of securing a confirmation from the Awarding Institution but could not proceed further as Members realized that the said Certificate was awarded over twenty years ago by the A.I.A. Moreover, the index number could not be traced as well.

The Committee further realized that the Hon. Member undertook his studies in a private institution, the files of which were burnt up in a students' demonstration before being taken over by Government.

In the light of the foregoing, overwhelming majority of Members of the Committee decided to recommend the nomination of Hon. Bamba to the House for approval arguing that the said Foundation A certificate which Hon. Bamba referred to was too basic to boast about. Moreover, it was not a requirement for the appointment, they contended.

However, some Members insisted that the Hon. Deputy Minister designate for Presidential Affairs had not been forthright with the Committee and for that matter they were opposed to his appointment.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee, by a majority decision hereby, recommends that the House approves the nomination of Hon. Alhaji Moctar Musah Bamba for the post of Deputy Minister for Presidential Affairs.

Respectfully submitted.



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1ST DEPUTY SPEAKER &
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE



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CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

11TH JULY, 2001