

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

**SEVENTEENTH REPORT OF THE
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

ON

MINISTERIAL NOMINATIONS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Pursuant to Article 78 (1) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President communicated to Parliament his nomination of **Nana Kwadwo Seinti** for appointment as Brong Ahafo Regional Minister.
- 1.2 In accordance with Order 172 (2) of the Standing Orders, the Speaker referred the nomination to the Appointments Committee on March 5, 2003 for consideration and report.
- 1.3 The Committee held a public hearing in accordance with Order 172 (4) on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 to consider the nominee and hereby reports as follows.

2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- i. Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, 1992
- ii. Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana

3.0 PROCEDURE ADOPTED

In accordance with Order 172 (3), the nomination was published in the mass media to inform the general public and to invite their views in the form of written memoranda on the suitability, experience and capability of the nominee for the position.

On appearing before the Committee, the nominee testified on oath and answered questions on a wide range of issues relevant to the nomination.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee found that Nana Kwadwo Seinti has been a commercial farmer based at Duayaw Nkwanta in the Brong Ahafo Region since 2000. He holds a B. Sc. (Administration) from the University of Ghana. He was a

shareholder and Director of Finance of Confidence Line Limited from 1984 to 1991. He has taught in various capacities in schools in Ghana and Nigeria. He is sixty-two (62) years, married and has five (5) children.

On his position as a traditional ruler (Akyempinhene of the Duayaw Nkwanta Traditional Area) and the provisions of Article 276 (1) the Constitution, the nominee told the Committee that upon his nomination, he sought permission from his elders to abdicate the stool and has accordingly done so in order to serve a larger constituency.

Nana Seinti expressed strong confidence in the human and material resource endowment of the Brong Ahafo Region. He told the Committee that he would focus on education in order to harness the rich resources of the region for national development. He was of the view that agriculture could be made more attractive in the region through the introduction of some irrigation schemes to facilitate year round farming. To this end, he intends to liaise with the Ministry of Agriculture, when appointed, to explore the feasibility of implementing this idea. Furthermore, the nominee intends to encourage farmers to use simple improvised technology based on his experience to process their produce in order to reduce the incidence of perennial post-harvest losses.

As the current Board Chairman of the Tano District Health Insurance Scheme, the nominee expressed the view that ultimately, health insurance can replace the cash and carry policy, even though it is difficult now for many people to accept it due to low levels of education. Nana Seinti believes that his experience will be useful in propagating the merits of the scheme across the entire Brong Ahafo Region.

Drawing from his experience as a teacher and a traditional ruler, Nana Seinti said rather than being an authoritarian, he has learnt to listen patiently to all manner of people who come before him in order to determine how to assist them. The nominee said he does not judge people on the basis of their colour or persuasions in life. Instead, it is in his nature to work with anybody who can perform to achieve set targets. He acknowledged the fact that the region is made up of constituencies with varying political persuasions and admitted that it will be his duty to ensure the equitable distribution of all resources meant for the region.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee has meticulously considered the nomination of Nana Kwadwo Seinti for appointment as Brong Ahafo Regional Minister and has concluded that he is qualified for the position. Accordingly, the Committee, by consensus recommends him to this Honourable House for approval and subsequent appointment.

Respectfully submitted,


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