

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

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The House met at 10:00 AM

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING MEMBERS

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Members, I recognise Members from Kisumu County Assembly, Committee on Welfare and Equal Opportunities led by the Committee Chairperson Honorable Mildred Ajumbo and the following Members;

1. Hon. Eunice Alando
2. Hon. Emily Oginga
3. Hon. Anne Ochola
4. Hon. Tom Onditi
5. Hon. Caroline Lawino
6. Hon. Carren Odhiambo

I also recognise members of staff from the County Assembly of Kisumu accompanying the Members, namely;

1. Ben Abuodha
2. Jessica Otieno
3. Risper Waywa
4. David Ayieko

PAPER(S)

COUNTY SECRETARY VETTING

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Paper to be laid by honorable Leader of Majority Party.

Hon. Alex Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. With your permission before I lay the Paper, allow me to welcome the Honorable Members from Kisumu. Welcome to Nakuru and feel at home. We feel honored that you came to benchmark and to visit this great Assembly of Nakuru.

Mr. Speaker, I have a Report on the vetting of the Nominee for the position of the County Secretary. I wish to lay the Report before this Honorable House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Leader of Majority Party.

NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

VETTING REPORT

Hon. Alex Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Pursuant to Section 44 of the County Government Act No. 17, 2021, Section 9 of the Public Appointments and County Approvals Act of 2017 and the Standing Orders 48(4) of this House, this House adapts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for the appointment of the position of the County Secretary and Head of Public Service to the County Government of Nakuru.

I wish to give the Notice of Motion. Thank you.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

VETTING REPORT DEBATE

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Procedural Motion by Hon. Alex Lang'at, Leader of Majority Party.

Hon. Alex Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to move a Procedural Motion that Pursuant to Section 44 of this County Government Act No. 17 of 2012, Notwithstanding the provision of the Standing Orders, 49 (5) (b), this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for the appointment to the position of County Secretary and head of Public Service of the County Government of Nakuru.

I wish to request *Mheshimiwa* Peter Maina to second this Procedural Motion.

Hon. Peter Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Procedural Motion is that notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 49(5) (b), this House resolves to Debate the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for the appointment to the position of County Secretary and Head of Public Service of the County Government of Nakuru. The Motion is open for Debate.

Sorry Members. We take responsibility for the challenges that we are having with the system. *Mheshimiwa* Member for Viwandani.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I wish to welcome Honorable Members from County Assembly of Kisumu. Feel much welcome here in Nakuru. It is the home of many opportunities. After the Motion has been moved, I can see that Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura went through a Committee on Appointments and he was ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Member for Naivasha East?

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Maybe you give direction because the Honorable Member has jumped to the Report and we have not gone to the Procedural. We are debating a Procedural Motion. I think the Member is quite ahead of time.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The business before the floor of the House is the Procedural Motion. We are debating the reasons why we need to move and support or not this Procedural Motion so that in the morning, we will table the Report and now we proceed to debate the main Report. Before the House is a Procedural Motion as to why we are going to shorten the time that is ordinarily used for a Debate to take place.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Mr. Speaker sir, I do not know why the Honorable Member rushed to judge me. I do not know whether he read my mind on what I was going to say but it is good that you have given direction. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I support that we Debate on the Report. I was not on the Motion to say what we should do or what you should not do but the Honorable Member went ahead. *Nashukuru*, we can have time to debate the Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Honorable Leader of Minority Party.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Listening to the Member for Viwandani Ward, the mood of the House is that we proceed with the Procedural Motion because the Members are anxious. This County has stayed without a County Secretary for almost one year. I support the Procedural Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Leader of Minority Party. He has just said there is a mood of the House. I do not know if there is that mood or it is his observation and his opinion.

(Question proposed that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 49(5) b, this House resolves to debate the Report of the Committee on Appointment on the vetting of Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for the appointment to the position of County Secretary and the Head of Public Service of the County Government of Nakuru.)

(Question put and agreed to.)

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SECRETARY

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Motion by the Honorable Leader of Majority Party.

Hon. Alex Lang’at: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you the House for allowing us to move on with the Motion. Mr. Speaker, the Motion rotates around the Report which I want to lay before this House. You remember very well when the names were brought before this House, you committed the name to the Appointments Committee so that they could do the vetting of Dr. Mwaura.

Mr. Speaker, the select Committee on Appointments is established under the Standing Order 187 of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders. Its mandate is well stipulated therein.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important at this point to mention the names of the Committee which comprised of;

1. Hon. Joel Karuri Chairperson
2. Hon. Alex Lang’at
3. Hon. Philip Ndiritu
4. Hon. Isabella Makori
5. Hon. Peter Palang’a
6. Hon. Rose Chepkoech

Mr. Speaker, in this, we are reminding ourselves that Pursuant to the Provision of Section 44 of the County Government Act of 2012 and Section 6 (1) of the Public Appointments of the County Assemblies Approval Act (2017), the Governor forwarded the name of Dr. Samuel Mwaura Mwangi for the position of the County Secretary on the 19th of September, 2023. This was in accordance to Standing Order 48 (2) of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker, the Nomination, Appointments and Procedures are found in Section 44 of the County Government Act of 2012. The procedures provide for the Nomination and the Appointment of the County Secretary. I say so because it should be understood that what we are doing is well laid before this Honorable House.

COMMITTEE’S PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker, during the approval and hearing, the Committee held sittings to examine and to review the Nominee’s Certificates and the Testimonials and they went ahead to do the vetting.

At this point Mr. Speaker, allow me to acknowledge the Members of this Committee for their input and their valuable contributions during the vetting process, which was a very tough and very vigorous exercise.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee wishes to also thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise. Further, the Committee is also thankful to the Media for its coverage. The vetting was open and was in the public and the Media came in large numbers. The advocates of the weak and the meek voices also came and the Gallery was wide open for all of them. They followed the proceedings as the vetting was going on.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Select Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Section 44 of this County Government Act 2012 Section 9 of the Public Appointments, County Approval Act 2017 and Standing Order 48 (4) of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders, it is my pleasant duty to have tabled the Report of the Committee on vetting of Mr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura and as we tabled, there are many things that we looked at.

Mr. Speaker, we went to the background Information. We looked at the Legal Framework of the whole exercise on the appointment of the position of the County Secretary. As I have said Mr. Speaker, it is well and legally constituted.

Mr. Speaker, the Public Appointments of County Assemblies Act No. 5 of 2017, Section 8 of the Public Appointment, County Assemblies Approval Act number 5 of 2017, it provides issues which the County Assembly is supposed to have considered in relation to any Nominee. This Mr. Speaker includes the procedures used to arrive at the Nominee, any Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the Office of the County Secretary and the suitability of the Nominee for the appointment proposed, having regarded to whether the Nominee's ability, experience and qualities met the needs of the Body to which the nomination is being made.

Mr. Speaker, the Schedule of the Public Appointments provides for a criteria to guide the Committee. So Mr. Speaker, the Committee was well guided and a few of these include the Education background, the Employment of the Nominee, Honors and Awards that the Nominee may have achieved in the past Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations, Differed Income or future benefits, sources of his or her Income, the Tax status and Statements of the net worth. Also, potential conflict that the Nominee may have had, Pro Bono or Charity Works that the Nominee may have been involved in, whether the Nominee has been charged in court and if there were any evidence; whether the Nominee has adversely been mentioned in any Investigatory Reports of the County Assembly or any other Commission of Inquiry.

Mr. Speaker, we considered Chapter 6 of the Constitution on matters Leadership and Integrity. We were also able to consider Leadership and Integrity's Act of 2012. We were also able to look at Article 232 of the Constitution on Values and the Principles of the Public Service. Pursuant to Section 8 (1) (a) and 44 of the County Government Act of 2012, Section 7 of the Public Appointments of the County Assemblies Mr. Speaker, the Nominee was properly notified according to the law.

Mr. Speaker, there were Requests for Memorandums which we able to carry out and it is good to mention here that in accordance to the provisions of Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments of County Assemblies, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the Print Media, that was done on 21st September, 2023, inviting the public to submit a memorandum by way of written statements on oath; that is sworn affidavits on the suitability of this Nominee.

Mr. Speaker, on the submissions of the memorandum, the Committee received a Petition, but the Petition Mr. Speaker was in line and in support of the Nominee for the Nakuru Public Opinion Consultative Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, on the Approvals and the Hearings in conducting the vetting exercise, the Committee was well guided by the laws that we had mentioned earlier. There were a few things that we were able to note and it is good to mention a few for the sake of the House. That this Nominee is actually a Kenyan citizen who was born somewhere in Kiambu.

Mr. Speaker, on his academic and professional qualifications, the Nominee is currently undertaking a PhD in Strategic Management at Kabarak University. The Nominee already holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management from Laikipia University and Bachelor's in Pharmacy from Dr. MGR Medical University in India.

Mr. Speaker, the Nominee is currently the Acting Secretary and the Head of Public Service at Nakuru County. Mr. Speaker, the Nominee has some Honours or Rewards. That the Nominee has never been charged in a court of law and he has been involved in several charitable works, which include paying school fees for the needy. The Nominee is a bonafide Member of the Pharmaceuticals Society of Kenya and in terms of Publications, the Nominee has published his Master's Thesis, and the Thesis Mr. Speaker is on Effects of Quality, Improvements, Strategies on Customer Satisfaction; and this one Mr. Speaker, he did it at the Naivasha Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, the Nominee was vetted on the following Thematic;

- a) Suitability of the Nominee for the position of the County Secretary
- b) The County preparedness on the upcoming El Nino rains
- c) He was vetted on roles of the County Secretary in implementing the Governor's manifesto; of course to find out if the Nominee was well versed with the Office he is about to occupy Mr. Speaker.
- d) He was also vetted on the roles of the County Government in addressing matters insecurity Mr. Speaker, considering at that time as a County we had had an incident where a young girl was sexually assaulted and killed and it was a matter of County importance and brought before the floor of this House and we wanted to know how safe we are as a County, and how vast the Nominee was acquainted with issues of security.
- e) Mr. Speaker, we talked about ways of curbing traffic menace within the County of Nakuru as we have always had others wanting to be in the town centre while others would want the public transport stages to be outside the town centre. We wanted the Nominee to give us his experience and the plans that he has put in place for this County for the sake of orderly flow of traffic, inside and outside this great County.
- f) Mr. Speaker, we also considered about the harmony between the County Executive and the County Assembly. Mr. Speaker, you realise that these are two Bodies that must work

together in synergy with the other one for the benefit of *Wanjiku* who brought us to this House.

- g) The Nominee, while appreciating the distinct roles of the two Arms of the Government, emphasised on the interdependence in execution of their mandate and he committed to ensuring timely responses to the Inquiries and Invitations by the County Assembly Committees. Additionally, he also stated that his Office had a Liaison Officer to link us with the County Executive.
- h) Mr. Speaker, on matters of Public Service, the Nominee was asked to explain how he would address corruption because it is a vice being experienced in our County, one example being the Doctors' claims that were on social media. So we wanted to know how he would address issues of corruption, nepotism, favouritism when it comes to matters of promotions. Also tribalism, demoralised County Public Service and rampant strikes, especially in the Health Department. On this Mr. Speaker, the Nominee mentioned that as a County Secretary, he is actually the Head of the County Public Service and exercises Supervisory powers over all the staff of the County Government through their respective Chief Officers.

Subsequently, he acknowledged that previously, the Government lacked Human Resource Policies and Strategies. In order to address the challenges that were facing the Public Service in our County, the Nominee outlined the following measures that he was going to take if given the position of a County Secretary:-

- i) Formulation of Human Resource Policy and Strategies through engagements with various stakeholders which will ensure transparency and promote
- j) Develop a Code of Conduct which the previous Managements had lacked
- k) Promote dialogue with the various employees, Unions like Kenya Medical Practitioners Pharmaceuticals and Dentists Union (KMPPDU), among others.
- l) Have an Open Door Policy and Consultations, during his leadership.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, he intimated that Automation of the employees through the Digital Registration, will lay the County in reducing the amounts of paper work and promote the much needed transparency in Public Service.

Mr. Speaker, went ahead to look at the Centralised Procurements of Goods and Services. We know that matters procurement have remained a hot potato and embedded in some cloudiness and a source of the honourable Members losing value for money on various projects at their Wards. The Nominee was tasked to explain the Government's Policy in Procurement of Essential Goods.

He stated that, in the past there was lack of accountability in various Departments, specifically in the consumption of fuel which was previously in a mess Mr. Speaker.

In view of this, the Government entered into a Partnership with Vivo Energy to regulate and restrict fuel consumption to authorised consumers. Vivo Energy has a system of monitoring their fuel to

ensure it conforms to distances that each vehicle covers. I think it was a good thing to borrow from this great organisation. The Office of the County Secretary receives regular updates from Vivo, on the fuel consumption by the various Departments within the County of Nakuru.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker, the Nominee in the view of the Committee satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution, on matters Leadership and Integrity.

That the Nominee also demonstrated vast knowledge and experience in Public Service Governance.

Mr. Speaker, having conducted an approval hearing of the Nominee pursuant to Section 58(a) of the County Government Act (2012), the County Assembly Approval Act (2017), the Committee recommends as follows;

1. Having considered the suitability, capability and integrity of the Nominee pursuant to Section 44 of the County Government Act (2012) on Public Appointments; that is the County Assembly Approvals Act of 2017, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly approves the nomination of Dr. Samuel Mwaura to the position of County Secretary.

I wish to rest my case at that point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to request the Leader of Minority Party to second this Motion.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the House was keen listening to the Report that was tabled by the Appointments Committee and which has been eloquently presented by the Leader of Majority.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to second what he has said as a Member of Appointments Committee. The whole process of coming out with the County Secretary, there is a lot of anxiety in the House because this County of Nakuru has stayed with an acting County Secretary for a period of more than one year and therefore, the Members of the Assembly, the whole County of Nakuru to getting a County Secretary that will be approved by this House today.

The whole process began with H.E the Governor floating 5 Names to this Assembly to come up with what was called the selection Committee. You read the Names in the Assembly and the names were presented to the Appointments Committee and then they were brought to this House and the Members passed the Names. After that was done, the Selection Committee went ahead and was sworn in and then they made publicly those who were interested in applying for the position of the County Secretary. I am not sure but I think 18 Members applied of which 12 were shortlisted, which included the name of Dr. Mwaura which we are discussing today.

After they did their work, vetting was done in public and Members were present; everybody was involved. The Panel came up with two names which they forwarded to H.E Governor. The

Governor received the most suitable candidate and this was Dr. Mwaura. The name was again forwarded to this Assembly two weeks back and you committed that name to the Appointment Committee. The Committee is now giving a Report.

On Thursday last week, we did the Vetting in public. Like the Honorable Majority Leader has said, the Members of the public were involved, the Media was involved and any other person who was interested knowing what was going on.

Therefore, today I am happy to say that as the Appointment Committee which you Chair, we have no objection and we vote in and we accept that Dr. Mwaura was the most suitable County Secretary of Nakuru. He takes over that position as the third County Secretary of the County Government of Nakuru. Therefore, I second the Report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Motion is properly now before the House. And the Motion is THAT Pursuant to Section 44 of the County Government Act No. 17 of 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments that deals with County Approval Acts of 2017 and Standing Order 48 (4), this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Dr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for the appointment of the position of County Secretary and the Head of the Public Service in the County Government of Nakuru.

(Question proposed.)

The Motion is open for debate. The Hon. Member for Mahi Mahiu.

Hon. Eliud Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. Mr. Speaker, it is very clear and everybody who is in this County of Nakuru knows very well that during our first time here we were delayed for like four months by issues of Petitions. We wasted almost three to four months.

And now Mr. Speaker, here comes a chance where we want to confirm or verify whether somebody who acted during that time until to date is suitable or not. We are discussing somebody whom we have worked with as an Acting County Secretary for one year plus. This is somebody whom at least, we have information or knowledge about him. Mr. Speaker, this guy by the name Mwaura, if you look at other Counties we have heard from other sources that there is a lot of conflict and this guy has played a clear role by being a bridge between the Assembly and the Executive. Mr. Speaker, I came to know about Mwaura one time when I listened to him when he was in a certain local Media House. I took my time to listen to him and to understand who Mwaura is. And according to how he articulated issues Mr. Speaker, I can confirm to this House that Dr. Mwaura strongly holds the agenda and the Manifesto of the Governor and he knows the direction that this County is heading.

Mr. Speaker, when we look at Dr. Mwaura's Curriculum Vitae, we understand that this guy is not new in Nakuru. He has worked as a Chief Officer (CO) for Health and he worked in Naivasha District Hospital. These are clear indications that Dr. Mwaura knows Nakuru very well. If we

today make a blunder of giving this position to someone new then I think we are going to delay for another three months for that guy to catch up Mr. Speaker. So as Nakuru we have no other option; if we want to move our County ahead then we need to confirm Dr. Mwaura and give him a chance to lead and guide us with the Agenda and the Manifesto of our Governor to the next level. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon Hassan.

Hon. Ali Hassan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for catching your eye. Mr. Speaker, allow me to welcome the Honorable Members from Kisumu to Nakuru, and as the Chair of the Security Committee, make sure that I know of your whereabouts. When you get lost here in Nakuru just call the Chairperson of Security and your safety is going to be guaranteed.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to thank you and the Appointments Committee for coming up with this Report. When your Office gazzetted the Special Sitting on Friday, some of us who are very loyal to our Party were confused on what to do because we were supposed to go to the National Governing Council Meeting. As a NEC Member, I could not afford to miss that meeting so I was confused and I thank your Office for allowing us to go. I want to say that the Meeting was very fruitful and

The speaker (Hon. Joel Kauri): The Hon. Member, kindly proceed with the Report on the floor of the House

Hon. Ali Hassan: Thank you for your guidance Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier allow me to thank you and the Committee on Appointments for this wonderful Report. I want to say that having heard the Majority Leader from the Report, I can say that for the first time in Nakuru County Government, we have a Liaison Office that is a link between the Assembly and the County Executive which is very important. In any Public Service Office, you only need a link between the Executive and the Assembly. That is very important and we want to thank the then-acting County Secretary for the wonderful job he did. The second thing is the streamlining issues of fuel.

Mr. Speaker, for many of us who were in the Public Service, we know the theft that happens in some of these small vehicles. There is a lot of theft and fuel is always lost. So Mr. Speaker, we want to thank the Office of the County Secretary for streamlining the issues of fuel. Mr. Speaker, there is also the issue of the Human Resource Policy that the County Government came up with under the stewardship of the County Secretary and Mr. Speaker, the issues of ghost workers will no longer be experienced in Nakuru.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the County Secretary for coming up with such regulations. As I conclude my submissions, we have a saying, "*Mambo Ni Matatu*" so, put it to question. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Lake View and the Hon. Doreen then we are going to proceed from there.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker let me take this opportunity to first appreciate and welcome Members from Kisumu County to this great County, the City that came after Kisumu City. I will refer to this gentleman Mwaura and as you can look at the mood within the House, we can say in medical terms, that the House is very pregnant and ready to deliver the next baby which is the County Secretary of Nakuru County.

Mr. Speaker, I can only compare this gentleman to Henry Kissinger, who served under President Richard Nixon because of his connections and how he deals with issues. When I interact with most Members of this House, the reference point on how they refer to this gentleman Mwaura is that he is a gentleman who cares for the people, cares how the Government works and I do not see another person who could have worked with her Excellency the Governor in delivering the Manifesto and the things that we promised the people.

Mr. Speaker, the House is full and as you can see even our acting Clerk is here. We have people who have not been in this House and that shows how great this man is, how great the debate of this day is. You should not even waste more time Mr. Speaker. You should just put it to question and let us bring this gentleman here. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Before we proceed, Honorable Member now that you have submitted your views, you now want to put it to question; what about other Members?

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker, because you have asked that question, last time I said that I always speak for the devil and the ayes have it.

(Laughter!)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Doreen.

Hon. Doreen Korir: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. Being the Chairperson of Welfare and Library Services, I want...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Member for Kiptagich?

Hon. Rose Chepkoech: Mr. Speaker sir, I just want to hear more about what Hon. Alex has talked about because here we are Christians and I heard something like a devil so I do not understand that.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Alex you said that you speak for the devil so put it into context.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker anyone who has gone through a Literature Class should know how to put into context whatever is being inferred. If I can take you through a bit of Literature, when you talk about “*speaking for the devil*”, it does not mean the real devil but it does mean that you speak for someone who already knows. Most of the time we say that the devil is to be blamed for everything but in this case, the devil has just decided to speak goodness.

(Laughter)

Hon. Rose Chepkoech: Mr. Speaker let him withdraw.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Allow the Hon. Member for Lake View to substantiate so that we can proceed.

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Mr. Speaker point of information.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Any new information on that?

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Yes Mr. Speaker. When you talk about the devil in this House, you understand that you made a prayer before the House began and you said Almighty God who in Your Wisdom and it goes like that. When we speak like that and then go ahead to say that some of us are devil's advocates, then it beats the understanding and the knowledge of God we have in the House. He should withdraw and apologise.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Proceed Hon. Member for a Lake View.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Mr. Speaker let me withdraw the word "*speaking for the devil*" and instead say that I speak for the "*gods*". Thank you very much.

Hon. Doreen Korir: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. Before the interruption by the "*gods*" I was saying that I want to take this opportunity to welcome the County Assembly of Kisumu, and being the Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare, I want to welcome you. Last week we had the County Assembly of Kiambu benchmarking with the same Committee on Welfare and Library Services so this tells you that we are much ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I want to support this particular Motion which is the approval of the County Secretary. Dr. Mwaura is a man that most of us have already interacted with as the acting County Secretary. He has been able to coordinate most of the activities of the County and more so help the Governor in undertaking her duties for the last one year that the Governor has been in Office.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mwaura has proven beyond reasonable doubt that he is up to the task, has a lot of experience and has already made Nakuru shine. I have personally interacted with him and I can say that he is a very honest man, just like our Deputy President. He has acted as a bridge between the Executive and the Assembly. I do know that he has experience and qualifications and we will be able to achieve more as Nakuru County.

Mr. Speaker, I noticed that Mwaura can articulate issues very well and during the strike at the Naivasha Sub-County Hospital, he was able to articulate the issues to the Media very well. He is a very sober guy, very good, and especially how he answers questions even in the Media. As I wind up, the County Secretary must be a strong person. He is a very important person because he takes care of Human Resource and also the leadership of Nakuru.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mwaura is an all-rounded person who will take our County to the next level. I beg to support the Motion because he has all it takes for Nakuru. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Doreen. There is an assurance I want to make, that every Member will give their input. So, I am going to allow one minute to the Honorable Member for Keringet then I cross over to my left so that I am not accused of favoring my right.

Hon. William Mutai: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Mine is very simple, better the devil you know than the angel you do not know. I think I have some characteristics that I want to put across concerning Mr....

Hon. Joseph Muraya: [On a Point of information] Mr. Speaker, we just spoke about the issue of the “*devil*” here and the Honorable Member has just withdrawn so who is this other Honorable Member referring to? I know the Bible only says that we are sons of the Most High. If we continue mentioning the “*devil*” then we will get misled so let Hon. Mutai explain about the devil he is talking about, the one he knows then he can proceed.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Mutai proceed.

Hon. William Mutai: Mr. Speaker without much ado, in this context the devil means weakness. Weakness stands for the weakness and I do not want to paraphrase it but that is a common saying. I have a few characteristics about Dr. Mwaura, one is that he is a very shrewd man. Secondly, he has a listening ear. In most cases, we kept bothering him especially when we had some Procurement issues and he had a listening ear. We kept calling and he used to come, listen to us and I think if he is going to continue with this trait, then definitely we will have one of the best County Secretaries we have ever had before.

Mr. Speaker, another thing about Dr. Mwaura is that he is very dynamic. Whenever you discuss any issue with him he has various approaches and allows you to choose the best option. I have also engaged with him and I must say that he is equipped with Managerial skills. He can manage the Executive very well that is the CECs and COs. In many instances when he had some meetings, he did not hesitate but went straight to the Chief Officer (CO) or the Committee Executive Member (CEC) concerned with an issue that was on the table. I want to support him by supporting this Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, we are going to go to my left. Honorable Member for Naivasha East and then the Honorable Member for Soin in that order.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Firstly, let me thank the Committee that you lead which is the Committee on Appointments for what you have come up with. It is suicidal, dangerous, and treasonable to have a County Secretary who cannot expound, explain or interpret the Manifesto. I listened keenly to the Majority Leader when he was reading through, and I have also gone through the Report and I am sure that you did a good job. I fell in love with some issues in the Report that I want to explain.

Mr. Speaker, one, it is dangerous to have somebody who has nothing, a pauper, somebody living below the poverty line as a County Secretary. In the actual sense, it is a spice that can lead to the raping of Chapter Six which talks about Ethics. Therefore, when I saw somebody with Kshs 25 Million...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Karanja, you are confusing this House. Chapter Six does not talk of what you are saying, specifically about someone's worth or net worth that they cannot be considered for Public Service. Is that what you were driving at?

Hon Stanley Karanja: Mr. Speaker, poverty is a catalyst for robbing. You do not steal when you have. What are you stealing for? Chapter Six talks about Ethics. It is dangerous and suicidal to have a pauper in the name of a County Secretary. Secondly, I went through the experience of Dr. Mwaura and I found that there are issues that we will also need to address. This is somebody who has led Health Department and when he was there, it was functional. When he was the Acting County Secretary we did not have problems.

Mr. Speaker, this is a man when called he comes. He listens when you have any issues. That is a trait that we also need to follow. When I was reading through the Report, I saw that they have introduced the "Liaison" that is the Executive and the Assembly to work in tandem. What has been happening before is we had people in the name of the County Secretary who had an Inferiority Complex, who were suffering from what we call Academic Inferiority and with such people, their main business was the fear of the unknown. It is good to have someone who is very learned because they will be able to expound on some issues. I listened to the Governor's Manifesto and you know that it is somehow complex and I found some people floating.

Mr. Speaker, it would have been very dangerous to have somebody who cannot expound the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and the Manifesto. I will finish by saying that we have been here and we had a County Secretary who was a puppet of Power and Cartels. So, we need somebody who can expound and express issues. Being in a County that is a City and has a County Secretary who cannot explain issues would have been dangerous. We have a County Secretary who is a Doctor. This shows that education is good.

Mr. Speaker, lastly, when I was going through the Report I found that he has participated in Pro Bono issues, and Education. Do you know that we have County Secretaries who are very mean even to themselves? Feeding themselves is also difficult; so we can now say that we do have a County Secretary and I urge Members through the Majority Leader that some of the issues we have had can now be solved through the Office of the County Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I dare say that there was nobody who was against Dr. Mwaura because there were people somewhere who were also professors of creating division. We dare say and maybe that is why the devil phrase has been occurring, no one has been against Dr. Mwaura because we know that he is capable, visionary and will take this County far. I do support the Report and it ought to be adopted. When we will be having the Swearing-In Ceremony, the House should be involved.

We be called, “*Kama ni clap tuclap na kama nikuomba tutaomba na hayo mambo yote yatafanyika*”. I rest my case and I support it.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of Order Mr. Speaker!

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What order?

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: [On a Point of Order] Mr. Speaker, I rise on Standing Order No.96 about the limitation of debate. As you can see all Members should be participating in this Motion and if you are not going to limit the time that a Member is repeating and repeating the same philosophy, then we will be wasting time.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw your attention to that Order to give direction to the House and limit us from being repetitive. It is tiresome, a waste of resources including electricity and we will be here for nothing. Kindly limit the Members and if possible, Mr. Speaker let us vote. There is no time. I wish that you put it to question but if it is not possible, then evoke Order 96.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Njuguna. There was an Order before which Members would give their views and participate in the debate and the Honorable Member for Soin was to be on the floor.

Hon. Degaulle Naburuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to welcome our colleagues from Kisumu City to Nakuru City because we are in that status at this moment. For today’s debate, I want to concur with my colleagues and the Appointments Committee for giving us Dr. Samuel Mwaura as the most suitable person to be our County Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I do agree with them and I also want to say for the few times we have met with Mwaura, I can confirm that he is equal to the task. He has been able to run this County for the last one year with all the challenges that have been there and he has been able to take control. So, I hereby stand and support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is the point of Order?

Hon. Peter Kajwang: I still rise on the same point of Order 96, limitation of time but looking at the mood of the House you may only rule that whoever is not supporting the Motion is the one who should talk. Everybody is saying good things about the County Secretary. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Honorable Member for Kaptembwo. Honorable Member for Eburu Mbaruk. The Honorable Member for Menengai West, Hon. Rottok and then I will give another round then after that, we can put it to question.

Hon. Michael Gathanwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Dr. Samuel Mwaura is my *Wanjiku* and when I was campaigning I promised my *Wanjiku* that I would try and seek job opportunities for them. It will be very unfortunate if I miss on this opportunity. I will not take a lot of time. I am not talking

about Dr. Mwaura because he is the devil I know. I know of no devil, I am not talking about him because I speak for the devil, I do not speak for the devil. I have interacted with the gentleman and I resonate and relate with his passion for service delivery. I have seen him in Office and out of office and in action. I can tell that he is not just qualified but he is an experienced person.

Mr. Speaker, he is not just prompt but he is calculative. He is not just accessible but he is also approachable. He is not just a gentleman but he is a cool guy. Borrowing from the Bible, the story of Jacob, he wanted to marry Rachel and he was made to work for some time and just when he was about to be given Rachel, he was given a different older woman by the name Leah. The County Secretary has worked for one year, I think it is time for us to give him his Rachel and not exchange it with Leah. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Isaac Ruttok: *Asante sana Bwana Spika. Kwa kifupi tu ningependa kuzungumzia na kukubaliana na Mjadala huu wa leo haswa kumpa Daktari Mwaura fursa kuwa County Secretary wetu. Kwa hakika amefanya kazi kwa mwaka mmoja na ni mvumilivu, mnyenyekevu na mwenye bidii. Kando na hayo yote nakubaliana kwamba pia yeye hupokea simu hata kwa wakati ambao haufahi kupiga simu. Nikimalizia, katika Tamthilia na Fani za Kiswahili, kuna kitabu kiliandikwa na Ibrahim Hussein, Mtanzania mwaka wa 1971. Aliandika kitabu kinaitwa “Mashetani”. Wale ambao walifanya Tamthilia mwaka wa 1994 na 1995 wanaelewa kwamba wanaposema Mashetani wanamaanisha mbeberu au mnyanyasaji ama mtu ambaye mienendo yake haifai katika jamii. Wacha tumpitisha Daktari Mwaura kama Malaika wetu ambaye tunamjua. Asante Bwana Spika.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Asante. The Honorable Member for Murindat, the Honorable Member for Kamara, the Honorable Member from Kuresoi North Mercy Kilel and the Honorable Member for Olkaria in that order. One minute would be enough for each Member.

Hon. Peter Maina: Mr. Speaker the person in question has obviously demonstrated vast knowledge and experience in Public Service and Governance. And this one is very clear, having looked at his work experience in the last 15 years; having served in the three previous Governments.

Mr. Speaker, the person in question has also deliberately strived to create harmony between the two Arms of Government, that is the Legislature and the Executive and many times when we had a political crisis, he has rushed to provide a solution and also give guidance.

Mr. Speaker, in many ways, the person in question has also proven to be the engine of the County and you may be a very excellent driver and have a good vehicle but without an engine, that vehicle may not move and therefore in my considered opinion, this gentleman may be the engine to move the County.

Mr. Speaker, last but not least, I want to thank a small group from the slopes of Mount Longonot, from the bottom of my heart; this group previously held a contrary opinion but did not give alternatives but I am happy to say that they have given in and stood up for the common good.

(Applause)

So, to the small devilish...

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Point of Order Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Member for Murindat, what is the group from the slopes of Mount Longonot?

Hon. Peter Maina: Mr. Speaker, let me withdraw; thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon Member for Kamara.

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Motion in two statements. I think Members here are consulting loudly.

(Members subsequently paid attention).

Okay, Mr. Speaker, I want to support in two forms in that, on the issue of Academic Qualifications, I believe Teachers are in this House and in any Academic giants and Academic dwarfs; this gentleman is an Academic giant and I have seen that he is doing some PHD in Strategic Management at Kabarak University. He is earning more knowledge for the purpose of Nakuru County.

Secondly Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mwaura has passion and I believe that great Men and Women have passion which propels humanity towards achieving a certain goal. So what Dr. Mwaura is doing is a great passion.

Finally Mr. Speaker, he is a very punctual man; there was a time when Mr. Speaker I was attending Baptist Church, nowadays I am a devoted Christian and I passed by his Office only to find him in the Office at 6 am. That shows how punctual he is and this is a gentleman we want to move and work together. With. Finally Members, we will desist from mentioning the word devil. Devils are losers; when you mention that name it is like you are inviting him to confuse and lie to you. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Olkaria and then then the Hon. Member seated over there.

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. I just wish to support by saying that Dr. Mwaura served as the Chief Officer (CO) for Health from 2013 -2017. Mr. Speaker, I draw my experience from him, since he has been in Office. He was a committed person and he is still a committed person.

Mr. Speaker, I want to also recall when the first list was presented to this House for the CECMs, the *Mawaziri*, 10 of them. His name was among the list and there was hue and cry in terms of

Minorities being involved in that list. The list was changed and Dr. Mwaura's name was omitted from that list, and I expected him to be part of the complainants or raise a lot of issues, but he was comfortable and he is one person who has sacrificed a lot.

Mr. Speaker, I want to end by saying that indeed for sure, if all the first-timers here have been planning in terms of *Njuris*, if you so wish to be the *Njuris*, then you have no choice but to have Mwaura who would work tirelessly to make you happy.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Olkaria you are introducing terminologies in this House

(Laughter)

What are you driving at?

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Mr. Speaker, I want to paraphrase it. Of course, when you see some of the Members laughing, they have already gotten the context but I want to paraphrase it in a manner that is also clear probably to our guests. There is a general feeling that Honorable Speaker, for those who are Second-timers or Third-timers like myself, it is a good platform, I am only putting a Clause for those who have been privileged to be elected for the first time, I want to agree that almost 75 per cent of you would be the *Njuris* to be elected the second time if only you have Dr. Mwaura because he is a person who works around the clock. He is a person who listens and endeavors to deliver. That is what I meant Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in this case therefore as I rest my case, be proud to have Dr. Mwaura so that you have the second term to be called the *Njuris*. May God bless you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Palang'a. It is good to be clear because our Hansard is not configured in a manner to understand the local dialect. So, it was good of you to be able to elaborate.

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I take this moment to welcome the beautiful women from Kisumu and to tell them that Nakuru is the best City to invest, work and live in. So, while working in Nakuru feel at Home.

Mr. Speaker concerning the Motion of the day, there is a proverb which says "*if you shake a Mugumo tree, it is only your behind that will shake*"

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, the personality of Dr Mwaura is beyond reproach and a person of great Integrity, intelligence, and a workaholic. I do not wish to repeat myself but I want to encourage Dr. Mwaura and tell him that he should walk shoulders high, to work with integrity and support the County Assembly of Nakuru in his workings and we will duly support him when called upon. We are going to support him to work in his new endeavors. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to urge the

House which is evident to pass the name and to support the person of Dr. Mwaura. Thank you Mr. Speaker..

Thank you. The Honorable Member for Elementaita and the Honorable Member for Kaptembwa in that order

Hon. George Nene: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in supporting the appointment of Dr. Mwaura because in the last year that he has been in office, he has portrayed a lot of professionalism because number one; Dr Mwaura has a lot of respect to the elected and nominated Leaders. Whenever we approach him with issues from our respective Wards, he is always ready to listen.

Secondly Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mwaura is very competent in the way he coordinates the Departments of this County. Therefore, I support the appointment of Dr Mwaura as the County Secretary. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, I want to welcome our Sisters from Kisumu.

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Mr. Speaker I just seek your indulgence

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it the Honorable Member for Olkaria?

Hon. Peter Palang'a: I just wish to indulge my Honorable Peter Kajwang that even as he is contributing, he should appreciate because we had closed that debate before. So, I think it is important that out of indulgence and your fairness, you extended the debate and that is why he is contributing. It is only wise that he also appreciates you that you extended to give him time to contribute.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Proceed the Hon. Kajwang.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Honorable Palang'a, you want to gag me? I wanted to do a special welcome to my sisters from Kisumu. As I am standing here, I am also from Kisumu and I am representing here in Nakuru. I have my sister there who is a Deputy Minority Party, so whenever you are here, just know that you are home.

Mr. Speaker, I will not go into details, my senior brothers have already advised me. I just want to say that the Committee on Appointments has done a good job, they have given us somebody who is of integrity, somebody who is intelligent, has passion for the job, who is pragmatic and somebody who has a lot of experience. Mr. Speaker your Committee has brought to us somebody who is simply above reproach. On issues of *pro bono*, I think I am a continuous beneficiary of his *pro bono* activities because we belong to the same Boys' Club "*ama ukitaka wazee wa mbuzi.*"

(Laughter)

Asante sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Leah Serem, Deputy Majority Whip.

The Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Leah Serem): *Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii fursa.. Ni fursa njema ambapo nimesimama kuunga mkono Mjadala wa siku ya leo. Ninawapongeza sana the Appointment Committee kwa kazi nzuri ambayo waliweza kufanya. Dr. Mwaura namjua kama mtu mchapa kazi, kijana mwaminifu na mtiifu na pia ni kiongozi na hata siku zijazo atakuwa mtu mkubwa zaidi.*

Bwana Spika, nakumbuka wakati mwingine President wetu ambaye wakati ule alikuwa Deputy President alipokuwa ametembelea upande huu wa Nakuru, CS wakati huo alikuwa amepewa fursa kujadili maneno ya Afya. alipomaliza kuongea, President wetu alimpongeza sana na akapenda sana kujua huyo Mwaura.

Bwana Spika, ningependa pia kuwakumbusha wenzangu ambao tulikuwa pamoja mwaka wa 2013 kama vile Mheshimiwa Palang'a amesema pamoja na Virginia ambao wakati huo tulikuwa pamoja, na pia nimkumbushe Spika wetu wakati huo pia alikuwa MCA na wakati huu yeye ni Spika.

Bwana Spika, pia wakati huo Governor wetu alikuwa Spika wa County Assembly in 2013 lakini mnaona hii dunia ni mviringo. Kwa hivyo hatujui letu kesho tutakuwa wapi? Leo tuko hapa wenzetu ambao wako hapa, kesho tuko katika Executive na wengine pia wataenda ngazi za juu watakuwa katika National Assembly. Kwa hivyo nawaombea baraka wenzangu hapa.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order!

The Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Leah Serem): *Mwenzangu yuko hapa ananichanganya kidogo, anachekeka akinigusa mguu .*

(Laughter)

Sijui ni nini? Pole Bwana Spika. Ningependa pia...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member, remember the Deputy Majority Whip would want to get a confirmation; you have just made a very serious comment so, the Hon. Majority Whip did you disturb in a way to...

(Laughter)

What did you exactly do the Hon. Fadhihi the Majority Whip?

Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Leah Serem): *Mheshimiwa Spika wacha nimsamehe halafu baadaye tutaonana kando. Nilikuwa na agenda kwamba hao Waheshimiwa wenzangu walipokuwa wanazunguka kuomba Viti kwa Wanjiku, kuna agenda ambazo waliweza kuwaambia na vile vile Governor wetu aliweza kutaja ya kwamba Afya itakuwa kipao mbele pamoja na Kilimo na pia Masomo na kupata Maji masafi. Tunajua kwamba CS wetu alikuwa CO wetu wa Afya katika County yetu ya Nakuru na hatutakuwa tumekosea na hata Governor hajakosea kabisa kwa sababu*

atakuwa akisukuma gurudummu la Afya katika Nchi yetu ili tuweze kuendelea. Tutakapo pitisha CS wetu, tutakuwa tumeongezea Governor wetu gurudumu na kazi itaweza kusonga mbele. Asanteni sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; The Honorable Member for Viwandani then the Honorable Member for Subukia, the Honorable Member for Bahati in that order then you do another final round and then we put to question.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: *Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa sababu ya fursa hii. Kwanza nipongeze Kamati yako ambayo ni ya Appointments. Nikiweza kuzungumzia ni kana kwamba tunaongea maneno ambayo in your wisdom of the Committee kana kwamba hamkufanya vetting ilivyokuwa inafaa.*

Kwa sababu Bwana Spika, tunaposimama, tunaongea kuhusu mtu ambaye mliuliza maswali., mliona anafaa, ambaye kwa hekima yako kama Spika wetu na kama kiongozi wa hii Committee, ya kwamba mliona ni vyema na mkatuletea. Mjadala huu sio kama ule wa mashamba ama kama mwingine bali ni wa jina la mtu ambaye kila mmoja hapa anamuenzi.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, hata kama kila mtu ataweza kumzungumzia, tutarudia yale manen; kila mtu atasema yale yale maneno tu. Kwa hivyo ningeomba Bwana Spika kwa hekima yako, iweke kwa swali halafu sisi tutoke tukajadiliane hayo mengine kama Wabunge kwa sababu haifai tushinde tukiongea kitu kimoja. Sio kwamba hawawezi sema lakini hakuna mwenye atasimama hapa kama vile Mheshimiwa Kajwang alisema, kama hatasimami kupinga ni wewe tu tungepatia nafasi lakini Mheshimiwa Spika, tafadhali naomba tu uturuhusu twende tukajadilie mengine huko nje kama tunayo.

Hon. Jane Gituku: Point of information Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member for Maiella, I am going to save you; give your input.

Hon. Jane Gituku: [On a Point of Information] Thank you Mr. Speaker sir that is what I was crying for because *Mheshimiwa* has already expressed his mind, we should also be given that opportunity. The Standing Order 96 (3) says that this Motion cannot be limited unless maybe it is adjoined. So, I think we are in the right track.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker that Order does not have a Chapter 3.

Hon. Jane Gituku: No, I have said Clause 3, *Mheshimiwa*, that one I had not seen. Mr. Speaker sir protect me.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Proceed

Hon. Jane Gituku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, we welcome the team from Kisumu. I believe this is a learning experience. We also want to thank the Committee that sat down and gave us the name of Dr. Mwaura. One thing that I can say is that Dr. Mwaura is one person who is a hands-on man. Mr. Speaker, I remember during campaigns, most of us who were blessed to host the Governor, can remember very well that Dr. Mwaura was always at the site and therefore he is a well-versed man with the Manifesto.

Mr. Speaker, he was ready to answer questions, was ready to take up on any issue raised by the public and I believe when we allow him to continue as the County Secretary despite the fact that he has acted for one year, we will be giving ourselves, the Governor and the County Assembly and the elected MCA's an opportunity to maybe achieve what we really promised *Wanjiku*.

Mr. Speaker, one thing I would put forward as a request as I support this Motion is when the Majority Leader was reading the profile of Dr. Mwaura. He mentioned something about Procurement, you know that most of the Honorable Members almost get High Blood Pressure because of the issues of Procurement. Mr. Speaker, please put this as a very serious issue so that our County Secretary will be able even if it means converging us somewhere and assure us that this issue of Procurement will be able to give the MCA's an opportunity to deliver and even to utilise the Wards funds that they have promised *Wanjiku*.

Mr. Speaker, most of us have really failed on the issue of Ward funds because of the Procurement issues and so I believe that being a thorn in the flesh, we shall revisit it; even after we have supported this Motion. Otherwise Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion 100 per cent that we need Dr. Mwaura as our County Secretary if we need to progress as a County and as an Assembly. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. There was an order where we had lined Hon. Isabella, Honorable Member for Bahati in that order and then we are going to take another round and finally, the Leader of Majority is going to respond and then we will call it a day.

Hon. Isabella Makori: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I can see some Members are very jealous and selfish; they submit contributions and they want the Motion to cease. The County Secretary is the Head of the County Public Service and is also the Secretary to the County Executive Committee. As Head of the Public Service, the Office holder is responsible for the coordination and smooth operation of all County Departments.

Mr. Speaker, Dr Mwaura having worked in Acting Capacity in that position for the last year, he has the experience. I was privileged to vet him and I can say without any contradictions to this House that he serves with diligence and deserves the seat. So I support him, let us confirm him to give us the way forward and I know that Nakuru County will shine.

Hon. Grace Mwathi: *Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii na pia nikaribishe kina dada zetu kutoka Kisumu na wale mumekuja nao. Mungu awabariki kwa kututembelea. Bwana Spika, nimesimama Kuunga mkono Mjadala huu na kwanza kupongeza Kamati hii yako ya*

Appointments *na pia kumpongeza sana Gavana wetu ambaye yeye ndiye President wetu wa County kwa kutuletea jina safi la mtu ambaye tunamjua na tunampenda.; ambaye amekuwa akifanya kazi pamoja nasi closely na mtu ambaye anasikia .*

Bwana Spika, Mheshimiwa Kalamit amesema Bwana Mwaura si mwepesi wa kunena, anasikiza na huo ni ukweli wa mambo. Bwana Mwaura haneni haraka na anasikiza sana kwa sababu Kiongozi mzuri lazima akuzikize na unasema nini. In short nataka niseme naunga mkono Mjadala huu maana tunajua ya kwamba County Secretary katika Kaunti, yeye ni wa tatu katika hirachy kutoka kwa Gavana, Deputy Governor, tunakuja kwa County Secretary ambaye ni lazimna awe anafanya kazi closely na Governor wetu.

Bwana Spika, tunampongeza kwa kazi aliofanya mwaka mmoja na tunajua kwamba ataendelea kufanya kazi na kutushikilia sisi viongozi wa Nakuru tunapomshikilia pia. Bwana Mwaura, nataka kumsema kwa neno moja tu, yeye ni mpole wa maneno lakini mtendaji kazi kwa hali ya juu; mpole wa maneno na mwingi wa matendo. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, now we need to bring this to a close, some of us have got...

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Kindly the Honorable Member for Elburgon, if you could save us so that we do not use anytime in the Orders, so that in the next five minutes we are done. You see now when the House Leadership stands or wants to contribute, we are not able to just assume that. So, in that order, Leadership started with the Honorable Majority Whip, the Deputy Majority Leader and the Minority Whip in that order and then because we have to be clear on this, the Hon. Member for Waseges and the Honorable Leader of Majority Party will respond and then we put it to question.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Fadhili Mzuri): *Asante sana Bwana Spika. Yangu nitachukua muda mchache sana kushukuru Kamati ambayo imefanya kazi hii nzuri kutuletea mtu ambaye ni mchapa kazi na ni shujaa. Cha msingi ni kwamba sisi tunafurahi kwamba sasa Ofisi hii ya County Secretary inapata mtu ambaye si Acting tena but ni mtu ambaye ni confirmed.*

Bwana Spika, kwa sababu mimi ni mtu ambaye Mungu alimpa kipaji cha kutabiri nyota za watu; nataka nitabiri nyota ya Bwana Mwaura ni Kiongozi ambaye naona anaenda mbali na kuna nyota moja nimeona na sijui kama yeye ameiona nitazungumza na yeye baadaye. Naona nyota yake ya kisiasa ni nzuri. Na siku moja atakuja kuwa Mbunge wa Gilgil na kwa hivyo ningetaka kumwambia pia aendelee kwa sababu no man is limited; we have unlimited opportunities. Asante sana Bwana Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Deputy Leader of Majority Party.

The Deputy Majority Leader (Hon. Rose Njoroge): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in congratulating our County Secretary for the way the Members have really supported the Motion and I say that my only experience with Dr. Mwaura, the County Secretary is, he is a guy of his words. Very intelligence and he knows our County in and out. Having been in the first County Government, he did his job well and up to this moment, he really articulates the issues of the County well because he knows them like the back of his hand. So, I join my colleagues in supporting the Motion and say that he deserves the seat. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Virginia Wamaitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to contribute on the Motion. First, I would like to appreciate Members from Kisumu County who have come to benchmark with us. That means Nakuru we are doing well especially the Committee on Welfare

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, next, I appreciate the Committee for the work well done which you headed Mr. Speaker. Mine is very brief on something I have seen here; harmony between County Executive and County Assembly. Members as you are aware, sometimes you have issues when you want to invite various County Executive Committees (CECMs) and Chief Officers (COs). Here the County Secretary has assured us that whenever we need these people to come and answer questions that pertains to our Wards, to our County in every aspect, he will make sure that these people come and we would be able to drive this County to where we want it to be. Mr. Speaker I arise to support you; having known Dr. Mwaura since he was a Pharmacist in Naivasha Level Four Hospital. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Honorable Member for Waseges and then the Leader of Majority.

Hon. Elijah Murage: Thank you Mr. Speaker I just have only three attributes for Dr. Mwaura; Dr. Mwaura is smart, he is eloquent and Dr. Mwaura is a good listener. I arise to support the Motion and I say Yes. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Leader of the Majority Party.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this great opportunity going by the mood though I do not want to assume until the question is really put, for the great words that as I was sitting, passionate words have been uttered by these great minds, men and women of honour.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the decisive moment, where it really matters, the issue of County Secretary Mr. Speaker, in my short stint as the Majority Leader in this House, has been very emotive. It is an issue that as an Assembly, the great unity that we have been building, the great

walk that we have been working together, agreeing, talking to each other; doing many things together as an Assembly has not been easy.

Mr. Speaker, as we bring this debate to an end, I would wish that with the same strength, energy, and way we really took the appointment of this County Secretary will act and foster and make us a great Assembly that will be more united than ever before. It is the joy of any Leader that whenever you lead, whoever you are leading, we are able to move and we are able to work together, we are tied together; we have a time that we are sticking together for the next four years or so Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I sat today and listened to the contributions of Members and the way Members have come in their numbers, I have no doubt Mr. Speaker as a Leader that whatever short stint of division that was there is totally closed and we shall continue to move together as a great County Assembly of Nakuru, an assembly that is full of people with divergent views but as an Assembly also that do what they are supposed to do when the time to do it actually comes. And I think the time for this great debate has come for us to be able to move forward.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I am a believer that this House because it sits with leaders, that any good Leader is not known much by the many things we have done before. We know we have our own responsibilities from our various Wards and there are many projects that we are going to do but a good Leader will be remembered because of the Leaders that they made.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today and we want to make one more Leader by passing the name of Dr. Mwaura. Mr. Speaker, when we do that as an Assembly and as I humbly request the Assembly to assist the Leadership in passing the name of this great gentleman who has been described by many in an open manner in a daylight like today that he is competent.; to sum up what the Members have said that he fits in the position and he is a good listener.

Mr. Speaker, personally, I always describe him as a small gentleman with a lot of brains; a guy who listens and as a Leader who has also had a lot of interactions with this great gentleman called Mwaura and as a link of this Assembly, if this great Assembly so desires to pass his name as a leader for the time I am, I think I have a great partner who will link the issues of the Assembly directly to the Executive.

So Mr. Speaker, as I sit down, I say it is never done until it is done. It is my humble duty to request these great Members, they may support the Motion for this gentleman who worked tirelessly for Nakuru, who has been there for a whole year in an Acting Capacity; who has always had a listening ear; has always worked with us, who has always been there for you individually to listen to you; your needs, listen to the needs of *Wanjiku* on behalf, to make our works easier as MCAs to be able to link us to the CECs and the COs.

Mr. Speaker, that man who has never shied away even for a minute. When you call him, he leaves his glamour, in his good big Acting Office to come to this Assembly to listen to us. That you may give him an opportunity to be the County Secretary of this great County of Nakuru. Mr. Speaker,

it is my duty to request the Members that let them consider Dr. Mwaura as our County Secretary. Mr. Speaker I wish to rest my case. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you I now want to put it to Question

(Question proposed that Pursuant to Section 44 of the County Government Act, No. 17 of 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointment Act that deals with the County Approvals of 2017 and Standing Order 48 (4) this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Dr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura for appointment to the position of County Secretary and the Head of Public Service of the County Government of Nakuru.)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members, this House stands adjourned to today 2.30 PM.

The House rose at 11.50 AM