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The House met at 03:15 PM

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

PRAYERS.

PAPER(S)

THE AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU
MORTGAGE (STAFF) SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2020.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Paper to be laid by the Leader of Majority Party Honourable Alex Lang'at.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise on Order number 5 to lay a Paper on the Auditor General Report on the County Government of Nakuru Mortgage (Staff) Scheme for the year ended 30th June, 2022. I wish to lay the Paper before this Honourable House. Thank you.

PAPER(S)

THE AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON THE NAKURU COUNTY RECEIVER OF REVENUE FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Leader of Majority will also have the opportunity to lay The Auditor's General Report on the County of Nakuru Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to lay before this Honourable House the Report of the Auditor General Report on the Nakuru County Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2022. I wish to lay the Report before this Honourable House. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you next Order? What is it the Leader of Minority Party?

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Mr. Speaker, before we move to the next Order I wish to inquire on something; there are two Papers that have been laid by the Leader of Majority Party and Mr. Speaker you did not commit them to any Committee; unless they are committed to the Whole House Mr. Speaker.

And as far as you make your declaration, I also have a big concern, that in this Assembly since we came in there are more than 20 Papers or so that have been laid before this Committee and I have

never heard them give a Report in this Assembly. Therefore Mr. Speaker we need to know what is happening. I want to assume you are committing them to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment Committee. There is no single Report that has come to the floor of the House and that is a big concern. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Leader of Minority Party, I proceed to commit the two Papers to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment. It is true and we take your sentiments seriously. Any Leadership of that Committee in the House? Or any Member? The Honourable Njaguara take note of that and convey to the Committee Leadership; it is a challenge which is a positive challenge. Next order.

MOTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTSS

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

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a Motion that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments. Mr. Speaker, early in the morning we laid a Report before this Honourable House; the Report on the County Assembly of Nakuru Third Edition in the Second Session actually by the Committee on Appointments.

The Report specifically was on the vetting of the County Secretary Selection Committee. Mr. Speaker, the mandate of the Committee that was selected was very clear. That the Selected Committee on Appointments which was established under Standing Order 187 of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders; that it is the Mandate to be able to consider for the approval by the Assembly Appointments under Article 179(2) Members of the County Executive Committee.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at the position of the County Secretary which is also established under the County Government Act, 2012 Sub Section 44, it talks about the appointment of a County Secretary. In Sub Section 1, talks of there is an establishment in each County the Office of the County Secretary who shall be the Secretary to the County Executive Committee. So the position Mr. Speaker is equally that of a County Executive Committee Member by the name of the County Secretary. That gives us the authority and power under our Standing Orders.

The same Mr. Speaker, the County Government Act went ahead to actually describe and give us the type of a person that is needed including the qualifications, including of what is supposed to be done in Sub Section 2(A), it is upon the Governor, shall actually for the purposes of competitive recruitment, and if we can remember in the previous deeds and practices, the Governor would ideally have brought the names to this Assembly for discussion and adoption but for the sake of competitiveness, the County Assembly Act mandated the Governor for the purpose of competitive recruitment of the County Secretary under Sub Section 2, to constitute a Selection Panel and that Selection Panel has its own description of who should be in the Selection Panel.

These include a Chairperson who is not a Public Officer, one person from the Private Sector, an Advocate of the High Court, an Accountant who is a Member of the Institute of Certified Public Accounts of Kenya and the fifth and last one being one person from the Association representing the Workers.

We looked at the mandate of the Committee and in that the Governor expressly did her part by forwarding the five names. And the Message from the Governor was explicit, that pursuant to the provisions of Sub Section 44 of the County Government Act, 2012 which was also amended in 2020, Section 6(1) of the Public Appointments of the County Assembly, the Governor forwarded the names of the Nominees for the County Secretary Selection Panel to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, she did that on 29th June, 2023.

In accordance with Standing Order 48(2), the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders, the Speaker committed the Nominees to the Committee on Appointments for the approval. Mr. Speaker, it is the prerogative of the Speaker to commit any public appointments that is brought before this Honourable House under Standing Order 48; that you commit to a relevant Committee, in this case Mr. Speaker so that we can iron out the doubt. They may not have been an express direction on this, but as we know the law and the Standing Orders of this great House has never dwelt in a lacuna.

If you look at the Standing Order 1 of our Standing Orders, it is also expressly dictated there that in all cases, not hereinafter provided for and subject to the Constitution and any other written law, the Speaker shall decide having regarded to the Orders of the Assembly, the usage, that is in all cases not herein provided for and subject to the Constitution in any other cases, that we may not get a precise direction, or it is not expressly really put; the Standing Orders give the Office of the Speaker the authority and the ability to be able to decide and make a decision or otherwise. In this case the names were committed to the Committee on Appointments.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish to look at the nomination process and the appointment process. This one is found on Section 58 of the County Government Act 2012. In the proceedings Mr. Speaker, during the approval of the hearing, the Committee held sittings to examine and to review the nominees' certificates and testimonials and actually went ahead to vet the nominees.

Allow me in this juncture Mr. Speaker, to actually take this opportunity to thank the Members of this very great Committee for their inputs and valuable contribution during the vetting process. The Committee wish also to thank the Office of the Speaker, and the Clerk to the Assembly, for the logistical support during the vetting exercise.

Further, the Committee is also thankful to the media for its coverage of the proceedings, thus enhancing the transparency and the accountability of the vetting process.

So on behalf of the Select Committee, when appointment and pursuant to Section 58 (a) of the County Government Act of 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointment County Approvals Act 2017 and also Standing Order 48 (4) of the County Assembly of Nakuru Standing Orders. It is my pleasant duty Mr. Speaker, to be able to table the Report of the Committee on the vetting of the Nominees to the County Secretary Panel for the debate and adoption by the House.

By that, of course we have what we looked at, looking at the legal framework for appointment to the position of the County Secretary which we have been able to see whether it met the threshold. And as per our Standing Orders and any other Legislation, it actually met the Legislation.

One the Public Appointment County Assembly Approval Act No. 5 of 2017, Section 8 of the Public Act Appointments provides issues which the County Assembly is supposed to consider in

relation to the nomination. These include the procedures used, the constitutional statutory requirements, and the rest.

The Schedule of the Public Appointments County Assembly Act No. 5 of 2017 provides for the criteria also to guide the Committee. Briefly, these are things to do with education, their employment background, deferred income, potential conflicts, pro bono, or charity works and the rest Mr. Speaker.

We also considered the Chapter Six matters of Leadership and Integrity Act of 2012, Article 232 of the Constitution and Values of the Principle. Then we came to the notification of the Nominees. We had the request for Memorandum also which we actually looked at.

In this case we report that they are in accordance to provision of Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments that is County Assemblies Act 2017, the Clerk to the County Assembly placed an advert in the print media on 7th of July 2023, inviting the public to submit Memoranda. By this we received two Memorandums, one Petition from Nakuru Professionals Kenya Plan, Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union, Mache Hardware Stores, National Bank of Kenya, Happy Community Christian Church, Philipa Mulatti and Cleopas Isiakho, Residents Association in support of CPK. Clifton Aiyeta Okeno.

In addition Mr. Speaker, the Committee received a letter from Nakuru Public Opinion Consultative Initiative and an affidavit from Linda Tesot. However, the Committee found the Petitions to be inadmissible since the Petition did not adhere to the requirements of the provision for by the relevant legislations.

Mr. Speaker on the approval of hearings, we were able to look at each Member individually as they presented themselves. Mr. Speaker, we looked at Reverend Father William Muchai Kombo whom we present before this Honourable House as the Chairperson for the County Secretary Selection Panel Committee.

We looked at his professional experience, knowledge and decision making, and that the Nominee's understanding of the development of governance. We looked at the reason why the Nominee is best suited together with the rest to be in the Panel of Nominating the Nakuru County Secretary.

The roles of the County Secretary as expounded in the County Government Act, we tried to see what their understanding was when it comes to the rules; do they understand the rules under their duty. We looked at the attributes to be considered while nominating the County Secretary of which the Nominee stated that the first requirement will be to ascertain that the candidate possesses the relevant academic credentials, met the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution, a candidate to demonstrate good managerial skills, and most importantly, the fear of God.

Mr. Speaker in conclusion, the Nominees acknowledged that the amendment to the County Government Act 2012, the mandate to recruit the County Secretary was donated to the County Secretary's Selection Panel Committee.

We looked at the second candidate which was Margaret Chemutai Kibosia. This one we considered her to be a Members of the Panel. Margaret Kibosia holds a Diploma in Education. Professionally,

she has an experience and has been working with the Law Courts of Nakuru. She has also previously worked with Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology (RVIST). And the Nominee was vetted on the following thematic areas.

Just like the previous one, we looked at the understanding, the reasoning, the roles, the understanding of the roles of the County Secretary, the challenges affecting the County Secretary and the roles of the County Public Service Board in the appointment of the Secretary.

We looked at the third Nominee Mr. Speaker, Honourable Samson Matoke Nyagaka also for the position of a Member of County Secretary. Mr. Speaker, we were able to look at professional and academic qualifications. The Nominee has a Bachelor's of Law from the University of Nairobi and a Diploma of Law from the Kenya School of Law and Certificate from the National Youth Service.

Mr. Speaker, we looked at his net worth; we determined that one; the Nominees understanding of development just like the others, the role of the County Secretary as expounded in the County Government Act of 2012.

In conclusion, the Nominee was well acquainted and well versed when it came to the role and all the rest that we were looking for.

Mr. Speaker, the third one was Clifton Ayieta Okieno. This was also for the County Secretary Selection Panel Nominee. Academically, the Nominee holds a Certificate in Certified Public Accounts, just to meet the requirements as per the County Government Act. Professionally, the Nominee is currently the Chief Financial Officer and the Nominee was vetted on the following thematics, just as the others.

1. The Nominee's understanding of the Devolved Governance. He began by stating that Devolution was a product of the 2010 Constitution which established the National Government and the 47 County Governments. He also acknowledged that Devolution had tremendously improved service delivery to the citizens.
2. On the roles of the County Secretary, we also were able to question him on attributes to be considered, the challenges that affects the Public Service and the roles of the County Public Service Board in the appointment of the County Secretary.
3. In conclusion, his communication and the way he answered was very satisfactory to the Committee.

The fourth one was Redempta Adongo Wayuwere. Mr. Speaker, Wayuwere holds a Primary Teacher's Education Certificate from St. Paul's Teachers Training College. Professionally, the Nominee is currently the Head Teacher at Ng'esumin Primary School.

Previously, the Nominee held the following positions; she has been a Head Teacher at Kanga, Kiptuno, St. Patrick's Primary and she has also been a Deputy Head teacher, TSC and Senior Teacher at TSC.

Mr. Speaker, the Nominee demonstrated knowledge with regards with Devolution by articulating that Devolution transferred its powers from the National Government to the County Government. The reason why the Committee felt that this Nominee is best suited to be in the Panel is that the Nominee stated that she possesses a wealth of experience, having held the position of the Head Teacher for many years, also transiting from various schools, depending with the Curriculum Vitae.

She further stated that she was a person of impeccable integrity, a team player and a professional in undertaking.

We looked at the other part of understanding Mr. Speaker, and in conclusion, her response was satisfactory to the Committee.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, having conducted an approval hearing of the Nominee, pursuant to Section 58 of the County Government Act of 2012, the Public Appointments, that is the County Assemblies Approval Act of 2017, the Committee recommends as follows;

- a) That having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the Nominees, pursuant to Section 58 of the County Government Act 2012, the Public Appointments, that is the County Assemblies Approval Act 2017, the Committee recommends the County Assembly of Nakuru to approve the nomination of the following;
 1. Rev. William Muchai Kombo to position of the Chair of the County Secretary Selection Panel.
 2. Jemutai Margaret Kibosia to the position of a Member of County Secretary Selection Panel.
 3. Samson Matoke Nyagaka to the position of Member of County Secretary Selection Panel.
 4. CPA (K) Clifton Ayieta Okeno to the position of Member County Secretary Selection Panel.
 5. Redempta Adongo Wayuwere to the position of the Member of the County Secretary Selection Panel.

In that respect Mr. Speaker, we wish to move that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on appointment on the vetting of the County Secretary Selection Panel Nominee. I want to request Hon. Wanjohi. Leader of Minority to second this Motion so that we can be debate it. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the County Secretary Selection Panel for Nakuru County.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the Members, probably they think that this Committee has a long life journey for this experience. After we approve this Committee, which I know the Members will approve, the work of that Committee will be to advertise the position for the County Secretary. After they have done the advertisement for that position Mr. Speaker, they will shortlist those who will have applied and maybe one of us might be interested; that is the opportunity that will come. They will do the vetting or the interviewing of the candidate or candidates who will have applied then after that is done, they will present two names to the Governor, then the Governor will forward one name to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this means that we are not done with the exercise. There was a feeling of the Members' that probably, we are vetting the County Secretary. The process has not yet reached there. Once the name reaches in this Assembly, it is us as an Assembly to say who becomes the County Secretary and that is after the name that will be presented by Her Excellency the Governor. Therefore, the timeframe for that Committee is only 21 days, so it is a short term Committee that will be doing that.

Mr. Speaker, what the Leader of Majority has just presented, we carefully, thoroughly and professionally looked at various items that are concerned with that exercise. We looked at the Standing Orders and Mr. Speaker there was a feeling amongst some of the Members that probably, this provision was not in the Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker, when we are doing an exercise in a forum like this one in the Assembly, we look at the County Rules. The County Assembly Standing Orders and in the Standing Orders, there is a provision of the Appointment Committee.

However, I want to bring to the attention of the Members that the Senate introduced this issue of the Selection Committee. In the previous Assembly, it was not there and when we look at the law, we look at which law is more superior to the other one. So, the County Government Act provides for the Governor to provide a Selection Committee which the names have to be brought to the Assembly and that was done by the Speaker.

So if anybody wanted to object, that would have been objected at the time when the Speaker committed the names to the Appointment Committee. Thereafter, there is no way you can come to the Assembly and say that the Appointment Committee was not supposed to do that exercise. The Speaker deemed it fit and that is what is provided in the Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker we looked at all the things that the Majority Leader has said. We looked at the mandate of the Committee and we realised that it was legally binding; we looked at the nomination and appointment, we looked at the memorandum and all those ones in the public hearings, and we realised that all of them were done according to the law.

Mr. Speaker for all the five candidates we looked at their education background, employment, their Wards and all that. In our conclusion Mr. Speaker, those who sat in that Committee, and we had time for three consecutive days to go through the Report, we looked at all the above documents and we say that they are all suitable, they have the capacity and the integrity to be the Members of

the County Secretary Selection Panel. Therefore Mr. Speaker I second and ask the Members to pass the five names. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTION(S)

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF SELECTION PANEL NOMINEES

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Motion has now been dully seconded and so this is the Motion; THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of County Secretary Selection Panel Nominees.

The Motion is open for debate. The Hon. Member for Lake View Naivasha.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First I would like to appreciate the level headedness of the Select Committee that you had. When I go through the Report of which the Leader of the Majority has taken us through, I find details that many would look for. I find that these are true sons that have served this Nation, that the Select Panel that has been brought forward to this Assembly have what it takes to give Nakuru what it requires .

Nakuru has had an acting County Secretary whereas we know the main roles and the virtues that this Office carry Mr. Speaker, we cannot have an acting County Secretary any more. Mr. Speaker, you find that we have one of the biggest budget within the Country, we have one of the largest population within this Country. Major decisions are made within this County and the only thing we can say is that the Select Committee within this Assembly has done its best and it has given Nakuru what it requires for us to the next bold step for us to realise the dreams of many other people within Nakuru County. Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion; thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member from Subukia.

Hon. Isabella Makori: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I also rise to support the Motion. I was a Member of the Vetting Committee and other than looking at the academics, Nakuru County is a cosmopolitan County and in fact the five names show the face of Kenya so if these people are passed by this House they will do justice to our County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for London.

Hon. Benard Gatuso: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity so that I can give my input. I rise to support this Motion, one looking at how the Select Panel is, we can see people from different fields as per how the Constitution demands from us.

The other thing is about the people who have been selected so that they can be able to conduct this interview or make a representation of this Country in terms of communities and where they come from. The other thing is the Appointment Committee that has been able to vet the Committee that will be in charge of vetting the County Secretary. I believe they are the best brains in this Assembly headed by you as the Chair of the Appointment Committee. Even the representation of the Select Committee meets the threshold because they are people from different fields and different communities. And that they have been able to go through this list of Select Committee, I believe they will be able to give a just and fair vetting when that particular time comes. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Minority Whip, Member for Karagita; rather Hells Gate Ward in Naivasha.

The Minority Whip (Hon. Virginia Wamaitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker, you usually talk about Karagita; Karagita is a village and not a Ward. I rise to support the Motion. Looking at the composition of the members, first of all there is the gender threshold because we have two ladies and three gentlemen and all the Nominees as indicated in the Report have gone through proper vetting and they have qualified because they have passed Chapter Six of the Constitution.

So Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Report considering the Chairman of the Committee is a man of cloth, a man of God, a Father. And looking at his credentials he seems to be a person who knows what he will be doing during the interviews for the position of the County Secretary.

Also Mr. Speaker, considering the position of the County Secretary, he is like the Secretary to the Cabinet of the Executive, and his role should not be on an acting capacity. So we look forward to getting the people who will be vetted so that they can be brought to the floor of the House and then we shall be able now to have a permanent or as the law dictates, to have a County Secretary not on acting basis. I support Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Member for Shabaab and then the Hon. Member for Rhonda, in that order.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Report and I believe you being the Chair of the Select Committee, you did your work with due diligence and came up with the list of the five Nominees.

So Mr. Speaker, I would kindly request you to take us to that question where in this House you alone are allowed to ask that question, so that we give a chance to the nominees to go and vet the County Secretary, so that they can give us the name of their nominee who will be the County Secretary later. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Mheshimiwa; now that the Hon. Member has talked; and now he is encouraging the Speaker to put the question without having heard from the other Members who also want to give their input.

So the the Honourable Member for Rhonda.

Hon. John Gachiri: *Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, hukukikimbia kuweka swali kwa sababu nilikuwa nishasimama na ulikuwa umesema twende katika hiyo Order lajkini pia n*

Yangu nimesimama kuunga mkono Ripoti hii na Ripoti hii ingelifaa tungekuwa tumefanya mambo haya kitambo sana kuelekea kwamba County Secretary tunahitaji sana katika County yetu ambaye ni mtu wa muhimu sana ksatia County hii. Yeye ni mtu anafanya coordination, ni mtu ambaye anafanya mambo makubwa sana katika County. Ni mtu ambaye atakimbia kila mahali na tungelipenda ya kwamba Committee ya Selection ambayo imechaguliwa, Panel hii imechaguliwa kufanya kazi hii nikiangalia, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni ya kwamba kama vile mmoja wetu amesema, iko combination ya watu wote, gender iko sawa. Ni watu ambao wamehitimu katika kimasomo,

katika hali ya teknolojia na mambo mengine mengi na hivyo naamini ya kwamba wataleta mtu ambaye anayestahili na jambo ambalo litakalo elekeza County hii yetu mahali ambapo inastahili.

Kwa hivyo naungana na wenzangu kuunga Ripoti hii mkono na hata kama watu wanasinzia, wacha tuendeleo kudebate kwa sababu ni ya muhimu sana. Naomba ya kwamba tutaamka na kuhakikisha kwamba tumepata jambo ambalo linahitajika katika County yetu. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono na tunashukuru sana kwa sababu ya Appointment Committee ambayo ilichaguliwa katika Nyumba hii ambayo imetuletea Ripoti kama hii na tunashukuru sana. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Member for Rhonda. The Hon. Member for Bahati and then the Hon. Member for Malewa West.

Hon. Grace Mwathi: *Asante sana Bwana Spika, Majina yangu ni Grace Mwathi kutoka Bahati Ward. Nasimama kuunga mkono Ripoti hii ambayo mlikaa chini na mkaiwaza na mkaamua itakuwa vizuri na hata kuona ya kwamba hawa watu wamehitimu katika kila jambo.*

Kando na hayo ambayo wenzangu wamesema, masomo, jinsia na hata kuhitimu, nataka kusema kuna kitu kingine ambacho hawa watu wako nacho ambacho ni tofauti sana. Ukiangalia umri wa hawa watu, ni watu ambao wamekomaa kwa hivyo ni watu ambao wako na ujuzi wa mambo hata pale ambapo wanafanya kazi na ni watu ambao hawatakimbia mambo wakati ambapo wataletewa majina ya County Secretary. Watatupatia the best kutokana na hao wote. Asante.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I arise to support this Motion; it is very good to keep or to be in order. You are there Mr. Speaker legally not illegally. So, it is very good we have a County Secretary and the Members of this Committee and the Nominees according to me, are up to the task. I therefore support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; we are going to allow one Member from Maai Mahiu from this side and then we are going to a Member on my left.

Hon. Eliud Chege: *Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Jambo la kwanza Mheshimiwa Spika, ningependa nitoe hongera kwa hii Kamati ambayo ilipatiwa majukumu na ikaleta kwa Nyumba hii ya sheria. Mheshikimiwa Spika, ukiwa hapo kwa hii Kamati, na ile imani tuko nayo kwako, mimi bila shaka niko na imani kwamba hii kazi imefanyika hapa ni nzuri.*

Pia ni vizuri hata wakati mwingine tunapokuwa na kazi kama hii ni vizuri tuangalie wanarika wetu mahali tunaweka kwa sababu ni jambo nzuri. Na kama penye wazee hapaharibiki neno, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri tuwe na vijana. Kwa hivyo mahali ningesema ni ya kwamba hata kama naunga mkono, wakati mwengine ni vizuri Mheshimiwa Spika wakati huo mwingine tuangalie vijana tumeweka wapi.

Pia ningesema ya kwamba hicho kit tuko nacho cha Katibu wa County ni sehemu muhimu sana na ana majukumu mengi sana na ikiwa atafanya kazi, akiwa kwa acting capacity, Mheshimiwa Spika hatakuwa na ile nguvu kuu ya kufanya kazi. Kwa hivyo langu ningesema ya kwamba ni vizuri nihimiza Nyumba hii ya kwamba tupatie hii Kamati nafasi iende ikafanye hiyo kazi ya kuteua ndio watuletee jina ndiposa County yetu iendeleo mbele. Nasima naunga mkono, nashukuru; asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Member for Kamara.

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker; I also arise to support the Motion. On the issue of age, so that like Father William Mutai Kamboz was born in 1972 and also I saw another gentleman was born in 1986. That shows that we do not have more senior citizens taken as Nominees.

The second thing is that there is another gentleman he was once an MCA in Kisii County. That shows he understands more of the Governance on Devolution and so I believe what you guys did was great and I believe that is wonderful. On the issue of age also, what Hon. Member for Maai Mahiu said is that a young person, of 1986 shows that he is young blood, a strong blood that he can utilise. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Member for Barut

Hon. Bernard Kirui: *Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hi nafasi ambayo umenipatia pia nami nimesimama kuunga Ripoti hii mkono kwa sababu ukiangalia vile hii list imetoka, inaonyesha sura ya Kenya. Hata mimi naunga mkono na kuomba wakati mwingine list ingine ikiletwa ionyeshe sura mzuri kama hii. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.*

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. Member of Barut, so *kuna ujumbe ambao unajaribu kupitisha*. Thank you. The Leader of Majority Party you can respond

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, going by the mood of the House of course, it is a reality that now almost one year down the line since this Government came into position, we appreciate the fact that the position of a County Secretary plays a big role.

In fact, the heart of this County rotates around that Office; the heart of the Executive and all matters of the Cabinet actually rotate around the Office of County Secretary. Mr. Speaker I want to sum it by saying this is a process that is going to start, the process of us acquiring a County Secretary. I pray that once the Appointments Committee is hopefully passed by this Houser, the...

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Point of Order!

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Which order the Hon Member!

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Mr. Speaker I think that it is advisable that the Majority Leader when he is responding to the Hon. Members, I think he brought the Report into the House and I think it is advisable that he responds to Members when he is closer to the mace.

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

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Much obliged; I wanted to contribute in my capacity as an MCA; sorry for that. In my summary of what I had said, it has taken a bit long. It is almost one year since this Government came into position and it is very vital that we have a County Secretary who is fully accountable and who is fully mandated and not in an acting capacity.

Mr. Speaker without using many words, I want to give my final submission by urging this very Honourable House to adopt this Report and approve it so that these Kenyans whom we have vetted can be given the powers to go and execute this mandate. My urge is that Mr. Speaker, even as they go to execute their duties, they may do it within the shortest time possible so that we may not continue operating with a County Secretary who is on an acting capacity.

Otherwise allow me Mr. Speaker to request these Hon. Members to actually pass and adopt the names as given. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

(Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of County Secretary Selection Panel Nominees).

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 in the morning.

The House rose at 4.10PM