

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

## THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 18<sup>TH</sup> October 2022

*Assembly Building*

*The House met at 3: 45pm*

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

### PRAYER

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

OMISSION OF HON. ZIPPORAH WAMBUI IN PLACEMENT IN CATERING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE  
AND JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Members there is Communication to be made; there was an omission for Honorable Zipporah Wambui in the placement and nomination to the Committee on Catering and Welfare and the committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. Kindly take note. Next order.

### MESSAGES

#### NOMINEES TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Members, I have received a message from her Excellency the Governor Honorable Susan Kihika and I read;- Pursuant to the provisions of Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution as read together with Section 35 of the County Government Act 2012. My office is in receipt of a Message nominating the following persons to the respective Departments.

1. Dr. Nelson Tanui Mara- Water, Environment, Climate Change, and Energy.
2. Dr. Samuel Mwangi Mwaura – Health Services
3. Hon. Stephen Muiruri Kuria - Trade, Culture And Tourism
4. Hon. John Karanja Kihagi – Lands, Physical Planning, Housing And Urban Development
5. Mr. Leonard Kipkoech Bor – Agriculture, Fisheries And Cooperatives
6. Mrs. Rosaline Wanjiru Munagi (HSC) - Public Service Management
7. Mrs. Josephine Atieno Achieng – Sports, Gender And Social Services
8. Hon. Zipporah Wambui – Education, Youth And ICT
9. Mr. Stephen Iribe Njogu – Finance And Economic Planning
10. Eg. Michael Kamau Karanja – Infrastructure

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This list of the Nominees stands Committed to the Committee on Appointment for further action. Next order.

### **MOTION**

#### **HOUSE ADOPTS SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SECTORIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): We have a Motion from the Leader of Majority Party.

**Majority Leader** (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Honorable Speaker sir, I wish to move a Motion on the adoption of the Committee on Selection Report on the nomination of Members to Sectorial and Select Committees.

I want first to thank the Committee on Selection for the tedious work, the great effort they put and the long hours they sat in considering their time to be able to place Members in the various Committees of this House. The Committee put into cognisance many things. We realise Nakuru as a County has a lot of diversities, we come from various Wards and regions with various needs in placing the Members, we were able to try and give some balancing and ensure the political divides within the House are well taken care of.

As we, all know this is a House of rules and order, governed and guided by Article 232 of the Constitution where diversity is usually considered and every Member is actually placed in a manner such that it will be pleasing and they will be able to perform. We were also able to look at the experience of an individual as a Member and I want to say that there was no other better way of placing Members than actually the way it was done. Sometimes not everyone may be able to fit in a committee of his or her own choice but we tried as much as possible so that the functionality of members are able to deliver and add values in those specific Committees which you are in.

Honorable Speaker, having considered the regional balancing and considering the Standing Orders, the numbers within the Parties and it superiority of numbers within the Parties, the proportionate numbers we had to place, we had to consider the diversity and the various areas a Sub-Counties which we come from and our Wards, we were able to do this great job.

I wish therefore to place before this honorable House the great work that has been done for the purposes of adoption and in that respect, there was one Committee, which I want to seek help and direction from the Chair having considered the first interest the Members had. The heat that it generated and that is the Committee on Budget and Appropriations and the capping of the number which is only 15. We tried all other avenues to try to accommodate as much as various interest to be able to reflect the face of Nakuru as a County because we want to make a benchmark.

I request that we adopt all the other Committees and I will request for an additional two Members on the Committee of Budget and Appropriation to enable us one or two characteristics in our own opinion that we were not able to capture because the numbers limits us. With those remarks I wish to lay the list for adoption before the honorable House, I beg to move.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, a seconder.

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**Hon. Peter Maina:** Thank you Honorable Speaker, I am a Member for Murindat, and I want to second the Motion.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Motions reads that, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order Number 156, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on the nomination of Members to Sectorial and Select Committees. The Motion is open for debate. Honorable Karanja.

**Hon. Stanley Karanja:** Thank you Honorable Speaker, I want to support the Motion by the Leader of Majority and thank the Committee lead by Honorable Speaker. I want to tell the Members that the Committee really worked to a point where we forgot to take lunch because of the enormous work. I take this opportunity to say that this great work now, I urge the members to adopt and the Members can now be able to work to their fullest. This is because without Committees, the Assemblies or any Institution that make laws cannot work.

The issue of Legislation, Oversight, and the issue of Representation is done at the Committees. Even the works of making sure the Members are orderly and making sure that Members' behavior is regulated are also in the Committees. Therefore, each aspect has been considered ... the three-cardinal objective of any Assembly is Oversight, Legislation and Representation do occur in Committees and therefore, now Members can work to their fullest. I will now urge Members that have been placed in these different Committees, now it is upon the Members to work and make sure that Nakuru remains great. I finish by saying, that the point that has also been said by the Majority also be considered. Mr. Speaker because you are here and you were a Member here you know that the Budget's is to make sure that the resources are appropriated adequately. Therefore Mr. Speaker, you may consider that.

Lastly, I urge Members that those that belong to the Trade Committee to consider me for the Chair, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! That is gross!

It is not an avenue for exposing your candidature. That one is not registered!

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Point of order Mr. Speaker?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes Hon. Mwaura.

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order 189. Reference to what the Majority Leader has said, and Mr. Speaker we cannot assert or we cannot actually say conclusively that is in order that a Committee of this House sat, they went ahead to stamp on an illegality. Mr. Speaker, but based on what you have said, because of many interests and such kind of things, I would call this case as our Clerk would say a *sui generis* case, a unique case in this House, that has never been heard before.

But because this is a background case that we really need to dwell on, so that we can come out conclusively on various issues that are supposed to be relooked at when passing any sort of Committee and what should be also be considered. Mr. Speaker, if you relook at our Bill of Rights, and if you look at even the way the Select Committee should be conducting itself, you realise that the Budget Committee must reflect various issues. It must be considering regions, Political Parties and Gender issues. I am a Gender expert and I can tell you, in our Bill of Rights women should not be discriminated. And in any Committee, there must be a third of Gender, of which has not been put into consideration Mr. Speaker. If you look at our Bill of Rights, and at the Maputo Protocol, women are prioritised and they are supposed to be given their say, and they are supposed to be looked at as a threatened part of gender, and therefore they should be given their priority.

Also Mr. Speaker, on the issues of the political consideration, it is critical. If you look at gender parity, men cannot discuss issues of women. And this is a taboo. On issues of health and our doctor here Honourable Alex will tell us that on the issues of tampons and other issues of sanitary towels, it is only women who can articulate and critic, those. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I would wish to seek for your indulgence on that.

Also Mr. Speaker on the issues of representation, I am an Independent Leader who came into this House. Therefore I qualify and the rest of the Members and I am not saying myself, the rest of the Independent Members; there is none Mr. Speaker. You know, it is not by coincidence, we are not aliens of this House, we ought to be given the proper share so that we as the Independent Members of his House we can now to go to the ground to represent our people and our views.

I wish that this House will relook at this critically and allow you Mr. Speaker, to exercise your powers, in order that I am going to put but just before I go to that order, Mr. Speaker on the issues of gender there was a case number 1 of 2019 against this House Mr. Speaker and against the Select Committee, against the Leader of Majority and against the Clerk and the case pronounced itself categorically that the issues of women in the House must be given the proper consideration.

In this matter as the Majority Leader has said, on the issues of resources, if you put aside women, then we will be contravening the laws. And you know Mr. Speaker, the court pronounces itself, the pronouncements of the court become a law. Therefore, we believe we are operating under illegality, and therefore, I wish to request the honourable House to consider that matter on that issue of the Budget, and consider increasing those Members.

And Mr. Speaker I wish to draw your attention into Order no. 1 whereby, Mr. Speaker in case of *sui generis* you will be given the powers to override any order in this House, and in case of matters of this nature, you are therefore supposed to make a ruling. And therefore, I would wish that you put a caveat on this matter of the Budget Committee. And you order Mr. Speaker, the Selection Committee to go back and do its work.

I do not know whether the Hansard is capturing me because, these are weighty matters... also the legal people as ... this thing is against good morals, of the proceedings of the House and against

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the principles of justice Mr. Speaker. And therefore, I wish to request the honorable Members to also check on these matters and consider them as weighty matters.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, this matter requires no further arguments. Because if I draw that attention and if you look at the basic structure of our Standing Orders, Order number 1 is the primary order and therefore should be respected. Mr. Speaker, I beg to urge for your indulgency and your consideration of this matter.

**The Minority Leader** (Hon. Phillip Wanjohi): The Hon. Njuguna has declared to us on Standing Order 89, this is where Mr. Speaker a Member declares interest. A Member who wishes to speak on the matter in which the Member has a personal interest like Hon. Njuguna has, has first to declare that interest. So, he has used so many words and the first instance he was supposed to declare the interest that he has so that he proceeds. Now that he has finished maybe you can allow him now to declare the interest that he had, based on Standing Order 89; thank you Mr. Speaker

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): The matter has been heard and I want to now make a ruling from the presentation by the Leader of Majority Party and Mheshimiwa Njuguna from Elburgon, that...what is it Mheshimiwa Palang'a? Is it on the same matter or a different matter or are you bringing new information to that? Proceed.

**Hon. Peter Palang'a**: Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing me to contribute, to debunk on the message or the Motion that is before us. Before I indulge into serious and more emphasis on what honorable Njuguna has said, Mr. Speaker allow me to congratulate the Committee on Selection under your leadership that did what it did. And to me, I cannot say they did not do a good job. And you know, 100% mark, may not have been achieved. But we will strive to ensure that at least, that Committee makes a good percentage, if anything, to earn an A. For now, Mr. Speaker, in my own rating, I might give it around 60 to 70%. We want to see whether it can get to 100 or 80% to earn an A.

Mr. Speaker, I want to draw your attention as well all the Members here, on the Constitution provision, on specific applications of the rights; it is within the Constitution of Kenya Article 52 there onwards. It talks of quite a number of issues Mr. Speaker; the representation of youth, the repression of women and all that.

Mr. Speaker let me draw specific attention to the representation of the minorities and the marginalised groups. When the drafters of this Constitution came up with it, they were alive to such like circumstances of different entities and different regions.

Mr. Speaker, before I conclude on that, because I am just coming back there. In the address of the Governor, Honourable Susan Kihika who you all cherish and I stand here to cherish her as the first Speaker of this Assembly, and now she is the third Governor of this County.

Mr. Speaker in her speech, I listened to her very keenly and this is what she said. "I look forward for an inclusive Leadership and on Socio-Economic empowerment for all"; and I want to underline the term for all...

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Nakuru is a diverse County. It has so many people. In constituting such an important Committee that looks across the resources that are to be distributed within the County, it ought not to fail to consider marginalized communities. It ought to include the minority in this important Committee. Where is our space as the minorities in this particular County if we cannot have the representation on those particular important Committees? It is not about the interest. We come here because we represent people who are not represented here and when we are given a mandate as an MCA for a given Ward, you represent those who voted for you and those who did not vote for you. Therefore, we are speaking on an important matter that has to consider the minorities, the marginalized and the inclusivity of nearly all the communities. I want to detect some wisdom in the current majority leader. I have never engaged with you for so long but from my detection and quick scan and learn, you are learning things very fast. I did not expect that this will come from you that you feel that we should have some more time to consider this. I am proud of you. That is wisdom. We need to find out on how we move together. If we want to go far we have to move with others. Unless we want to choose to go alone so that we go fast, that will be very bad of us. I therefore echo the words of Hon. Njuguna that it is important that we look into such matters for us to go far and to move together as County so that no community and no people will feel segregated. I beg to submit.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Abdi

**Hon. Hassan Abdi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I take this opportunity to thank the Committee which I was part of for coming up with these Members. They did a very good job but as Hon. Palang'a said, you cannot do everything in life. I represent very special people in this Assembly and our Parties saw it fit to nominate some of us into this Assembly. They saw leadership qualities in us that is why they had to nominate us in this House. Hon. Njuguna talked about gender. You cannot do anything and you cannot sideline women in this Assembly. We have a very special group of youth, marginalised and minority group. Those are very critical groups and they cannot be sidelined in anything. In the Constitution of Kenya Chapter 4, Article 56 it says, the State shall put in place affirmative action programs designed to ensure that minorities and marginalised groups participate or are represented in Governance and other spheres of life. This is Governance, so we have to be represented.

The Budget Committee is a very critical Committee. You cannot sideline the youth, the marginalised and the minority. I represent a very small community in this cosmopolitan County and I would wish, through your guidance and wisdom, please do something. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Kajwang'

**Hon. Peter Kajwang':** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First of all, I want to say I am very disappointed that the Majority Leader has moved this Motion and at the same time wants us to move it with amendments. We gave these people enough time. I understand they went to the Western shores so that they could come up with this Committee list and they had enough time to talk to themselves and agree on who should belong to different Committees. They are now coming here to tell us they need more time.

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**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Mheshimiwa Palang'a?

**Hon. Peter Palang'a:** *(On a point of information to the House)*. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. The information to the House is that on behalf of the Committee on Selection, we are not saying we did not do our work. We had 21 Committees which we did and placed the Members. We are only putting this information to the House in regard to the Budget and Appropriations Committee which we feel it is a committee that cuts across in terms of resource allocation. Therefore, that is misleading the House by purporting that we had not done our work perfectly.

**Hon. Peter Kajwang':** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. We are speaking to people whom we gave the duty to work. They are coming back to the House to complain. This is not right. Hon. Palang'a and Hon. Hassan here and the Majority Leader had the knife to cut this cake. They cannot come back here and start complaining to ordinary Members who did not even know where they were having their retreat. Members of this House should also appreciate that if you are not in a specific Committee, you are still in that Committee in the plenary. A Committee cannot have everyone and so, even the Reports that are generated in the Committee are passed and adopted in the floor of this House.

The fact that you are not in any other Committee and you cannot be in all the Committees, it does not mean that you are now not in that specific Committee that they are talking about here. The composition of this House meets the criterion on issue of gender and youth but we cannot reduce that to the Committee level because when we give a specific duty to a certain Committee, we have confidence in them that they are going to represent all Members equally and if any Member feels that he/she has not been represented well in the Report ...

**Hon. Njuguna Mwaura:** *(Standing on a point of Order)* Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to tell Hon. Kajwang' that he is actually not talking or putting forth his matters in regard to the Standing Orders. I drew the attention of the Members to Order number 154(2) which states categorically that the Committee on Selection shall give consideration on the need for gender balance and shall so far as may be practicable ensure that no more than two thirds of the Members of a Committee of the Assembly, including a Committee established through a resolution of the Assembly shall be of the same gender.

Therefore, we are narrowing ourselves to a critical Committee. I want to inform him that a ruling of a court should not be overlooked by this House because if these matters are not going to be relooked into, the other bodies are ready to take us into the courts and will be quashed. Therefore, I do not want this House to take that direction but I would wish the wisdom of this House to be drawn into that ruling so that we can proceed.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Kajwang'

**Hon. Peter Kajwang':** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Mheshimiwa Mwaura is talking about order 154. My submission is that if you want to look at the issues of gender, youth and all these other

interests, then we look at all of them in all the Committees; not only Budget. Budget is not the only exclusive Committee that we are going to apply all these. Let us go to every other Committee that has been presented to us. Are we able to meet the threshold that they are talking about? I think this is partisan interest and we cannot allow the House to go this direction. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Members, I need to make a ruling on that. I have heard from the two; that there is need to look at the formation and placement of Members into the Committee of Budget and also listen to those that are not for that. I want to make a ruling on that. That we now proceed with other business. I am going to make a ruling on that tomorrow in the morning session.

Now we proceed with the other business of the day. We proceed with the Motion on the floor. The Motion was that the House adopts the Report on Committee on Selection on the nomination of Members to Sectorial and Select Committees. Now because one Committee has been mentioned and has been used as a case study that is the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. We are going to remove it from the Motion, and so the Motion is and will be *that pursuant to the provision of the standing order 156, this House adopts the Report on the Committee on Selection on the nomination of Member to Sectorial and Select Committees save for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.*

It is now clear that as we debate; we are not going to include the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, which I have undertaken that I am going to make a ruling in tomorrow's morning session, so we proceed. Hon. Peter Njoroge Maina.

**Hon Peter Maina:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First and foremost, allow me to register my appreciation to the Selection Committee for the commendable job. I know for sure that you made a lot of sacrifices to get this done, including burning the midnight oil, travelling for long hours and some of you may even have travelled overnight just to get it done. We appreciate that kind of sacrifice just to make sure that you have put this House in order by placing Members in various Committees.

When I look at this placement and distribution I have noted keenly that the balance is admirable because all the major categories have been looked into. Nominated Members have been placed somewhere, the regional balance has been observed and also the People With Disability (PWDs) have been looked into. Allow me to burst the bubble of this notion that some Committees are superior to others. I do not think it is the case because it all depends with the activeness of the leadership that is the Chair and the Vice Chair. If they are active then your Committee becomes very active and prestigious in one way or the other. The thing of saying that this Committee like the one for Budget and Appropriations is superior to the other is neither here nor there. All Committees are important and we believe that if you are placed in whichever Committee, you are going to be useful there.

The placement may not have been perfect but I believe that there is something we call reshuffle and this Selection Committee is not ending today or tomorrow, they will be there to serve that

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purpose. So with time they will be reshuffling Members from this Committee to the other, also trying to consider all those parameters like the gender and regional distribution. I believe Mr. Speaker even as you work on the ruling, I think reshuffle should also be considered. We can always balance this thing through reshuffle because it is a process....

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Peter Njoroge are you anticipating the ruling of the Speaker?

**Hon Peter Maina:** I withdraw that Mr. Speaker. Last but not least, with all due respect allow me to ask Hon. Member from Elburgon Ward to explain to this House why he is preaching water and drinking wine because if you look at his list of staff, they are all male and he is very busy on this floor advocating for gender balance.

**Hon Njuguna Mwaura:** Point of order Mr. Speaker. Hon Njoroge needs to substantiate matters and what is good for the goose is also good for the gander. I wish Hon Njoroge would stick to the particularity of the Motion before us because you have already ruled on that matter. I am saying so because of those who will come after Hon. Njoroge. Let this matter be taken seriously. I also was told to declare my interest, I said I am a gender expert and also a Legal enforcer and therefore I wish to practice my profession here.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Mwangi.

**Hon. Joseph Mwangi:** *Mheshimiwa Spika, nataka kwanza kuwashukuru sana waheshimiwa ambao wamekuwa katika Kamati hiyo ya kutupanga katika Kamati mbalimbali na pia niwapongeze. Lakini kwa yote tunafaa tujiulize kama lazima kila mtu atosheke, hata kwa sasa nikiangalia jinsia ya kiume hapa ambao wameoa, wengi wao waliahidi wake zao mambo mengi na hawajatimiza.*

*Kwa hivyo Spika hatuwezi kaa hapa tukakashifu Kamati ambayo ilifanya kazi mchana na usiku, wakati sisi tulikuwa katika shughuli zetu. Kwa hayo, nataka kuhimiza Members ya kwamba tuweze kuendelea kwa sababu tunaendelea kukwama kwa sababu ya mambo mengine ambayo hayana maana. Tunapoongelea kuhusu jinsia, hata Mimi ni wa jinsia ya kiume kwa hivyo sio lazima tuongelele jinsia kama tunaongelelea wanawake pekee. Hiyo lazima ikuwe wazi kwa kila mmoja kwamba tunaongelea jinsia ya kike na kiume kwa sababu, jinsia ni tamko moja ambalo linafaa kuelezea mambo mengi.*

*Pia tunapoongea kuwekwa kwa Kamati ambazo kila mmoja wetu amekuwa, mheshimiwa Spika watu waliochaguliwa wakiwa Independent na Vyama vingine, kuna watu walichaguliwa wakiwa Vyama mbalimbali na pia kuna watu waliwapigia kura na pia kupigia watu wa Vyama vingine. Kwa hivyo hakuna kuchaguliwa wala kubaguliwa kwa sababu pia wamewekwa katika Kamati zingine ambazo sio lazima uwekwe kwa Budget Committee. Ninaomba ya kwamba tuweze kufikiria*

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*hayo, kuwa lazima kila mtu atosheke; awekwe mahali alitaka. Sote tungetaka kuwa katika Budget Committee lakini hatuko na hatupigi kelele. Kwa hivyo Mr. Speaker just give your ruling and we proceed. Thank you.*

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): The information is to the House or to...

**Hon Stanley Karanja:** Mr. Speaker, I wish Members not to trivialize the debate. If you check Committee number eight, Committee on Labour, Gender, Youth and Social Services. That is why I always say that before you swallow first of all chew. It is not good for members to specifically go somewhere without first of all leading the whole team. My information is that read the Committees well. If you are in Labour, you are there, if you are a gender expert there is a Committee on Gender you can expedite all your gender imbalances there.

Those who are claiming about the youth there is all Department for the youth. The only thing is that it is has been merged to one Committee. The only thing you can do Mr. Speaker if the House agrees is that you can be a friend to that Committee so you can expedite your appetite for gender, youth and social service.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Anthony Kamau.

**Hon. Anthony Kamau:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I stand to support the Motion and to draw to the attention of all Members of this House that we are here to represent people of diversity from our Wards. We are not here to represent our own personal interest, so as I am standing here representing the great people of Nakuru East Ward, I represent even the minority people within my Ward. When I argue being a minority, we should not argue on a personal level but we should keep the interest of those we are representing and Nakuru being a cosmopolitan County we are here to represent everyone. So as you retreat to come up with your ruling, Mr. Speaker I would like you to put into consideration that we are all Members here representing even the minority in our Wards. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon. Gathanwa from Eburu Ward, then Hon. Francis Kuria from Malewa.

**Hon Michael Gathanwa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is in this House that Members agreed that we have fallen behind on schedule and that we should be having things moving on. People are hungry to work and we cannot learn how to make an omelet without breaking an egg. I believe that for us to start working we have to give in something. I stand to support the Motion and the Committees as presented. We need to be moving. Thank you.

**Hon Francis Kuria:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Whenever there is due give credit. The Committee did a marvelous job. I was amongst those who sat down and let the Members know that we sat down starting at 8:00 am in the morning and the meeting ended very late in the evening

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at around 8:30 pm. All those hours, we were harmoniously trying to put the names of the Members together to the Committees of their demand. Allow me to tell the Members that I personally needed to be included in the Committee of Budget but due to inclusivity and equality of the Wards, I was put aside.

Remember not all of us will be satisfied, so expect some rejection from other Members, but that will not make the car to stop. Let us move on, give support to the Committee that sat down on this issue and we proceed. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon Doreen.

**Hon. Doreen Korir:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the list that was presented by the Selection Committee. I was among the team that was coming up with the list of Members and for sure the Members did a great job. It was not easy, we had to sit for long hours and travel home late. I want to congratulate and thank Hon. Njuguna for the support he has shown on women. It seems that he has women at heart and we really thank him

*(Laughter and applause)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is your point of order Hon. Kajwang?

**Hon. Peter Kajwang:** *[on a point of order]* Mr. Speaker sir, is the Hon. Member trying to insinuate that there are some men who do not have women issues in their hearts

*(Laughter)*

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

**Hon. Doreen Korir:** Thank You Mr. Speaker. You know Hon. Kajwang just came in a bit late and that is why he is trying to mix us up. On the issue of the placing the nominated Members on the Budget, it is very important, you just use your wisdom.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): That one has been overtaken by the Communication.

**Hon. Doreen Korir:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for the information. I am so grateful that you are able to place Members and also their competencies. It is very important and I do encourage that the nominated Members and the elected Members to ensure that they vie for various positions in the Committees so that we ensure we get leadership positions in various Committees. I would also want to encourage that we work together with Committee Members in harmony and consider the request of the nominated Members in the leadership. Thank you so much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. John Maritim:

**Hon. John Maritim:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the Selection Committee for a good job. Why I am saying so is because I believe that today it rained and I believe it will never plant more roses until we plant more roses. What do I mean? I mean that as Members, some of us cannot appreciate what happened in Kisumu; that one at Kisumu did a very good job. Englishmen say that we give the devil its due. So I support the Motion and I believe we need to move as an aggressive child so that not to get stuck in a given place, I believe we need to move on. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon Rottok and then Hon. Alex

**Hon. Isaac Rottok:** Asante sana Bw. Spika, yangu ni kukubaliana na Kamati ambayo walienda kule kutengeneza hii nakala na kwamba walifanya kazi nzuri. Sina tashwishi hata moja kwa sababu kumekuwa na hii diplomasia kusema kwamba mukiwekwa katika Kamati ya Bajeti ina pesa. So Mr. Speaker, ningeomba hata zile Kamati zingine ambazo ziko hapa ziongezewe hiyo pesa wanatamani ili waweze kujumuika upande ule mwingine haswa kwa Kamati ya mambo ya Welfare, Catering na Library. Bwana Spika ninaomba ikiwezekana, waongezewe pesa za kutosha ili tutakapokuja kuketi tena kuandaa Kamati kama hii, tuwe na wengi watakimbia Kamati zingine kwa mfano Kamati ya Welfare. Asante sana Bwana Spika na ninakubaliana na mjadala wa leo kwa wale walienda kuandaa nakala hii nawapa pongezi. Asante

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to stand and support the Motion. I can state that great men sat down, this negotiation was made and indeed the names that were brought to the House were under all consideration coming from all sides. When we do study on medicine, I think Hon. Njuguna has stated very well the other time that we deal with organ system. The organ system, we do not have oral organs functioning perfectly with each other.

For instance when you look at your hand, one hand has five fingers and all of them are not equal to each other. This Committees Mr. Speaker, we find that they are 21 or 20 in number and we cannot have everything equal to each other but we complement each other because as you retire to make your ruling, we consider that this House makes the composite that will make the final ruling on all the matters that the Committees dwell on and as such, you find that when the final word is made on the floor of the House you will find that gender, minority, religion and everything that is to be considered will be factored by the 75 Members who sit in this House.

So let us allow the organs as they are to stand and continue. Mr. Speaker as we proceed, you will find that as we proceed, you will find that we have matters of urgency, we cannot continue with trivialise debate into gender issues and the moment we have issues at our hand and these Committees need to run as quickly as possible, urgently as soon as now.

In Naivasha, in my own Ward, unlike all these Committees to start functioning, I have a Lake that is swallowing my people and I have three bodies still under the water and I need the Disaster Committee to start functioning. For it to function, it will still go to the Budget Committee for the necessary thing to be done.

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Therefore Mr. Speaker we need to move as a House and then the peace that has been there to continue within this House. I support this Motion of course with the amendments that have been supported by our Majority Leader because he has thought about it and we support them. Thank you very much Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you I now propose question.

*(Question proposed that safe for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on the nomination and placement of Members to the various Sectoral and Select Committees).*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### COMMUNICATION

#### COMMITTEES TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Now that the list on Committees has been adopted safe for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I want to give notice that Members in various Committees go and hold election so that by tomorrow in the afternoon session, that is the afternoon plenary from 2.30 pm, we can have Committee Leadership in place. So I wish all those that are running for various Committee positions all the best. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): This House stands adjourned...

**The Minority Leader** (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Before you adjourn, now that you have declared that those who are interested with the various positions, I think it is important that we are given direction and where to go so that we avoid the Committees coming into one room. So we need to have a schedule so that we are able to move by tomorrow morning.

Then Mr. Speaker before I sit, in your Communication, one of our very own The Hon. Zipporah has been nominated by the Excellency the Governor to the position of a CECM. I think Mr. Speaker she cannot just go like that, she is one of our colleagues. May be you would have given us at least one minute to congratulate her. Because I will not have other time, I wish to congratulate her and wish her well.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Joel Karuri): About the schedule for the elections, the office of the Clerk will facilitate the Committees to hold the elections that is the provision of clerk in charge to give direction, the place and venue and the manner of conducting the elections.

### ADJOURNMENT

This House stands adjourned until tomorrow 9.30 in the morning.

*(The House rose at 4.25pm)*

