

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

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The House met at 11: 30am

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

PRAYER

Third Assembly-First Session

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Alex Langat): As the Leader of Majority Party, I wish to move a Procedural Motion that notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 49 (Notices of Motion), this House resolves to debate the Motion on appointment of Members to the following Committees:

- a) House Business Committee
- b) Committee on Selection
- c) Committee on Appointment

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Leader of Majority Party you can call a Member to second the Motion.

A Member: Honourable Speaker I stand to second the Motion

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Members there is a Motion that notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 49 (Notices of Motion), this House resolves to debate the Motion on Appointments of Members to the following Committees. The Motion is now open for debate. Honorable Macharia from Rhonda.

Hon. John Macharia: Thank you honorable Speaker, I rise to debate about the Motion. We are so grateful the way we are doing as a House and because of time, we are so late on deliberating on the issues that are before us, I rise to support that the names that are in the House Business Committee and Selection Committee and in the Appointment Committee may go through. I rise to support

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Jane Wanjiru Gituku from Maiella Ward.

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Hon. Jane Gituku: Honorable Speaker and this honorable House, thank God for this morning. You have just prayed about faithful and the just governance of our Assembly and thank God. I would like to have a clarification because when you look on the House Business Committee, the Committee on Selection and the Committee on Appointment most Members are reported twice and this House has more than 70 Members. If you look at honorable Members in the House Business the same is repeated in the Committee on Selection.

It is not that because my name is not there that's why I am complaining, because for me am comfortable but I think it is only fair being in a House of fairness that each Member be allowed to seat in any of the Committees. I do not know whether we are following, is it our academic qualification or it because may be we are knew and we do not know exactly what happens. I would like the Speaker to shade some light on it and then we can proceed. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Jane Gituku, for clarity there is a Procedural Motion. When we have, a Notice of Motion we need seven days so that after that, we can be able to debate on the Motion but because of the issues and where we are as an Assembly, we need the three Committees to be in place so that now the Assembly Business can be fast tracked and expedited.

The first Motion is whether members are in agreement that we reduce the debate time from seven days to one day, so that later should the Motion go through, then we are going to order number nine for the substantive Motion. The first Motion is that we debate the Procedural Motion whether we use one day or seven days. That is, it Honourable Jane. What is it Honourable Palang'a

Hon. Peter Palang'a: I am rising to catch your eye Honorable Speaker so that I also contribute to the procedural Motion. It is good that you have explained to Members what it means. If you look at the order of Motion, for this case I want to contribute that it does not necessarily means that Motion should be discussed here or there and then.

Therefore, the purpose of this Motion is for us to agree on the need to ventilate and have the Motion discussed. I want to take members to Standing Order number 182 (2) that reads that- the Committee on Selection shall nominate Members to serve in Committees safe for the Membership of the Committee on House Business and Committee on Appointments.

When we are told that safe for, for example on the Committee on House Business Committee. what it means is that we as a House we do not deliberate on who are the Members of the House Business Committee and the Committee on Appointments because as we adopt this the Committee on Selection is supposed to place Members into respective Sectorial Committees to discharge the duties of this particular House.

For this reason, the law provides that the consultation of the respective Parties, the Majority Party and Minority and for that case I want to believe that has been thoroughly done and that is why we need to agree that we need to have this Committees in place to serve this House.

Honorable Speaker, I am aware yesterday we received her Excellency the Governor who officially opened the Assembly. We want to applaud her for opening this House and enumerating some of the key areas she will want us to address. We cannot discharge those duties without having

Members in respective Committees. In her speech and I quote “... *Soon or latter she should be presenting the names for the Chief Executive Committee Members (CECMs) and the Committee Members should assist her in running this Assembly or this County.*”

It is for this reason that I think therefore that in your consultations with the Members and Stakeholders, you saw it fit that you therefore agree that we need to have the Appointment Committee, which shall subsequently vet the Members for respective Dockets who should be hitting the ground running in undertaking the mandate of this particular County. Without much ado, I want to beseech Members that until we have these Members in place and the Committees, it is when the respective Members are put into respective Committees to undertake this.

Reiterating what Honorable Jane Gituku who is my neighbor, I think it is too early, let cross the bridge when allocating Member to the Committees. As to where you belong or any other Member belong, it is important Members that we allow the proposed Committee on Selection, so that it is upon them after which one can complain if any Member of this House will not have been placed in any of the Committees.

This is just meant to kick-start the program of assigning Members to respective Committees. I urge all the Members to learn out of this experience but let us hold our horses and adopt the names for the sake of this Motion. I hereby support the Procedural Motion that hereby all of us agree that we really discuss it today and allow for the formation of the Committees to allow us go forward.

Other Counties have hit the ground running; we have a lot of work that has to be done. The Governor requires some of the officers who will assist her in undertaking the mandate of the County. We can only do that if we have assigned Members and approve the Members in the respective Committees to pave way for other duties. Thank you and to Members for listening very passionately and I think you agree on that.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Kajwang.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the Procedural Motion. I stand here to oppose this Procedural Motion. My reasoning is in line with what Honorable Jane has talked about. You realise that we have seven days delegated to this House to form these special Committees, which are the Committees on House Business, Committee on Appointment and Committee on Selection. Actually, for the Committee on Selection and Appointments. We even have ten days as opposed to seven days.

Honourable Speaker, I want to say this because traditionally when these committees are being formed, it is a consultation within Parties or Coalitions. In this particular one, me as a Member of the Azimio Coalition, I am not aware of any consultation that was done within my Party or within my Coalition to select the Members that have been selected to represent us in these crucial Committees.

I do not see the hurry, the Standing Orders give us enough days to do this and if for example it will be very important then we could only look at House Business Committee. I do not see any hurry

to deal with the Select and the Committee on Appointments. I stand here to oppose this Procedural Motion and ask the House and different Parties in the House to go and make through Consultations.

I am a very senior Member of my Coalition being here for my second term in this Assembly and this kind of consultation could not go on my back and I have consulted so many Members of my Coalition, they are saying they were not aware. This is a decision that was made without their consultation. We are not going to burn out. If we say, let's rectify this, make proper consultation and come here next week. And then we proceed with this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa William Mutai and then later Mheshimiwa Kamau from Mai Mahiu.

Hon. William Mutai: Mr. Speake sir, I stand to support this Procedural Motion on the following grounds;

1. In terms of the distribution of names, I think I have no problem as long as these people are going to do thier work that is actually assigned to them. So the issue of appearing in the House Committee, or even in the Committee on Selection, if your name appears twice, I think I have no problem unless we are not trusting each other.
2. I am not even appearing in any but I want to believe that my colleagues are going to perform to their best.
3. I want to believe that a lot of consultation was done when coming up with these names. I can see the name of the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Whip, and even some of the names from the Independent Party are also appearing, meaning that there must have been some thorough consultations.

So I want to believe that if these people can be given time, and we use the most minimal time to ensure that they actually do their work, we shall be able to go by the request of the Governor, that she made during the opening of this House. So, I support this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Mr. Speaker, just a point of order.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Which Order?

Hon. Peter Palang'a: No. 182 on Selection Committee, where honourable Member, the law provides for the Selection Committee shall consult...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Palang'a. It is a point of order, did it arise from the Member who just sat or your point of order is necessitated by what?

Hon. Peter Palang'a: By sentiments of Honourable Kajwang that he was not consulted when this House yesterday adopted the Leadership of the Coalitions...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Order!

Hon. Peter Palang'a: And I did not see any kind of contravention as to opposing the Leader of Majority nor Leader of Minority.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Mheshimiwa! You are responding to an issue that was raised by Mheshimiwa and the Leadership from the various Assembly Parties. So thank you for that. So that is specifically for Mheshimiwa Kajwang.

So I want us to go in this order, I am going to give it to Mheshimiwa Kamau from Mai Mahiu, then Minority Leader, then the mover Mheshimiwa Majority Leader will summarise on that so that we can proceed.

Hon. Kamau: thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to oppose the Motion.

One, it is an issue that I want to raise in this House, that we should all be aware that we are all equal despite that we cannot ignore the experience with some Members. But I think the mandate that we are given by our people is equal. I do not have any problem with the Leadership of the House, but on my side I was not aware. I was not at all informed about these Committees. But I think it is in order Mr. Speaker believing that anything that will be happening in this House, despite whether we are new in this House, let us have some consultation. Because one, we need to push this House to a level of a City being aware that our County now is a City, let us lay the standard of the House.

Let us consult each other at any time, because we want to go ahead without any confrontations. So, in the fact that I did not know and also require some time to understand these Members, I stand to oppose the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; Mheshimiwa Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader (Hon. Phillip Wanjohi): I wish to thank the Members of my Coalition for having faith and confidence in me that I represent the issues of the Party in this House. Secondly, I wish to confirm to the Members of my Party the Azimio Coalition that yes, indeed we are consulted unless the honorable Member Kajwang has an issue with the naming because Mr. Speaker, if you look at the House Business Committee, his name is appearing. So therefore Mr. Speaker on the list is number 15.

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

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Which number?

Hon. Peter Kajwang: I am standing on point of Order number 181. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that we were contributing to this Procedural Motion. And when we air our views, we are airing our views considering our interests and the entire interest of all Members. So the fact that my name is appearing in the list of House Business Committee, I would be quite worried because actually I was not even consulted whether I wanted to be in that Committee. So I am saying for all other

Members also, and also for my interest. That is not the issue. I did not stand here to agitate for my own interests, but for the interest of so many Members who did not have a say on how their names came in, or did not feature in this Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Allow me to invite the House in Article 109 of our Constitution. Mr. Speaker, the issues of consultation do not appear here, but the issues of precedent, when the Speaker, Majority Leader and the Minority Leader sat and they consult among themselves, the business is deemed fit for the House. And therefore, I wish to request the House to allow us to proceed with the business before us without actually vesting our interests into the list in the preceding order.

I would like to request the Members to desist from putting the cart before the horse. What we are doing, we are just putting the horse before the cart and that we know generally that the cart cannot actually push the horse. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am requesting the Members to hold their horses. We agree whether we proceed with the Motion or not, without looking at that order. And if the House will concentrate itself into the Procedural Motion, I therefore believe that we are going to move forward.

Also, to encourage the new Members, I would wish to tell them that in my father's House which is this House, because we have opened with the prayers, there is a lot of work, but few workers. Therefore, if they believe, that there is something that is to come, I believe that we still have the chance to ventilate when we will be coming to Order No. 9 but let us proceed with the Motion, as stated by the Majority Leader. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Mheshimiwa Njuguna. Mheshimiwa Minority Leader you will give your remarks whether we proceed with Procedural Motion, then we move in that order, Mheshimiwa Majority Leader.

The Minority Leader (Hon. Phillip Wanjohi): Thank you, before the honorable Kajwang intervened and Honorable Njuguna, I wish to confirm yes Mr. Speaker you consulted. We had a meeting with the Majority Leader and myself and the various Party Whips, and for those of us who have the doubt or the names are missing like Honorable Njuguna has said we still have space for everybody. And some of these Committees like apart from the House Business Committee, the other two Committees, will lapse once we are done with the appointments, and therefore like the honorable Njuguna has said, let us hold our horses and proceed with the Procedural Motion. And if the Members have any contributions to make, then as we proceed to Order No. 9 then they can proceed now with the Motion and give their views Mr. Speaker, I support the Procedural Motion.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Hon. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Hon. Kajwang! That is more than enough. You had more than two chances to submit the points of your debate. So kindly allow other Members to get some time Also to be able to raise their points.

Hon Alex Lang’at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. And thank you honorable Members, the Committees that are actually before the House. As we have all seen are Committees that are going to help us operationalise our issues in this particular House.

As it stands now, the County Assembly of Nakuru, there are many things that are stagnating. We do not have the CECMs in place, we do not have the CEOs in place, we do not have much that we are able to do, including the very recently offices for the Members of this honorable House We do not even have our own offices. We have not even been able to hire our own staff and Members. We realise that for these things to be able to move for the County Assembly to be alive we need all these being put together.

And the only option for us to be able to do this is of course by enabling these Committees and setting them to be in place. So honorable Members, you also realise according to the procedures and the Standing Orders, we have a time bound, we have a limit of putting some of these Committees and some of these positions in place.

I want to thank the Leadership and also to thank all Members for accepting and giving us an opportunity to be your leaders. Because of that, it is only prudent that we trust without having to look over our shoulders that what the Leadership is going to do will be for the benefit and the good of this great House.

And as somebody has even quoted, there are many other things that are going to be done. There are many more other Committees that you would find yourself being placed and there will be uniformity. There is going to be a position for everybody. And all consideration including our professionalism, including where we come from, regional balance and issues like that. So I urge Members, we allow this Procedural Motion to move on, so that the activities of this great House can start moving; time has really gone. We have spent quite some few months since the time we came out from elections and I am sure we would not want to keep on spending more time to debate and to think of who did what. I want to believe the leadership has done what it has done in good faith and we believe that everyone will feel represented. I beg to urge this House to allow us move this procedural Motion.

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

(Question put that notwithstanding the provisions of standing order number 49, the House resolves the Motion on appointment of Members to the following Committees;

- 1. House Business Committee*
- 2. Committee on Selection*

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3. *Committee on appointment.*

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

HOUSE APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE BUSINESS, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

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

Hon. Alex Lang'at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand to move this Motion;

THAT pursuant to the provision of standing orders 181,182 and 187; this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the respective Committees as follows;

a. House Business Committee

1. Hon. Joel Karuri Maina Chairperson
2. Hon. John Ngware Nganga
3. Hon. Alex Langat
4. Hon. Philip Wanjohi
5. Hon. Fadhili Msuri
6. Hon. Virginia Wamaitha
7. Hon. Robert Kipyegon Lagat
8. Hon. Joseph Mwangi Muraya
9. Hon. Michael Ngugi Gathanwa
10. Hon. Peter Njoroge Maina
11. Hon. John Maritim
12. Hon. Grace Mwathi
13. Hon. Wilson Wachira
14. Hon. John Mwangi Macharia
15. Hon. Peter Kajwang'
16. Hon. Wilson Morogo
17. Hon. Peter Mwaura Njuguna
18. Hon. Neto Sakwa Aluksa
19. Hon. Moses Ngeny Koros
20. Hon. Ndung'u Mbugua
21. Hon. Benard Kirui
22. Hon. Francis Mungai Kuria
23. Hon. George Cheruiyot Talam

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24. Hon. Anthony Kamau Kanyere

25. Hon. Mercy Chepkirui Kilel

On the Committee of Selection, I would wish to request this Honorable House to approve the following Members;

1. Hon. Joel Karuri Maina
2. Hon. Joseph Ngware Ng'ang'a
3. Hon. Alex Kipkoech Lang'at
4. Hon. Philip Wanjohi Ndiritu
5. Hon. Fadhili Msuri Hamisi
6. Hon. Virginia Wamaitha Gichanga
7. Hon. Alex Ndung'u Mbugua
8. Hon. Anthony Kamau Kanyere
9. Hon. Robert Kipyegon Lang'at
10. Hon. Isabella Kerubo
11. Hon. Alex Bor
12. Hon. Peter Njoroge Maina
13. Hon. Stanley Karanja
14. Hon. Francis Kuria Mungai
15. Hon. Grace Wambui Mwathi
16. Hon. Rose Chepkoech
17. Hon. Peter Palang'a
18. Hon. Wilson Wachira Mwangi
19. Hon. John Macharia
20. Hon. Hezy Kung'u Kariuki
21. Hon. Ali Hassan Abdi
22. Hon. Doreen Chebiwot Korir
23. Hon. Wesley Kipkirui Lang'at

On Committee of Appointment;

1. Hon. Joel Karuri Maina
2. Hon. Alex Lang'at
3. Hon. Philip Wanjohi
4. Hon. Isabella Makori
5. Hon. Rose Chepkoech
6. Hon. Peter Palang'a

I wish to request this House to be able to approve these Committees. I beg to submit. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. A seconder.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Motion is that pursuant to the provisions of standing orders 181, 182 and 187, this House approves the appointment of the following to the respective Committees as was read by the mover.

The Motion is open for Debate.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the report that has been tabled here by the Majority Leader and request the House to be considerate of time because other Counties, when we were going for induction, other Counties like Trans Nzoia County were there for Committee inductions. This means there are Counties that are ahead of us. Currently, there is no business that is being transacted in this County because currently, we are being held at ransom because of the technicality. I am requesting the Members to consider these Committees being approved so that we can move on with the business of the House. There is no business that can be brought to this House without the inception of the House Business Committee. There is no CEC that can be vetted without the Appointment Committee. There is no CO that can be vetted without the Appointment Committee.

Therefore, the business of the day is a critical business that will determine the business of this County. Yesterday, we had our Governor who was here with us and she pleaded with the House that this House expedite the process of vetting those people when they will be brought here. I believe the Executive is ready to bring them here but as a House, we are not yet prepared. I am requesting the House to be considerate, we pass this Motion, we set these Committees to go on with their mandate, they expedite their processes or making sure we have Committees that are running. An Assembly is not an Assembly without organs. Those who come from the field of Health, a body is not a body without organs. A body that does not have head and the tail is not a complete body. That is why I am requesting this Honorable House to be considerate and be conscious on time because without time, we are going to be doomed.

However, I would like to request that we be considerate of independent candidates because we are the moderators. Next time, we want to see the face of Independent Leaders in the House being prioritised and being given a law because the ruling Party and also the opposition as per the Constitution. If these people will not be there to moderate things, this House can burn. Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Kajwang': Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this Motion with amendment. I support the House Business Committee but I rise to oppose the approval of the Selection Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a point of order. The point of order addresses the House on the way amendments could be done and what effects it can have. Standing order number 156(2) states that whenever a Motion of approval of a list under paragraph 1 is moved in the Assembly, no objection against the proposed membership of a Member in a Select Committee shall be permitted and objections if any, shall be formulated against the proposed membership as whole. Mheshimiwa Kajwang, if you are moving an amendment, then it would be to the question of whether you support the whole list or you oppose the whole list.

Hon. Peter Kajwang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand guided.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Minority Leader.

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. What we are discussing in this House is the three Committees jointly and there is no way you can remove one Committee. If you are removing one, you remove the whole list.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): He is guided. Mheshimiwa Minority Leader, you had the floor. I did not hear you supporting or maybe you needed some time for debating or something?

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I have already expressed my views and I am in support that we proceed on with the Debate. I support the procedural Motion and I support the Motion that the three Committees proceed. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Hon. Mwangi Muraya.

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to urge the House. Unless Members are not receiving calls from our electorates, that we can lag here in discussing issues that are very important. I beg the House that we all approve the names, we set the Committees and we continue. Also, we shall avoid the time other Members are having in looking for sympathies from other quarters and we shall be guided and we shall move on. If ...

Hon. Elijah Murage: I am allowed to urge all Members that we support the Committees then move on because we have to supplement students at home, others are to seat for KCSE and KCPE and Mr. speaker, they are disturbing us because they want bursaries and many other things. So I rise to support that we move on.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon Peter Palang’a, you have had much chances to speak, but maybe because of your seniority, there is a precedence to that effect. You will have two minutes on this one, but then from this side we are done and the eyes of the Speaker are going to concentrate on the right.

Hon Peter Palang’a: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe you also appreciate my seniority even to yourself, but again you being my Speaker I pledge my allegiance to you. I just wanted to echo the need to have these Committees up and running. Yesterday in her Excellency Governor’s speech,

she indicated the number of issues that she wishes to be undertaken on behalf of the residents of Nakuru. Amongst the key areas is the issue of County Integrated Development Plan (CIPD), Members will have to be interpreted for on what CIDP means, but what it means is the Strategic Planning of what we need to do. It is very critical because it is a five years term plan and we are already eating into the five years without this plan in place. We require it like yesterday. On the issue of bursaries I am aware because honourable Members have been consulting me as a Senior Counsel on how to go about this.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Order! Are you a Counsel? As a senior Member you do not mislead the House.

Hon peter Palang'a: I stand guided Mr. Speaker sir. Therefore what I am saying is, forms are already out there having been distributed for bursary disbursement. In her Statement the Governor said she has to uphold or wait a little bit. We cannot undertake such a crucial mandate without the Education Committee. The CECM for that particular Committee has to be vetted and be approved by this Committee. So in short we have to reallocate some of the funds to complete the projects that have been rolled over. We entirely need to realign that by Supplementary Budget and that Supplementary Budget cannot be looked into without the substantive Committee for that particular Committee. We seriously require this like yesterday. For heaven's sake Members let us have these Committees up and running as soon as yesterday. Thankyou Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon. Peter Njoroge from Murindati, then Hon. Abdi in that order.

Hon Peter Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. You realise that these Members were given the mandate to represent their electorate on 8th of August and two and half months down the line, we have not had an opportunity to conduct important businesses in this House. The reason for that is because very crucial Committees are not yet in place and therefore I feel that there is need and urgency to constitute and put in place these Committees so that we are enabled to hit the ground running. Mr. Speaker, you realise that the children in this County who are hoping for the feeding program to be enrolled really depend on us and that depends on the Committees. If they are put in place we will be able to fast track such things and assist the Executive to have that done. You also realize that this being a new Government, some drugs have not been supplied to the rural dispensaries and hospitals because such Committees are not in place.

Therefore, we feel that there is an urgency and need to put this place in place. Last but not least we have very new Municipalities like Gilgil and Molo and they are yet to be operationalised.

Therefore if we put these Committees in place, House Business, Selection Committee and also Appointment, we are sure that they are able to fast-track for these things to be done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon Hassan Abdi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to support the Procedural Motion and I want also to...

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The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Order! Hon Abdi. The procedural Motion was overtaken by events, we are on Order No. 9, the substantive Motion.

Hon Hassan Abdi: I want to support the Motion. If you keenly yesterday were listening to the Governor's address, I think she was just talking about Health and Mr. Speaker if you stay around this town and go to PGH or the Level Five hospital, I am telling you it is messy. The patients are lying down on the floor and we need things to move very fast. The second and the last thing is about the Digital Centers the Governor was talking about in her address. We need these Digital Centers in our *Mashinani* because young people have no jobs and we want them to go to those Digital Centers *watafute kazi na wafanye kazi*. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Francis Kuria from Malewa West

Hon Francis Kuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. I am very worried because if every Member was listening to yesterday's speech from our dear Governor, we are supposed to resume our duties. We are running short of time and people in the field are having high expectations on what they sent us here to represent them, so I support the Motion. We should proceed and I raise concern we went for induction Mr. Speaker and allow me to address Hon. Kamau of Mai Mahiu. These are the Committee on Selection.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Order! Order! What information is it Hon. Macharia

Hon Elijah Macharia: (On a point of information), I want to inform the Honorable Member that he should address the Speaker not the honorable Member.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon. Francis Kuria, but Hon. Kamau from Mai Mahiu has not addressed himself in order number nine. So you may not be addressing him maybe unless you want to...

Hon Francis Kuria: Mr. Speaker I am addressing the House. Thank you. Allow me to tell the honorable Members that we went for induction and everything in this Paper we were taught there. Let us be keen, let us understand and next time we ask the question so that we understand where we are heading to. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): So, in that order Hon. Virginia then Hon. Jane then we get another round of Members.

Hon Virginia Gichanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to appreciate the Majority Party Leadership and also the Minority and yourself for coming up with this list. I support the list of Members but I want to urge all those in this list especially the ones on Selection Committee. All the seventy-five of us could not have been able to get into this Committee so, it is my prayer that those who are in this Committee to do justice to the all in the House. Making sure that all Members are well represented in each and every Committee as it is in the Standing Orders. Also about yesterday's Governor's speech, it is not only the Governor who wants this House or

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County to start working; all of us were elected by the people or our electorates and they expect us to be doing something or work to be in progress. Like Nyandarua County they have already vetted their CECs. If we do not allow this Motion or this work to go ahead then we will just be dragging our people behind and as a County Assembly we will be blamed. Let us play our role then the rest we give the Governor, the CECs and COs and we leave the work to her, then we shall be able to question the Executive if work is not done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon Jane Gituku then later after Jane, Hon. Kamau you get that opportunity as we wind up.

Hon. Jane Gituku: Mr. Speaker I want to thank you for this chance again. I am the one who started with a question and I believe that the intelligence of this House demands we all understand the urgency of whatever is ahead of us. So nobody is actually questioning the urgency of the matters that are ahead of us and we are not even in any doubt that our County Assembly needs to move very fast, but the question that I asked which of course I did not get an answer but we usually say the majority have their way and the minority have their say is that the composition which we were explained deserves to have all the Members who are elected. It was not answered so I will also not demand again but I am also comfortable to say that the composition of the Committee and the Standing Orders that were formed could have included all Members. But if those people who know that those people are supposed to be like that and can appear in as many Committees as possible for this one I totally agree.

Mr. Speaker, we might maybe not be good at lobbying so we can get this position but the interest for us is that we shall serve our community. I believe even without being in the list we have an opportunity to serve our communities so nobody should maybe feel like I am fighting for something, I only asked for information and since I did not get it, maybe by and by as the years go by, I will understand. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon. Kamau then Hon. Koros then Hon. Alex in that order then we wind up.

Hon Eliud Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe it is only fools who cannot change their mind.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Order! Order! That is unparliamentarily language. So you may want to withdraw that?

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Hon. Eliud Chege: But Mr. Speaker, with the urgency that we have in our County, In my opinion I cannot oppose the motion again but I want to give a stern warning to the Leadership of this House because although I support the Motion, I want to give that stern warning that please..

Hon. Philip Wanjohi: Mr. Speaker

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The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): What is your point of information?

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): Mr. Speaker there is somebody who is warning us in this House and I would be very worried why we are warned and the repercussions of the warnings. Mr. Speaker can you please stand for the House whether we are supposed to be warned or not.

Hon. Eliud Chege: Mr. Speaker I withdraw

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) Order! Allow Hon. Kamau to submit his views there

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker before you defend Hon. Kamau,

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Hon. Kamau kindly if you can conclude your submission

Hon. Eliud Chege: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand and now support the Motion.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Koros then Hon Alex and then later we are going to have two more Members then we wind up

Hon. Moses Koros: Thank you Mr. Speaker I want to support the motion and also request that looking at the mood of the House I can see we already have a direction. I request that the speaker puts the motion to question so that we can end the debate. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Applause

Hon. Alex Bor Thank you Mr. Speaker I arise to support the motion and state that time has gone and with the short time we have, we need to hit the ground running by going back to our people and serve them. Without any reproach, the committees that have been setup they will do their best to serve this House because that is what we have been called to do. As for Bwana Njuguna

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker there is no bwana's here. Can he withdraw?

Hon Alex Bor: I withdraw and go back to refer him as Hon. Njuguna. The composition of the committee on Selection and Appointment remain as it is constituted. Thank you very much I rise to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you; Hon. John Maritim from Kamara and then Hon. Bernard from Mariosioni and then I will give direction because members you also realize that this session, needs to be through by 12.30, However, its only because we started a little bit late and therefore kindly shorten your submissions so that we are not out of order.

Hon. John Maritim: Mr. Speaker sir I stand to support the motion, yesterday we had the Governor talk about delivering on time and I believe if we just drag our feet, time is running out. I also believe that a busy mind is also a busy body so I believe that if we can move on together, everything will be okay. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Hon. Benard then Hon. Rottok

Hon. Benard Kirui: Yangu tu ningependa kupata ufafanuzi kutoka kwa Kiongozi wa walio Wengi wakati alikuwa akisoma majina ya House Business Committee, alipofika no. 21, akasema kulikuwa na typing error na hiyo ndio jina langu.

(Laughter)

Sasa sijui ningependa tu atufafanunulie kwa nini ikifika jina langu inakuwa typing error

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you I will allow Hon Rottok and then because the Majority leader is the mover, he will be able to respond.

Hon. Isaac Rottok: Thank you Mr. Speaker I want to support the substantive motion about the composition of the three committee. Down there in our village people need our support especially where I come from Menengai West, We are encountering a lot of challenges whereby incidences of robberies have risen in high level. May I take this opportunity to tell my fellow Hon. Members that we support this substantive motion and we move on because time is running out?

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Rottok what is making robbery levels to rise?

Hon. Issac Rottok: Actually I think due to the delay of forming this committees

(Laughter)

Actually our roads are bad in the village, we cannot access all places easily, floodlights are not working and we need to support our governor by forming this Committees. I am not complaining because my name is not there but the formed committee are professionals and committed to do their duties in a professional way.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you Hon. Rottok. Hon Kajwang make your contribution short

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Thank you Mr. Speaker; I also stand up and say that I was vehemently opposed to this Motion but now considering that the majority have supported, I now want to give my support to this Motion but I want to reiterate and advise Members that we should not be drawn into a panic mood. This House is being guided by Standing Orders, we had seven days to look into these issues and that every Member after the other is standing up to say oh! We are late oh! *sijui* County A has done this or County Assembly has done that. No! Let us stand our ground, let us

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organise ourselves because if you miss the first step, you are not going to get it right and we have already seen some red flags in this and you know it is only that we have another day that we are going to engage. I want to tell Members let us not get into panic mood but let us appreciate and ready to support the agenda of the Governor and we also know that we have time as an Assembly to execute this issue. There is no issue to panic or what is to come but instead we are still being guided by the Standing Orders. Let us restrict ourselves to the rules of this House as indicated in the Standing Orders. Otherwise Mr. Speaker I stand to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you Hon. Douglas Naburuke

Hon. Douglas Naburuke: I stand here to support this Motion because as I have read the mood in the House, I hereby support the Motion so that the Committee on Selection can continue with their mandate so that we finish the task ahead of us. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Hon. Evelyne and then later Hon. Majority Leader you will respond.

Hon. Everlyne Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support the Motion and state that as far as we are talking of ten days, during our first day of orientation, you told us that this House we are going to keep time. I hope this will be last time that we are going to be told to do things in a hurry because of time. I also urge the House Leadership to keep informing us in time and if there is anything we are lurking behind, we are committed to give our time to it so that everything we are supposed to do is done in good time. Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you Hon. Member. Hon Majority Leader.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I want to also take this opportunity to thank the House in view of the mood of what we are just about to do, to actually approve these names. In summary I think we are all in agreement, one we have just talked about time that time notwithstanding, we are a new House and just like a new vehicle, you fuel ready to move and we did not have wheels. The approval of all these Committees, ideally is just to give us wheels to be able to move and allow the County to move forward and also pave way to operationalise and allow us to also perform our mandate even as we go back to our role of representation in our various Wards.

I know the constituents are very much expectant waiting for us on the ground and because we have been away for quite a long time it would be wise if we go to our various Wards, we go there having a word or something for them just like when a father goes for a journey and come home children will be expecting bread. This bread Hon. Members is going to be put in place by allowing these names to be approved by this very Hon. House.

Therefore Members without much a-do, there is a Member who asked about the composition of names in number 21. I will look at the list so that we rectify and give the right name in that

particular issue. Mr. Speaker sir, with those few remarks I would wish to request this House that they approve the names that we have been able to forward to allow us to start our business. If you can recall, the wisdom of the Leadership, this week or the previous week we could be in Mombasa for further induction but with the indulgence of the Leadership of this House, when we sat, we agreed that let us postpone this so that when we go back to Mombasa for further induction, we will be able to let things move on in our County. Also for the benefit of time or do away with anxiety because we have already talked about placing Members into the various Committees, there is a lot of anxiety and Members we urge you as Leadership that this Committee will place them equally; they will be considerate that Members fit into various Committees so that you do your work with a very happy soul and also be productive in your various Committees. As I was talking about anxiety because the more we delay, Members are anxious on which Committee to be placed, which Committee to Chair and all that, the only way to resolve the issue is by approving the this list of names so that the House can remain united and address other issues. With those few remarks I request this Hon. House to approve all the names of the various Committees as stated. I beg to move.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): I now propose the question that;

Pursuant to provisions of Standing Orders 161, 182 and 187, this House approves the appointment of the following members as indicated and read with the respective Committees).

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members the House stands adjourned up to 2.30 pm today

(The House rose at 12.50pm)

