

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 27TH May 2020

Assembly Building

The House met at 9.40am

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Good morning Honorable Members. Clerk next order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

HONORABLE MEMBERS TO SIGN IN USING BIOMETRIC

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): I want to communicate that having resumed the Plenary Sittings and having reviewed the quorum and having reviewed the lists that have been signed; I now order that we revert to biometric signing in of Members. The Sergeant-At-Arms is instructed to ensure there is the sanitizer at the point of keying in of the biometrics.

Honorable Members, I am getting a bit disappointed because you requested that we allow this sittings to proceed but we are not seeing seriousness in terms of attendance and therefore I have decided that those Members who attend will use the biometric as usual. Next order.

MOTION

HOUSE ADOPTS SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CHANGES IN

COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): We have a Motion by Honorable Irene Chebichii, the Chairperson on the Committee on Selection.

Hon. Irene Chebichii: Honorable Speaker I wish to move a Motion;-

THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on the changes in the Committee's membership laid on the table on 26TH May 2020. I wish to move the Motion, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Who is seconding the Motion?

Hon. Irene Chebichii: I wish to request Honorable Alice Kering who is a Member of the Select Committee to second the Motion.

Hon. Alice Kering: Thank you Honorable Speaker, I second the Motion moved by Honorable Irene Chebichii, thank you.

(Question proposed that the House adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on the changes in the Committees' membership laid on the table on 26TH May 2020.)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Yes, Honorable Majority Chief Whip

Majority Chief Whip (Hon. Melvin Kutol): Honorable Speaker I want to support the Motion and say that in the last sessions we have been having some Members who were just back benchers and in light to that I think the Selection Committee came in handy at the right time and remember we are here for a reason, we are here to make sure that we deliver and we know like in other Department in the Executive they do have more than one CO because of the weight of the specific Department, for example in the Department of Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training in this House we shall have two Vice Chairs and also in Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works we shall be having three.

Remember the Department of Roads is the major backbone of every other development and having these three Vice Chairs to help the Chair, I think the we shall be able to deliver quite a lot and I stand to support and say a big thank you to the Selection Committee. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you. Hon. Maru.

Hon. Rachel Maru: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I just want to support the Motion and I really want to congratulate the Committee for the work that they did. As per whatever they did I am a beneficiary and I am the one who is really enjoying in this House. In fact I just want to say that God will bless them because whatever they did to us it is so good to us and not me alone but also other Members and I just want to say that if we continue with the same spirit in this House; we are going to solve some problems that we have been having. Thank you and may God bless the Committee and they continue with the same spirit.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Amen, Honorable Chair for Budget.

Hon. Joel Karuri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, leadership is God given and also there has been some proponents of leadership management who hold the view that leadership is also developed owing to various studies that have been done. The Members of this Honorable House are leaders whether nominated or elected, they are leaders. Of importance to note is that some of the Members who previously did not have opportunities to say they are Vice Chairs of certain Committees it is worth noting that they vied for various posts in the last General Election, they got votes but then the votes were not sufficient to have them elected and that does not demean the fact that they are leaders. These Report gives an opportunity to these leaders now to exercise the leadership abilities and the

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mandate that they have to the various Committees that they have been apportioned to. In line to that, the House is expecting that our oversight role including the legislative role of this House to be broaden and this will make sure that the many Reports that the Vice Chair and even previously the Chairs had to contend with. If they are able to do what in production is called division of labor, like now when I look at Agriculture Committee they have three Vice Chairpersons thinking that that would constitute the Vice Chair on Crop, Vice Chair on Livestock and Veterinary and also Fisheries and the Aquatic issues. This can now enhance Committees performance.

The Selection Committee whenever they have been called to place people in Committees, they do not do that in luxury. They do that taking cognizant that these Members would be able to deliver in various Committees and so, the Members who have been placed in the new Committees and also others who now proceed to get the positions, it is not for luxury but it is to enhance the performance and the efficiency of the Committees.

Committees are the heartbeats anywhere in the world and in the legislative history. Committee is where the work of various Houses and Assemblies take place. I want to support this Report and say that the challenge on the new Members of this House who got the opportunity to lead Committees and to be in the leadership of those Committees is that we can only expect more efficiency and more ability to do our role. Thank you. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you Chair and I believe you have also supported us in budgetary allocations. Hon. Karanja has something to say.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Let me first of all say that sometimes we come very early but we have been reduced to chasing projects. You come here very early and then you run to the various departments to chase projects to the disappointment of us all such that so many Members are running to the departments just chasing for projects of which it is not good and I think it will be rectified and we seek your indulgence. This issue of us always coming here to chase projects is also affecting the Assembly in one way or another. Let me congratulate the Selection Committee for work well done. First, we always argue that Members, especially Chairpersons must check how the Reports are drafted. This is because after each and every Report or once you put a certain opinion, you must justify it and that is why I always argue that Chairs should check the format.

Secondly, as I congratulate the Committee, the Clerk and you Mr. Speaker, I urge these Members that this Report was looking at the performance. Before you come to an individual, you first of all check what the responsibility of this Assembly is. First responsibility of this Assembly is to make sure it oversights the Executive. That is why Committees are there to make sure that they put pace to what Executive does and that is why after considering the Selection Committee, through your leadership, we saw that some of the oversight roles were dragging not because the Committee is not working, but because the Committee is overwhelmed. That is why the positions that have arose are not to benefit certain individuals, but to make sure that the Assembly does its work effectively

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and well. That is why I ask the Members before they look where they are, they first of all make sure that the cardinal objective of why the Selection Committee sat down to place them there. They must adhere to that spirit and I do thank the Committee because what they have done here, it has placed Members accordingly.

Going forward, there is no Statement that will lag behind and also ask the Members who are here, to make sure that the Assembly of Nakuru through them shines. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I thank you, the Committee and I support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you

(Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on the changes of Committee membership laid on the table on 26th May, 2020)

(Question put and agreed to)

Honorable Members as Hon. Karanja has said, we expect the Committees now to form sub committees which will be handling specific matters headed by the vice chairs who then will bring the Report to the full Committee for adoption so that we have efficiency. As Hon. Karanja has said, we expect to see more productivity from the Committees, now that the expanded leadership has been done.

Number two, we are expecting the Committees to sit and elect those respective Vice Chairs and those ones that do not have Chairperson like the Disaster Committee, it is now fully constituted and you can now go ahead and during your Committee sitting elect a substantive Chair. I think the Vice Chairperson is around.

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members this House stands adjourned to 2.30pm. When we say 2.30 it is 2.30.

(The House rose at 10.00am)