REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 15th February, 2017

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Mariru) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

[Hon. Joseph Kabaci]

APPOINTMENT OF HBC MEMBERS

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Members are aware that after every session we re-organize this committee. This is a committee which is very critical and I would like to thank the members. The last session we had, they have done a good job. Mr. Speaker, as you can tell there is no single day we came here and lacked business unlike other Assemblies. We hear they enter the chamber and leave due to lack of business. I would wish that we appreciate them. Their job is commendable and I wish Members can support this motion.

We do not have enough time and we could have re-organized it but we have two months to the nominations campaign. If at all we can change the names, I am sure they will not have familiarized themselves with the committee's work. I wish the Members can see the importance of approving and mandating them to continue with their work so that they can make sure that the business of this House is always there. With these few remarks, I beg the Hon. Deputy Speaker to second the motion. Thank you.

(Hon. Kimondo seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Maitai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to oppose the motion. Hon. Leshuel is trying to confuse me and he will easily succeed because I am right from recess. I am yet to refresh my mind on how this House runs. I am opposing this motion because I have always requested that I be made a Member of this committee and I don't know why the leadership is always reluctant. Mr. Speaker, Sir, any time a Kenyan feels that she should serve other Kenyans in a particular post, I don't think she should be denied that post.

So for that reason, I want to oppose this motion and I ask the relevant persons who are involved in drafting it to take it back and include my name there.

Hon. Kimondo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support the motion because the membership of the House Business Committee really did a commendable job in our last session. I want to congratulate them and appreciate the work they have done. I want to echo the sentiments of Hon. Maitai. Hon. Maitai, you could have been included but because of continuity, you will not because it is only one month to recess. I support the motion and wish the membership well.

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Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to contribute towards this motion. As per the mover of the motion, for sure it is important that we continue with this committee but at the same time, it is good to note that everybody particularly the people who are contesting, most of the times will be in the field campaigning as we are seeking our re-election. I feel this committee is very important when it comes to the business of this House. I feel we should mix the people who are contesting and some who are not contesting.

Most of the times, as you can see today, though we have increased the quorum, you can tell many are not present. Mr. Speaker, it is not that they have other businesses but they are on the ground campaigning. It is my prayer that we have some who are contesting and include others who are not contesting so that when others are in the field, the business of this House particularly this period won't be affected.

Hon. Dann: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am also happy that we are back from recess and we had a good rest. I also rise to echo Hon. Wakahiu's words noting the importance of this committee. It would have been my wish to advise the Majority Leader to re-draft this committee. We want to see new faces of those people who are not busy, a person who is not contesting like Hon. Elizabeth and a person who has not shown interest in politics like Hon. Jane. They will keep this House moving.

If we mix this committee, we shall continue having business. Therefore, it would have been better if the Hon. Majority Leader re-drafts this motion and mixes it so that in the afternoon we pass it.

Hon. Elizabeth: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuchangia huu mjadala. Langu ni kuwapongeza wanakamati kwa sababu wamefanya kazi nzuri. Wameweza kutuendeleza vizuri katika Bunge hili. Ningependa kusema ya kwamba kama kuna wale watasimama, watakuwa na kazi nyingi sana ya kufanya huko nje kwa sababu wanatafuta kura. Siyo vizuri hii kamati ije ipate ni watu wawili ama watatu ambao wako. Ni jambo la muhimu kama wale wanasimama wangeweza kukaa na kuwapatia wengine nafasi ya kuendeleza hii kamati. Siyo kwa ubaya bali ni vile tu kazi itakuwa inaendelea. Kwa hayo machache nachangia huu mjadala.

Hon. Beth: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Sijui hofu ni ya nini katika hili Bunge. Siendi mahali kama musimu wangu haujaisha. Nasema hivyo kwa sababu Mheshimiwa John na Mheshimiwa Alice wanasimama. Mheshimiwa Daisy ni kiongozi wa chama chetu cha Jubilee. Kwa hivyo hatutaachia hili Bunge watu watatu. Bwana Spika, wacha tuje hapa hata kama unasimama kutoka Magharibi mwa Laikipia, kuja ufanye kazi yako kwa sababu hutafanyiwa na Mheshimiwa Elizabeth, Mheshimiwa Jane na wengine.

Najua katika hili Bunge sisi ni wengi ambao tunatafuta hizi viti isipokuwa Mheshimiwa Maitai na najua juma lijalo atafanyia mtu mwingine kama mimi kampeni na sioni yule ambaye ataachwa hapa. Kwa hivyo kamati iendelee. Tukifunga Bunge wacha twende sisi wote lakini wakati wa Bunge kazi iendelee kama kawaida.

Hon. Alice: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Sir. It is a very good morning seeing the Executive of Laikipia County in good health. I support this motion. First and foremost, when Hon. Members

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stand here and say all these people should retire, let all of them retire from the committees of the county. Let them retire from any activity because they are vying. Hon. Speaker, Sir, it means we close the Assembly because we are also vying. Unless we leave Hon. Maitai…

Speaker: Order Hon. Alice! What is it Honourable Member?

Hon. Kimondo: A point of information.

Speaker: To who?

Hon. Kimondo: To my dear sister.

Hon. Alice: I want to hear his wisdom.

Speaker: Please proceed Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Kimondo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to let the Members know that there is no one who is contesting in this House. Any contestant will be known by the month of August 8th. That is the time you will know who is contesting. Now, there is no one who is contesting, we are all Hon. Members of Laikipia County Assembly.

Speaker: Very well, Hon. Alice now you know.

Hon. Alice: Thank you for the good advice. Hon. Speaker, Sir, please protect me from your co-lawyer. She is harassing and bullying me. I agree with my senior that we are not retiring. In that case, there is nothing to talk about.

Hon. Daisy: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to God for this wonderful opportunity. I am back to the Assembly and happy to see my colleagues in good health and shape. I pray that we continue with the same spirit and that as we wind-up, we will do it as we started. The Constitution of the House Business Committee is very elaborate. Hon. Peter Kimondo who is the Deputy Speaker, deputizes the Chair when he is away on official duty.

If it is Hon. Jacob Endom, he is well guided in the Standing Order. If it is Hon. Charumbo Ole Kaparo, he is well elaborated in the Standing Order. I would like to re-assure my Hon. Members that if there are people who are very committed, they are the members of that committee. There is no day this House has ever been closed for lack of business. Maybe we can say it is the lack of quorum of the Members but not lack of business to conduct in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I would not wish to speak on behalf of the others that one will be busy elsewhere. It is not good to condemn someone. We should let someone speak for his or herself that he or she will not be available. As they have said, it is a commitment to work for the Laikipians and it includes a lot of sacrifice because like today, Members are supposed to be seated by 8.30 a.m. and they were on time. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to say that they are the best maybe there can be others who are better and they can perform well but Mr. Speaker, for continuity

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and the short time that is there, I would wish the continuity be allowed. It will be for the benefit and wellbeing of this House. I thank you.

Speaker: Very well, Majority Leader you may reply.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to thank the Members who have contributed. I would wish that those who are pushing it can see the importance of supporting the motion now that we have only some few days to the elections. As you have heard, there is the election mood spreading in our country. As I had said earlier Mr. Speaker, this committee has done its best. They have developed a number of motions and they have made sure that this House has motions every day. For the benefit of this House, let them support it. I am sure they are conversant with the businesses of this House. As the Members have seen, there is need for them to be given time to finish well.

Some of them are claiming that there are those who are going out for campaigns. Nobody has communicated officially that he will be out for campaigns. So we feel that the commitment that they had will continue and they will make sure that we have enough motions to pass in this House. I thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The House now stands adjourned until this afternoon, Wednesday, 15th February, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.

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