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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS RECONSTITUTION

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 184(1) and (2), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointments in addition to the Members specified under paragraph 1;

1. Hon. Patrick Waigwa - Speaker
2. Hon. Peter Thomi - Leader of the Majority Party
3. Hon. Jacob Endom - Leader of the Minority Party
4. Hon. Judy Lukio
5. Hon. Joseph Suge
6. Hon. Patricia Muthoni

STATEMENT

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT ON STATUS OF THE WEIGHBRIDGE

Speaker: We have a Statement on Weigh Bridge that was raised by Hon. Peter Matunge and was responded to by the Chair, Finance and County Planning Committee – Hon. Joseph Kiguru. Hon. Matunge requested for more time to go through the same so as to register his satisfaction. I wish to give this chance to Hon. Matunge to register his satisfaction.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank the Committee on Finance for taking time to respond to the Statement. Mr. Speaker, I have tried to go through the response of the committee together with the documents attached and up to now I am satisfied with the response of the statement. I am wishing the committee can make a follow up and make sure that these projects are implemented as they were budgeted for. Thank you.

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Speaker: The Hon. Member is satisfied and as well as the Chair and the Committee on Finance, is there is somebody who wants to leave a comment? If there is no one, then we can proceed.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion…

Speaker: Just sit. I had given time for the Members to make observations as far as that statement on weighbridge is concerned. If there is none, we can go to the next order.

MOTION

RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to move the following motion;

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Appointments is very important to this House at this stage. Noting that two weeks ago H.E the Governor of Laikipia submitted an appointee for two departments of Water and Natural Resources and Agriculture. It is important this House approves these Members so that they can undertake their work at the right time.

As an Assembly it is our mandate to execute our duties which were bestowed to us by the electorates of Laikipia. Mr. Speaker, I request one of the proposed Members, Hon. Judy Lukio to second this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this motion. As the mover has stated, the committee is very crucial because we need to put things in place. The committee needs to be approved in this House so that we can approve one of our own as one of the CECM's. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to make my contribution and also support the approval of the Committee Members. Some of these Committees have tasks

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that are ahead of them and it would only be right if we put it in place so that they may start working as soon as possible.

However, Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether it is only me or other Members are seeing the same; the wording of that motion needs to be clearer in future because when I was reading; *"That this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointments in addition to the Members specified under paragraph one."* I was wondering, it is under paragraph one of what, but I tried to believe that it is under paragraph one of the Standing Order No. 184.

So, it is always important to specify because I may not be able to understand it as quickly as other Members do; to make it simpler for us to understand all that. I was trying to think who those specified under paragraph one are. I was trying to say it is number one up to three, the other time I thought it is number four up to six. The key issue is that the Committee is well composed and I support it a hundred percent and also support this motion so that these Hon. Members and this Committee may start working in the time soonest possible. Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono mswada ulio mbele yetu kwa sababu ni mswada unaoipa Kamati ya Uteuzi idhini ya kuketi kisheria. Tunaelewa ya kwamba tunaelekea kupiga msasa mawaziri ambao wamependekezwa na tunajua ya kwamba tuko na mmoja wao katika kikao hiki.

Itakuwa ni haki kwa Bunge hili kupitisha hii kamati ndio tukitoka hapa hiyo kamati itakuwa na nafasi mzuri ya kuketi na kujadiliana na kuweza kuwa na siku ya kuhoji hao mawaziri waweze kuingia katika ofisi. Tungetaka kuona hizo sura mapya katika hizo ofisi. Mbeleni tumezoea mawaziri ambao wamekuwa vichwa ngumu na hawakuwa wanatusikiliza.

Leo tunaelewa kuwa kuna mmoja wetu anaenda katika hizo ofisi, tuko na imani katika hiyo serikali na tunaelewa sasa mwananchi wa Laikipia atapata haki. Kwa sababu wale walikuwa wanafanya ukaguzi wameweza kuwa na nafasi katika hiyo serikali. Kwa hivyo itakuwa ni nafasi mwafaka na ninaelewa hii ni kamati ambayo kwa wakati huu tunafaa kuipitisha. Hata kama ingewezekana ikichangiwa na wawili watatu hii kamati ipite na tuweze kuendelea na kazi iliyo mbele yetu. Asante.

Speaker: I hope that you are not failing to a make contribution because of the influence of Hon. Nderitu where he is saying that we only need to have two or three members. As per from the order paper, I do not see if we have any other business ahead in the order paper though we have a lot of business ahead of us as far as this Assembly is concerned. However, for this particular day I think that is our last business. We can still make our contribution for those who are willing.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think the mood of this House as it seems is we have agreed the soonest possible like the Hon. Kagondu (Stephen Nderitu). He has said we are in agreement that we need and we require to approve this committee immediately for them to start the preparation of the ground for the vetting of our able CECM and others. So I think it is high time for us, if you see the mood of everyone, we want you to just put the question and we approve it so that we go ahead to other businesses. Thank you.

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Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, nasimama hapa mbele kusema kama Mheshimiwa wa hii Bunge, kwanza ni kumshukuru mwenyezi mungu, ambaye ametuwezesha kufika siku ya leo. La pili ni kumshukuru mungu kwa kukumbuka hii Bunge, kutupatia nafasi tukapewa nafasi ya *CECM* ,ambaye ni mmoja wetu na pia ni waliochaguliwa maalum.

Tunashukuru pia tukipitisha hii najua tutakuwa tukifurahia na kumshukuru mwenyezi mungu, tuko na mmoja wetu ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Matunge. Kwanza ni kumwambia wakati atapititishwa na hii Bunge, ni kwenda kufanyia wananchi wa Laikipia kazi.

Tunajua pia yeye si mtu wa ukabila, ni mtu wa kufanya kazi, kusikiza kila mtu na hio ndio jukumu yake. Kama vile nimewacha Mheshimiwa Nderitu akisema tumepitisha wengi sana hapa, Kuingia tu na kukula kiapo, wanageuka kama kinyonga.

Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Matunge, nashukuru na pia najua wewe ni mtu unaogopa mwenyezi mungu, najua umetoka hii Bunge usikize kila mtu, sio sisi watu wa Bunge. Sikiza watu wa Kaunti mzima la Laikipia na ukienda huko, sijui ni nini mnakula huko. Usishikane na wale wengine. Ni wengi tumepitisha, wengine hata wamefukuzwa na Gavana kwa sababu ya kukosa kufanya kazi. Kwa hivyo sisi tumekutuma, tunakuhakikishia tutakuombea.

Speaker: Hon. Wachuka, the rules of this House require that we don't address the Member directly but address him through the Chair. At the same time, you can just say, *hujui ni nini inakuliwa huko* because when you say *hujui ni nini mnakula huko,* so it means he has been part of the eating. I don't know what that it means, and therefore it is important for you to protect the Member and his dignity.

Hon. Irene Wacuka: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kunikosoa na ni vizuri mtu kukubali kama amekosea amekosolewa. Mimi nataka kusimama na kusema Mheshimiwa wakati kamati itakaa chini na tuletewe jina yake hapa, mimi naomba Waheshimiwa tusimame na mmoja wetu na tutakuwa tukifurahia na kusema asante. Asante Mheshimiwa spika.

Speaker: Hon. Simon Kanyutu

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, it is only that I had delayed in entering the chambers. I have a concern; I don't know whether all the Members in that committee do vote? That was a concern so that I can be able to raise my concern from the same.

Speaker: What is it?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: The Members of the Appointment Committee, do they all vote?

Speaker: The Speaker does not vote.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Okay, thank you. That just was just the concern.

Speaker: I now wish to call upon the mover to make a reply.

Hon. John Mutahi: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, nashukuru wanachama na niseme tu kwa maoni yangu kwamba hii ni majukumu tu. Ndugu yetu amebahatika na naamini kuna

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wengine wawili ama watatu ambao watabahatika lakini kwa sababu amebadilisha majukumu, naamini atakapoenda kule atakula kiapo.

Kwa hivyo ninaamini kama atateuliwa, mimi nitamtakia kila la heri lakini sitamghasi kwamba afanye zaidi kiliko inavyostahili. Tulipoingia kwenye hili Bunge alikula kiapo na atakapobahatika kuteuliwa atakula kiapo. Kwa hivyo yeye sasa hatakuwa utiifu wake huku Bunge lakini huko kwenye serikali. Nimshukuru Peter Matunge kwa hiyo miaka ambayo tumekaa naye na mimi ni raslimali ya maana sana kama atateuliwa na ninatakia kila la heri.

Nashukuru wanachama wote na wale pia ambao wameteuliwa kwenye hiyo kamati nawatakia wafanye kazi kwa ukweli na haki kwa sababu haya ni majukumu wamejukumiwa. Tunapoangalia Mheshimiwa Spika, muda wetu nimekuwa nikisema mara kwa mara ya kwamba nilipokuja, maua ilikuwa imechanuka sana lakini hapo nimefikia yamenyauka. Kwa hivyo mimi nishukuru wanachama na Wabunge na wairidhie ili hao ndugu zetu nao waweze kufanya kazi inavyostahili.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Thank you, so much Hon. Members for that particular motion. I only want to emphasize that it is important for all of us to remain in the matter of the motion. We do congratulate our brother Hon. Peter Matunge but I also wish to remind you that a motion will come into this House after the Committee on Appointment does its work and there will be a specific report on the vetting for approval of the Member. So by that time we will have a good and enough time to congratulate him and wish him well.

If somebody came into this Assembly especially a media person came in late and did not get what we were discussing, from our discussion he might be thinking that the day came and we are now approving the CECM nominee which is not the case. We are just approving the committee on Appointment whose term has lapsed and therefore it has been renewed by this House because it would not have been right for that committee to sit after three years have ended without the approval of this House.

Therefore, this Committee has been approved and as one of the Members have said, now they can be able to go sit and make arrangements on the vetting that is coming next week. The committee will be vetting two nominees for the positions of CECM (Water and Agriculture) but we still have many more nominees who have been forwarded by the County Executive to this Assembly. Therefore, all the committees which are involved, let us prepare adequately. The dates have already been scheduled on the newspapers and I think it will be on 26th and 27th.

Let all the Chairs and their committees prepare adequately so that we can vet them and thereafter without delay bring them for approval in this House so that we can have substantive officers in the County Government who are working for this county. As Hon. Mutahi said, definitely the flower had blossomed but now it continues to dry up. That is why I am saying that the day has been long and sun goes on setting and therefore it is good to ensure that for the remaining time we shall be able to work as it is expected from us.

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ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 21st April, 2021 at 9.00 a.m. in the morning.

The House rose at 2.55 p.m.

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