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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

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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

Speaker: Hon. Members, as I had said in the morning, we are still in the COVID-19 days. Let us make sure that we have our masks and go as per the Ministry of Health guidelines. It is important for each one of us to have their masks in place so that we also protect ourselves.

PAPER

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have the following paper to lay;

Committee on Selection Report on the reconstitution of the committees.

Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion.

> That this Assembly adopts the Committee on Selection Report on the reconstitution of the Assembly Committees dated 13th October, 2020.

Thank you.

MOTION

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the Committee on Selection Report on the reconstitution of the Assembly Committees dated 13th October, 2020.

I stand here to bring a report from the Committee on Selection on the reconstitution of the Assembly committees. I have this report with me. I believe that my fellow colleagues have the same report. Allow me to read it the way some parts of this report are.

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Pursuant to Standing Order No. 152, *there shall be a select committee, to be designated Selection Committee, consisting of the Leader of the Majority Party who shall be the Chairperson, the Leader of the Minority Party and not less than two other Members, who shall be nominated by Assembly parties and approved by the Assembly.*

As a result, the Committee on Selection consists of the following Members; I myself Peter Thomi as the Chair, Hon. Catherine Kibue as the Vice Chair and the other Members are Hon. Jacob Ekoeli Endom, Hon. Simon Kanyutu and Hon. Patricia Muthoni.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 152(2) *the Committee on Selection shall nominate Members to serve in committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and the Committee on Appointments.*

In executing its mandate, the committee shall consider the following;

1. Standing order 153 (1) *the Selection Committee shall nominate Members to serve on all Select Committees.*
2. Standing order 153 (2) *the Committee on Selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance, two thirds rule as far as may be applicable.*
3. Standing order 154 (3) *no Member shall be appointed to serve in more than three Sectoral Committees.*
4. Standing order 155 (1) *the committee shall within seven days upon nomination of Members to serve in any committee of the County Assembly, present the list to the County Assembly for approval.*

On behalf of the Committee on Selection, I have the honour and pleasure to present the committee's report. First, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contributions in this important matter. I would wish to express my gratitude to the Office the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly and also the staff for their effort and support during this process.

Standing Order No. 185 (5) states that *the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee constituted immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.*

Standing Order No. 186(4) states that *the County Budget and Appropriations Committee constituted by the Assembly immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and the constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.*

The above mentioned committees were constituted on 3rd October, 2017. Noting that the three calendar years of service for the said committees lapsed, the Committee on Selection deliberated and agreed to reconstitute as follows.

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The proposed leadership of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee is Hon. Peter Thomi, Hon. Christopher Mark Said, Hon. Catherine Kibue, Hon. Jacob Endom, Hon. Daniel Mugweru, Hon. Robert Maina and Hon. Stephen Ndiritu.

The County Budget and Appropriations Committee was reconstituted to have Hon. Wilson Wakahiu, Hon. Simon Kanyutu, Hon. John Mutahi, Hon. Zamzam Salma and Hon. Judy Lukio.

The committees' recommendation is that the report of the Committee on Selection dated 13th October, 2020 be approved by this House.

Mr. Speaker, that is the report by the Selection Committee. I repeat that the committee sat, deliberated and agreed to reconstitute the committee as I have read the names. That is the membership of the committees that we have reconstituted. We now leave it at that. The committees also have their mandate.

When we sat as a committee we put into consideration that this Assembly has spent money and time in taking these people to training. As a result, they have known their mandate for the time that we have been here. If the committees went wrong, it is then up to them to make use of the remaining time. They work tirelessly to maintain a name and serve the purpose of that committee.

My committee after burning the midnight oil in thorough discussions, had no other option but to reconstitute the committees as I have read the names. I urge the Hon. Members of this House to agree with me that it is important for this committee to run as we had set them before. As we are now seated here, I want this House to approve. This is so that we do not have a vacuum in the Budget and Public Accounts Committees. They now be given the authority to continue and proceed with their mandate.

I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion and approve it. We may then move as required as an Assembly. I want to call upon the Vice Chair of the Selection Committee, Hon. Catherine Kibue, to second this motion.

(Hon. Catherine Kibue seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama ili kutuoa pendekezo na mchango wangu kuhusu hii ripoti. Imewasilishwa na Kamati inayohusika na uteuzi wa kamati katika hili Bunge. Ripoti hii iko sawa. Nashukuru kwa sababu hili jambo lilikuwa linahitaji hekima ya kutosha. Nafasi tuliyopewa ni ya kuona ya kwamba tumetekeleza na kufanya jinsi inavyofaa.

Maoni ya kamati hii yanafaa. Hivi ni kuwa kamati zote za Bunge ziendelee jinsi zilivyo. Hili Bunge limekuwa hapa kwa zaidi ya miaka miwili. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa jitihada za ofisi lako, kila kamati imepata nafasi nzuri ya kupitishwa kulingana na mahitaji ya Kanuni za Bunge. Tunajua ya kwamba masomo hayajakuwa ya gharama ya chini. Tumeweka rasilimali nyingi kuona kuwa kila kamati imeweza kupata ujuzi wa kutekeleza mambo yao inavyostahili.

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Umebaki muda mfupi kabla ya kuenda siasa. Kubadilisha kamati ni kumaanisha ya kwamba watu warudi mafunzoni. Kamati zimeelewa jinsi ya kutenda kazi. Wameelewa jinsi wanavyoweza kuungana ili kuyaleta mawazo pamoja na kuona ya kwamba wamesonga mbele.

Naona ikiwa sawa tuendelee tulivyopanga hapo awali. Kila mmoja alikuwa na nafasi ya kusema ya kwamba yuko na ujuzi ama taaluma mahali fulani na ataweza hapa. Naona ikiwa sawa kuwapa hawa Wajumbe nafasi ya kuendelea. Hayo ni maoni yangu. Naunga mkono. Asante.

Hon. Chris Mark: I would like to commend this committee for the good work that it has done. There is one Member of this committee whom I will not mention the name here, in some years back said that I was put in a committee that rarely works. I told the Member that that the committee is very important. It may work once in a while but their views really matter to what is being done in Laikipia and in this Assembly.

I would like to commend the committee. Hon. Suge has just said that a lot has been invested. We were in training at SUNSTAR a few days ago. It was really said on what all the committees including these two are supposed to do. These trainings have been on going. This is not the first one. As he has said, there are investments in these committees.

I would like to commend all those who have been renewed. This is like a new contract. Maybe the Hon. Members do not like when I mention this. I was just looking at the calendar which is saying that it is 1 year, 9 months, 3 weeks, 4 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 13 seconds to the next election.

I am saying this because when I was reading the Standing Order, it says that *the County Budget and Appropriations Committee constituted by the Assembly immediately following the general elections shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.* This is at Article 186 of this Standing Order.

Standing Order No. 185, speaks about the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee. It says that *the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee constituted immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the Assembly term.*

It is important to read these dates that it is 1 year, 9 months, 3 weeks, 4 days, 14 hours, 7 minutes and 13 seconds to the next election. If this House agrees and passes that they continue as the report says, they then have a very short time to do as they are mandated. The same Standing Orders say that these committees without delay, *the County Public Accounts and Investment Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from amongst its Members.*

I hope that they will not delay in choosing their leadership. What we see from the report is about the constitution of the Members. I believe that it is up to the committee with leadership. If they to do it earlier, the better. I am lucky to have been chosen as a Member to do leadership and start working. The reports that are pending in those committees can be brought to this House and expedited. We can then say that this committee did its work at the end of the five

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years that we have in this Assembly. I support the committee 100% and commend the Members for the job well done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi hii. Hizi ni Kamati Teule kwa sababu hizi sio Kamati za Kiidara. Kanuni ya 192 inaongea kuhusu Kamati za Kisekta. Kamati hizi za Bajeti na Usimamizi wa Fedha za serikali ni nyeti sana. Tukubaliane hivyo sisi sote. Tuishukuru kamati kwa kukaa hivyo na kutumia busara. Hapa katika hili Bunge tunaongozwa na Kamati za Bajeti na PAC. Hizi kamati ni viungo muhimu sana.

Nimekuwa katika Kamati ya Bajeti kwa miaka mitatu. Kamati ya Uteuzi imeona kuwa ni busara turejelee hiyo kamati. Tumeteuliwa kama wanachama katika hizo kamati kwa mujibu wa sheria.

Ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Chris Mark amesema kuwa siku zinaendelea kupungua. Sijabeza Bunge lakini Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuangalie hizi kamati zetu na majukumu tuliyopewa. Kamati ya Bajeti imekuwa na jukumu la Bunge na wananchi wa Laikipa kwa mabilioni ya fedha. Kila mwaka tunapata mabilioni na kufanya maendeleo kwa kupitisha miswada hapa.

Naomba ikiwezekana, kama Mungu atatusaidia, tuwache tofauti zetu za kisiasa na tuweze kufanya kazi yetu pamoja. Mheshimiwa Chris Mark amesema kuwa imebaki mwaka mmoja na miezi tisa. Tuko na kazi nyingi sisi kama Kamati ya Bajeti tunayostahili kufanya. Tuko katika utaratibu wa kutengeneza bajeti ya 2020/2021. Tunaposema bajeti kuna sekta ambazo zimefaidika sana. Katika Kanuni za Bunge kifungo cha 191 (2) inasema *a Member appointed to a Sectoral Committee at the commencement of an Assembly or at any time during the time of the Assembly shall, unless the Assembly otherwise resolves, serve for the term of that Assembly.*

Nawaomba sana muwache hii kamati ishughulike. Ukienda huko mtaani kumefika kiwango ambapo watu wanasema kuwa Bunge la Laikipa limelegea sana. Nakiri kuwa hata mimi nikiwa mmoja wa Wabunge, tunakosa akidi. Tukosapo akidi basi pia mimi nakosa mafao yangu. Naomba Mungu atusaidie kama kuna tofauti zilizo hapa. Tumekaa miaka mitatu. Tukuwe na uwiano na tuwache tofauti zetu. Tuweze kushughulikia jukumu tulilopewa na Mungu na wananchi wa Laikipa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, katika huu muhula wetu wa Bunge tumepatana na majanga kama ya Covid-19 na kubomoa bajeti yetu na kuweka fedha. Kamati zinazohusika zinastahili kutupatia hesabu. Kama nitakuwa mwanachama wa Bajeti, tunastahili kuwasilisha mambo muhimu katika hili Bunge. Kila sekta hupata fedha kila mwaka.

Ninaweza kuwa mimi sio malaika sana. Ninaweza kuwa nimemkwaza mtu yeyote. Mtu anisamehe kama nimemkwaza kwa maslahi ya wananchi wa Laikipa. Tufanye majukumu yanayostahili kwa kipindi tunachoanza cha miaka miwili. Tusiposameheana, haki ya Mungu, ripoti ama habari tunazostahili kuwapa wananchi wa Laikipa zitakuja kutufuata siku za baadaye. Haya ni mambo ya serikali na ni jukumu letu.

Naunga mkono Kamati ya Uteuzi wa wanachama. Kama Bunge litaturidhia sisi tulioteuliwa, tukae sisi wote tutakapoenda katika hiyo kamati. Tukuwe na mazungumzo na

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uwiano ili tuweze kusongesha kaunti yetu mbele. Nashukuru sana. Siwalazimishi wala kuwakemea Wabunge. Tuangalie na tuhakikishe ya kwamba akidi haikosekani katika Bunge letu. Inaumiza sana.

Tuko na kazi. Sio eti kwamba hatuna kazi. Hata mimi ni mwanadamu na ninayo mapungufu yangu. Sijakamilika mia kwa mia. Mungu ndiye aliyeleta watu ishirini na tano ndani ya hili Bunge. Tujadiliane na tuweze kukosoana kama kuna tofauti za hapa na pale. Turekebishe kwa uwiano katika hili Bunge letu. Naunga mkono hii ripoti ya kamati.

Nimestuka kidogo kuwa kamati imekaa ilhali nimemuona Kiongozi wa Wengi peke yake. Nimeona tu Naibu wa Mwenyekiti wake ilhali wanachama wengine walikuwa. Tunapojadili suala nyeti kama hili la uteuzi na kuwapa wengine majukumu mbele ya safari, wanastahili kufanya kazi.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, nilikuwa nataka kumrekebisha Mheshimiwa. Ninasikia ya kwamba anasema kuwa anaona Kiongozi wa Wengi peke yake katika hiyo kamati. Nafikiri tuko na Naibu wake hapa. Hivyo basi sisi tuko.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get a clarification from the Minority Leader on whether they have already decided on who is the Vice Chair. This is because he has said *hata naibu*. We can know whether this has already been decided.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, kulingana na ile kamati iliyoleta ripoti hapa ya uteuzi iko na naibu. Yuko katika hili Bunge.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Nilikuwa nataka kusema kuwa ni Kamati ya Uteuzi inayotajwa naibu.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Baada ya mazungumzo hayo umeona kuwa Bunge lako limeanza kuchakata.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Mr. Speaker, I believe that Hon. Muritu was not referring to the Selection Committee. He must have been referring to the committees in discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Which one in particular?

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: The Budget Committee and the CPAIC Committee.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, labda dada yangu Catherine hajanielewa. Ninapoangalia katika orodha ya hao wanachama walio pale ni watano. Nimeona Kiongozi wa Wengi na Naibu wake lakini sikukumbuka ya kwamba sheria ndiyo inayomuweka moja kwa moja pale. Huwa nasahau kidogo. Niliwaona wawili nikashindwa kama kuwa Kiongozi wa Wengi amewachiwa kibarua peke yake. Nimeshangaa kidogo lakini nashukuru. Tufanye kazi.

Naendelea kuomba uwiano. Tunyooshe mkono wa heri kama kuna upungufu na kama kuna matatizo basi tusameheane. Pole sana kwa ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Jacob, Mkuu wa Walio Wachache Bungeni. Unajua kuwa wewe ni mkuu wangu. Kama nimekosea kutokuona, pole sana. Naunga ripoti hii mkono. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

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Speaker: I believe that the Hon. Members have realised that quite a number of the Members of the Selection Committee present today are also the Members of the Public Accounts Committee. One can easily confuse with whether we are talking of the Selection Committee or the Public Accounts Committee. Hon. Kibue, Hon. Jacob and Hon. Thomi are also Members of the Public Accounts Committee.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute to this motion in this Hon. House. I wish to refer to the Standing Order No. 153 (2) it states that *the Committee on Selection shall give consideration to the need for gender balance and shall, so far as may be practicable, ensure that no more than two-thirds of members of a committee of the Assembly, including a committee established through a resolution of the Assembly, shall be of the same gender.*

Mr. Speaker, it is *'Shall Give Consideration'*. It is not *'May Give Consideration'*. When I look at the constitution of these committees, I see that they do not meet that threshold. It is important that we set rules that we are able to follow as an Assembly. If we are not then when we are reviewing the Standing Orders, we change such rules to be able to fit with the constitution of committees. That was the one and the only point that I wanted to raise. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is to take this chance and thank the Selection Committee for bringing the composition of these two committees as required by the Standing Orders. I know that these two committees are very vital for the management of resources in this county. I understand that the composition of this committee has remained as it was previously. The Selection Committee has given consideration for the investment that has been made with these committees and the Members. This is for them to be able to do their mandate efficiently and effectively.

I wish to thank the Budget Committee. We have been able to receive reports and see what they have been doing for the last three years. They have been able to meet the timelines as required by the Standing Orders. I believe that the Budget Committee has been one of the most effective committees in this House. I urge them to continue doing their work independently as a Budget Committee.

I just wish to remind ourselves on the functions and the mandate the Public Investment and Accounts Committee. It is good whenever we remind ourselves on the responsibilities that we have. The Budget Committee has been able to meet the mandate that was given by the people through this House. *The Public Investments and Accounts Committee shall examine*

a) The account showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the House to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid before the House as may think fit.

b) The report and account of all public investments;

c) Examine the report, if any, of the Auditor General of the public investment; and

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d) Examine the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the public investments, are being managed in accordance with sound financial or business principles and prudent commercial practices.

The reason as to why I want to read this and remind ourselves of the functions and the mandate of this committee, is because I believe that the Auditor General has been submitting reports to this county for the last three years both from the County Assembly and the Executive. Let me go to record that I have not seen any report from this committee on the auditor's report. That is for the financial years 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

It is a challenge to all of us. I am giving a challenge to the newly composed committee that we take our work seriously. A committee can only be as good as its leadership, secretariat and its members. The other day we were at SUNSTAR hotel talking of the efficiency and effectiveness of a committee with everybody having a responsibility to play in that committee. I cannot authoritatively say the failures.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of information. I heard him say about 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. We are yet to receive those audit reports. They are even not yet in this Assembly. I think he is misleading this House. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I am not misleading the House. I said that I believe that the Auditor General has been doing the audit of this County. The other day we saw the Governor in front of the CPAIC Committee in the Senate. I believe that those were the issues being queried by the Senate Committee on PIC.

We cannot run away from our mandate just because somebody has not been able to produce. It is our responsibility to make sure that these things happen as our mandate. NAWASCO is our company. 99% owned by the Laikipians. We put our money both in NAWASCO and NYAHUWASCO. Those companies have to be audited and reported by this committee in this House on how they are performing and serving the people of Laikipia.

Hon. Chris has been asking for a statement on issues of the deployment authorities. The Hon. Member has been delaying the report such that Hon. Members cannot be able to read what is in that report. There are a lot of MOU's. There are a lot of agreements that have been entered into by this Government. It is us to scrutinise those documents. We are then able to report if those reports meet the principle business in this county.

I am just saying that this is a challenge to all of us. The committee needs to go back to its bedroom, sit down and ask themselves where they have gone wrong. They should be able to question and answer themselves. This is so that they can do justice to the people of Laikipia. Hon. Mutahi has just said that the ordinary Laikipia citizens are asking what is wrong with our Assembly. We are not seeing them. We see the Governor being questioned by the Senate.

The BBI is coming. One of the things we want to say in the BBI is that the responsibilities of oversight and the auditing reports should squarely fall under the County Assemblies. When we fail to do our work, which is then taken by the Senate, we should ask ourselves what is wrong with us.

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I think it is a challenge for all of us. We agree with the Select Committee that these committees should continue with their work. As Hon. Chris has said, it is now as per the Standing Orders for them to bring their leadership to us so that we enable for these committees to do their work. Thank you. Mr. Speaker. I support the report.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru Kamati ya Uteuzi. Walienda kufanya kazi ngumu ya kuleta ripoti. Hiyo ndiyo kazi yao. Nataka kuongeza kitu kimoja au mbili. Kamati hizi mbili za Bajeti na CPAIC ni muhimu sana. Mjue ya kwamba hata kama Serikali ya Kaunti iko, macho ya Kaunti ni Bunge. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Mutahi kutoka Tigithi amesema, hili Bunge ni letu. Watu wakae chini na kuangalia kama kuna dosari mahali.

Pili, kama ni kamati ya PIC PAC tuwapatie nafasi yao waende na wakae chini. Kamati ya Bajeti pia wakae chini na kuongea. Pengine mimi sio wa hiyo kamati na sijui ni nini kinachoendelea katika hiyo kamati. Ningeomba watu waende na kukaa chini. Waongee katika kamati zao. Mimi niko katika Kamati ya Biashara hivyo basi niende nikaongee mambo ya biashara. Ningetaka tuongee ukweli wa mambo. Inaonekana kuna mahali ambapo kuna dosari. Tuende tuangalie ni wapi palipo kombo na kurekebisha. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kuchukua hii nafsi kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeletwa na Kamati ya Uteuzi. Katika Kanuni zetu za Bunge, Kamati ya Uteuzi iko na jukumu lake kama kamati. Nimeona katika ripoti kuwa kuna kamati mbili ambazo muhula wake ulifika mwisho. Naona ya kwamba kamati iko na ujuzi na wanachama wanaojua sheria isemavyo. Wamepanga na kuleta majina waliyoorodhesha hapa.

Naamini ya kwamba walio katika hizi kamati wanaelewa kufanya kazi zao. Najua ya kwamba kamati za hili Bunge zilizoundwa kisheria zimejaribu ziwezapo kulingana na uwezo wao. Tumeweza kufanya kazi ambayo hata kama haijaridhisha sana inaonekana kuwa inaendelea. Naunga mkono.

Kamati imechukua jukumu la kuorodhesha kamati hizi mbili ambazo wakati wao umefika mwisho. Sasa tuko na jukumu la kufanya kazi na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kazi zote zilizo mbele yetu zimefanywa kulingana na wakati na sheria. Ningetaka kupongeza wanachama wa hizi kamati. Kumekuwa na changamoto hapa na pale na kazi imekuwa ngumu. Wamejitahidi na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kazi imefanyika ili kuona ya kwamba wananchi wamesaidika.

Kamati zinaweza kuwa hazijafanya mia kwa mia. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Matunge akizipa changamoto sehemu zingine. Wakati huu wanachana wako tayari kufanya kazi. Najua ya kwamba kazi itafanyika. Huu ni wakati wa kamati zote, kuanzia ninayoongoza ya Biashara, Kamati ya Masomo na Kamati ya Uteuzi, kufanya kazi itakayoridhisha Laikipia. Nataka kupongeza kamati kwa kufanya kazi yao inavyostahili kisheria. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono.

Speaker: May the mover make a reply.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can say that with all that said and done, that is the resolution of the Selection Committee. We have agreed to reconstitute the Select

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Committees membership as put in the report. I urge the House to approve that report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: I wish to also put a word. I congratulate the Members who have been nominated to these two committees. This is for them to serve for the remaining term of the Assembly. Hon. Chris Mark went ahead to tell us that it is 1 year, 9 months, 3 weeks and 14 days. It is important for us to understand that the time might be sooner than the coming of Christ. It is for us to make sure that we work well.

If things do not change, within that time, it means that at some point there will be a period for the people to go to the elections. The time that was given by Hon. Chris Mark is to the end of the term that the committees serve. We are also involved here and there when the campaigns are officially launched. This means that we may not be able to give our maximum attention.

We are supposed to work in a time less than that. We combine the work that we have as pending work with the expected work to be done in the coming times and divide it with the remaining time. We can always tell our speed. This is by taking the pending work and dividing it with the three years and one week that we have been here. We can then see the kind of work we do every month, week, and every single day. It is important for us to do the work.

If a committee works very well, it is this House that has worked very well. If a committee does not work exemplary well, it then means that this House that has slept on its mandate. It is not only the committee that fails when it does not work but also the membership. If a committee does very well, then it is that membership that has done very well.

I believe that we all have the potential to exemplary do well. As one Member had said, we have all been facilitated. It is made sure that we have done whatever is supposed to be done for the committees to work.

It will now be the first day of work for the Members of these two committees. This is unlike for the other committees that would feel like they have worked for three years. There might be renewed energy and zeal. This is because they are starting in a new committee whether the leadership and the membership is the same. The committee is about a few minutes old. Therefore, they will have new energy to work.

We should also continue working well for the people of Laikipia. If we do not do what we are mandated to do, we will then be judged so harshly. The Hon. Member from Tigithi said that when you go around you can hear the comments from the citizens. They say that at times it is like we have not met the expectations. This also depends on the expectation of that particular citizen. They might then be correct or wrong.

Let us do our work exemplary. We are then able to serve for the time that God has given us. Somebody said here that we have been given that opportunity by God and the people of Laikipia. Let us do our work diligently. I believe that whoever works diligently will be

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rewarded accordingly. Thank you so much. Congrats to the Members who have been nominated to these committees.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another motion. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 31 (3b), this Assembly resolves to change its sitting for Thursday, 15th October, 2020, from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m.

This is a procedural motion in which I am requesting and begging the House. These Members know that we have become very busy at this time. This is why you cannot see Hon. Kanyutu who represents the people of Marmanet. He is a Member of the Selection Committee but he is not here. I understand that he has some commitments with the Agricultural Department. I am aware that the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture will be visiting some parts of Laikipia as from tomorrow and the day after.

I urge the Hon. House to allow us have the afternoon session scheduled for tomorrow afternoon come as from 9.00 a.m. The Members of this House can also join the electorates. Those who were left behind can still have some other events to attend. It is important for us to prepare for the morning session. This is so that we can have something else to do in the afternoon.

This is just a request. I tend to believe that the Hon. Members in this House will agree with me. Mr. Speaker, I want to once again call Hon. Catherine Kibue, she did not talk when I lastly called her, to second this motion.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga hili hoja. Tungeomba iwe hivyo katika Kanuni za Bunge. Tusikuwe tunabadilisha kila wakati. Bunge hili lije asubuhi Alhamisi. Naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkoo huu mjadala. Tungependa kuenda mapema wakati huu wa ugonjwa unaotuangaza. Wengine wetu wanatoka mbali. Ufikapo mahali unaona polisi anakusimamisha kwa masaa mbaya basi unaona maisha ni magumu tena.

Ningeomba tubadilishe. Tuwe tunakuja katika hili Bunge asubuhi. Kanuni za Bunge ziko. Tulisema kuwa tutafanya mambo mengi katika Kanuni za Bunge. Hilo liangaliwe. Tufanye marekebisho katika Kanuni za Bunge. Tulikuwa tumekubaliana ya kwamba mambo mengi yaangaliwe katika Kanuni za Bunge. Ninaunga mkono.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hili hoja la kuhamisha kikao kutoka saa nane hadi saa tatu. Sisi kama Wajumbe tuko na jukumu la kufanyia wananchi kazi. Unapofanya kazi asubuhi, unakuwa na nguvu za kutosha. Tutakapoanza kazi saa tatu, hivi ni kumaanisha kuwa tutakuja hapa tukiwa freshi na akili zetu

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zikiwasawa. Ifikapo saa nane, tutaenda kufanya mambo mengine huko mashinani. Naunga mkono.

Ningependa kueleza jambo. Tumekuwa tukileta hii *procedural motion* kila wakati. Mheshimiwa Spika, nafikiri wewe ndiye Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Utaratibu na Kanuni. Tulikuwa tumesema jambo kama Wajumbe kama vile Mheshimiwa Catherine amesema. Hivi ni kuwa kamati inaweza kuleta hayo marekebisho ya Kanuni za Bunge.

Tutajua ya kwamba tutakuwa tukiingia Bungeni saa tatu kila wiki na kufanya kazi. Hilo ni jukumu. Najua ya kwamba Wajumbe wako tayari. Sisi tuko nyuma yenu. Tutahakikisha ya kwamba tunawaunga mkono. Nashukuru Kiongozi wa Wengi kwa kuleta huu mswada ambao ni wa maana katika Bunge letu na wananchi wetu wa Laikipia.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, nitajielekeza tofauti kidogo. Tumepitisha Kamati Teule sasa hivi. Wazungumzaji wengi sana wamesema kuwa kama hizo kamati zinazuzua ama zimelala, zizinduke na kufanya kazi. Nimesema hivyo kwa sababu sisi kama Kamati ya Kanuni za Bunge, ni kama kamati hizo zingine tu. Tunaendelea kufanya kazi na kupiga hatua.

Kanuni zetu ni zaidi ya mia mbili na thelathini. Hatutaki kuleta kazi ambayo hairidhishi. Ningewapa uhakika Wajumbe ya kwamba ni kwa muda tu. Tutaendelea kuwasilisha kazi hapa ianzapo.

Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Jacob akisema kuwa yeye anaenda mbali na hukutana na polisi huko. Yeye ni afisa wa serikali. Nimepata mushkiri kidogo na kushindwa kwani afisa wa serikali anasimamishwa. Nampa uhakika ya kwamba tumeelezea kanuni. Sisi kama kamati tutalifanyia.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa nataka kurekebisha mwenzangu. Anasema kuwa mimi hukutana na askari. Anaona kuwa hata Naibu wa Raisi anapoenda mkutanoni hupigwa kwa vitoa machozi. Mimi ni nani kwa saa hii?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, sitaki kujielekeza upande huo. Nimesema kuwa tufanyie watu kazi kwa sasa hivi. Wakati ufikapo wa malengo basi naomba ipungue. Nimekuja kuangalia kuwa tangu tutoke likizo na tuwe na janga la Korona katika hili nchi, Wajumbe hawa bado wanahitaji hata kama walipelekwa Nairobi kwa siku tatu. Kuna kitu kinachohitajika ndani ya hawa Wajumbe. Waende mahali na watulie kidogo. Hii ni kazi ngumu.

Nafikiri niliomba katika hili Bunge. Wewe Ndiye Mwenyekiti katika hili Bunge. Ningetaka utafute kikao kingine mbali kidogo na nyumbani kwetu. Tuweze kukaa na kuangalia mambo. Tuseme kuwa kamati zimeundwa upya na zinastahili zifanye kazi, kama kuna mambo yaliyo na upungufu, tumekwaruzana na Mheshimiwa Catherine na Kiongozi wa Wengi. Ni nini hicho. Yaani tukae.

Tumekuwa na ukata sana. Hakuna mtu asiyekubali ya kwamba maisha yote ya binadamu ni maslahi. Tumekuwa na ukata wa fedha tangu mwezi wa sita. Mheshimiwa Raisi

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ameweza kutia saini na kupitisha fedha kutoka kwa hazina kuu ya kitaifa. Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba uwape Wajumbe hawa likizo kidogo.

Leo asubuhi, Nilikuwa nikiongea na Kiongozi wa Wengi. Alinieleza kuwa tunastahili kuenda likizo kulingana na kalenda ya Bunge. Naona kuwa linastahili kama ni ya wiki moja. Hiyo wiki tunatakiwa tuitumie ili kuweza kuweka Bunge letu sawa, kama ni kamati yetu na hayo mambo ndogo.

Hali ya hewa haijatengamaa kabisa. Ninakuomba kwa kupitia busara zako. Hawa watu wanataka kupelekwa mbali na nyumbani kwao. Tukae na tuzungumzie huko ambako hatujuani na wengine. Hivi ndivyo ili tuweze kusongesha gurudumu la hili Bunge letu. Nilisikia Kiongozi wa Wengi akisema kuwa tunaahirisha hiki kikao kwa sababu ndugu yetu mmoja hayuko leo. Hatuahirishi kwa sababu hiyo.

Nimeshindwa kuelewa kwa nini tunarudi saa tatu. Watu wanatoa maoni tofauti kuhusu kurudi saa tatu lakini pia saa nane ni nzuri kwa wengine. Wengi wape na hivyo basi naunga mkono ripoti na maoni ya hao Wajumbe wengine. Walitafakari na kuona umuhimu wa sisi kuwa na kikao kuanzia asubuhi.

Nawahakikishia Wajumbe kuwa mimi ni mwanachama wa Kamati ya Kanuni za Bunge. Tutafanya kazi na sio kazi kidogo. Tuko karibu kanuni ya mia moja na sabini. Kunazo kanuni zingine kwa sababu kanuni zetu ni mia mbili na thelathini. Hivyo basi mtupatie muda. Tutawasilisha ripoti kama tuliyowasilisha na tumeipitisha katika hili Bunge. Naunga mkono. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante Sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama hapa kwanza kumshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu. Pili, ninaungana na wewe, Mheshimiwa Spika na Waheshimiwa kupongeza waliochaguliwa leo na kupata nafasi hiyo kwa kazi nzuri.

Ninapongeza Kiongozi wa Wengi kwa kazi aliyofanya leo. Ameleta mswada wa kubadilisha kikao cha jioni kuwa asubuhi. Naunga mkono hilo. Hili ni jambo muhimu kwa wanaotoka mbali ama karibu. Wanaotoka karibu wanahitaji muda kwa makazi yao. Ni vizuri tufanye kazi kuanzia saa nane na turudi nyumbani kwa sababu ya kazi inayotungoja.

Mswada ulioletwa leo ni mzuri. Wakati mwingine nakuja hapa nikifikiria kuwa Bunge ni la saa tatu lakini nakuta ya kwamba ni saa nane. Haya maneno ya kurudisha kila siku yasimame. Wakati mwingine hilo linatuchosha. Hii ni kazi nzuri.

Sisi sote tumeelewa kuwa Bunge ni la asubuhi na itaendelea kuwa namna hiyo. Nilikuwa katika kamati ya Bunge lililopita miaka tano iliyopita. Ninaelewa kuwa sio kubadilisha kila mwezi. Ikiwa basi tungebadilisha basi inamaliza miaka miwili bila kubadilisha tena. Naunga sawa na kuomba Waheshimiwa waunge mkono kwa sababu ni jambo nzuri. Tuendelee na tukuje asubuhi katika hili Bunge. Tumalize ili twende tukachunge mbuzi na ng'ombe. Asante.

Speaker: Hon. Thomi, please make a reply.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I once again take this opportunity to thank the whole House. Thank you very much for your contribution. It means that the motion came

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with the meaning. Hon. Members, I once again beg you to approve this motion for the afternoon session to come in the morning hours.

It is also important to remind Members to come early tomorrow being on a Thursday. There is a business tomorrow as per the plenary calendar. We are to break for a recess and it may require your contribution. We also bear in mind that there is a public holiday next week on Tuesday. The morning session is equally important. We have matters that we need to deliberate and agree on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Tomorrow's sitting will be at 9.00 a.m. The calendar says that after tomorrow we will be coming back not next week but the other week. We have a one week recess. It is important for to note that as Members. There is the request by the Hon. Member for Tigithi who says that he wants us to get a little further from our homes. We are sure that wherever we will go will not be around Nanyuki. We have to go far from Home. Far is relative. It can be Nyeri, Marsabit, Mandera, Moyale, Mombasa, Kisumu, Kisii or Kitale. We will consult and be able to deal accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 15th October, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.40 p.m.

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