REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 26th October, 2022

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

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CASB MEMBERS

Speaker: Hon. Members, in the morning session I had communicated names of the members of the County Assembly Service Board. This is communication was pursuant to the County Government Acts, 2012 section 12(3) this section states thus;

> *"The two Members of the County Assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the County Assembly according to their proportion of Members in the County Assembly."*

Pursuant to the standing order No 19(5), the Majority Whip, shall communicate in writing to the Speaker of the decision together with minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made. Pursuant to the above positions, I confirm that I received the two names of the Members as communicated in the morning from the decision made by political parties being;

1. The Hon. John Irene Wachuka
2. The Hon. Nicholas Korkole Lempaira.

The Hon. Member for Salama ward, Hon Samuel Mugambi, requested for the said communication. He is hereby supplied with the same.

PAPERS LAID

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORTS, CBROP 2022 & QUARTERLY REPORTS

Hon. John Gichuki: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following papers;

a) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Education Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021.

b) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company for the year ended 30th June, 2019

c) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Revenue Board for the year ended 30th June, 2021

d) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2021

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e) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Enterprise Fund for the year 30th June, 2021

f) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Assets Leasing Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

g) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Laikipia County Executive Members' car loan and mortgage scheme fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

h) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Nanyuki Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2021

i) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Assembly (Staff) car and mortgage fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

j) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Cooperative Development Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

k) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the Laikipia County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

l) County Government of Laikipia (Executive) 4th quarter reports and financial statements for the financial year 2021/2022

m) County Government of Laikipia Budget Review and Outlook Paper, 2022

n) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Development Authority for the year ended 30th June, 2021

o) Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Laikipia County Assembly by (Members) Car and Mortgage Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021.

(Hon. John Gichuki laid the papers on the Table)

Speaker: Thank you for the papers. I would like to direct as follows;

1. Paper A to K, n and o is committed to Public Accounts and Investment Committee.
2. Paper L is committed to all sectoral committees.
3. Paper M is committed to the Laikipia County Budget Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEMBERS OF SPEAKER'S PANEL

Hon. John Gichuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

Pursuant to Standing Order Number 16, the Assembly approves the nomination of the following Members to serve in the Speaker's Panel. They will further preside over the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Article 178(2) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order Number 4 and 13 of the Laikipia County Assembly;

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1. Hon. Leila Hussein
2. Hon. Paul Leshuel
3. Hon. Mary Gathoni
4. Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi

MOTION

MEMBERS OF SPEAKER'S PANEL

Hon. John Gichuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

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Mr. Speaker, I wish to request Hon. Antony Theuri to second this Motion.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: I now invite Members into the motion for contribution. I want to give the floor to Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity given to me. I rise in support of the motion brought by the Majority Leader and seconded by the Deputy Speaker on the four Speaker's panel Members.

Hon. Speaker, by the power and privilege given to your position and by your wisdom, having found that the four are suitable to sit on that Chair while you and the Deputy Speaker are not there, it is prudent for us to support it because the position that you are seated in is to run this Assembly. It comes a time when you are not present and the Deputy Speaker, there comes another Member who can sit on the same position.

By your wisdom, finding the four Members for that position, as a Hon. Member representing the people of Umande; I support. I also call upon the Hon. Members to support the same because of that day when probably you and the Deputy Speaker will not be there. Also, to get the Hon. Members to know that it is a task given to them so that they may sit there and rule the House with justice as the oath which you took on position. Hon. Members, as I said in the morning, every Hon. Member in this House is equal to any task given to them in this House. So, I support and call upon the Hon. Members to support the same. Thank you.

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Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. Let me say that I feel as if I am being treated like I am not a Member here because from the communication from the Chair. I switched on the microphone but you never gave me permission because I was requesting with all due respect, regarding the service board. I do not know why we are in a hurry to go to the next agenda whereas the person who had a concern is not even considered.

What I was served here was a letter from the UDA and it says that there was a sitting somewhere and it is indicated minute 001 in the month of November, 2022 someone was elected. If you remember very well from the request which I made Mr. Speaker, I was requesting because anytime you do a meeting, you must have some minutes so that we can know the Members who were present.

So, I was just given a letter signed by the Chief Whip, Stephen Ndiritu. I also want to remind you Mr. Speaker that every time we get into this House, we do some prayers to God. You pray and say; *"let your blessings descend upon us here assembled and grant that we treat and consider all matters that shall come under our deliberation, in so just and faithful a manner as to promote your honor and glory and to advance peace, prosperity and welfare of our country and those whose interest you have committed to our charge and then you say Amen".*

Mr. Speaker, let me remind you and the Members in this House, those are words you communicate to God and in everything we do in this life, God is in control. He is above watching us and there is no way you think that I would be suffering as you enjoy on the other side because God is watching. Today it might be me, but tomorrow Mr. Speaker you will be the one to suffer this one.

Let me remind you something that the former Chief Justice Mr. Maraga said, that the greatness of the nation lies strictly to the adherence of law but mostly the fear of the lord. Also, let me remind you that something that professor Githu Muigai said that doing justice does not need majority. For you to do justice, you don't require numbers. So today I am being sacrificed as a very small boy of only 32 years old, from a very small village, just coming here via a very small party but I have been sacrificed today. God is watching and he is recording and tomorrow it will be you seated in that big office. Note that Senator Orengo once said that it comes a time when the government eats its own children.

I have suffered from your communication because I requested that I be served with the minutes to see who signed it, but I have been provided with only one signature by the name Stephen Ndiritu. So, I wish my Members well but remember we are here as elected and nominated Members and the Laikipians are watching. We are an Honorable House and I feel the protection that I should get from the leaders that I have elected, my able Majority Leader, Deputy Speaker and the Chief Whip but I can see.

Someone called Napoleon, a philosopher said, if evil prevails when good people keep quiet. If you keep quiet when the evil is prevailing, you are taking part. Also, someone from Jamaica said, if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here to get your indulgence and guidance. I am not satisfied and not yet served with the minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I want to remind you that you called me on Sunday via phone call to congratulate me for being nominated to the Service Board. Here, we are not being honest. I know

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it might not be your own will. You might just be an innocent by-stander. Maybe there is a force somewhere which I understand you.

Remember you are not carrying that office as a person. You are carrying that office of the Speaker. Please don't allow non-procedural things to continue. I would ask the Members, today it is Mugambi Gatati the young guy, tomorrow it will be you. God bless you all. God bless Kenya.

Speaker: Before I give the floor to Hon. Parleto Lekopien, I want to thank you Hon. Mugambi. I want to say when I sit here, I sit as Speaker of the County Assembly and not in mind of your capacity. Secondly, whatever goes on here ought and is per the laws established. As a Speaker, when you communicate on matters, you communicate officially as they come officially. The County Government Acts states that; decision of a Member to be in the County Assembly Service Board of the Assembly is by political parties represented in the Assembly.

Standing Order No. 19 states that; that communication can only reach the Speaker through the whip of the party. I have provided you the communication from the whip and that I am informed that it is the political party that sat separately.

I have a communication from ODM party and equally you being in TSP which is part of the UDA, I thought maybe perhaps you sat down. It is not my prerogative to come and supervise or prefect the parties as they do their own sittings. I am not part of the meeting or deliberations, I waited upon the communication as law states and therefore that is what I communicate. I would prefer that if the Member is not satisfied, kindly revert back to your parties and get a clarification as to what constituted the elimination of a communication that came to the Speaker.

Thank you very much. I will therefore invite Hon. Parleto Lekopien to the floor.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am just following the sentiments of my younger brother Hon. Gatati. Mr. Speaker, when you were giving out the message, you said there was a meeting that was held and there were minutes following to the meetings that were held in some places they do not know. Could you please provide us with the minutes and the signatures of those people who participated in the minutes?

Secondly, I would like to urge the whips to please give us a clarity of what transpired and where the meeting was held and who were in the meeting. Thank you.

Speaker: The Hon. Member, the Speaker is not compelled to demand to know all the signatures. The law says that it is the Majority Whip to communicate to the Speaker. I would like to invite Hon. Nicholas Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I do not know whether it is to protect you or support the motion on the Speaker's Panel because if it is the whip who is supposed to communicate, the Members and the parties whip can do so. It is unfortunate that some who are here are duly aware of what transpired but in the other way, they are not trying to be honest to themselves.

Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I stand here to support the Members that have been appointed to the Speaker's Panel. These Members are equal to the task. We believe in them, we trust them and with the guidance of the House and staff, we are sure they shall deliver as required of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nimesimama hapa kuunga mkono majina ambayo imeletwa hapa ya jopo la spika. Ni vizuri na kawaida kuleta majina. Ninaona tutaendelea na kazi. Sehemu ambayo iko na pengo ni lazima ijae. Namshukuru Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni kwa kufanya kazi nzuri ambayo tunaona. Naunga mkono hayo majina manne yapitishwe na waheshimiwa ili tuendelee na kazi. Asante.

Speaker: I still want to allow Members to contribute. I invite Hon. Simon Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report by the Majority Leader on Members in the Speaker's Panel. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful because I can single out the name of Leshuel who is in that Panel. Mr. Speaker, he is from my party (Independent Candidate) and I want to be specific. I am the whip here and in case there is anything I can defend.

I have a great concern on the trend we are taking as an Assembly which is worrying. Mr. Speaker, it is fortunate because I and Hon. Leshuel had issues with the party. I can remember what transpired during nominations and the same case has transpired here. I can attest because it is coming out clearly. You are the party Members, you are the people who sit and deliberate but I did not participate in the same because I am an independent candidate.

I am sure those who have been marked to be in those committees are there for the sake of me. Mr. Speaker, we had a deliberation with the Hon. Member that we need to sit down and ensure that in the Standing Orders; it is encroaching on the independent Members. We also ought to have a say. Everybody in the Service Board is representing every person in this Assembly. When it comes to a time that a few people are entitled to be in that committee, what will happen next?

You might even get more people being elected as Independent Candidates who may be five to ten in number which is possible. Does it mean that they will not be incorporated in the Service Board? In future, those considerations should be taken but I am very happy with the Speaker's Panel having an Honourable Member from my side and the others.

It is good we are getting these committees. Mr. Speaker, maybe very soon before the end of three months, we shall have realized the heat of the seat we are undertaking. We have already incorporated almost all the committees, we are seven per committee. When we are seven, I want to be very open here, let us see how we will be able to arrange those committees and ensure there will be meetings as per the requirements.

The quorum for the seven is five, we are together. Maybe you are in the Speaker's Panel. Might be you will have called upon all these Members together with you and the Deputy Speaker and you will be in a meeting in Nairobi. I will be required to have a meeting within the committee as a Member.

Attaining the quorum itself, it will be an issue in a day and at the end of the month I am sure when we get whatever we will get at the end of the month, I am sure we will be able to bring our heads together and make a good resolution and we work as a team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the Hon. Majority Leader, for coming up with these Members in the Speakers panel and also ensuring that even the Independent people are well represented and I am sure there was no consideration that maybe the Independent person is an opposition. You know in the morning I heard such a sentiment. I am sure he was not considered on the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am still not satisfied with the answers I got for Hon. Gatati. I am taking this back to the UDA Party because we have had meetings not once but twice. Members from the UDA Party unanimously elected Hon. Gatati in that same post of the Service Board two times and the last day, they did the same for the third time.

Yesterday towards the end of evening, there was a meeting that was held and it was not even for the Members of the UDA, that Hon. Gatati and anyone else was elected in Service Board and he was never communicated until this morning. He is part of the party and he was not involved in the meeting…

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a point of clarification. There is a concern here, because the Hon. Member who is now speaking is from the Minority party. Now my worry is, might he have been attending other Parties meetings. I would wish to have that clarification because I am not aware of what transpired.

Speaker: Hon. Member, I have not given you the floor. The Hon. Member, that is good for that sentiment. Did you finish Hon. Parleto? I did stop you when a Member was to speak.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: I thought you said you have not given me the floor.

Speaker: I was still talking.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Can I continue?

Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Yes Hon. Kanyutu, there were meetings that were held and to that surprise, even the Members of my ODM Party. They were part of the meeting that was held by the UDA people. Secondly, we have not had any meetings even as the ODM Party.

It was both partially both ODM and UDA. That is why we are ending up with these names that were not approved by either UDA or ODM Party. If there was any meeting, could someone please give us the minutes of the meeting signed by any of us?

Speaker: Hon. Members, I think we are derailing from the motion itself. I would allow maybe another three comments. I will start with Hon. Umija followed by Hon. Lempaira, and then I move this other side.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, I just want to talk on behalf of the party and the Whip. We sat in a meeting and I think we had already given you the minutes dated 4th October, 2022, signed by all the party Members. In agreement on who is going to sit on each seat.

I think that is on your desk, it was signed by all the ODM Members. About the meeting, I am not aware of any meeting and if by any chance we are only friends of UDA Party. That does not mean that we make decisions on their behalf. They are the Majority Party. They make their decisions as UDA and we are not part of their decisions. We are only part of ODM meetings that we make. UDA have their own power to make their own decisions and to decide what they want. That is all from the ODM Party.

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Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member from the ODM Party, Hon. Catherine Umija. I want to give this chance to Hon. Lempaira and then Hon. Gitahi.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it is not in order for a Member to mislead this House. I am not a Member of UDA Party, I am a Member of the ODM party. I have sat in ODM meetings and in case I attend any meeting sat around by two or three friends from the other side, that does not qualify to be an ODM or UDA meeting. Unless the Member has evidence, we were discussing issues to do with this.

Mr. Speaker, it is good to be honest to ourselves and as well, it is bad to come to the floor of this House and purport there was a meeting on the same and yet I was not in the meeting. If you have evidence on the same, you can as well provide, thank you.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise on the floor first to support the motion moved by the Leader of the Majority, on the four Members that have been incorporated in the Speaker's panel. I do not doubt the capacity of these Members whatsoever. I want to say that I will be relying on them much when Mr. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are not present.

Hon. Speaker, I would want to get myself into the next big discussion on the issue of the Service Board and election of the same. Allow me to say this, that what is happening before you is theatrical. All these parties that are contributing to this debate are well served with the facts and details of the election process of the two Members in the Service Board.

It is wrong for any Member to come and bring his own theatre. These people who are standing on the floor and saying that they would want to be furnished by what and what, the rule of the thumb is that, "*He who alleges must prove*". If you are alleging that there was a meeting, the burden of the proof is on the side. I stand here before I meddle with the affairs of the Assembly Service Board. I would want to support the motion on the Speaker's panel and the rest like I have said before I take my side. Get this one, it is a theatre.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Bwana Spika. Mimi ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni. Nafikiri kama kuna mkutano ambao ulifanyika, lazima ningejua lakini hakuna mkutano ambao ulifanyika. Hakuna mahali tulipatana tukiwa Zaidi ya watu watano wa UDA. Nakanusha madai ya Mheshimiwa Lekopien. Kama tulikutana na yeye tulikuwa tunakula chakula cha mchana na si mkutano.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am sure we are getting out of this matter but there might be something hidden that we are not aware in the floor of this House. If the Leader of the Majority has tabled a report, then, later on claimed that they have not met, Mr. Speaker, I am shocked. I do not know where we are heading to because they ought to have sat and made a deliberation. I am not aware there was a meeting since I am an Independent Member.

Speaker: Just a minute, Hon. John Gichuki would wish to interject with a clarification

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify that we had no meeting, we only ate lunch together. That there was no meeting that happened, then they should bring us the minutes if there was a meeting. Also, I am the Majority Leader in the UDA party and he is the Leader of the Minority so, if we had a UDA meeting then who invited you?

Speaker: Okay, the Hon. Member, I think we will let the Hon. Simon Kanyutu to finish. I thought you're just making a clarification. Okay.

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Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am sure what we are getting most is a bit of truth on the concern that the Hon. Member from Salama, who belongs to that party had. If the Majority Leader has attested that they never had a meeting and now the report you give to the Assembly that the person who is representing us, was agreed upon by the party and the whip brought over the report; that is what shocked me.

I am wondering, how did it land on your Table if there was no meeting? That was the only issue I had. I do not belong to the party because I am an Independent Member but they are my friends and we work together.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am raising on a point of information. The Hon. Majority Leader is not quoting a meeting that happened between UDA and ODM. The thing is Mr. Speaker, there was indeed a meeting with the UDA party so that we had the nominee. Hon. Simon Kanyutu is misleading this House because we are talking about two meetings, a meeting that happened and has been signed by the Majority Whip. That is what you have been served with and another meeting that is being alleged by Hon. Parleto Lekopien, which cannot happen in this world.

ODM and UDA are two different parties Mr. Speaker, and so Hon. Simon Kanyutu is misleading this House and confusing you with the two meetings. One that is a reality and one that cannot happen even in movies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Okay. Just to settle this matter, Hon. John, are you confirming the interjections of Hon. Joseph Gitahi?

Hon. John Gichuki: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Joseph Gitahi is talking about two different meetings, which is true. I just wanted to clarify that my party and ODM have never held a meeting to decide who will sit on the County Assembly Public Service Board. So, Mr. Speaker we only had lunch together with the ODM fellows, but we do not meet to make decisions together for the parties.

Speaker: Thank you, allow me to give the floor to the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Antony Theuri.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to speak on the finality of this issue. First of all, I would like to second these names that have been forwarded from your office, I am comfortable with them, even the balancing. Also, I will be counting on Hon. Paul Leshuel with the experience of running this House while I am absent and also not forgetting my Deputy Chief Whip and the two ladies that I respect so much.

On this issue of the County Assembly Service Board, I am neither here nor there. I am comfortable with whoever will be sitting in that committee. My only concern here is that we need another induction fast because it seems that we are not differentiating on what to bring on the Table.

Last night, we went to *maombolezi* with my good friend from ODM Nicholas Lempaira. Whatever transpired there, should I bring it here? Whatever is circulating around here is all about hearsay, just as my colleague said, it is theatrical. Whatever we discuss out there and is not official should not be brought to this Honourable House. Next time, I will be in a hospital taking my wife

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for maternity because I am in that process. Now, should I say that we discussed that issue in the maternity and bring it here?

On the second issue, my friend should know that parties have owners, I am a casualty of parties. This House should be informed that I was supposed to be seated here in the House of 2017 to 2022 but the previous party Jubilee, decided that I should not. This time, UDA maybe had sympathy for me and decided that I should sit here in their party. So, whatever happened if you are the casualty of your party, kindly solve your issues behind curtains. Do not bring them here.

Mind you, Hon, Parleto Lekopien, we do not interfere with ODM affairs and you know very well deep inside your heart whatever happened on our side. Kindly stop minding our UDA party issues and let us do things our way. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Antony Theuri, you are substantively correctly here and you are an able Member of the County Assembly. I want to give the Hon. Daniel Mugweru before coming to Hon. Parleto Lekopien.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, why I am seated here surprised is the words that were used by Hon. Joseph Gitahi that this is a theatre and I am truly confirming that it is a theatre. We have made it a movie house, a play house and a cinema. I wonder because we even do not know where we are. We do not know.

One is rising on a point of order on another point of order which is illegal. Our motion is clear on the four Members of the speaker's panel. Now I do not know where we are. It has turned to be a theatre. This is a cinema hall. I don't know. We are all lost and as the Hon. Deputy Speaker said, we need further induction. The whole House needs induction because we are all lost. We are in a cinema hall. Thank you

Speaker: The Hon. Parleto Lekopien, the floor is yours.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Just to go back to prove that there was a meeting yesterday, I've got text messages from the majority leader of UDA. You know, you can lie to us and the Members of this House but you cannot lie to God. For that, I rest my case but remember you can lie to us and you will never lie to God. Thank you.

Speaker: Members, let me read something just for purposes of notification and clarification before I give to Hon. Leshuel. I want to refer to the Standing Orders, if you are able to open it from your gadgets. I will request that you open your Standing Orders, Standing Order No. 79 and Standing Order No. 80. This is on a Member talking twice in a motion. It says:

1) *No Member shall speak more than once to a question except in Committee of the Whole Assembly.*

2) *Despite paragraph (1) –*

   a) *A Member who has spoken on a question may again be heard to offer explanation of some material part of the Member's speech which has been misunderstood but must not introduce new matter;*

   b) *A reply shall be allowed to a Member who has moved a substantive Motion but not to a Member who has moved an amendment.*

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3) The Mover of a substantive motion may surrender all or part of his or her right to reply to another Member or Members nominated by him or her who has not already to such Motion.

So, as you can see that, we have a motion on the Speaker's panel and new items are being introduced into the motion. Let us cease from doing that. I want to go to the Points of Order as raised by Hon. Daniel Mugweru and I want to refer you to Standing Order No. 80:

1) Any Member may raise a point of order at any time during the speech of another Member stating that the Member rises on a point of order and that Member shall be required to indicate the Standing Order upon which the point of order is based.

Kindly, let us adhere to our Standing Orders. Let us stick to the motion and if you rise on a point of order you must first quote the Standing Order which you are referring to. Hoping that this goes down and that we will be able to inculcate it into our thinking and deliberations. I now want to take this opportunity to invite Hon. Paul Shuel for contribution to the Motion.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy that you have clarified everything that I wanted to mention. It was a very serious issue. We need to address this House in a procedural way because it is not procedural when we are on the floor discussing about a motion and we introduce other things. We could have looked for other ways of introducing them.

Probably tomorrow, the Hon. Member from Salama could have come with a Statement so that he can be able to talk about what he is not satisfied with. So, I am so happy that you have talked about the Standing Orders. If you want to give a Member a point of information, it is for the Member to accept or not accept. It is not necessary that you give me information when I am on the floor if I do not want it. If I do not want to get your information or to be informed, you sit and I continue with my discussion.

Mr. Speaker, I am so happy that you have clarified to us that we are in a House of Order, a House of Procedure and that we need to take this as a House of Honour. Despite all this, Mr. Speaker, we must also be certified to every issue that we are going to discuss. I am sure there is a difference between democracy and justice. Those are two things that we need to balance.

I am so happy and I am sure that as we continue, we will learn we cannot know everything in one day. As we continue, we will learn and I am sure that within the three or two months we will be able to stand and talk like Hon. Members. I want to appreciate Members because I know despite having not already approved the names, as I read their mood, I am sure they are going to support the motion and approve it. I am so happy and I want to give you the surety that we are all committed. We are here to serve Members equally in any position that we are going to be given.

You know when parties decide this or that and we are not within the party, we do not blame them. It is their decision. It is my right to come here as an independent Member and I must stand by that because I am independent. I cannot tell myself I am in UDA, I do not ride in the parties, but everybody should understand one thing; personally, I am loyal to the party of UDA. Actually, I was the one who formed URP. I came to this House in 2013 through URP, and I was alone. So, I am loyal to this party but I decided to stand independently because of a reason.

So, when you are here know that we are going to support you as a party, but when you are not in the right way, definitely we cannot support people going to the bush. I want to state clearly

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that we are together as Members, including the Members of ODM. This House is ours. The five hundred thousand people of Laikipia do not know who comes from ODM or anywhere else, what they want is service delivery. If you do not give them services and you only come here telling us you are from whatever party, nobody wants to know that. Let us be united and work together to make sure that we deliver services to the people. I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker for your observation. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. I now want to ask the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. John Gichuki: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank each and every Member who contributed to this Motion. Thank you very much.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 27th October, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.26 p.m.

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