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THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 4th October, 2023

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

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

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms, I am notified that Hon. Wachuka is within the building. Kindly call her in.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I think we need to move on because if you have got a motion and you are not in the House, why should we go searching for you? The Speaker should not have eyes. Why are your eyes so bright now? If somebody is not around, let us go to the next order.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Mr. Speaker, I concur with Hon. Kanyutu. We should re-arrange the standing order and once she comes, we can continue with the motion.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru na pia naunga Waheshimiwa wenzangu kusema ya kwamba, kama mtu mwenye kuleta mjadala hayupo karibu, tunafaa kuendelea mbele.

Speaker: Hon. Kanyutu, you want to put an addition to what you said already?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am concerned because I can see the agenda of the motion and I think that we should first of all deal with selection panel at the moment. If I have been given a position that I am not fit to lead, we need to get a solution once and for all. If possible, at the moment the House has got a quorum and we can deliberate and agree. We can even add some more Members in that selection panel because as a House we are capable of doing it. With more Members, a solution can be met. I am really begging at the moment.

Mr. Speaker, you are the Chair in this House. I am a Member of that selection panel and I would like an addition of more Members so that we can deliberate and agree on the way forward because the House must work and be seen to be doing the role that is tasked on us. For now, we are seven in the selection panel. If we are added two more Members, we will be nine and I am sure that all the businesses in this House can move forward.

I was given the mandate to come and represent my people. I am therefore seeking your guidance Mr. Speaker, we can do it remarkably and I am sure that with our whip here, we need some more two Members so that we can move our House forward. We need to see this House working. There are even some concerns that are pressing and therefore you should guide us so that we can get a resolution. This is our House and there is no way that this House can be held hostage by just a few people. Mr. Speaker, let us have a resolution and the selection panel can even be added up to eleven people.

Mr. Speaker, I need to get your attention and please give us your guidance. There is no way we can lack business because the gadget has got all the details. In case I am not around, I

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ought to have delegated my work to somebody else because now we need that work to be done immediately. We still need to deal with the selection panel. Thank you.

Speaker: Before we move into the motion, the Hon. Mugweru had raised a concern. Kindly speak before I invite the Hon. Chair to present the motion.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Mine is just a concern as a Member of the House Business Committee (HBC). We schedule business because we know that it is going to come into this House. It is a matter of urgency that whenever we schedule business, Members in this House are waiting for us to deliberate on the same. So, we need to have an HBC meeting after the session so that we may be able to handle the issues that some of the Hon. Members are mentioning in this House. As the Chair of the HBC, we need to sit so that we may be able to schedule enough businesses for the afternoon and maybe next week. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for your contributions. Now I want to invite Hon. Irene Wachuka for Order No. 6, notice of motion.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nataka kwanza kusema pole. Sikuwa mbali bali tu hapa kwenye gari nikipokea simu ya dharura. Tena sikuwa nimeambiwa kuna mswada. Nimepigiwa simu na Ruth akanikuta ninapiga simu ya dharura. Hata sasa nimefunga simu ingawa ilikuwa ya dharura. Nimemwambia nina Waheshimiwa wenzangu kama Shuel pamoja na naibu wangu ambaye yuko hapa. Sikukaa nje bure wala kulipuuza Bunge, kwa hivyo naomba msamaha.

Speaker: Permission granted. Now proceed to give the notice of motion.

EXTENSION OF MANDATE FOR THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF LCPSB SECRETARY

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Thank you. Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration a report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its Report on the Vetting of Members of the Selection Panel nominated and tasked to recruit the Secretary of the Laikipia County Public Service Board dated 7th September, 2023, and adopted in the House on the same day; and
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> PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 58A (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012, this House approves to extend the mandate of the Members of the Selection Panel as approved on 7th September, 2023 to also recruit a member of the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

MOTION

EXTENSION OF MANDATE FOR THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF LCPSB SECRETARY

Speaker: Hon. Irene Wachuka, the motion is yours now.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Hon. Speaker, I do not understand this, to say the truth. So, I would like to have Ruth support me here so that I can continue. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration a report of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its Report on the Vetting of Members of the Selection Panel nominated and tasked to recruit the Secretary of the Laikipia County

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Public Service Board dated 7th September, 2023, and adopted in the House on the same day; and

PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 58A (1) of the County Governments Act, 2012, this House approves to extend the mandate of the Members of the Selection Panel as approved on 7th September, 2023 to also recruit a member of the Laikipia County Public Service Board.

Speaker: Do you have a seconder?

Hon. Irene Wachuka: I request Hon. Shuel to second.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the motion from the Hon. Wachuka. The motion is clear. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Kamau: Asante Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na mwenyekiti wa kamati ya utendakazi, Mheshimiwa Wachuka. Huu ni mswada ambao unaomba kuongezewa kwa majukumu ya kamati ya Uteuzi ili iweze kuwa na uwezo wa kuchagua mtu mwingine wa kusimamia hio bodi.

Kwanza nimpongeze Mwenyekiti kwa kujikakamua. Hata kama alikuwa anaongea na simu, imebidi awache kwa sababu anaelewa majukumu ambayo yako mbele yake. Mimi kama mwanachama wa hio kamati naunga mkono ili iweze kupita nayo kamati ya uteuzi ipate hayo mamlaka ya kuchagua mwanachama mwingine ashikilie nyadhifa ambayo imeachwa wazi. Asante Bwana Spika.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support that we should extend the mandates of the service board. Also on the same, I would like to congratulate the Chair on the same for job well done. I didn't know she is eloquent in English. The dictation of words; pursuant, recruits etc. it is a wonderful job. I congratulate her and also emulate her. She is our idol and she has been doing this for the last 20 years and because of the service delivery of the county, I support the motion.

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante Bwana Spika kwa nafasi hii. Kitu cha kwanza ni pongezi kwa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya Utendakazi katika Bunge hili. Nikiangalia katika hii mswada, inatusadia. Katika hicho kikao, bila katibu kazi haitafanyika pale. Huyu mtu ndiye hupatiana habari katika ile kamati na naunga mkono mswada huu na pia kuuliza mweneykiti alete miswada zingine.

Katika Bunge hili tunahitaji kwenda mbele. Ni vizuri tuunge, mkono mswada huu kwa sababu itatusadia. Gari bila dereva haiwezi tembea. Katibu ndiye hubeba kumbukumbu zote katika ile afisi. Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support. I have really admired the way she has moved. Were it not for the call that was disturbing her, she has really made it so eloquently. Even when sited here I was very happy. Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of that Selection Committee. We need more inputs from Members. For the purpose of continuity of this House we need more Members to be engaged in that Selection committee. We will be happy to support this Committee.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is here having been given the mandate by the people of Igwamiti. My ward is bigger than hers but the population in her ward is a bit bigger. She has many voters unlike mine. My area is big but the population of her area is big. Having proposed

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that, I wish that as we end this session, you give us the way forward because the Selection Committee needs to add more Members because this House must move forward. We also feel that we are representing our people. Mr. Speaker, the funny thing is that I am a resident to the Hon. Member's place.

I reside in her place but I sleep in my ward. I admire that because whenever I am having any function, I hold in her ward. She has done well for moving that motion. Mr. Speaker, I beg the Selection Committee to get a few Members. This House will have more obligations to fulfil. We will ensure that this House moves in a manner that everybody will enjoy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wholly support this motion. I will be the first person to declare that I wholly support.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu for continuously encouraging the team and the Chair of the Committee. You still have a pending bill that was brought by the public and I look forward to seeing it come to the House soon.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to first thank the Chairperson, Labour Committee and the entire committee that sat through the whole exercise to identify the people that are supposed to fill this position of the Secretary to the County Public Service Board. I want to state that I am delighted that this is happening.

Hon. Speaker, as much as we do other functions, ours is also very facilitative of other processes happening elsewhere. In that connection, I support the adoption of the report tabled by Hon. Irene Wachuka on the Selection of the Secretary to the County Public Service Board. Hon. Speaker, you will realize that as we are speaking, there are very many public servants in this county and others whose contracts are coming to an end.

Others need to be brought on board because there is no vacuum in government. Governments live in perpetuity, so we need to fill these positions. Filling these positions will take the first step of ensuring that we have the Secretary to the Board. Hon. Speaker, I would wish to state that based on the report that has been presented and the ability and the capabilities of the Members of the Labour Committee, I wish to support and hope that they chose the right people to select the right person so that we have the right civil servants in this County Government.

Having said that, yesterday I said time on the floor is very precious and I wouldn't wish to exhaust all the time. I wish to pass it to other Members but personally, I fully support. I pray with courage and hope that as it is happening, these people will work in accordance with the right values so that our County Executive gets a good combination of people and skills to push this county forward. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I now call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru Waheshimiwa ambao wameunga huu mjadala. Pia nakushukuru kama Spika wetu kwa kutusikiza kila wakati tuko na shida. Pia nashukuru Waheshimiwa wote kwa kusimama na mjadala wa Kamati ya Leba. Mjadala wowote unaoletwa hapa na Waheshimiwa ni wa kuunga mkono Kaunti nzima na wadi kumi na tano. Kwa hivyo, nashukuru sana kwa kuunga. Mungu awabariki.

(Question Put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, 4th October, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

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The House rose at 9:51 a.m.

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