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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

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Tuesday, 28th September, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a Paper to lay on Committee on Selection report on reconstitution of the Assembly's Committees dated 27th September, 2021. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Joseph Kiguru laid the paper on the table)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the report of transport and Public works committee on the County Government of Laikipia County (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for the quarter ended 31st march, 2020 dated 27th September, 2021.Thank you.

(Hon. Daniel Mugweru laid the paper on the table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the Committee on Selection report on reconstitution of Assembly committees dated 27th September, 2021.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this House adopt the report of Transport and Public Works Committee on the County Government of Laikipia County (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for the quarter ended 31st March, 2020 dated 27th September, 2021.Thank you.

MOTIONS

(Resumption of previous motion deferred on Thursday 23rd September 2021)

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QUARTERLY REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020 FOR DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Health Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020 for the Department of Medical Services and Public health dated 14th September, 2021.

(Question put and agreed to)

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT ON RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the report on Committee on Selection report on the reconstitution of Assembly Committees dated 27th September, 2021.

I know every Member has the same report. Let me go directly to the reconstitution of the Committees. The Committee held a meeting on 27th September, 2021 and proposed to add the following Members to serve in the Committee as listed here below taking in to consideration the provision of the Standing orders.

The Committee on Finance will add Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon and Hon. Wilson Wakahiu. In the Labour Committee, Hon. Simon Kanyutu and in addition Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon. In Agriculture we only added Hon. Thomi and Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon. In Health Committee we did addition of Hon. George Karuiru and George Meshami.

In the Select Committee on implementation, we added Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon and Hon. Joseph Kiguru. Below is a complete list of membership of committees that have been affected.

In Finance Committee full list is as follows;

1. Hon. Mary Samken
2. Hon. Joseph Kiguru
3. Hon. Joseph Suge
4. Hon. George Karuiru
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo
6. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon
7. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu.

In Labour and Social Welfare is as follows;

1. Hon. Patricia Muthoni.
2. Hon. Joseph Suge
3. Hon. Christopher Mark
4. Hon. Robert Maina

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5. Hon. Irene Wachuka
6. Hon. Simon Kanyutu
7. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon

In the Committee of Agriculture;

1. Hon. Simon Kanyutu
2. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu
3. Hon. Patricia Muthoni
4. Hon. John Mutahi
5. Hon. Robert Maina
6. Hon. Peter Thomi
7. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon

In the Select Committees, one Committee was affected that is Committee on Implementation;

1. Hon. Joseph Suge
2. Hon. Daniel Nyausi
3. Hon. Peter Thomi
4. Hon. George Karuiru
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo
6. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon
7. Hon. Joseph Kiguru.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Committee on Selection I have the honour and pleasure to present the committee Members report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contribution on this important matter.

I would also wish to express my gratitude to the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly and also the staff for their effort and support during this process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mheshimiwa Spika, sitaki kuongea mambo mengi bali ningetaka kusema ya kwamba hatukuguza Kamati nyingi. Kumekuwa na malalamishi kwa sababu ya Mheshimiwa Lochimidi. Kwa hakika amekaa miezi miwili bila kuwa kwa kamati yeyote. Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba Bunge hili ipitishe hii ripoti kwa sababu ya mwenzetu.

Hangeongezwa kwa kamati pasipo kuongezwa mtu mwingine. Kama tunavyojua kwa sababu akidi na upigaji wa kura katika Bunge lazima pangekuwa na mwingine. Tumeshughulikia tu wale ambao walikuwa na changamoto za kuwa na kamati kidogo. Pia nataka kuhakikishia hili

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Bunge kwamba Mbunge akiwa na changamoto zozote, kamati iko tayari kuketi ili kuhakikisha hakuna mtu ambaye anaumia. Ni vizuri kusawazisha kila kitu katika Bunge hili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka kuchukua hii nafasi kumkaribisha naibu Mwenyekiti wa hii kamati Mheshimiwa Catherine Kibue ili aafiki huu mjadala. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Hon. Catherine Kibue seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to make my contributions to this report. It is very clear that Hon. Lochimidi Esokon has a right to be in committees. He was not considered because he maybe complained but it is his right. He is supposed to be in committees. He is supposed to serve this Assembly because this is the responsibility he was given in this House.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great day for the House because since we joined this Assembly or since Hon. Esokon joined this Assembly, today we can say we have given him a warm welcome. It would be so unfortunate when a visitor comes and gives him a cold welcome. Today he feels happy to be part of us because he is doing what we are doing. He is enjoying what we are enjoying. Today he feels complete in this House. He is enjoying everything that I am enjoying.

That is why I am saying that today is the greatest day for this House because we are giving Hon. Esokon a warm welcome to join us, be with us, work with us and enjoy what we enjoy whatever good it is, he enjoys with us and whatever is bad we enjoy he should also enjoy the pain we go through.

Mr. Speaker, it is so unfortunate because he has stayed for more than one month without a single committee. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day for him. It is also important to note that some of the Members who had few committees have been considered because we should treat everybody in this House equally. We all came this House to work for the people of Laikipia, to stand on behalf of the people of Laikipia, to speak on behalf of Laikipians and to represent over 500,000 people of Laikipia.

So Mr. Speaker, this is a shared responsibility. In any committee any Member is in, he is doing on behalf of all other Members and on behalf of the 500,000 population of this county. Today is a great day and Hon. Lochimidi should feel that he is now in the House to serve in different committees just as any other Honourable Member is doing.

Having done this, I believe these committees, the Finance Committee, Social Welfare and Cooperative Committees, Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Implementation the day we joined this Assembly and the day we got these committees, everybody in this House can confirm that we used to ask ourselves the responsibilities we have been given in this committee. We ask ourselves what we mean by the Committee on Implementation.

We asked ourselves those questions the day we joined in this Assembly. We were very green and we knew nothing about these committees. Even if Hon. Lochimidi is not able to stand and say that he is not conversant with these things, we are here to speak on his behalf. Having been given these committees, it is a responsibility of this House or the County Assembly Service Board to go a step forward and prepare a training for him. He is supposed to be trained to understand what he is entitled to.

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He is supposed to get a chance for training to understand what the Committee on Finance does, what the Committee on Labour Social Welfare does and what the Committee on Agriculture does. Whatever he is expected to do in this House and committees, he is supposed to get training that will help him work efficiently for his House.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good step and we need to take other steps. This is common sense when a new person comes in a committee, there is no time for members to start telling him what direction he is supposed to follow. Everybody works assuming that everybody understands. You remember in this House when Hon. Lochimidi was sworn in in this House, there is an honourable member who called him to second a motion without any training. He did not know what he was being told to second.

Mr. Speaker, he is supposed to get training from this so that he may work for this House efficiently. Mr. Speaker, this is a great day and today Hon. Lochimidi will feel that he has gotten a warm welcome in this House and that from now he will be able to enjoy what other Honourable Members are enjoying. He will be able to participate in every aspect and everything that other Members participate.

Mr. Speaker, I support the report and I hope Hon. Members will stand up and be counted as among the few or many who considered Hon. Lochimidi or who gave a warm welcome to a visitor who came to this House recently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru kwa siku ya leo kwa sababu kwanza niko kwa Kamati ya Uteuzi. Bwana Spika, niko hapo kwa sababu ni kamati kama zile zingine. Mheshimiwa Lochimidi ana haki ya kupatiwa kamati. Amekaa kwa muda na ndio maana tukasema siku ya leo ni lazima tuhakikishe amepata nafasi ambayo anastahili.

Ni vibaya wengine wakienda kwenye kamati naye anabaki akining'inia hapo. Hata kama tumechelewa, ni mzozo mwingi uliokuwa kwenye sehemu niliyokuwa nami nilikuwa nimesema Wajumbe wako tayari kufanya hiyo kazi. Jana niliweza kuwacha kazi yote nikasema acha niende na tuhakikishe ya kwamba tutafanya hiyo kazi. Hata wale watakao kuwa watafanya kwa sababu sisi sote ni viongozi, hakuna mtu hapa asiye kiongozi wale asiyestahili kuwa kwenye hiyo kamati.

Bwana Spika, mtu yeyote katika hili Bunge ni kiongozi na ana nafasi. Siku ya leo kamati ikiitwa utamwona Mheshimiwa Lochimidi kwenye ile kamati naye pia atafurahi kujua ni nini kinachoendelea kwenye ile kamati. Ningekuomba kama Spika, mafunzo ni kitu muhimu sana watu wakienda angalau watu wakumbushwe kazi yao ni gani kwenye kamati. Unajua watu wakikaa sana wanasahau kazi yao ni gani. Nikienda nyanjani kidogo kesho ninasahau maneno ya Bunge, nimerudi nyanjani kufanya kazi za nyanjani. Nimesahau nilikuwa Mbunge.

Ningeomba, vile ambavyo Mheshimiwa kutoka Umande amesema, ufuatilie kabisa kwa sababu ni kitu cha maana watu kuenda mafunzo. Ninaunga mkono kwa sababu naona hata yeye atafurahi. Kamati fulani ikienda mafunzo Nairobi yeye pia anaenda, kamati fulani ikienda Meru ataenda pia. Huko ndiko kufurahi tu kwa ule muda ambao Mungu ametupa hapa kwa sababu ni Mungu ametupa hiyo nafasi kila mtu afurahie. Ninaunga mkono na kumfurahia yeye kwa kupata hiyo nafasi.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama pia kuunga mkono hii ripoti ambayo ni ya Kamati ya Uteuzi. Ni haki kwa Mjumbe yeyote aliye kwenye Bunge hili kuwa katika kamati ili aweze kufanya kazi kama inavyostahili kwa sababu tunajua Bunge hufanya kazi kupitia

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kamati. Hatutakuwa tumefanya jambo la busara tukiendelea na Bunge bila kuhakikisha kwamba Mheshimiwa Lochimidi amepata kamati atakayofanya kazi akiwemo.

Nashukuru pia kamati kwa sababu wamefanya kazi yao vile inavyostahili na mwishowe wameweza kuja na ripoti tunayoijadili siku ya leo. Nataka pia kushukuru Mheshimiwa Jacob kwa sababu amesema jana aliacha kazi yote na kuingia kwenye hiyo kamati na kuhakikisha kuwa kamati imefanya kazi jinsi inavyostahili. Mheshimiwa Jacob yuko kwenye upande wa Walio Wachache na nafikiri walio kwenye upande wa Walio Wachache wameshughulikiwa.

Hii ripoti imeonyesha uanachama wa kila Mjumbe katika kamati anayoshughulikia. Jambo moja ambalo ningeomba ni kwamba kamati iorodheshe kamati. Kama ni mimi, Stephen Ndiritu Kamau, waorodheshe pale ana kamati tatu ama nne. Hilo lingekuwa jambo muhimu kwa sababu tungejua ni nani ana kamati nyingi kuliko mwingine, ni nani huyo tunayemchokesha zaidi na kuwacha wengine bila kufanya kazi. Hayo ndiyo mambo ambayo tungetaka kuyaona. Kama una kamati tano au sita na mwingine ana nne inamaanisha kwamba tumekupa mzigo ambao pengine ni mkubwa kukuliko.

Ningetaka wakati ujao tutakapokuwa na ripoti kama hii, ni vizuri tuweze kuonyeshwa na kuorodheshewa watu walio hapo. Jambo lingine ninaloweza kuguzia kwenye hizi kamati ambapo tumeweza kumweka Mheshimiwa Lochimidi, nitaungana na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kwamba Mheshimiwa Lochimidi hajapelekwa kwenye mafunzo. Kama ingewezekana, Mheshimiwa Lochimidi angepata nafasi nzuri ya kupelekwa kwenye mafunzo na kwa vile hawezi kuenda peke yake, tujue ni akina nani wataongoza katika hiyo nafasi ya kumfunza.

Nakumbuka wakati alikuwa anaingia kwenye Bunge nilimsindikiza pamoja na Mheshimiwa Chris Mark, kwa hivyo sisi pia tunafaa kuwa kwenye mstari wa mbele kumsindikiza kwenye mafunzo anayostahili kupata ili aweze kuendesha hii kazi. Leo sitakuwa na mengi ila sitakosa jambo lingine kuhusu hii ripoti kwa sababu imeletwa leo na Mheshimiwa Kiguru ambaye ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi aliyerudishwa na mahakama. Nafikiri Mheshimiwa Kiguru amefanya hii kazi vizuri ila kuna mahali nimechanganyikiwa kidogo kwa sababu nafikiri hili Bunge linajisimamia. Hili Bunge ni la...

Speaker: Hon. Jacob?

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, unajua pengine kwa sababu nilikuwa nje kidogo namsikia Mheshimiwa akisema Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi aliyerudishwa na mahakama. Najua yeye alikuwa mmoja wa waliompigia kura alipochaguliwa na leo anasema amerudishwa na mahakama. Ningependa mwenzangu afafanue vizuri kwa sababu ninajua hata kama mahakama imemrudisha mtu, huyo ndiye Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi. Hata Spika akirudishwa kwenye kiti, yeye ndiye Spika, bali si kusema amerudishwa na mahakama.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Jacob was absent on that day because what we saw on that day was a court order which put Hon. Kiguru on his seat. According to my understanding, this House is very independent. If we are going to allow the court to intimidate or try to dictate how this House should work, that is not a good direction. So, Hon. Jacob that is what happened when you were away. I think Hon. Jacob has now gotten the information. Thank you.

Speaker: You were to continue, you were saying something before Hon. Jacob…

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Naam. Asante, Bwana Spika. Hapo ndipo nilikuwa nasema kwamba sijui kesho Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi katika Jubilee akija ataketi wapi. Nafikiri tungekuwa na viti viwili kwa sababu naona hapa wakati ujao tutakuwa na mkanganyiko. Kuna mtu ataingia hapa kupitia ule mlango na kusema yeye ndiye Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi katika Jubilee, na mwingine aje na kusema yeye ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi katika Bunge. Kwa hivyo kuna Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi wa watu na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi wa chama. Ningetaka tuwe makini hapo na tuweze kuwa na...

Speaker: Order! Hon. Ndiritu. Hon. Jacob?

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, nashindwa jinsi ambavyo Mheshimiwa anasema kwa sababu najua kwenye Jumba hili kuna Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi mmoja na Kiongozi wa Walio Wachache mmoja. Sijui ni kiti kipi cha pili anaweza kusema ni cha Waheshimiwa ama cha Jubilee. Ni vizuri kusema ukweli kwa sababu kwenye hili Jumba tunajua Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi ni mmoja ambaye hao wenyewe kama chama cha Jubilee walimchagua. Nikimwona Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi hapo, bado tu ni Mheshimiwa aliyeongea saa hii ndiye alikuwa mmoja wa kumtetea na leo tena akasema kuna mwingine atakuja. Sijui huyo atakayekuja ni nani.

Bado ni Mheshimiwa anaongea saa hii na yeye alikuwa mmoja wa wale walimtetea mwenzake. Leo anasema kuna mwingine atakuja na sijui ni mgani atakuja. Ni vizuri atueleze ni mgani atakuja labda kuna mwingine anaelewa atakuja kesho ama kesho kutwa ili tujue na yeye hajui atakaa wapi.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi sijui nitamjibu namna gani ndugu yangu kwa sababu sijasikia vile amesema. Sijasikia ni swali gani ameuliza kwa sababu nilikuwa naangalia ripoti. Nafikiria Mheshimiwa Jacob ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wachache, na yeye sijui alichagua nani. Yeye anastahili kuongea maneno ya Walio Wachache, sisi tuongee maneno ya Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Mimi nafikiria niko wazi kabisa kwa sababu nimesema, mimi ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wachache na yeye mwenyewe ndiye amesema kuna Kiongozi Wa Walio wengi atakuja na ataketi wapi. Ningependa atoe ufafanuzi ya huyu anasema atakuja ni nani. Katika hili Bunge mimi ndiye Kiongozi wa Walio Wachache lakini tukiwa hapa sisi wote hii ni Nyumba yetu sote.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. "*Waswahili husema pilipili usiyoila yakuwashia nini"*. Hii pilipili ambaye tuko naye ya Kiongozi Wa Walio Wengi ni yetu, yeye ni Kiongozi wa Walio Wachache…

Hon. Jacob Endom: Hiyo si swali ya kunieleza ya "*Pilipili usiyoila yakuwashia nini*." Mheshimiwa atoe yale maneno kwa sababu si mzuri katika hili Bunge. Sisi ni Wabunge na pia yeye huwa ananiuliza maswali mengi na huwa namjibu vizuri na sijawahi mjibu vibaya.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen Nderitu, Hon. Jacob is just seeking clarification because in your statement earlier you said, we have a House Majority and Peoples Majority. It is like we have two Majority Leaders in this House and you are worried how the sitting arrangement will be. I think that is how you are supposed to clarify because we cannot have two Majority Leaders in this House. It is better you clarify so that we can move on.

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Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi kwanza namheshimu Mheshimiwa Jacob, kwa umri wake na mawaidha ambayo huwa ananipatia. Huwa namsikiza kwa sababu ni mzee ameona mengi na pia mambo ambaye huwa ananielezea huwa nasikiza. Yale ambayo nimesema nilisikia ulitangaza Kiongozi wa Wengi, alikuwa anakaa huko alikuja na akakaa hapa. Nikiwa nimeketi hapa ukatangaza mwingine akatoka upande ule mwingine akakuja hapa. Nashangaa kesho wakiingia hapa kwa sababu ni wewe ulitangaza hapa, kesho wakiingia wote, yule mwingine ataketi wapi. Sina shida ingine, na kama ni hii kiti sasa hivi imekaliwa. Labda itakuwa *"first come, first seat".*

Hon. Jacob Endom: Unajua Mheshimiwa ananichanganya kwa sababu hajaondoa yale matamshi alisema ya "*Pilipili usiyoila yakuwashia nini.*"

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mheshimiwa Spika, nimeondoa huo msemo, kwa sababu pilipili usiyoila ni msemo tu. Naheshimu mzee na kwa sababu labda hakuelewa vile nimemaanisha, nimeondoa huo msemo hata kama nilikuwa nimesema ukweli ndiyo sawa awe sawa. Najua jana *Baba* alikuwa hapa pengine alikuwa huko lakini hiyo ilikuwa siku nyingine mzuri. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Jacob Endom: Mimi nasikia Mheshimiwa akisema "*baba"* alikuwa hapa. Mimi najua niko na baba yangu nyumbani sina *baba* mwingine katika hili Bunge. Aelezee hii Bunge *baba* ni nani, kwa sababu mimi niko na baba nyumbani wala si hapa.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa namaanisha Kiongozi ambaye alikuwa hapa katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia, ambaye ni Raila Amolo Odinga. Yeye ndiye anaitwa *baba.* Majina ni mengi, *kuna baba wa kiroho, wa kisiasa, wa Kaunti, Mama wa Kaunti na pia Mama yao* ambaye yuko katika hili Bunge. Hayo ni majina ambayo huwa yanakuja kwa sababu ya vile labda anajiweka. Mwingine nimesikia anajiita *toroli*, mwingine *bottom-up.* Nasikia wengine wananiita *Kagondu...*

Hon. Jacob Endom: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Amefafanua wakati alisema Mheshimiwa Jacob, labda alisahau kusema baba alikuwa hapa. Ndiyo maana nilikuwa nasema afafanue mzuri kwa sababu anajua labda Raila ni *baba*. Hio ndiyo jina lake. Mimi najua Mheshimiwa kawaida yake anataka kutuzungusha aepuke lile neno nilikuwa nauliza lakini kwa sababu naona anatoroka wacha pia mimi nitulie.

Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. Before I give Hon. Kanyutu, I want to put it clearly that we have only one Leader of Majority and that is Hon. Joseph Maina Kiguru. This is an issue that is pending determination which is a court case. Before that determination is made, I think Hon. Kiguru will continue to serve as the Majority Leader unless determined otherwise by the court. Unless such a time the Jubilee Party conducts elections or changes the Leader of Majority because they are free to do so.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to conclude on this report from the Select Committee which I am a member. Unfortunately, I never made it yesterday but I thank Hon. Lochimidi for having been put in the committee of Agriculture and Hon. Thomi who is not present today. I have been in this committee for some time and the concern which I am sure we had talked about in this House, is equality and showing to it all people are equal.

It is unfortunate because even in this report, we have not elaborated all the committee in the report. I would have wished if it was possible we do it. I have been a Member of that committee

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and it is unfortunate because some Members have nine committees, others two and three and another one who have many have four or five committees.

Mr. Speaker, recently you spoke of how this House can move together as a team. If we don't put this……

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I need clarification from Hon. Kanyutu, and the information he has, that there are some Members who have 9 committees. I think because he sits in that committee, he has those names, and I would like him to name them in this House. We need to know them; I might be one of them Mr. Speaker. Let him name them, so that we can understand what he is saying, let him clarify. If it is Hon. Chris Mark name him, if it is Hon. Ndiritu Kamau, let it be known in this House. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the Honourable Member for seeking information on the same, if he would wish me to clarify on the same, we just need to fix all the committees on this report and the members there, and I don't even need to state, I will just tick on the specific Members who have got many committees, unlike others. But with the committees that we recently have, there are changes that we have been done….

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika**.** Ni vizuri sana vile Mheshimiwa Kanyutu amesema, na yeye ni Memba wa ile Kamati, ana uwezo wa kwenda kwa ile Kamati na kusema kujeni tutengeneze hii kamati. Hajasema kitu kama hicho kwa ile kamati, siku hata moja, lakini hapa kwa Bunge ndio anasema. Ni vizuri kuwa uwazi kwa sababu hakuna haja uwe Mwanakamati na uje useme mambo kama yale hapa Bunge.

Kama vile Mheshimiwa mwenzangu amesema hapo awali, wacha tujue ni fulani na fulani, ambao wana kamati tisa ama hata saba. Aseme tu wazi, nani ana nyingi, ndio tutoshanishe vizuri, kila mtu hapa anastahili kuwa ametoshanishwa na hakuna mtu maalum kuliko mwingine. Hata mimi siwezi kubali mtu awe na kamati tisa. Bwana Spika, ni vizuri kama mtu ni Memba na ameona makosa, ita viongozi wengine na uelezee yale makosa.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwa vile Mheshimiwa amesema angependa kuelezewa, mimi mwenyewe pamoja na Kiongozi wa Wengi, tuliangalia hii ripoti na hukuwa hapa, na ilikuwa inaonesha vizuri ya kwamba kuna watu wana kamati kama saba, na tukasema ili kazi ifanyike kwa njia inayofaa, tunapaswa tuweke uwazi.

Na nikasema, jana sikuwepo, na kama ningelijua kwamba huu mjadala utakuwa leo, ningekuja na karatasi ambayo inaonesha kila mmoja ana kamati ngapi. Na ukiniruhusu Bwana Spika, niende niitafute mahali ipo, nije nayo. Ile inaonesha kila mmoja ana kamati ngapi....

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker. I still need clarification on the same, because the Honourable Member specifically said that there is a Member who has nine committees. It would be very unfortunate if somebody has nine committees and it also beats how this person will work. That shows if there is someone who has nine committees, some of these committees will be dragging behind. How will one be in nine meetings at the same time and days, and we only have four days?

This is a House of order, and it is always important to say something that one can substantiate, when we say substantiate, it means you say something that you can verify, or something that you can supply evidence for, and give material form to support your claims. To

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make matters worse, the Honourable is a Member of that committee, he is able to come with that paper and read it confidently, that I can verify who has what numbers of committees. There after Mr. Speaker, if anybody will have the said nine committees, they will have nothing else other than withdrawing from those committees. Thank you

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am equally a Member of the same committee, unfortunately I was not able to be there yesterday, or the day after, but I did hear the plea of my brother Hon. Lochimidi Esiokon. What Hon. Kanyutu is saying is something that was brought to us, by our clerks who run the committees, there are Members who have nine committees. But I believe that is for another day, but let's not sit here and feel like that is not the reality.

The reality is, there is inequality in the committees, there is a single Member who has nine, that was brought to our attention with the previous Leader of Majority and we were trying to analyze and make sure at least as the Standing Order states, one has to have at least this number. We are here and that Member needs a committee, let's move forward and after we have put him in the committee and starts enjoying the privileges of the House, we can always sort that issue at a later day and time. Let's not assume his point and also go slow to lose the point that this Honourable Member needs a committee. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I continue with my contribution…

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, because it has been said by two Members of the same committee, it would be prudent to give directions on this, because if someone has nine committees, it means that the same selection committee should be held accountable, as to why they would do that. And I can see that all the Members of the same committee are complaining of the same. Who makes those committees membership, is it not the same committee? Then if there is something wrong they should be held accountable.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you. Mr. Speaker. Am sure that I can just attest to the Honourable Members that I clearly stated, if I made it here yesterday I would have said the same in the committee because there is no reason for me to hide. Why would I keep my head under the table when something is not right, I like being open and speaking the truth.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, I would like the Honourable Member to clarify to this House whether he was not a Member of committee of selection, that time when the particular Member had nine committees. Mr. Speaker even if a Member of this House has twenty committees, it is up to the knowledge of that committee, it is up to the knowledge of the Members of this House. Even if that Member has 18 or 20, that report passed through this House in our presence. Let us not complain of what we did ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, not unless that report was cooked somewhere else outside this House but if it was passed in this House, we should not complain because it is you and me who passed that report. I would just like to request the Members of various committees to be present as committees hold meetings because bad leaders are being elected by absentee voters. So once you don't go to make a decision in that committee and come here crying to us yet we gave you a responsibility to ensure that that committee is balanced. Thank you.

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I am not crying but speaking the truth that will set me free. I had to make it clear because I had stated clearly that if I

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was in the meeting, I would have stated the same. It should be in records that even if tomorrow I am told to bring how the committee is constituted, I would do the same. I am not opposing the report from the committee but I stated very clearly that as far as we need the House to continue together, we need to ensure balance in the committees…

Hon. Jacob Endom: Bwana Spika, Mimi nilikuwa nauliza Mheshimiwa swali moja tu; Tangu tuwe katika ile kamati, kuna hata siku moja ashawahi kulalamika ya kwamba kuna watu wengi katika ile kamati. Tuko na kamati na huwa tunakutana na sijawahi kusikia hata mmoja wao akilalamika. Mimi huwa wazi kwa sababu napenda kutatua malalamiko kwa urahisi. Huyu angekuwa amelalamika kabla lakini anakuja kusema leo. Siku hizo zote alikuwa wapi? Labda kuna siasa ambazo zinaendelea lakini labda watasema.

Speaker: Hon. Christopher, on the same?

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, I was just seeking a way forward. We respect Hon. Jacob because he is our senior but many at times he has been sending apologies for failure to attending meetings and that is why I have said that we still need the committee to sort that issue. The Chair of Selection Committee is here and can bring an analysis of all the committees and their membership as early as tomorrow. I have been in a meeting with a committee clerk where we did not even know ourselves and we were shocked and fully took the blame.

If there was a jail, let us be put in that jail but the important thing is to take the blame and look for the way forward. The way forward is to give the Hon. Member committees because he needs to start with his constitutional duties as it is in the House. There was a time when the Hon. Member gave an apology and it is not abnormal because I also give an apology when I am not able but on that specific day he was not around and it was said that this is the analysis.

The committee clerks that you furnish us with are to help us because these Hon. Members at times are busy. Sometimes they may be looking at the issues of the people of Marmanet and need to balance the committee work, the Legislation and the oversight. At times if you have an oversight, that is where the committee clerk comes and guides you. As we have been told to welcome the Member to this House, I would say that we welcome him to this committee and at a later day and time, we review the membership of the whole House and if it is not necessary we continue. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I think that I also need to give direction on that. Hon. Lochimidi has been here for quite some time and I don't want his issue to be overshadowed by the collective issue of having all Members with balanced committees as Hon. Christopher said, that we can handle it at a later date. I think we first of all concentrate with the mater on the table and deal with it. Any Member in this House has got the liberty to bring a request to know how the committees are shared in this House. That is something that we can still address as a House. Where the imbalances are, we will all have to blame because it passed through the Selection Committee and in this House but man is to error and therefore we can always correct where we went wrong. For now I would really wish that we concentrate on the motion which is on the table.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving us sermonic wisdom. That is very good and I am happy because Hon. Lochimidi will have a committee as per the report and also because my point has been noted. This is a good one, we need to work together and support Lochimidi. As the Hon. Member for Thingithu has stated that even before he is taken for a seminar,

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I will show him the way to go in the Committee of Agriculture and Water. I am also happy because I have another Member who is Hon. Thomi who has never been in the committee and during the induction course we will be together being their mentor; I will ensure that they get to know how that committee works. Thank you.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the Hon. Members for their good and healthy contribution. I would like to assure them that we are going to internalize and dig in to know who has what. As a Committee on Selection we are going to sit down and look at that issue and rectify any mess at committee levels in one way or the other because we cannot do it deliberately. I can assure them that we are going to ensure that we are all equal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I urge the Members to adopt this committee's report and make sure that Hon. Lochimidi gets work to do. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST MARCH 2020 FOR DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & LIVESTOCK

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker. I beg to postpone the motion to tomorrow because the only member from the committee present is only the newly appointed person. All the others are absent and therefore I don't have a seconder. I would wish to move the motion tomorrow in the morning.

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair]

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair for Water and Natural Resources, it is not prudent to bring the report to this House knowing that you will not have a good number of your Members but I will grant you permission. Please next time and not specifically to him but to all of us Chairs and Vice Chairs of various committees, let us ensure that you prepare your members adequately and on time once you have a report coming to this House. Permission granted for tomorrow morning and that will be the first business to be conducted in this House.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 29th September, 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.22 p.m.

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